

ST. MALACHY PROPHECIES AND THE DEATH OF POPE FRANCIS

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Death Of Roman Catholic Pope Francis, Papal Prophecies Of St. Malachy, Foolish Christian Wannabe Prophets, Be Silent False Voices, Misguided Interpretations Regarding Beast And False Prophet, Final Pope According Saint Malachy, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger Becomes Pope Benedict XVI, Jorge Mario Bergoglio Becomes Pope Francis In 2013, Petrus Romanus Peter The Roman, One Hundred And Twelve Papal Mottoes, Were Michel Nostradamus And St. Malachy One And The Same?, Scriptural Warnings About False Prophets, Vain Attempt To Keep Saint Malachy Prophecies Alive, Closing Remarks, BBB Suggested Reading List

As some of you will no doubt have heard by now, only hours ago, after serving as the first Latin American leader of the Roman Catholic Church for twelve years, and the first Jesuit to serve in that position as well, Pope Francis passed away at the age of eighty-eight on the morning of April 21, 2025. While I obviously do not take pleasure in the death of any individual -- whether pope or otherwise -- I must be candid and tell you that in one regard, the death of Pope Francis brings me one small measure of relief.

While that may sound cruel to some people, let me explain why I say this. Quite simply, with the death of Pope Francis, we can finally put to rest all of the crazy rumors and theories which for a number of decades, now have swirled around on the Internet regarding the so-called papal prophecies of one St. Malachy. In other words, with the death of St. Francis, it finally reveals how bogus the pope prophecies of St. Malachy have been all along. But that is not all. With the death of the pope, it will also silence the voices of my own foolish Christian brethren who for years now have insisted that this pope was the prophesied False Prophet -- or Second Beast -- who is mentioned in the pages of the Book of Revelation.

As I point out in articles such as "It Is Time to Wake Up!" and "Is Elon Musk the Antichrist?", it has been a complete embarrassment to our Christian faith to watch as certain

online wannabe prophets have publicly claimed that such and such president -- usually Barack Obama and Donald Trump -- is the Biblical Antichrist -- or First Beast of the Book of Revelation -- while Pope Francis is his evil cohort, the False Prophet. Well, the Pope is dead now, so what do you have to say for yourselves? Have you learned your lesson yet? As the Apostle Paul so wisely wrote:

"And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know."

1 Corinthians 8:2, KJV

Regarding the so-called papal prophecies of St. Malachy, for those of you who may not be familiar with the aforementioned prophecies, following is an excerpt from my article entitled "Nostradamus: Prophet of God, or Messenger of Satan":

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According to the controversial prophecy of one St. Malachy, following John Paul II, there were only going to be two more Popes before the final collapse of the Roman Catholic Church occurs. According to online information I read several years ago, some RCC insiders were convinced that the Archbishop of Paris, Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger, was going to be next to sit on the so-called "chair of Saint Peter". It was likewise predicted, according to some interpretations, that Lustiger would also be assassinated. As we all know, this prediction also failed. Lustiger died at the age of eighty in 2007.

Not only that, but two years earlier, in April of 2005, then Cardinal, Joseph Ratzinger of Germany, became Pope Benedict XVI, following the death of Pope John Paul II. Please see my article "Cardinal Ratzinger's Rebellion" for more information regarding this Pope. Benedict's pontificate endured for seven years until February of 2013, at which time he chose to step down, or abdicate.

In his prophecy. St. Malachy also states that the final Pope will be called Peter the Roman. His motto, in Latin, states as follows, according to the original 1595 text:

----- Begin St. Malachy Quote -----

"In psecutione extrema S.R.E. sedebit Petrus Romanus,
qui pascet oves in multis tribulationibus:
quibus transactis civitas septicollis diruetur,

et Iudex tremendus iudicabit populum suum.
Finis."

----- End St. Malachy Quote -----

The previous text can be loosely translated into English as meaning the following:

"In extreme persecution, the seat of the Holy Roman Church will be occupied by Peter the Roman, who will feed (lead) the sheep through many tribulations, at the term of which the city of seven hills will be destroyed, and the formidable Judge will judge his people. The End."

It is claimed in some Futurist corners -- which I personally no longer embrace -- that this Peter the Roman will totally compromise with the endtime global leader known as the Beast. In fact, those people who have interpreted the Quatrains of Nostradamus, claim that this final Pope will be the False Prophet -- who is mentioned in the thirteenth chapter of the Book of Revelation -- who will work together with the Beast. Is there any truth to their claims? Not as far as I can tell. It seems to me that these New Age interpreters have had a rather poor track record. In my view, it certainly does not inspire much confidence in any of their other predictions or interpretations.

More to the point, following the abdication of Pope Benedict XVI, as we all know, in March of 2013, Jorge Mario Bergoglio was voted in by the College of Cardinals as Pope Francis. So today as I write this, he has been the Pope for exactly five years. Now, obviously, his name is not Peter, so this is clearly yet another fail on the part of the interpreters of both the prophecies of Nostradamus and St. Malachy. Oddly enough, in recent years, I have come across certain online information where diehard believers in these "prophecies" have tried to find a way to relate Pope Francis to the name Peter. I think it is time for everyone to realize that all of this nonsense is simply bogus; unless you believe that Pope Francis is the final Pope, and that the Roman Catholic Church will soon be destroyed. I see no evidence of that happening any time soon, in spite of all of the pedophilia allegations. The RCC has weathered the storm for centuries, and they will probably continue to weather it.

Now, in case you are wondering how St. Malachy fits into our current discussion concerning the Quatrains of Nostradamus,

allow me to offer a brief explanation. You see, some people are convinced that his prophecy, which involved one hundred and twelve papal mottoes written in Latin, was not written by St. Malachy at all. One of the theories is that this list of one hundred and twelve Popes, who were not named by name, but who were only described by their mottoes, was actually construed by Michel Nostradamus. They claim that Nostradamus purposely attributed the prophecy to Malachy, because he was afraid of being persecuted by the Roman Catholic Church, for having dared to foretell of the destruction of the Roman Catholic Church. Remember; this was during the time of the Inquisition. It is also interesting to note that prior to 1595, the prophecy of St. Malachy was unknown. Does this fact point to Nostradamus as being its true author?

Is there any truth to this Nostradamus/Malachy mystery? I honestly do not know. As I have already pointed out, the dilemma we face here is this: Should we forthrightly accuse Michel Nostradamus of being a false prophet, or should we attach this label to those people who have misinterpreted his works? If Nostradamus had not been so fearful of the Inquisition, perhaps we would have a better idea of what he actually meant, and we could thus make a better evaluation regarding the validity and accuracy of his work. For now, the best advice that I can offer you, in addition to the previous verses which I shared with you, would be the following:

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."
Matthew 7:15-20, KJV

"And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them."
Ezekiel 33:33, KJV

"But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the

word which the LORD hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him."

Deuteronomy 18:20-22, KJV

----- End Quote -----

So, my friends, that is the gist of the matter. Pope Francis is now dead. Some of our vociferous and misguided Christian brethren have been clearly proven wrong once again; and the so-called prophecies of St. Malachy are just a silly work of fiction which has deceived a lot of people. Let me warn you though that this nonsense may not be totally dead just yet. The reason why I say this is because there are certain New Agers who are still trying to insist that the prophecies of St. Malachy haven't been fulfilled yet. These foolish people claim that due to the way in which the final prophecy has been written, it is possible that there may be room between Pope Benedict XVI and Peter the Roman for a few more popes. My friends, don't believe it! Please be smart and stick to the sure Word of God.

With these thoughts, I will bring this article to a close. It is my hope that you've found it informative and enlightening, and I pray that it has been a blessing in your life as well. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr or with any other social network, I would really appreciate if you'd take the time to click or tap on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thanks so much, and may God bless you abundantly!

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