JEREMIAH 17:

5 Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.

*Of course, we all are flesh and by the sin of Adam we are cursed but when our trust or faith in stopped at a man we remain under that curse.*

*Man at first cause the fall.*

ROMANS 5:

14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

*All who do not have the spirit of God also do not have the ability to obey God*.

ROMANS 8:

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

I CORINTHIANS 2:

14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

*It is a man who will a group of people who have fallen away to form an image to the beast and brings multitudes into a delusion.*

II THESSALONIANS 2:

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time..

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

*Any man who is not converted is a man of sin. The man of sin in 2 Thess is a man like Judas who is also the son of perdition is instrumental is pointing people to error or false teaching.*

*At the Nicaea council there it is estimated that there were millions of professed Christians and 250 to 300 Bishops attended*.

*By Scripture this is a description of a Bishop.*

TITUS 1:

7 For a **bishop** must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

**bishop** 1985 episkopos {ep-is'-kop-os} an overseer, a man charged with the duty of seeing that things to be done by others are done rightly, any curator, guardian or superintendent; the superintendent , head or overseer of any Christian church

*This is the description of a Bishop by 325 AD*

*A bishop, by the mid-2nd century and later, was the highest ranking church leader in*

*a city. Each bishop would have a group of elders under him who handled the shep-*

*herding of the congregation.*

*The bishop of a large city might be in charge of several cities or a whole province.*

*He would be known as a metropolitan. The Council of Nicea made the role of patri-*

*arch official, assigning authority over what appears to be at least an entire country*

*to the bishops of Alexandria, Antioch, and Rome.*

*The bishop is called an "overseer" in some Bible translations, which is the literal*

*meaning of the Greek word episkopos. "Supervisor" would also be a literal translation*

*of episkopos. From a Latin word meaning "rule,". “Paul Pavao” author to In the Beginning Was the Logas.*

*With man made Bishops leading millions of professed Christians why so people look for a falling a way to come? Farther in this teaching we will go over what is accepted from that day to this day to be Christian doctrine.*

REVELATION 13:

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

**Legacy of Nicaea**

The Council of Nicaea remains one of the most significant moments in Christian history. It not only defined core theological beliefs but also established a model for resolving doctrinal disputes through councils. The decisions made in 325 AD continue to influence Christian doctrine and the structure of the Church today.  
By bringing bishops together under imperial sponsorship, Constantine ensured that Christianity would emerge from its formative years as a unified and powerful institution. The debates of Nicaea echo through history, reminding us that the foundations of faith were built in an era of both political ambition and theological conviction.

*My understanding of some events in the book of Revelation is to compare the attributes or fruit to events that history has recorded or is being recorded as it happens..*

*Satan which is represented by the dragon in heaven.*

REVELATION 12

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

REVELATION 12:

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

*When the devil is cast out of heaven we see his earthly attributes.*

REVELATION 13:

1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a **leopard**, and his feet were as the feet of a **bear,** and his mouth as the mouth of a **lion**: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

DANIEL 7:

4 The first was like a **lion**, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a **bear**, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.:

6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a **leopard**, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

*These beast never ruled at the same time but the beast that came up in Revelation 13 has the attributes of these beast through seven kings*.

*The angel speaking to John gives us some insight on who the kings or emperors where.*

REVELATION 17:

9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

REVELATION 17:

10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

*Some believe John’s epistle of the book of Revelation was written about 95 AD*

*If that is true the king/emperor was*

* [**Domitian**](https://romanempirehistory.com/roman-emperors/emperor-domitian/), **81–96 CE and the one one continued a short space would be** [**Nerva**](https://romanempirehistory.com/roman-emperors/emperor-nerva/), **96–98 CE**
* The five fallen would be.
* [Galba (68 AD – 69 AD)](https://historycooperative.org/roman-emperors/#galba)
* [Otho (68 – 69 AD)](https://historycooperative.org/roman-emperors/#otho)
* [Vitellius (69 AD)](https://historycooperative.org/roman-emperors/#vitellius)

[Vespasian (69 AD – 79 AD)](https://historycooperative.org/roman-emperors/#vespasian)

* [Titus (79 AD – 81 AD)](https://historycooperative.org/roman-emperors/#titus)

*Some believe the book of Revelation was written before the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem in 70 AD and if that would be true the king/emperor would possible be* [***Nero***](https://romanempirehistory.com/roman-emperors/nero/)*,* ***54–68 CE and the one who continued a short space would be*** [***Galba***](https://romanempirehistory.com/roman-emperors/galba/)*,* ***68–69 CE*** *– A short-lived emperor whose rule ended in rebellion.*

*The five before him would possible be.*

*Before the emperors Rome was called a republic and the last rulers was the most notable ruler would have been Julius Caesar after him was a series of civil wars until Augustus*.

Possible Julius Caesar (100 BC – 44 BC)

* [Augustus (27 BC – 14 AD)](https://historycooperative.org/roman-emperors/#augustus)
* [Tiberius (14 AD – 37 AD)](https://historycooperative.org/roman-emperors/#tiberius)
* [Caligula (37 AD – 41 AD)](https://historycooperative.org/roman-emperors/#caligula)
* [Claudius (41 AD – 54 AD)](https://historycooperative.org/roman-emperors/#claudius)

*After the last emperor something else takes place.*

REVELATION 17:

11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

*The beast only has seven heads they according to scripture represent seven earthly kings, and seven mountains the last king is the beast himself whose attributes change from an earth form of different beast to a beast that is scarlet*.

REVELATION 17:

3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a **scarlet coloured** beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

**Scarlet** 2847 kokkinos {kok'-kee-nos} the eggs of a female insect, the "kermes" (resembling the cochineal), and when collected and pulverised produces a **red** which was used in dyeing

*No beast attribute is shown with this seven headed dragon but he is called a beast as the serpent in the garden of Eden was also called a beast*.

REVELATION 17:

8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the **bottomless pit**, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

LUKE 8:

31 And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the **deep.**

REVELATION 9:

1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the **bottomless** pit.

2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

REVELATION 9:

11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

REVELATION 17:

11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

REVELATION 20:

1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the **bottomless pit** and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

3 And cast him into the **bottomless pit**, and shut him up, and set a seal upon

and after that he must be loosed a little season.

*The beast that people are looking for is not just a physical being but rather a spiritual beast that controls governments and religion. The government is the physical power, and the religion is the spiritual power to control people. I am speaking of Christianity not of Muslims who by religion and physical power rule countries. I do believe the ten kings are the anti-Christ group that will destroy Babylon.*

I JOHN 2:

22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

*False Christ by scripture is different then antichrist*.

MARK 13

21 And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not:

22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.

LUKE 17:

20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

5580 pseudochristos {psyoo-dokh'-ris-tos} a false Christ (or Messiah), (one who falsely lays claim to the name and office of the Messiah)

The pope, as the Vicar of Christ on earth, **possesses the same full power of jurisdicton that Christ Himself possessed during His human life**.” -Pope Clement VI

for the Roman Pontiff is the Vicar [substitute] of Christ and His personal representative on earth.” -Pope John XXIII,

*Any minister that would believe his doctrine would lead people to Christ or his authority to interpret scriptures wrong and to point people to a church instead of Christ in a false Christ.*

“The Pope is Christ in office, **Christ in jurisdiction and power…We bow down before thy voice, O Holy Father, as we would before Christ Himself.**” -Vatican

*A lot of people treat their church/pastor the same way by accepting false teaching and never challenging what they are taught that would be bowing before the authority.*

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*We hear much preaching in the realm of false religion that puts the whole emphasis upon the sinner, what he must do to be justified before God, always making salvation conditioned upon the performance of the sinner. However, when the Lord Jesus Christ plainly stated the way of salvation, He put the emphasis upon His performance not ours (Psa. 57:2; John 4:34; 2Tim. 1:9). Notice in the text the Lord states three things He* ***must*** *do to purchase, guarantee and secure the salvation of God's elect (2Thes.2:13).*

***1). He must suffer at Jerusalem.*** *It is true that our blessed Lord suffered at the hands of godless men, "elders and chief priests and scribes." But the work wicked men performed is not the reason of our salvation. The Lord Jesus suffers not only at the hands of sinners, but also and most importantly at the hands and under the wrath of our holy God (Acts 2:23; 4:26-28). As our Substitute, bearing our sin in His own body (1Peter 2:24; 3:18), His soul was made an offering for sin (Isa. 53:10) and the Lord Jesus Christ suffers the penalty for our sins (2Cor. 5:21). God's wrath is His holiness stirred into activity against sin (Hab. 1:13).*

***2).******He must be killed.*** *Because God is Holy and His justice uncompromising where sin is found, the guilty must die (Ezk.18:4; Rom.6:23). The penalty of God's broken law demands death (Rom.5:12). Salvation and deliverance from the penalty of sin demands the absolute necessity for Jesus Christ to die in our room and stead as our blessed Surety, Sin Offering and Substitute for our sin (Lam. 1:12; Rom 8:32-35). The Lamb must be slain upon the altar of God's holiness to secure our salvation (Zech.13:7; John 1:29; Isa. 53:8; Matt. 1:21).*

***3).******He must be raised again.*** *Our Lord's resurrection from the dead declares all that He said as God's prophet to be true (Deut.18:18; John 12:49-50), all that He performed as God's Priest and Christ to be satisfying and accepted (John 17:2-5; Rom. 1:1-4). Our Lord Jesus Christ being raised from the dead declares His victory over sin by putting it away (Heb.1:3; 10:14-17; Psalm 103:12), over death by conquering the grave (1Cor.15:57; Rev.1:18), over Satan by crushing his kingdom of darkness (Gen.3:15; Heb.2:14; 1John 3:8). His resurrection guarantees the absolute certainty of all of God's elect to be raised up and glorified with Him (John 6:37-39; Rom. 4:25; 1Cor. 15:17-24). Tom Harding*