

## *2013 – the Year of Sudden Changes*

# Obama, Benedict XVI and Petrus Romanus

**What a year lies in store for the world! What began with a bang will no doubt go out with a bang! The pace of prophetic fulfillment is escalating and going through the roof! The final chess pieces are moving into place. The stage is being set and the overture is beginning as the orchestra warms up. A cascade of prophetic events is rushing to the cliff and thundering over the precipice. What is coming around the bend next?**

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What a week this has been, with Pope Benedict's resignation, the earth's close encounter with an asteroid, and a meteorite appearing totally out of the blue. The meteor streaked across the sky with a fiery trail and exploded over Russia's Ural Mountains on Friday, February 15, with the power of a nuclear weapon with its sonic blasts shattering windows and injuring 1,000 people.

*The Wenatchee World* reported, "Apocalyptic Astronomy Events Rattle Russia." The article declared, "The meteor – estimated to be about 10 tons – entered the Earth's atmosphere at a hypersonic speed of at least 33,000 mph and shattered 18-32 miles above the ground, the Russian Academy of Sciences said. The meteorite, however, was unrelated to the 150-foot asteroid that hurtled within 17,150 miles of Earth today" (February 15, 2013).

At the end of this year, we are expecting another comet to blaze across the sky. More information is now available on the comet *Ison* which is steadily approaching. By the end of October, you will be able to easily see the comet with binoculars. Ison ("I the Son") comes through the constellation of Leo the lion and then passes through the constellation of Virgo in November. Leo the lion represents the Messiah the Son of God (the comet Ison is a sign of Christ's return). Christ is called *the Lion of the tribe of Judah*. The virgin daughter of Zion/Judah (Virgo) is a symbol of the Church and God's people Israel. This comet will be its brightest on November 28 as it passes through the inner corona of the sun experiencing temperatures up to two million degrees Fahrenheit. The comet will whip around the sun at 425, 000 mph. This will be the most spectacular comet display in a thousand years or longer.

What an amazing year 2013 is starting out to be and it is not going to end with a whimper.

Interestingly, February 10 this year the Chinese New Year began – the year of the “Snake”. There is a snake mentioned in the Bible (Genesis 3) that deceived Eve and Adam that resulted in leading the whole world astray. That old serpent called the dragon and Satan the devil, is the master of confusion, chaos, deception and violence. He is putting together his final “masterpiece” – a one-world government to fight against Christ at His return!

### Our First Deity President

According to “The Revelation Files: revealing Bible prophecy as it happens,” by Todd Strandberg (Feb.6, 2013), America is now experiencing “**Our First Deity President**,” Says the author, “It is rather spooky to see how the liberal media has applied labels to Obama that offend the core biblical values of most Christians.

“Newsweek's May 21, 2012, issue caused a stir when it declared Obama the country's "first gay president." The president lived up to this title when, while speaking about civil liberty accomplishments, he gave the first ever shout-out to a gay bar in an inaugural address.

“The far worse classification being used by people are ones that directly compare Obama to God. They are becoming so numerous, he could just as well be called our first deity president. Here are some examples:

\*A Florida A&M professor named Barbara Thompson published a book titled, *The Gospel According to Apostle Barack*. In this book, Thompson likens Obama to Jesus Christ.

\* Street vendors and souvenir stores across Washington D.C. are selling posters depicting President Obama as Jesus Christ.

\* Oscar-winning actor Jamie Foxx recently called Barack Obama “our Lord and Savior.”

\* “This president has brought us out of the dark and into the light.” – Michelle Obama, at a campaign rally on April 17, 2012.

\* In a cover story for the inauguration, *Newsweek* had a side image of Obama with the title “The Second Coming.”



\* *Newsweek* had previously depicted President Obama as a Hindu deity Lord Shiva with the caption, “God of all things.”

\* Minister Louis Farrakhan, the controversial leader of the *Nation of Islam*, has declared Barack Obama to be the Messiah. Farrakhan said, “You are the instruments that God is gonna use to bring about universal change, and that is why Barack has captured the youth. And he has involved young people in a political process that they didn't care anything about. That's a sign. When the Messiah speaks, the youth will hear, and the Messiah is absolutely speaking.”

\* Then there is the classic quote by MSNBC's Chris Matthews, “This is bigger than Kennedy. This is the New Testament. I felt this thrill going up my leg. I mean, I don't have that too often. No, seriously. It's a dramatic event.”

Says Strandberg, “The most troubling thing about all these divine remarks about Obama is that there have been no rejections of these statements by the man himself. I know the president lives in a bubble, but he has to be aware that people are making blasphemous comments about him. Judging by his narcissistic personality, he at least views them as a benign form of flattery. Knowing the corrupting nature of power, I fear he may actually agree with his admirers.

“I see this unnatural affection for President Obama as one huge demonic delusion. He is, in fact, one of the worst presidents in our nation's history. Under his watch, debt and welfare rolls have exploded to unsustainable levels.

“Our nation is rapidly headed for disaster, and the blind devotions being paid to Obama are preventing the American people from seeing the source of our problems. Just ask yourself: When is the last time you heard the president being criticized in the media? I remember a time when networks had reporters whose only jobs were to pester the president at every public event. Obama rarely takes questions from reporters, *and still they worship him.*

“I fear that Obama's god complex is going to be cured the hard way. By the time his second term ends in 2016, our nation's problems will be so profound and numerous, the folks who deified Obama will greatly regret their remarks” (Todd Strandberg, *The Revelation Files*, Feb.6, 2013).

God's Word speaks about a world leader who will rise up in the “last days” who has a “God-complex.” We read:

“And the king shall do according to his will; he shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods and shall prosper until the indignation be accomplished, for that which is determined [by God] shall be done” (Daniel 11:36, Amplified Parallel Bible).

“Let no one deceive or beguile you in any way, for that day will not come except the apostasy comes first [unless the predicted great falling away of those who professed to be Christians has come], and the man of lawlessness (sin) is revealed, who is the son of doom (of perdition), who opposes and exalts himself so proudly and insolently against and over all that is called God or that is worshiped, [even to his actually] taking his seat in the Temple of God , proclaiming that he himself is God” (II Thess.2:3-4, Amplified Parallel Bible).

This end-time king or tyrant is called the “prince of Tyre” in Ezekiel, as he is the leader of the world’s greatest trading and commercial empire. Today, that would be the United States and the upcoming New World Order, which will include the United States.

“Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, Thus says the Lord God: Because your heart is lifted up and you have said and thought, I am a god, I sit in the seat of gods, in the heart of the seas; yet you are only man [weak, feeble, made of earth] and not God, though you imagine yourself to be almost more than mortal with your mind as the mind of God” (Ezekiel 28:2).

Today, President Barack Obama is in the “stagecoach driver’s seat”, but he hasn’t gotten up to speed yet. He has much to accomplish in his second term in office. The Bible says the end-time world ruler or dictator, whoever he is, the coming Antichrist and his followers, are even going to fight against Christ when he returns.

“And the ten horns that you observed are ten rulers (kings) who have as yet received no royal dominion, but together they are to receive power and authority as rulers for a single hour, along with the beast. They will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will triumph over them; for He is Lord of lords and King of kings” (Rev.17:14, Ampl.).

Since Obama has been reelected president, he really has no effective opposition and is ruling more and more by default and executive order decrees to achieve his will. (Some might call it ruling by divine decree, like a king—he “does as he pleases”).

### ***Evolving into Tyranny***

“Personal Liberty Digest” reveals the truth about America descending into a police state. Much like Germany in the 1930’s.

“Only a few people left Germany in the 1930’s when Hitler came into power. The few who left could clearly see the evolving tyranny. Many who stayed thought things would not get so bad or that times would get better. They suffered from normalcy bias, a form of cognitive dissonance. They paid the price.

“The wisdom today is to be able to see what is happening around us now, and having the vision to discern what is going to happen. Anyone who believes in the illusion of the rule of law will not see reality until it is too late to do what is necessary to survive. Today, the rule of law is what the one percent (the government) says it is. The

government holds the police power and the military power. Its main purpose is to be the silent force to contain the population.”

That is you and me—the potential slaves.

“The population in the U.S. is well armed. That fact does not escape the one percent. That is why the one percent is so eager to find a basis upon which to justify disarming the people”—*gun control!* Senator Feinstein’s bill will take away virtually a whole list of categories of guns and other weapons from the hands of the public.

America’s slide into tyranny continues to be hidden by the main-stream media which is under the control of the government. The mainstream media is ga-ga over the Obama administration – a deep puppy love. Therefore, the vast majority of people cannot see or admit that the regime is failing and descending into totalitarianism. The majority have been hoodwinked. They think that the fact that Americans are FREE to worship, free to travel; free to work, free to express themselves, free to vote, is evidence that America remains free!

Isaiah the prophet warns us of this end-time worldwide tyrant, who is called “the Assyrian,” because of his cruelty and power. God says He will punish “the audacious vauntings of the king of Assyria and the arrogance of his pride for saying, ‘My strong hand did it all, my clever strategy; I shifted the boundaries of nations, I plundered their treasuries, I reduced them to ashes, and felled their folk like a bullock; the wealth of nations, I rifled it all, like the nest of a bird, I ransacked the wide world as a man who gathers eggs, till not a wing fluttered, none dared cheep or chirp” (Isaiah 10:12-14, Moffatt translation).

### *America’s State of Denial*

In an article by Wayne Allan Root in “Personal Liberty Digest,” the true state of America today is revealed. He writes, “There are a lot of things you can change in life, but you can’t fix stupid. Barack Obama’s speech Tuesday wasn’t a State of the Union. It was a “State of Denial.” It was denial mixed with delusion. It was a state of addiction to spending. It was a modern-day fairy tale in the middle of a Great Depression. It was a “Let’s sing ‘Kum Ba Yah’ and hold hands while we solve the world’s problems with money we don’t have” speech. It was insanity *squared*.

“Here’s how Obama solves problems. In the middle of a Great Depression, he wants to raise the minimum wage by almost \$2 per hour. Delusional. Like a ‘Saturday Night Live’ skit.

“In the middle of a Great Depression he wants to raise taxes again — only days after he just raised them. In Obama’s world, we raise taxes every few weeks.

“In the middle of a Great Depression with our government \$100 trillion in debt, he wants to spend money on a long wish list of leftist fairy tales: from early childhood

education to infrastructure to green energy to climate change to government employees to redesigning high schools to — get this one — eradicating poverty around the world.

“We’re broke with \$100 trillion in debt and he’s worried about poverty around the world? One in three Illinois residents lives in poverty. Maybe Obama should worry about his own State before he tackles world poverty. Denial and delusion.

“Obama says we’re seeing progress, we’re in recovery, we have jobs, we have “cleared away the rubble of crisis” and we have a “strong state of the union.” I guess he wants you to forget that the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter gross domestic product was negative. Our economy is actually in *contraction*. And 11,000 Americans join the food stamp rolls every day. This isn’t a recovery; it’s an economic disaster. Denial and delusion.

“Obama said jobs are doing better. I guess that depends on your definition of “better.” According to data from *Bloomberg*, from December 2011 to January 2013, nonfarm payrolls were down by 587,000. During just the past year of Obama’s “recovery,” we lost more than half a million jobs. Denial and delusion.

“With a loss of 587,000 jobs, 8.5 million Americans dropping out of the workforce since Obama became President and the real unemployment number (U-6) at almost 15 percent, did you hear that Obama closed his Jobs Council last week? They hadn’t met in a year. Now that the election is over, he just closed it down. No need to meet at all. Why talk about jobs anymore? Denial and delusion. . . .

“But the funniest claim of all was Obama stating that he’s already cut \$2.5 trillion from the budget. ‘We’re halfway home to \$4 trillion in cuts’ he said. This is Chris Rock funny. Nothing was cut. The fiscal cliff deal just *added* \$4 trillion to the national debt. The few tiny cuts that were made were revealed by the Office of Management and Budget to be money that was never going to be spent anyway. Obama cut nothing. Zero. Zip. Nada.

“The man who promised to cut the deficit in half but instead doubled it, who called President George W. Bush a disgrace and ‘unpatriotic’ for adding \$4 trillion to the national debt in eight years but who added \$6 trillion himself in only four years... that same guy says “we’re halfway home” to solving our debt problem. Denial and delusion” (Wayne Allan Root, *Personal Liberty Digest*, Feb.11, 2013).

### *The Covenant with Many*

The fact that Obama was reelected as President and sworn in on January 20, 2013, is prophetic. In other words, he has in a sense “confirmed a covenant made with many” – the people of the United States, to rule over them for another four years. How interesting! In the prophecies of Daniel, we read of an end-time “Roman” prince or national/world empire leader (Obama) who will make a covenant with many. Notice!

“”And he [the end-time prince or ruler] shall enter into a strong and firm covenant with the many for one week [seven years]. And in the

midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and offering to cease [for the remaining three and one half years]; and upon the wing or pinnacle of abominations [shall come] one who makes desolate, until the full determined end is poured out on the desolator” (Dan.9:27).

Daniel is told, “Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week” (Dan.9:27). One week means one period of “seven” days, with a day equaling a year in fulfillment. Obama “confirmed” his tenure as president with the American people by his reelection in 2013. That was a “confirmation” of his presidency.

But the prophecy says “one week.” That is seven years, not four years. Evidently, his tenure in office will not expire after the next four years, but he will either continue in office (as a dictator or be reelected again despite the two term law), or he will be catapulted into a higher office as President/Leader of the New World Government. Either way, he “confirms” the covenant!

Many have thought this prophecy in Daniel refers to a treaty the end-time beast will make with Israel – but it does not say that, does it? No! The “covenant” or “agreement” is with the “MANY”! Obama has agreed to serve as president, taking the oath of office, and thereby swearing (making covenant) to rule for another four years – a fulfillment of this very prophecy. The “many” here constitute the 300,000,000 Americans, and the world’s last “superpower” on the world stage.

Moffatt, however, ties this prophecy in with the end-time great apostasy and the rise of the lawless one. He translates, “For a week of years the main body of the people shall cease to practice their religion; for half of that time sacrifice and offering shall cease, and instead of this there shall be an appalling abomination, till finally the appointed doom falls upon the sacrilegious abomination.”

The Septuagint has this, “And one week shall establish the covenant with many: and in the midst of the week my sacrifice and drink-offering shall be taken away: and on the temple shall be the abomination of desolations; and at the end of the time an end shall be put to the desolation.”

The Jewish Tanakh has it: “During one week he will make a firm covenant with many. For half a week he will put a stop to the sacrifice and the meal offering. At the corner [of the altar] will be an appalling abomination until the decreed destruction shall be poured down upon the appalling thing.”

Clearly, these prophecies are yet to be fulfilled, but must be fulfilled in our day, upon whom the end time has come! This final world kingdom is rising up around us. Whether or not Obama will become this great king and tyrant remains to be seen – but his novelty and pride and arrogance make him the prime candidate for this office.

But in the meantime, another aspect of this final end-time prophecy is taking shape before our very eyes. That is the rising up of the “second beast” of Revelation 13.

### *The Second Beast*

“Then I saw another beast rising up out of the land [itself]; he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke (roared) like a dragon. He exerts all the power and right of control of the former beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell upon it to exalt and deify the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed, and to worship him. He performs great signs (startling miracles), even making fire fall from the sky to the earth in men’s sight. And because of the signs (miracles) which he is allowed to perform in the presence of the [first] beast, he DECEIVES those who inhabit the earth, commanding them to erect a statue (an image) in the likeness of the beast . . .” (Rev.13:11-14).

Shocking news stunned the world in February as Pope Benedict XVI announced his resignation as pope, and the Vatican will now enthrone a new pope to lead the Roman Catholic Church through the turbulent, tortuous days ahead.

Prophecy marches on!

### *Vatican Scandals*

Pope Benedict XVI, cites deteriorating strength and will step aside February 28, 2013. Pope Benedict XVI, 85, shocked 1.2 billion Catholics around the world by saying that he no longer had the mental or physical strength to carry out his job and would become the first pope since the Middle Ages to give up the title.

There is a saying that timing is everything. It is interesting that when Pope Benedict XVI announced his resignation on February 11, 2013, hours after he made the announcement lightning struck St. Peter’ Basilica in the Vatican.

Was this just a coincidence? Or a heavenly sign of momentous things?

Reuters news service reports, “Pope Benedict’s decision to live in the Vatican after he resigns will provide him with security and privacy. It will also offer legal protection from any attempt to prosecute him in connection with sexual abuse cases around the world, Church sources and legal experts say.

“ ‘His continued presence in the Vatican is necessary, otherwise he might be defenseless. He wouldn’t have his immunity, his prerogatives, his security, if he is anywhere else,’ said one Vatican official, speaking on condition of anonymity.”

The Vatican fears Benedict is guilty enough to stand trial and possibly be convicted of sex crimes. That is the undeniable conclusion from the news that the Vatican will use its national sovereignty to protect Pope Benedict XVI once he becomes Joseph Ratzinger, again.

But there are even worse allegations involving the papacy and papal Rome.

### *Did a Sex Ring Bring Down the Vatican?*

Says the *Daily Beast*, “According to several well-placed vaticanisti—or Vatican experts—in Rome, Benedict is resigning after being handed a secret red-covered dossier that included details about a network of gay priests who work inside the Vatican, but who play in secular Rome. The priests, it seems, are allegedly being blackmailed by a network of male prostitutes who worked at a sauna in Rome’s Quarto Miglio district, a health spa in the city center, and a private residence once entrusted to a prominent archbishop. The evidence reportedly includes compromising photos and videos of the prelates—sometimes caught on film in drag, and, in some cases, caught “in the act.”

“Revelations about the alleged network are the basis of a 300-page report supposedly delivered to Benedict on December 17 by Cardinals Julian Herranz, Joseph Tomko, and Salvatore De Giorgi. According to the press reports, it was on that day that Benedict XVI decided once and for all to retire, after toying with the idea for months. He reportedly closed the dossier and locked it away in the pontifical apartment safe to be handed to his successor to deal with. According to reports originally printed by *La Repubblica* newspaper and the newsweekly *Panorama* (and followed up across the gamut of the Italian media), the crimes the cardinals uncovered involved breaking the commandments “Thou shalt not steal” and “Thou shalt not commit adultery,” the latter of which has been used in Vatican-speak to also refer to homosexual relations instead of the traditional reference to infidelity.

“The trio of cardinals who authored the report, known in the Italian press as the “007 Priests,” were commissioned by Benedict to dig into the [Vatileaks](#) scandal that rocked the Holy See last fall when the pope’s butler, Paolo Gabriele, was convicted of stealing secret papal documents and leaking them to the press. The sleuthing cardinals ran a parallel investigation to the Vatican tribunal’s criminal case against the butler, but theirs was far more covert and focused not on the mechanics of the leaks, but on who within the Roman Curia might be the brains behind them. And, according to the leaked reports, what the “007 Priests” found went far beyond the pope’s private desk. “What’s coming out is very detailed X-ray of the Roman Curia that does not spare even the closest collaborators of the Pope,” wrote respected Vatican expert Ignazio Ingrao in *Panorama*. “The Pope was no stranger to the intrigues, but he probably did not know that under his pontificate there was such a complex network and such intricate chains of personal interests and unmentionable relationships” (Barbie Latza Nadeau, *The Daily Beast*, Feb.22,2013).

### *Growing Infighting and Power Struggle*

John Hooper for *The Guardian* writes from Rome, “A potentially explosive report has linked the resignation of [Pope Benedict XVI](#) to the discovery of a network of gay prelates in the [Vatican](#), some of whom – the report said – were being blackmailed by outsiders.

“The pope's spokesman declined to confirm or deny the report, which was carried by the Italian daily newspaper *La Repubblica*.

“The paper said the pope had taken the decision on 17 December that he was going to resign – the day he received a dossier compiled by three cardinals delegated to look into the so-called ‘Vatileaks’ affair.

Last May Pope Benedict’s butler, Paolo Gabriele, was arrested and charged with having stolen and leaked papal correspondence that depicted the Vatican as a seething hotbed of intrigue and infighting.

“According to *La Repubblica*, the dossier comprising “two volumes of almost 300 pages – bound in red” had been consigned to a safe in the papal apartments and would be delivered to the pope’s successor upon his election.

“The newspaper said the cardinals described a number of factions, including one whose members were ‘united by sexual orientation’.

“In an apparent quotation from the report, *La Repubblica* said some Vatican officials had been subject to ‘external influence’ from laymen with whom they had links of a ‘worldly nature’. The paper said this was a clear reference to blackmail.

“It quoted a source ‘very close to those who wrote [the cardinal's report]’ as saying: ‘Everything revolves around the non-observance of the sixth and seventh commandments.’

“The seventh enjoins against theft. The sixth forbids adultery, but is linked in Catholic doctrine to the proscribing of homosexual acts.

“*La Repubblica* said the cardinals’ report identified a series of meeting places in and around Rome. They included a villa outside the Italian capital, a sauna in a Rome suburb, a beauty parlour in the centre, and a former university residence that was in use by a provincial Italian archbishop.

“Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, said: ‘Neither the cardinals’ commission nor I will make comments to confirm or deny the things that are said about this matter. Let each one assume his or her own responsibilities. We shall not be following up on the observations that are made about this.’” (John Hooper, *The Guardian*, February 21, 2013)

As a consequence, the Vatican has become a battlefield of intrigue, intimidation, in-fighting and out-and-out war between different factions attempting to gain control of the Roman Catholic Church and all its assets, power, and wealth.

Previous scandals directly involve Pope Benedict XVI himself when he was a cardinal over the Office of Inquisition.

### *Ratzinger Scandals*

During the time of Pope John Paul II, rumors circulated that Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, himself, the head of the Office of Inquisition, had protected bishops and priests from sexual abuse charges while he was their cardinal. Says *The Guardian*, a London newspaper, “Pope Benedict ‘complicit in child sex abuse scandals,’ say victims’ groups” (Feb.11, 2013). Says the Guardian:

“Pope Benedict XVI ‘knew more about clergy sex crimes than anyone else in church yet did little to protect children’, say critics ... Victims of the epidemic of sex- and child-abuse scandals that erupted under Benedict’s papacy reacted bitterly to his resignation, either charging the outgoing pontiff with being directly complicit in a criminal conspiracy to cover up the thousands of paedophilia cases that have come to light over the past three years, or with failing to stand up to reactionary elements in the church resolved to keep the scandals under wraps.

“From Benedict’s native Germany to the USA, abuse victims and campaigners criticised an eight-year papacy that struggled to cope with the flood of disclosures of crimes and abuse rampant for decades within the church.

“Denef, 64, from the Baltic coast of north Germany, was abused as a boy by his local priest for six years. In 2003, Denef took his case to the bishop of Magdeburg. He was offered €25,000 (then £17,000) in return for a signed pledge of silence about what he suffered as a six-year-old boy. He then raised the issue with the Vatican and received a letter that said Pope John Paul II would pray for him so that Denef could forgive his molester. ‘We won’t miss this pope’, said Denef. He likened the Vatican’s treatment of the molestation disclosures to ‘mafia-style organized crime rings’.”

Just prior to his resignation Pope Benedict received a Diplomatic Note regarding an upcoming action by a European government (unnamed at this time) to issue an indictment and arrest warrant against Ratzinger and Catholic clergy and a public lien against Vatican property and assets by Easter.

“The ITCCS (International Tribunal into Crimes of Church and State) Central Office in Brussels is compelled by Pope Benedict’s sudden abdication to disclose the following details:

1. On Friday, February 1, 2013, on the basis of evidence supplied by our affiliated Common Law Court of Justice (*itccs.org*), our office concluded an agreement with representatives of a European nation and its courts to secure an arrest warrant against Joseph Ratzinger, aka Pope Benedict, *for crimes against humanity and ordering a criminal conspiracy*.
2. This arrest warrant was to be delivered to the office of the ‘Holy See’ in Rome on Friday, February 15, 2013. It allowed the nation in question to detain Ratzinger as a suspect in a crime if he entered its sovereign territory.
3. A diplomatic note was issued by the said nation’s government to the Vatican’s Secretary of State, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, on Monday, February 4, 2013, informing Bertone of the impending arrest warrant and inviting his office to

comply. No reply to this note was received from Cardinal Bertone or his office; but six days later, Pope Benedict resigned.

4. The agreement between our Tribunal and the said nation included a second provision to issue a commercial lien through that nation's courts against the property and wealth of the Roman Catholic Church commencing on Easter Sunday, March 31 2013. This lien was to be accompanied by a public and global; "Easter Reclamation Campaign" whereby Catholic church property was to be occupied and claimed by citizens as public assets forfeited under international law and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.
5. It is our further decision to proceed as well with the indictment and arrest of Joseph Ratzinger's successor as Pope on the same charges; and to enforce the commercial lien and "Easter Reclamation Campaign" against the Roman Catholic Church, as planned."

The Tribunal "acknowledges that Pope Benedict's complicity in criminal activities of the Vatican Bank (IOR) was compelling his eventual dismissal by the highest officials of the Vatican. But according to our sources, Secretary of State Tarcisio Bertone forced Joseph Ratzinger's resignation immediately, and in direct response to the diplomatic note concerning the arrest warrant that was issued to him by the said nation's government on February 4, 2012."

### ***What Does It All Mean?***

What does this all mean? Criminal conspiracy is nothing new to the Vatican, or nations in general. Sexual abuse cases have plagued the Vatican, and the Roman Catholic Church knows they must take action to limit the fall-out worldwide.

Obviously, a great CHANGE is coming to the Vatican – in 2013 – along with all the other signs and omens falling into place on the world scene!

Says *WorldNetDaily*, "The last pope universally recognized to have abdicated was Celestine V, who was elected in July 1294 and gave up the job five months later after feeling that he was being manipulated by the King of Sicily and Naples. Benedict's abdication clears the way for the College of Cardinals to gather at the Vatican to elect a successor, a process in which the United States is expected to have unprecedented sway (influence). The U.S. will have 11 votes, almost 10 percent of the electorate and the second-largest voting bloc behind Italy, which will have 28 votes. Germany, the home country of the current pope, will have six."

The Cardinals of the Church will be listening to the political winds blowing across the world. They see the influence of the U.S. and President Obama. I believe they may want to please our president, who is loved around the world, and they will choose a man who would fit in with Catholic worldwide ambitions and aims to promote the New World Order and be able to sit astride the endtime Beast.

This is prophesied!

The apostle John writes in Revelation, “And I saw a woman [a figure for a church] sitting on a scarlet [colored] beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. And on her forehead a name was written:

MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT,  
THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF  
THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

“I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement” (Rev.17:3-9).

The Cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church realize that we are living in momentous times, and that their decision will elect the most important pope in history – the end-time pope. They also realize that a relationship must be created and built between the *political head* of the New World Order and the *religious head* of the New World Order.

Says WorldNet Daily, “It appears highly unlikely that an American will be elected Benedict’s successor. Among the cardinals mentioned as possible successors are Angelo Scola of Italy, Peter Turkson of Ghana, Marc Ouellet of Canada, Francis Arinze of Nigeria and Christoph Schoenborn of Austria.” There are three potential “Peters” – Cardinals Turkson, Bertone, and Odilo Pedro (Peter) Scherer of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Who will the next Pope be?

### ***Pope’s Resignation Predicted***

Jerome R. Corsi, a Harvard Ph. D., is a WND senior staff reporter. He is the author of N.Y. Times best-sellers *The Obama Nation* and *Unfit for Command*.

Corsi writes, ““A 900-year-old Catholic prophecy says successor will be ‘Peter the Roman’. Although a Roman Catholic pope had not stepped down in nearly 600 years, the startling resignation of Pope Benedict XVI was predicted by the co-authors of a book published last spring about a medieval prophecy that the next pontiff will be the last. In *Petrus Romanus: The Final Pope is Here*, co-authors Tom Horn and Cris Putnam examine St. Malachy’s ‘Prophecy of the Popes,’ said to be based on his prophetic vision of the next 112 popes, beginning with Pope Celestine II, who died in 1144.

“Malachy presented a description of each pope, culminating with the ‘final pope,’ ‘Peter the Roman,’ whose reign would end with the destruction of Rome and judgment” (WorldNetDaily: “*Final Pope’ Authors Predicted Benedict would Resign*” by Jerome R. Corsi, Feb.13, 2013).

The book *Petrus Romanus* is an exhaustive examination of the papacy, especially the last days connecting with the current year 2012-2013. The Roman Catholic Church claims the first pope was a Peter, because the Apostle Peter did go to Rome and preach in Rome, but there is no evidence that he stayed there and became a pope, but they have adopted him as the first pope.

Very likely that first pope that started up the Roman Catholic Church was another Peter, Simon Magus, who is mentioned in Acts 8, who was a sorcerer and wanted to be an apostle. He was severely rebuked by the apostle Peter, and history shows he continued his evil ways, went to Rome, and became the leader of a great false church masquerading as “Christian.” He was the first great heretic of the New Testament. Both men had the name of Simon which is translated as “Peter” in English. Simon (Peter) Magus was a magician who was called Simon (Peter) the “great power of God” (Acts 8:9-10). (Read our article, “The Greatest Conspiracy of all Time”).

St. Malachy was an Irish saint and the archbishop of Armagh, who lived from 1094 to 1148. Horn believes the next to the last pope is Benedict, as “Gloria Olive”, or “Glory of the Olive”. He based this conclusion not only on St. Malachy, but also on a host of historical and current information. The two co-authors took the ‘*Prophecy of the Popes*’ and what was happening in Italian media, and they determined, based on a great deal of information, that Benedict would resign rather than die in the papacy citing health reasons in 2012 or 2013.

Pope Benedict XVI was not a Benedictine priest, yet he chose the name of Benedict, the founder of the Order of Saint Benedict, which also is known as the Olivetans. The symbol of the Benedictine order includes an olive branch. Horn and Putnam discuss the evidence pointing to a Benedict resignation on pages 74 and 486 of their April 2012 book.

### *Petrus Romanus*

Malachy described the last pope as “Petrus Romanus,” or “Peter the Roman,” writing:

“In the final persecution of the Holy Roman Church there will reign Peter the Roman, who will feed his flock among many tribulations; after which the seven-hilled city will be destroyed and the dreadful Judge will judge the people.”

This is speaking of a time of great tribulation, the destruction of Rome, and God’s judgment on the world—obviously a reference to the second coming of Christ! The dreadful judge is God Almighty himself and Christ who will judge the nations when he returns with a rod of iron.

Says Jerome Corsi, “In 1880, M.J. O’Brien, a Catholic priest, published in Dublin a book, providing a ‘historical and critical account’ of St. Malachy’s prophecies. Malachy gave his manuscript to Innocent II, who was pontiff from 1130 to 1143 A.D. The document was placed in the Vatican archives, where it remained unknown until its discovery in 1590. Through the past 900 years, various critics have questioned the authenticity and the accuracy of St. Malachy’s prophecies, often arguing the methods used by some of his interpreters to apply his epithets to certain popes have been tortuous. Horn told WND he and Putnam took a critical view of ‘*The Prophecy of the Popes*’ and determined that the first part of it, the first 70 or so predictions, probably was altered in the late 16<sup>th</sup> century. It appears that somebody had altered the original medieval document from 1590 backward to promote a particular cardinal to the College of Cardinals to be the fulfillment what at that time was still a secret list of popes,” Horn explained. An advocate for Cardinal Girolamo Simoncelli, Horn said, likely ‘tinkered with the document to make it look like it was pointing toward Simoncelli.’

“In ‘*Petrus Romanus*’ Horn said, he and Putnam ‘disregard everything pre-1550, as partly or fully tainted.’ After 1595, however, *The Prophecy of the Popes* was open to public scrutiny.

“A modern version of Malachy’s prophecies was published in 1969 by Archbishop H.E. Cardinale, the Apostolic Nuncio to Belgium and Luxembourg. Cardinale wrote ‘it is fair to say that the vast majority of Malachy’s predictions about successive Popes are amazingly accurate – always remembering that he gives only a minimum of information.

“Horn noted Benedict’s brother, George Ratzinger, also a priest, suggested last year that the pontiff might retire at age 85, arguing Catholic law would allow for him to step down if his health would not allow him to continue. Benedict, himself, made a case for papal resignation in a book-length interview, ‘Light of the World’.”

If Malachy is right, then the next pope would be “Peter the Roman”!

### *Peter the Roman*

Could the next pope – Peter the Roman – be Cardinal Peter Turkson of Ghana?

Turkson is one of the front runners. According to an article in the *Daily Telegraph* (2/12/13) by Malcolm Moore, Rome. “Cardinal Turkson said . . . that the Roman Catholic Church faces grave challenges in remaining relevant in the modern world even as he laid out a conservative vision of how to deal with society’s ‘alternative lifestyles’. The Vatican needs to ‘restore and repair’ an image that has been ‘badly compromised by recent scandals’. In Europe, churches are getting empty; the population appears not to relate much to the Church and to religion. Cardinal Turkson has caused controversy in the past both by screening a video claiming that Europe faced being overrun by Muslims and by insisting that condoms were not the solution to preventing HIV.”

Tom Horn and his co-author have created their own list of 10 candidates to succeed Benedict and become Peter the Roman. From his book *PETRUS ROMANUS* on page 481:

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| 1. Tarcisio Bertone  | 6. Leonardo Sandri     |
| 2. Peter Turkson     | 7. Ennio Antonelli     |
| 3. Angelo Scola      | 8. Jean-Louis Tauran   |
| 4. Francis Arinze    | 9. Christoph Schonborn |
| 5. Gianfranco Ravasi | 10. Mare Oullet        |

Tom Horn quotes Nostradamus regarding how a black pope may be the most likely successor: Quatrain 6.25 (see page 481 in *Petrus Romanus*). Horn's comments are in brackets.

Through Mars adverse [a time of war] will be the monarchy  
Of the great fisherman [the pope] in trouble ruinous  
A young black red [a young black Cardinal] will seize the hierarchy  
The predators acting on a foggy day [confusion].

There is much speculation that the next pope will probably be from Africa as part of the Catholic Church's attempt to modernize and reach out to a huge Catholic congregation from the Sahel southwards.

### *“Obama of the Vatican”*

One who could fulfill the role of “Peter the Roman” would be Cardinal Peter Turkson from Ghana. He has already been dubbed “Obama of the Vatican,” and speaks seven languages. He was born in western Ghana to a Methodist mother and Catholic father. As a boy in the seminary he was considered far too boisterous to be content in a contemplative, solemn career in the church. But he was reportedly begged by his mother to knuckle down and study hard to become a priest, and he did so well he was chosen to move to the U.S. to study at St. Anthony-on-Hudson Seminary in Rensselaer, New York.

Turkson was ordained as a priest in 1975. Returning to Ghana, he became a professor at St. Teresa's Seminary, near where he grew up, and dedicated himself to academia as well as performing pastoral work in the local area. In 1992 he was appointed Archbishop of Cape Coast by Pope John Paul II and served as president of the Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference from 1997 to 2005.

It was during this time, in 2003 when Pope John Paul made him the first ever Ghanaian cardinal and his influence was extended by Pope Benedict XVI, who appointed him president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, a role which sent him around the world mediating in countries such as the Ivory Coast in 2011. In October of that year he called for the establishment of a “global public authority” and a “central world bank” and has come out in favor of a Robin Hood-style tax on large financial

transactions. When he visited Britain with Pope Benedict in 2010 he was singled out as a possible successor.

*Crisis at the Close*

Whether or not Peter Turkson becomes the next pope, he certainly seems to fill the requirements and characteristics which the Roman Catholic Church would want to consolidate its position as the leading “Christian” church in the world, and to extend its influence around the world.

The next Pope is coming on the scene when the world is in a state of crisis. War threatens in the Middle East, China swaggers in the Orient, Russia rebuilds its military capacity in the North, Muhamed Morsi is forming an Arab bloc of nations, a Muslim Caliphate, and Barack Obama holds the reins of power in the U.S. Meanwhile, North Korea has set off another nuclear device, and Iranian and North Korean scientists are working together on Iran’s nuclear bomb program.

The times are rapidly changing – and they are beginning to change RAPIDLY! We hardly have time to catch our breath, and another prophesy suddenly stands fulfilled! Meanwhile, world conditions continue to worsen and threaten to explode.

All these events are converging together at this point in time, heralding the end of this age, and the coming of the world tomorrow!

Daniel the prophet wrote, “And there will be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time” (Dan.12:1). The Moffatt translation calls it “the crisis at the end” (Dan.12:4) and “the crisis at the close” (Dan.12:9).

Jeremiah says, “Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the time of Jacob’s trouble, but he shall be saved out of it” (Jer.30:7).

“Thus says the Lord: We have heard a voice of trembling and panic— of terror, and not peace. Ask now and see whether a man can give birth to a child? Why then do I see every man with his hands on his loins, like a woman in labor? Why are all faces turned pale?”

“Alas! For that day will be great, so that none will be like it; it will be the time of Jacob’s [unequalled] trouble, but he will be saved out of it” (Jeremiah 30:5-7, Amplified Parallel Bible).

The apostle Paul declared, along the same vein:

“When people are saying, All is well and secure, and There is peace and safety, then in a moment unforeseen destruction (ruin and death) will come upon them as suddenly as labor pains come upon a woman with child, and they shall be no means escape, for there will be no escape” (I Thess.5:3, Amplified).

Only those close to God will escape and survive! Will you be one of them?