



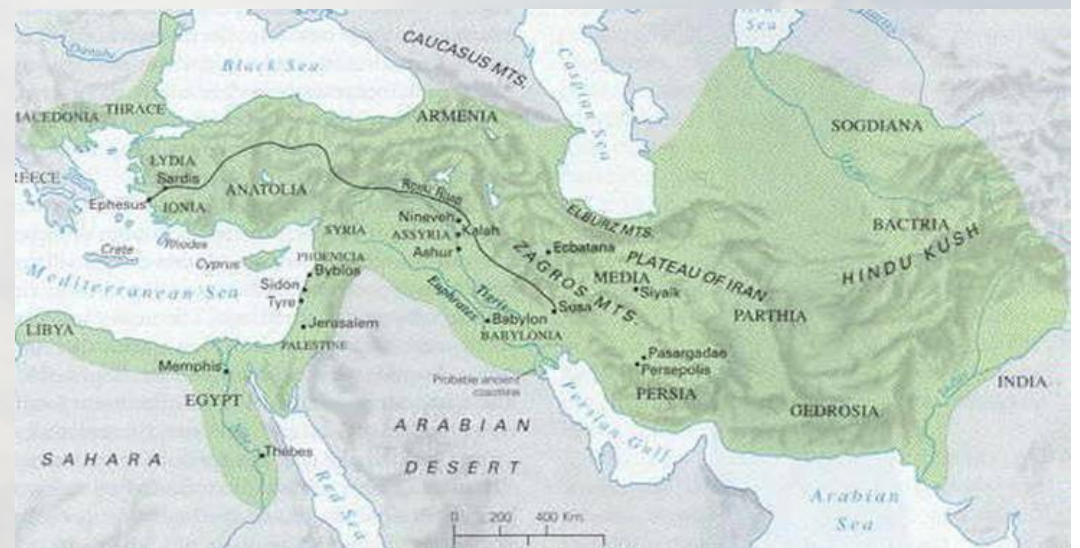
**Lesson 20 The “Christian”  
Middle Ages: The True  
Identify of the Catholic  
Church**

# Was Peter the Rock?

- In our last study we began discussing the emergence of Papal power. We looked at the various political, philosophical, and Biblical arguments used to justify the supremacy of the bishop of Rome.
- We demonstrate that the Catholic legend of Peter being the bishop of Rome between 42-65 AD was pure fabrication and contradicted by scripture.
- Before we go any further I would like to address the Catholic use of Matthew 16:18 as justification for Papal claims.

# The Religion of Babylon

- Genesis 10:8-10—Nimrod founded a kingdom in Babel, in the land of Shinar.
- Daniel 1:1-2—Babylon is located in the land of Shinar. Therefore, in the Bible; Shinar, Babel, and Babylon are all referring to the same location.
- Nimrod founded the city and civilization of Babylon.



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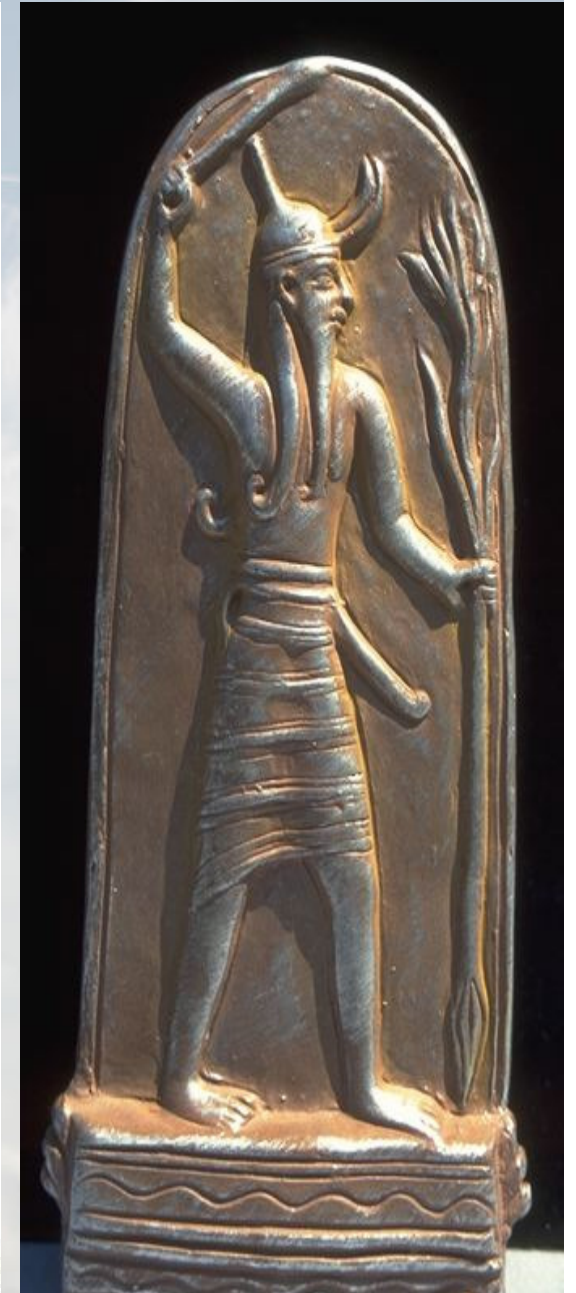
- Genesis 11:1-5—Nimrod built Babel in the land of Shinar. He not only built a city but also a tower.
  - City—represents a seat of governmental authority
  - Tower—represents the religious system instituted in Babylon
    - Psalm 18:2, 61:3, 144:2
    - Proverbs 18:10
- Genesis 11:4—the true sin of Babel was the failure to obey God’s command to scatter and replenish the earth (Genesis 9:1)
- Genesis 11:6-9—is why God confounded their language so that they would scatter over the face of the whole earth.

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- Exodus 20:2-6—Israel was not to have any other God's before them.
  - Deuteronomy 6:14
  - Deuteronomy 11:28
  - Deuteronomy 17:3
- Judges 2:11-13—Israel forsook the Lord and served Baal and Ashtaroth: a female deity and her son.
- See notes for description of Ashtaroth and Baal.



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- Judges 10:6—these are the God's of the people surrounding Israel.
  - I Samuel 7:3-4, 12:10, 31:6-10
- Numbers 25:3
- Judges 18:1—the tribe of Dan (means “God is judge”) is upset because they had not received their full inheritance.
  - Genesis 49:16-17—the tribe of Dan is likened unto a serpent.
  - Deuteronomy 33:22—Dan is likened unto a lion's whelp



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- Judges 18:7-31—the Danites violate God’s Word in the following ways
  - Verse 19—they established their own priesthood in violation of the Levitical priesthood God had already established.
    - They call their priest “father.” Matthew 23:9 profits calling any man father.
    - In the same manner, Christendom has established its own priesthood in violation of I Timothy 2:5.
  - Verse 30—Dan set up the graven image and worshiped it. These priests were made responsible for the care and oversight of the idols.

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- Jeremiah 7:18, 44:17-19, 25—the gentiles worship the queen of heaven. Do you know anyone today who worships the Queen of Heaven? See attachment.
  - “The only time that title (Queen of Heaven) is used in Holy Scripture, it is never used to speak of Mary. It speaks of a female pagan deity that the children of Israel chose to worship when they fell into paganism.” (Barlow, 245)
  - “It is common place in many liturgical churches to hear Mary referred to as the “Queen of Heaven,” not only without one iota of Scriptural support, but actually in spite of clear teaching to contrary.” (Barlow, 247)



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- *The Glories of Mary* written by Bishop Alponus Liguri one of the greatest devotional writes of the Roman Catholic Church extols the glory of the blessed virgin. Consider the following excerpts:
  - See notes for quotes
- Luke 1:47

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- Revelation 17:1-9—the description of mystery Babylon the great matches the Roman Catholic Church.
  - The “woman” is “that great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth (17:18)
  - “that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth” is built on “seven mountains” (17:9)
  - The “woman” is drunken with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus” (17:6)
  - The colors of the “woman” are purple and scarlet (17:4)
  - The symbol of the “woman” is a golden cup (17:4)

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- In 1825, Pope Leo XII struck a medal with his own image on one side, and woman with a cup on the other side. On the side which had the image of the woman was written, “Sedet Super Universum.” The Latin meaning is “the whole world is her seat.”



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- Revelation 2:20, 22—Jezebel was the pagan queen who married Ahab in the Old Testament. It was found to be Baal-worship, which called the black-robed priest “father,” and worshipped Mary as the “queen of Heaven” (also called Isis, Osiris).
- To get around these obvious scriptural implications, Rome has made the book of Revelation apply only to pagan Rome during the time of the Apostles. In other words the meaning and application of the entire book is in the past. This is interesting when one considers that Revelation 21 and 22 deals with eternity, chapter 20 deals with the future millennial reign of Jesus Christ and the great white throne judgment. Meanwhile every “orthodox” Roman Catholic that has ever lived believes in the “last judgment.”

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- Every effort has been made on the part of Catholics to relegate Revelation to history (Preterism) in order to avoid any connection, identification, or application to Papal Rome.
- Daniel 2:31-43—there is a Roman element in the kingdom of the anti-Christ.
- When God revealed the mystery of the church age Satan responded by reworking the ancient Babylonian religion into a new form that would masquerade as Biblical Christianity. This would match what we have studied from the history so far.

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- Revelation 17:16—the kings utilize the Roman Catholic Church to achieve power before they turn and destroy her.
- II Thessalonians 2:2—the culmination of the Satanic policy of evil is the worship of Satan himself.
  - Revelation 12:9—who is the dragon?
  - Revelation 13:4
- Roman Catholicism is the ancient region of Baal repackaged in mystery form.

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