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“...after the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as an harlot, and shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth.” (Isaiah 23:15, 17).
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There is a mysterious prophecy in the book of Isaiah. This prophecy speaks of Tyre, the great merchant city of the Phoenician Empire. This city has long since fallen, and has been in ruins for centuries, yet the Bible says in the end time, it has a role to play in the governments of this world just before the second coming of Jesus Christ.

This city of Tyre was situated on the coast of Lebanon, anciently. Many waves by different nations attacked Tyre-The Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Persians, the Greeks, the Crusaders, and the Arabs. The Mamelukes, after taking the city from the Crusaders near the close of the 13th century, dismantled the city so it would not again be used as a fort by so-called Christian Crusaders from Europe against Islam. “…and afterwards taken from them by the Turks in 1517. Since that time it has sunk into utter decay; is now a mere ruin, a bare rock, ‘a place to spread nets upon,’ as the Prophet Ezekiel foretold it should be, Ezekiel 26:14. See Sandy’s Travels; Vitringa on the place; Bp. Newton on the Prophecies, Dissert. xi.” (Clarke’s Commentary).

Since that time Tyre has sunk into obscurity no longer to be a major power in the world. Yet, the Bible says it will be a major power in the world. What happened in Tyre?

The Tyrians were a people who were involved in commerce and colonization. Out of Tyre and Israel came many Phoenician colonies in the Mediterranean. “‘They founded their colonies on the coasts and neighboring islands of the Aegean Sea, in Greece, on the northern coast of Africa, at Carthage and other places, in Sicily and Corsica, in Spain at Tartessus, and even beyond the pillars of Hercules at Gadeira (Cadiz)’ (Driver’s Isaiah)” (Easton’s Bible Dictionary under article “Tyre”).

Carthage was of course an enemy of Rome, with its Punic wars, and Hannibal its leader taking on the Roman Empire, leading to its defeat in 146 B.C. These people of Tyre and Sidon, were natives along with the Israelites that dwelt in these cities (Joshua 19:24, 28-29) created what is known as the Phoenician Empire-an alliance between Solomon and Hiram. But when God’s judgment came upon Israel, the whole landscape of Israel and Phoenicia changed. The Assyrian invasions of Israel and Phoenicia replaced the original inhabitants with the Babylonian races. It’s interesting that this prophecy in Isaiah 23 was given after the deportation of the Israelites, and the moving in of the Babylonians by the Assyrians, see 2 Kings 17:24. “This last allusion fixes the date of the prophecy to a time subsequent to B.C. 710, when the Assyrian monarch, Sargon, first conquered the country, and took the title of king” (Pulpit Commentary).

The Assyrian invasions began in 734 B.C. and Samaria fell in 718 B.C.

The Church of God Commentary summarizes what happened during this time after the Israelites got deported, “a great many Babylonians were relocated to Syro-Phoenicia, including Samaria, even before the Chaldean Neo-Babylonian Empire. When Babylon finally fell to the Medes and Persians they set it up as their winter capital. Later, when Alexander the Great conquered the Persian Empire, he too set up Babylon as the capital of Asia in his Greek empire. When his successor in the region, Seleucus, took over, he declared himself the king of Babylon and made Babylon his first capital. Soon he decided to move the capital to a new location north on the Tigris River and invited those of Babylonia to relocate there. Later, he moved his capital west to Antioch in Syria. In fact, he built 30 new cities throughout his empire, most of them in Syria, and the vast majority of Mesopotamia relocated to them. Thus, though Seleucid Syria was a Greek
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kingdom in name and language, it was predominantly Babylonian in fact—with large numbers of [Babylonian] Phoenicians of old Tyre and Sidon still dwelling along its Mediterranean Coast.

“Great numbers of the Babylonian and [Babylonian] Phoenician Syrians were later taken to Rome as slaves. Amazingly, in the centuries just before and after Christ, a massive change happened in the Roman population. Through wars and other socioeconomic factors, Italy’s native population dwindled. Many of the local freeborn citizens who were left migrated to other parts of Rome’s growing empire. At the same time, Rome brought in vast numbers of slaves, mostly from Syria. The first-century Roman satirist Juvenal wrote of them: ‘These dregs call themselves Greeks but how small a portion is from Greece; the River Orontes [in Syria] has long flowed into the Tiber [in Rome]' (Satire 3, line 62). Over time it became popular to free slaves in Rome—and thousands upon thousands of freed slaves, who were skilled at various trades, displaced even more of the freeborn citizenry. So, as incredible as it may seem, Italy eventually became almost entirely Syrian or—in actuality—Babylonian and [Babylonian] Phoenician.

“As for the Syrians [Babylonians] who had not been taken from the Eastern Mediterranean as slaves, they gained notoriety as merchants and traders, carrying on in the tradition of the [Israelite] Phoenicians of old. Eventually, this lucrative pursuit would cause great numbers of them to spread throughout the entire Roman Empire—particularly through Spain, southern France, northern Italy, etc. (see Franz Cumont, Oriental Religions in Roman Paganism, 1911, pp. 107-109)—so much so that a great part of southern Europe is, in fact, Babylonian and Phoenician. Yet the center of modern Babylon is still Rome. So when God identifies Rome and its empire as Babylon in Revelation 17-18 (and as Phoenician Tyre in Ezekiel 27), He means what He says!” (Under article Isaiah 13, emphasis added).

Earnest L. Martin in his excellent article called “Race Change in Italy,” provides great detail on this particular subject (see Article, “Race Change in Italy,”). Why is it that the language in the prophecies of Tyre and Babylon in Isaiah 23 Jeremiah 50-51, and Revelation 17 and 18 are the same? The Babylonians migrated into these places, the city of Samaria by the Assyrians, and later when Babylon fell, other Babylonians joined their brethren in Syria and Lebanon, then eventually move to Rome, and it is there that the slave population took over the Roman Empire. Is it any wonder why God calls the Roman Empire Babylon the Great? How can God call it Babylon in the end time when Babylon collapsed in 539 B.C.? Yet the Bible speaks of two collapses of Babylon, “Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen,” (Rev 18:2). The original Babylon and the end time Babylon. The Babylonian peoples are to rise once again, but this time God will permanently destroy Babylon so that it would never rise again.

The language of the great city Babylon of Revelation 17 & 18 and the city of Tyre are identical, indicating its time setting. Here is a chart comparing the scriptures:

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In our booklet, Who, What is the Beast, we go into great detail proving through the Bible prophecies and letting the Bible interpret its own symbols that the “Woman” that rides the Beast, also called “Babylon the Great” is the Vatican City in the City of Rome. The Bible reveals that a “woman” is a symbol of a church, and a city (Heb 12:22; Ephesians 5:31-33). But she is a “harlot” not a virgin, meaning an apostate church that fell into sin and idolatry. This Prophecy of Isaiah 23 is a prophecy about the Vatican and its future role in Bible Prophecy!

The Prophecy of Isaiah 23 fulfilled in this End Time!

When one begins to study Isaiah 23 with the knowledge of the identity of the nations it mentions, and that it is set in this end time, one begins to realize that many of these prophecies in this chapter had been fulfilled in World War Two, and our day today.

In Isaiah 23:18 clearly reveals the time setting of this prophecy, “And her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness to the LORD: it shall not be treasure nor laid up; for her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before the LORD, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing.” This has never happened in History. Yet we see another scripture at the second coming of Jesus, and merchandise being “holiness to the Lord” in Zachariah 14 it says “the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.” (v.9). And, “In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD’S house shall be like the bowls before the altar....Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite [MERCHANT] in the house of the LORD of hosts.” (vv.20-21).

Isaiah says the merchandise shall not be “treasure up,” meaning not for sale. The commerce will stop, and her merchandise will be for the use of worshipping God, “[it] shall be for them that dwell before the LORD.” Zachariah virtually says the same thing. Pots and bells shall be holy to God, and there shall be no more “Merchant” (Heb. ‘a merchant, trader,’ see Job 41:6, Browns-Driver-Briggs). So the time setting of this prophecy deals with the end time just before the second coming of Jesus Christ and that Tyre would commit “fornication” before the coming of Christ, with the kingdom of the world, and she was “forgotten” and that she was to be “remembered” so she did it before. This must mean the 7th head of the beast that fights Jesus at his coming, and the 6th head of the beast that she committed fornication with 70 years earlier as we shall examine in Isaiah 23. The 6th head peaked during the time of Mussolini and Hitler during World War Two, so the time setting is clear.
Let’s begin to study what Isaiah writes about Tyre, “The burden of Tyre. Howl, ye ships of Tarshish; for it [the city of Tyre] is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in: from the land of Chittim it is revealed to them.” (v.1)

Two Tarshishs’- In the ancient world there appears to be two ‘Tarshishs’. One in Spain, and one in the east, identified as Japan.

In Spain, “…these fleets of Tarshish were Semitic/Phoenician in Nature” (Lost Ten Tribes...Found, Collins, p.79). So this Tarshish in western Spain cannot mean the Japhetic Tarshish of Genesis 10:4.

And “…in the word Tarshish ['H' added] indentifies this navy with one of the clans of the Israelite tribe of Benjamin, which was named ‘Tharshish’ (1 Chronicles 7:10)...Dr. Barry Fell observed that the language of Tartessus/Tarshish in ancient Spain was ‘no more than a dialectal variant of Phoenician” (ibid, p.79, emphasis mine). So the Tarshish in the west in Spain were the Israelites, primarily of the Tribe of Benjamin. As we have learned however Spain was taken over by the Babylonian Syrians that came from Lebanon. The Spanish people even though are not Israelite retained the name of Tarshish.

These “[Babylonian] Phoenicians were the merchants of the ancient world. And they were also the merchants of the Middle Ages and Renaissance—the merchants of Venice and many other European cities having descended from the [Babylonian] Syro-Phoenician traders spread across southern Europe.” (Church of God Commentary, under article “Isaiah 23,” p.362, emphasis added). Venice, Genoa, Florence, the Italian city states became a merchant Empires along with the Portuguese, Italians, and Spanish who are all basically of the same race.

But Tarshish in this prophecy is called the “ye inhabitants of the isle.” (vv.2, 6). It cannot mean Spain, but Japan. (Read our booklet Japan in Prophecy for details).

When these merchants went to Japan during the 1600’s and traded with them, they “replenished” or “filled” as it should read, (see Strong’s #4390), their ships with spices and other agricultural commodities. These Babylonian merchants of Tarshish had trading posts all over the world during that time. It speaks of “Zidon” also as the “inhabitants of the Isle” (v.2). This is the island of Sicily, the Babylonian Zidonians!

The land of Chittim, when this prophecy was given was “Cathay” or “Italy.” The Latin’s retained the name of Chittim even though the people of Chittim migrated out of this land and into China (Read our booklet China in Prophecy for details).

When did the City of Tyre/Rome fall? We must remember, “… the Catholic Church is signified by the City of Rome alone, in which the bodily presence of this Apostle [Peter] is carefully reverenced…” (The Papal Encyclicals, Vol. 1 (1740-1878), p. 28). What the Bible calls Babylon the Great, or Tyre is Vatican City. When did it fall? (see below)

“Be still, ye inhabitants of the isle; thou whom the merchants of Zidon, that pass over the sea, have replenished [Heb. “filled’”].” The inhabitant of the Isle of course is Tarshish/Japan, see
verse 6. The merchants of Zidon are, “...the [Babylonian] Phoenicians were the merchants of the ancient world. And they were also the merchants of the Middle Ages and Renaissance—the merchants of Venice and many other European cities having descended from the [Babylonian] Syro-Phoenician traders spread across southern Europe.” (Church of God Commentary, under article “Isaiah 23,” emphasis added). Venice, Genoa, Florence, the Italian city states became a merchant Empire. Along with the Portuguese, Italians, and Spanish who are all basically of the same race, and when these merchants went to Japan during the 1600’s traded with them, and “replenished” or “filled” as it should read, see Strong’s #4390, them with spices and other agricultural commodities. These Babylonian merchants of Zidon had trading posts all over the world during that time.

“And by great waters the seed of Sihor [Nile], the harvest of the river, is her [Tyre’s] revenue; and she is a mart of nations” (v.3). Speaking again about the past, “Egypt , due to its plentiful water resources, was a fertile land and happened to be a situated in a good place to be used as a trade center. Because of this, other civilizations were keen on taking it over and using Egypt for its own purposes, first with Alexander the Great. Egypt was eventually taken over by the Roman Empire...Because the fertile land produced copious amounts of grain; food was often taken as tax and was sent by ship back to Rome. Later on, the food was shipped to Constantinople when it became the capital of the Eastern Roman empire.” (Egypt-Online.com). Egypt was Rome’s source of revenue and trade for the empire. Rome of course became the “Mart of the nations.”

“Be thou ashamed, O Zidon: for the sea hath spoken, even the strength of the sea, saying, I travail not, nor bring forth children, neither do I nourish up young men, nor bring up virgins.” (v.4). Barnes interprets this verse accurately saying, “...the founder of colonies and cities. The sense is, ‘My wealth and resources are gone. My commerce is annihilated. I cease to plant cities and colonies, and to nourish and foster them, as I once did, by my trade.’ The idea of the whole verse is, that the city which had been the mistress of the commercial world, and distinguished for founding other cities and colonies, was about to lose her importance, and to cease to extend her colonies and her influence over other countries” (Notes under “Isaiah”). Basically after World War Two, European colonization came to an end. Colonialism was on the retreat, and many colonies received independence from France, German, Italy and England. “Nationalism and Decolonization. The end of World War II marked the beginning of an age of nationalist movements in the European colonies in Africa and Asia.” (World Civilizations: Chapter 31: A Second Global Conflict and the End of the European World Order, by Peter Sterns).

“As at the report concerning Egypt, so shall they be sorely pained at the report of Tyre.” (v.5).

“They in this scripture is referring back to Tarshish or Japan, see also Verse 6. Egypt was lost first and that “pained” Japan when her allies in the war lost Egypt and Libya.

“German field Marshall Erwin Rommel was racing toward Cairo and Suez, and the belief among the British military was that if Rommel took Cairo he would then swing north and link up in a pincer movement with German divisions that were annihilating a Soviet army of two hundred and fifty thousand in the Caucasus Mountains. If these two formidable German forces were to pair up with a Japanese army invading India, the entire area would be turned into an Axis-controlled region before the end of 1942” (Hiroshito: The War Years by Paul Manning, pp.66-
67, emphasis added). Japan was grieved at the loss of Egypt. When Rome fell to the allies, the first capital of the Axis powers, they were grieved even more, seeing the end in sight.

“Pass ye over to Tarshish; howl, ye inhabitants of the isle.” (v.6). Japan in its defeat, and unconditional surrender in World War Two had the entire nation in mourning. The dropping of the nuclear bombs, the total destruction and massive deaths of the Japanese forced them to surrender to the Americans. Japanese militarism and colonization was over. Japan was lost.

“Is this your joyous city, whose antiquity is of ancient days? her own feet shall carry her afar off to sojourn” (v.7). Rome one of the most ancient cities of the world, and the Roman Empire sending troops to vast parts of the world setting up garrisons establishing Roman laws at the outskirts of the Empire such as Britain and Germania. Once a great city, and joyous city.

The Map of Greater Italia

The “Greater Italia” plan was initiated when Benito Mussolini took over the throne. The plan represents partial restoration of Roman Empire. The plan has been changed many times since 1936, as many of the nations were joining Axis Powers.

“But who hath taken this counsel against Tyre, the crowning city, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the honourable of the earth?...The LORD of hosts hath purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, and to bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth.” (vv.8-9). God was behind the defeat of the Axis powers in the Second World War to bring down their pride and humble them. God did this through his people Israel (USA & British). God says, “Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms;” (Jer 51:20).

But notice, Tyre (Rome) is a “crowning city.” Rome in the middle Ages was the city that crowned the Kings of the Holy Roman Empire. The merchants and traffickers of Rome, the Spaniards, the Portuguese, the Venetians were all princes and heads of colonies all over the world and were honored by those whom they ruled. Verse 9 explains why European colonization came to an end after World War Two. God made it happen. The pride of the Europeans was an offence to God, and God brought their empires down and their colonies afterward became independent of their Mother countries and “To bring their plans and purposes into contempt, and to show how unimportant and how foolish are their schemes in the sight of a holy God.” (Barnes Notes).
“Pass through thy land as a river, O daughter of Tarshish: there is no more strength.” (v.10). God tells the Japanese colonists to return to their land seeking refuge, the mother country of Japan. There is no more strength. Japan had lost, it is devastated. Without the mother country, the colonies cannot survive.

“He stretched out his hand over the sea, he shook the kingdoms: the LORD hath given a commandment against the merchant city, to destroy the strong holds thereof” (v.11). Again, “Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms;” (Jer 51:20). Through Israel God broke in pieces the Axis powers. Destroyed their navies, their bunkers, and their cities. Barnes again says, “To stretch out the hand is indicative of punishment (see the notes at Isa 5:25; Isa 9:12)...”

“And he said, Thou shalt no more rejoice, O thou oppressed virgin, daughter of Zidon: arise, pass over to Chittim; there also shalt thou have no rest.” (Isaiah 23:12). “Oppressed Virgin” should read “[As] Lowth renders this, ‘O thou deflowered virgin...’” (Barnes; JFB Commentaries). Like in verse 10, (for the language is the same), the colonists of Zidon (the Venetians, the Spaniards, the Portugese etc...) were to go to Chittim. Chittim we know when this prophecy was given, is Modern day Italy. The Hittite Empire extended into Greece and Italy and gave Italy its name “Cathay.” Daniel 11:30 speaks of the “Ships of Chittim.” These were the Romans. But when the prophecy was given, the Hittites were still there in Italy. God would not say “Romans” when the Romans did not dwell there yet. Also, since this prophecy is dealing with Europe, we know then that Chittim means Italy here and not China.

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“Behold the land of the Chaldeans; this people was not, till the Assyrian founded it for them that dwell in the wilderness: they [Assyrians] set up the towers thereof, they [Assyrians] raised up the palaces thereof; and he [the Assyrian] brought it to ruin.” (v.13). What an amazing prophecy of Europe. The land of the Chaldeans is of course Italy. As we have shown above, the Babylonians were taken by the Romans to Italy, then eventually became the dominant race, and took over the Empire. The modern day Babylonians are the Italians. The Assyrians of course are the Germans/Austrians (read of booklet Germany in Prophecy for details). This could not refer to the book of Genesis in the days of Nimrod. The Assyrian did not establish Babylon. Nimrod was a Cushite, not a Semite, hence not from Asshur. He founded Babylon first, then went out and founded Assyria, in this prophecy it is the opposite:

“And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.
“He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.
“And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.
“Out of that land went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah,
“And Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same is a great city.” (Gen 10:8-12).

Verse 11 the marginal reading is the more accurate, Clarke’s Commentary says, “The marginal reading is to be preferred here. He - Nimrod, went out into Assyria and built Nineveh; and hence Assyria is called the land of Nimrod, Mic 5:6. Thus did this mighty hunter extend his dominions in every possible way. The city of Nineveh, the capital of Assyria, is supposed to have had its name from Ninus, the son of Nimrod; but probably Ninus and Nimrod are the same person. This city, which made so conspicuous a figure in the history of the world, is now called Mossul; it is an inconsiderable place, built out of the ruins of the ancient Nineveh.” (emphasis added). So it’s reasonable to say that Isaiah 23:13 is NOT speaking of Genesis, but of another event that took place, the Assyrians founded the land of Chaldea, establish it, and then brought it to ruin.

Who was the Assyrian (German/Austrian) who founded Italy? Victor Emanuel II (Vittorio Emanuele Maria Alberto Eugenio Ferdinando Tommaso; 14 March 1820 – 9 January 1878) was the King of Piedmont, Savoy, and Sardinia from 1849 to 1861. On 17 March 1861, he assumed the title King of Italy to become the first king of a united Italy, a title he held until his death in 1878. The Italians gave him the epithet Father of the Fatherland.

He is of the “House of Savoy.” This family descended from Humbert I, Count of Sabaudia (Umberto I “Biancamano”), (1003–1048 or 1048). Humbert’s family are thought to have originated from near Magdeburg in Saxony, with the earliest recording of the family being two 10th century brothers, Amadeus and Humbert (see “Savoy”. Catholic Encyclopedia. New York: Robert Appleton Company. 1913.). Magdeburg in Saxony, is the capital city of the Bundesland of Saxony-Anhalt, Germany, is situated at the Elbe River and was one of the most important medieval cities of Europe. Emperor Otto I, the first Holy Roman Emperor, lived during most of his reign in the town and was buried in the cathedral after his death.

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Of course also with marriages with Austrians, Victor Emanuel is Assyrian through and through.

On March 17, 1861, the kingdom of united Italy was proclaimed at Turin, capital of Piedmont-Sardinia, in a national parliament composed of deputies elected from all over the peninsula and the 1848 Statuto extended to all of Italy. Victor Emmanuel became the new country’s first king. Victor Emanuel had become a universal symbol of the Italian Risorgimento (the Resurgence), the movement pushing towards the unification of Italy.

“The people was not” means, they “had no existence as a recognized nation” (JFB Commentary). The Italian peninsula became known as a mere “geographical expression” as divided into eight parts: Lombardy, Modena, Naples-Sicily, Parma, Piedmont-Sardinia, Tuscany, Venetia and the Papal States under the control of different powers, said Count Metternich, Europe’s leading statesman in 1814. This meant that “Italy, unlike France or England, was not a nation. It was simply a group of principalities occupying a space known as the Italian peninsula. This was true until Italy became a single undivided nation in 1870” (From “Geographical Expression” to European Power, historians.org, emphasis added). “Till the Assyrian founded it for them” as God says, King Victor Emanuel United and become its first King.

Now the latter end of verse 13 says, “...they [Assyrians] set up the towers thereof, they [Assyrians] raised up the palaces thereof; and he [the Assyrian] brought it to ruin.”

When Italy was finally united in the 1870, the Risorgimento said, “Now that we made Italy, we must make Italians” (The History of Nations: Italy, p.169). This began the late-nineteenth century Risorgimento “nation building” in the Italian peninsula. “The main task now was to integrate and standardize institutions, so that the new kingdom could become a genuine nation state” (Italy: A Short History, Harry Hearder, p.198). Building projects like The Vittoriano in Rome, honoring King Victor Emmanuel and celebrating the unity of Italy. The decision to build it was reached in 1878, shortly after the king’s death that year.

Now, the Bible says that “He [the Assyrian] brought it to ruin.” At the end of World War Two, Italy was in ruins. It was all because of the Assyrian, Hitler. The Axis powers of Italy, Germany, and Japanese, brought the Allies together to destroy this axis, or else the whole world would be under Nazi control. Italy fell because Germany was the power behind it. Germany was the strength of Italy in World War Two.

It is because of this German Italian axis that the Assyrian/German Hitler brought it to ruin. The Germans declared Rome an “open city” meaning the occupying power would no longer defend it, and was in retreat.

“Howl, ye ships of Tarshish: for your strength is laid waste.” (Isaiah 23:14). Again, the end of World War Two when Rome and Berlin fell, God tells Japan to howl, for their strength, two-thirds of the Axis of powers collapsed.
“Mountains, on which the woman sitteth.”

These kingdoms are portrayed as Mountains. *Mountains rise, peak, and then fall.* The Lateran Treaty allowed the Catholic Church to again commit fornication with the nations of the world. It was a church/state marriage. Rome is the city of the Pope! It remains that way, even till this day. The Roman Catholic Church has been continuously identified with that city. As “The most definitive Catholic encyclopedia since Vatican II” declares: “...hence, one understands the central place of Rome in the life of the Church today and the significance of the title, Roman Catholic Church, the Church that is universal, yet focused upon the ministry of the Bishop of Rome. Since the founding of the Church there by St. Peter, Rome has been the center of all Christendom” (Our Sunday Visitor’s Catholic Encyclopedia (Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division, 1991, p. 842).

The *Catholic Encyclopedia* states: “It is within the city of Rome, called the city of seven hills, that the entire area of Vatican State proper is now confined.” (*The Catholic Encyclopedia* (Thomas Nelson, 1976), s.v. “Rome.”). It imposed its will on the 6th head of the beast by the World War Two by concordats.

Concordats are “... an agreement between the Vatican and a foreign state. Since the Vatican claims to be a country, these accords are supposed to be as binding as international treaties — yet also to exist on a higher plane and possess a ‘spiritual’ dimension: ‘A concordat refers to a cordial agreement, a union of wills, the successful meeting of hearts and minds in Christian harmony.’” (Concordat Watch).

As mentioned above, “The Lateran Treaty signed between Mussolini and the Pope was the *beginning of the reign of the Pope and the Papacy to take its place among the kings of the earth once again.* Signing concordats is an ‘old practice of making agreements...with nations...’”(Hitler, the War and the Pope, Ronald J. Rychlak, p.35).

Pope Pius XII wrote of this treaty, “...as a result of the Lateran Pacts....*like a new dawn of brotherly union* in religious and in *civil INTERCOURSE* had its beginning with these pacts” (ibid, p.39, emphasis added). By these treaties they commit fornication with the Kings of the Earth. History reveals it was the Pope’s power (the woman) that allowed Hitler and Mussolini to gain power.

“In 1929 the long wait finally paid off when Mussolini proved willing to enter an alliance with the Vatican. A precondition of the negotiations was destruction of the parliamentary Catholic Italian Popular Party. Pius XI disliked political Catholicism because he could not control it. Like his predecessors, he believed that Catholic party politics brought democracy into the church by the back door. *The demise of the Popular Party caused a wholesale shift of Catholics into the Fascist Party and the collapse of democracy in Italy.* A few years later the Pius would follow the same concordat strategy with Hitler to disband the democratic Catholic party there. *Eliminating the Catholic Centre-right party helped give Hitler the majority he needed in the last free election before he shut down German democracy.*” (Concordat Watch, emphasis added).
The Catholic Church was also pulling the strings during the time, “Catholic Franz von Papen, the second in command to Hitler, put the essence of the Hitler-Vatican alliance very succinctly in these words: ‘The Third Reich,’ he said, ‘is the first power which not only recognizes, but puts into practice, the high principles of the Papacy.’” — Avro Manhattan, The Vatican Moscow Washington Alliance, Ozark Books, (quoted in Sydney Hunter, Is Alberto for Real, Chick Publications, pp. 42, 43).

Mussolini too, according to Pius XI, “For today Rome considers the Fascist regime the nearest to its dogmas and interest. We have not merely the Reverend [Jesuit] Father Coughlin praising Mussolini’s Italy as ‘a Christian democracy,’ but Civiltà Cattolica, house organ of the Jesuits, says quite frankly... ‘Fascism is the regime that corresponds most closely to the concepts of the Church of Rome.’” (Pierre Van Paassen, Days of our Years, Hillman-Curl, p. 465, emphasis added). It wasn’t just a Nazi-Fascist Empire. It was a Catholic empire as well.

Italian Empire at its Peak in 1940-41, including Savoy, Nice, Croatia, Dalmatia, Greece and Egypt (Italian Territory of Tientsin in China). Rome was the Capital of this Empire. In Axis with Germany and Japan, Rome was a global capital with worldwide influence. The “Rome-Berlin Axis” became a full military alliance in 1939 under the Pact of Steel, and the Tripartite Pact of 1940 fully integrated the military aims of Germany, Italy, and Japan. At their zenith in the midst of World War II, the Axis powers ruled empires that dominated large parts of Europe, Africa, East and Southeast Asia and the Pacific Ocean. The first Axis Capital, Rome fell in 1944. (Hakim, Joy (1995). A History of Us: War, Peace and all that Jazz. New York: Oxford University Press).

But “Mussolini was liberated by the Germans...then set up as the head of a puppet German state in Northern Italy while German troops moved in and occupied much of the rest of the country.” (World History, Volumes 1-2 By William J. Duiker, Jackson J. Spielvogel, p.747). Mussolini lived in northern Italy until his capture and execution, on April 28, 1945, along with his mistress, Claretta Petacci, by military forces of the Italian Resistance, and his reign came to an end in 1945.

Adolf Hitler killed himself by gunshot on 30 April 1945.

The treaties all came to an end when the two leaders of those treaties Mussolini and Hitler died.

Now the 6th head is on the downward slide of the Mountain, “one is” it still exists today. The EU is the German Nazi Plan “B.” but a much weaker empire, on the verge of collapse.

“the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.” (Rev 17:10). The 7th and final resurrection of the Empire, the 7th mountain is going to take shape. When NATO and the EU (the potter’s clay of Daniel 2) collapse, the final rise of the Empire (Iron and the Miry clay Daniel 2) will begin, and then, the woman will once again ride the beast. She will sign a concordat with the beast.

Currently, “The lady of kingdoms” is a “widow” due to the death of Mussolini and Hitler. But that will not remain, she says, “I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of
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children:”’ (Isaiah 47:8). An unholy marriage with the beast will happen once again with Germany.

Isaiah 23 reveals when this woman will begin to be political and make concordats with the nations once again.

**70 Year Time Span**

“And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as an harlot.” (Isaiah 23:15).

In “that Day” means the day when the ships of Tarshish howl because their strength is laid waste. The death of Mussolini and Hitler, and the dissolving of the axis powers which occur in April 1945

It says “Tyre” shall be “forgotten” for “seventy years.” This 70 year span is “according to the days of one king” David said, “The days of our years are threescore years and ten;” (Psalm 90:10). The time span of a man, and so it is added in the Septuagint version, “as the time of a man.”

So during the time when the war came to an end in April 1945, 70 years would pass and Tyre would be “forgotten.” The Pulpit Commentary explains it perfectly, “i.e. ‘shall cease to occupy men’s thoughts, as a factor in politics—shall pass out of their calculations, and count for nothing.’” (emphasis added). The Vatican has not had the power it once had during the Holy Roman Empire, nor the power it regained during the days of the Axis Powers in World War Two! Many do not regard the Vatican as a player in politics in this modern era, but the prophecies say that is going to change after 70 years.

Notice the power it was stripped of in the past:

“...temporal power [to the Pope] [and] was restored on a miniature scale (1929), by MUSSOLINI...The Pope is again a Sovereign in his own LITTLE KINGDOM” (Halley’s Bible Handbook, pp.771-772, 782, emphasis theirs).

“Among the political results which followed, Rome was declared the capital of the Kingdom of Italy. *The Papal States were now merged in the Kingdom, and the political sovereignty of the Pope was abolished*— September 20, 1870....Italian annexation of the Papal States in 1870 put an end to the temporal power of the Holy See, which had been exercised for more than 1,000 years.” (Outline of Christian history, A.D. 50-1880 By Joseph Henry Allen, p.145; Eureka: Papal See, emphasis added).

Pope Gregory started his Papacy in September 3.a.590 A.D. He continued to build the Papacy till 610 A.D. At 1260 years we get to 1850-1870! Exactly a time times and half a time as the Bible prophesied! From Gregory the Great to Pius IX. In October 2, 1850 the victors held a plebiscite. The inhabitants of the Papal States voted to join the Italian republic. Officially it was over in 1850. But it took till 1870 to dismantle its rule totally!
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After World War Two the Vatican does not have the political power it once had. The Bible says that is all about to change after 70 years.

The Harlot sings again

“after the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as an harlot.” (Isaiah 23:15).

What does singing songs mean in prophecy?

Jesus said about the evil generation in his day, “But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows, “And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented” (Matthew 11:16-17). Preaching the Gospel is likened unto playing music.

Paul said about the Gospel, “But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. “But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.” (Romans 10:16-18). The word “sound” in the Greek means, “phthoggos; fthong’-gos; From G5350; utterance, that is, a musical note (vocal or instrumental): - sound.” (Strong’s # 5353). Jesus preached the Gospel to them, and they did not respond to it, they did not “dance.”

And what is the Gospel? In the Gospel of Mark it says, “Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,” (Mark 1:14). The gospel or good news about the coming Kingdom or government of God that will come when Jesus returns to this earth, and rules and reigns in Jerusalem, and the whole world.

Tyre will sing, but not the true Gospel, but “another Gospel” which is not another, but a perverted Gospel of Christ, see Galatians 1:6-7. A version filled with the doctrines of men, and with the Babylonian Religion, masquerading as the Gospel of Jesus, but really is the Babylonian Mystery Religion. She will sing as a “harlot.” The image of a Harlot is commonly used as a metaphor for false religious worship (Isaiah 1:12; Ezekiel 16:15).

The Vatican claims that the Pope is the “Vicar of Christ” on Earth, and that the “Despite these texts the clergy accepted titles of honour and claimed authority and power: the Church saw itself as Christ’s kingdom on earth, and claimed a share in Christ’s power.” (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy; Medieval Political Philosophy, emphasis added). The Pope stood for Christ on earth, and the Holy Romans Empire was the Kingdom of God on this earth. This is the false gospel being sung by the Harlot, Vatican City- the city of Tyre.

This will be the message-the song to restore the Holy Roman Empire, the Kingdom of God on this earth once again, and the Pope will be its King. When signing concordats with the nations it can bring about the Kingdom of God in those nations, meaning Papal policy, to enforce Canon Law, meaning the Papacy’s laws.
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“Take an harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered.” (Isaiah 23:16). The nations will take notice once again as the Vatican being a real power in the world, involving itself in world politics.

Then God says, “And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that the LORD will visit Tyre, and she shall turn to her hire, and shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth.” (v.17).

John writes, “...I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

“With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

“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.

“And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

“And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH” (Rev 17:1-5). This is Tyre! The Bible prophecies for the end time speak of only one city, not two, so one can only come to the conclusion that Tyre and Babylon are one and the same city. The language of the prophecies is the same. The peoples are the same, so Tyre and Babylon are the same!

The whole world will drink the “wine of her fornication” which are her idolatrous doctrines received by the kings of the earth, see Hosea 4:9-13.

She is arrayed with “purple” and “scarlet” symbols of Sin (see Isaiah 1:18). Gold and Jewels means she is rich.

The “golden cup” is the cup filled with wine, she makes nations to drink. That wine is her idolatrous doctrines, commandments and doctrines of men, not God. Her will of executing church law, and fulfill the will of the Pope. What she did in the past she wants to do in the future, including merging with the state as in the days of the glory of the Empire.

One more concordat with the Beast will occur yet again in the future to ratify the rise of the Holy Roman Empire.

But it also says, “and shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth.” After 70 years she shall commit fornication, civil unions, concordats will all kingdoms not just the beast. The beast she rides and unites with will be the most important and dominate one, but she makes concordats with others as well after 70 years. Doe she gain so much power making unions with other nations that the beast power takes notice, and cannot help but join with the Harlot? That seems to be what the Bible indicates.
70 Years

The war ended in 1945. The deaths of the two Kings of the 6th head of the Beast Mussolini and Hitler were in April of that year.

A year in the Bible is 360 days in prophecy not 365 the way we count time. 1945 plus 70 years of 365 days brings us to the year 2015. But it’s 360 days, when it comes to the Bible. 360x70 years is 25200 days. This brings us to April 2014! The Bible says “after” the 70 years, the harlot will sing once again. And she has!

Recently, in the summer of 2014, “The pope sent an extraordinary letter to both Obama and Castro over the summer. The letter ‘gave us greater impetus and momentum for us to move forward,’ the administration official said… Pope Francis was instrumental in facilitating the normalization of relations between the United States and Cuba, a senior White House official said Wednesday.” (Evan McMorris Santoro, Buzz News, Dec 17, 2014).

These negotiations will, “As pope, Francis would have real diplomatic capital and connections within Havana.” (Max Fisher, Vox, Dec 17).

“This is Francis’s first major diplomatic accomplishment since he became pope in 2013” (Ibid).

CNN also reports that, “President Raul Castro said the teachings of Pope Francis had persuaded him not only to take a softer line on religion, but perhaps to return to the Catholic Church and begin worshipping again as he once did, growing up in Jesuit schools.” (By Eliott C. McLaughlin, CNN, May 11, 2015, emphasis added).

Another source says, “A senior administration official said that the appeal from the Pope was very rare and unprecedented.” (Time Zeke J. Miller, article, “How Pope Francis Helped Broker Cuba Deal”). Very “rare” indeed, The Harlot has stepped out and is becoming more involved in Politics, and will seek to commit fornication, church/state unions with the nations once again to bring about their false doctrine of the Kingdom of God, meaning church policies and laws in the nations around the world.

The harlot now is beginning to commit fornication with the nations of the world. Look for more to come, and eventually to sit on the beast once again for the 7th and final resurrection of the Roman Empire. When the EU collapses—the 6th head of the beast, and the 7th head rises, the Catholic Church, Vatican City will join the beast and become a church/state government once again and dominate the world. But God will judge her, and destroy her finally (Rev 17:16-17). The beast will turn on her and destroy her and she will know more influence the nations with her false satanic doctrines. Prophecy is fulfilled right in front of our eyes, and the work of the church is to show the world what is happening in this world today and warn the nations of the Israel what will happen unless they repent.