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Emperor Constantine Was the First Pope!!

Caesar is Pope!!

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And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth **conquering**, and to **conquer**. (Revelation 6:2-3).

This is a description of the 1st of the 4 deadly horseman of the Apocalypse. It is a description of Emperor Constantine going forth to conquer the entire Roman world.

All the great prophecies in the Book of Revelation began to be fulfilled with the reign of Emperor Constantine. Before the battle of the Milvian Bridge outside Rome in 312 A.D., Constantine claimed to have seen a cross in the sky with this inscription: IN HOC SIGNO VINCES or IN THIS SIGN CONQUER. He immediately had the Roman eagle replaced by the cross on his battle standards.



IN HOC SIGNO VINCES
or IN THIS SIGN
CONQUER.

Constantine claimed to have seen a cross in the sky with the words: IN HOC SIGNO VINCES or IN THIS SIGN **CONQUER**.

The cross and the words IN HOC SIGNO VINCES or IHS became the battle standard of the Papal Roman Empire.

Constantine's division of the Empire into 2 halves was the fulfillment of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel chapter 2.



The cross is the one indispensable MARK of the Papal Roman Empire.

Emperor Constantine began to fulfill Bible prophecy when he founded a new capital for the Roman Empire in Constantinople.

Pagan Rome ended and Papal Rome began with the CROSS!!

Imperial Rome became PAPAL Rome on October 28, 312 A.D., when Constantine exchanged the eagle for the cross:

And not only so, but he (Constantine) also caused the sign of the salutary trophy to be impressed on the very shields of his soldiers; and commanded that his embattled forces should be preceded in their march, not by golden eagles, as heretofore, but only by the standard of the cross. (Eusebius, *Life of Constantine*, p. 545).

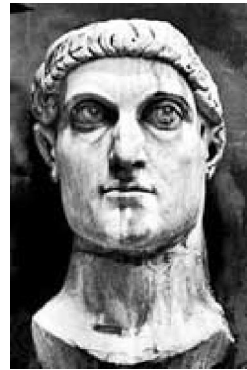
He would have been much better off if he had kept the eagle, because God is referred to as an eagle in the Old Testament, but you will never find the word **CROSS** in the Hebrew Old Testament . . . or the Greek New Testament.

Emperor Constantine was the first Pope!!

Emperor Constantine was a GIANT whose iron legs bestrode the vast Roman Empire from east to west....By founding a new capital at Constantinople, he divided the Empire into 2 halves, and actually fulfilled the prophecy in Daniel chapter 2 of the division of the Empire into East and West.



Insignia of Pagan and Papal Rome.



Pope Constantine (306-337).

1 (Babylon)
 2 (Persia)
 3 (Greece)
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The Bible Code!!

Emperor Constantine was born Flavius Valerius Constantinus at Nis on Feb. 27, 280, in what is now Serbia, son of the commander Constantius Chlorus (later Constantius I) and Helena, a prostitute and Balkan barmaid. Constantius became co-emperor in 305.

Following the example of his father, and earlier 3rd-century emperors, Constantine in his early life was a solar henotheist, believing that the Roman sun god, Sol, was the visible manifestation of an invisible "Highest God" (*summus deus*), who was the principle behind the universe. This god was thought to be the companion of the Roman emperors. Constantine's adherence to this faith is evident from his claim of having had a vision of the sun god in 310, while in a grove of Apollo in Gaul.

As a youth Constantine was sent to the palace of the infamous Roman Emperor Diocletian to learn the tricks of the trade as they say. At that time, Christianity was growing by leaps and bounds throughout the Empire. The Christians were outstanding citizens but the Emperors saw them as a threat to the Empire for ONE reason: they refused to acknowledge the divinity of the Emperors or call Caesar "lord."

During the early days of Rome, the people hated kings. Rome was a republic. This human divinity idea came from the Pharaohs. Egyptian rulers were considered gods by their subjects, and when Julius Caesar conquered Egypt, he brought this *idea* back to Rome.

Emperor Diocletian was actually just 1 of 4 Caesars because the Empire began to **SPLIT** in two during his reign.



Emperor Diocletian (245-311).
 Reigned from 284 to 305.

Emperor Diocletian began the last great pagan persecution in which most of the history of early Christianity was destroyed.

In Diocletian's days the Roman Empire began to **SPLIT** in 2 according to the predictions of the prophet Daniel.



Diocletian's palace in **SPLIT**, Croatia.

Beginning in the year 303, the pagan Roman Empire made one last great attempt to exterminate Christianity. This persecution, under the Emperor Diocletian, began on the 23rd of February (303 A.D.), that being the day the Roman Terminalia was celebrated, and the cruel pagans boasted that they would finally put a termination to Christianity

Diocletian began by sacrificing to the pagan gods to make his war against the Christians a success:

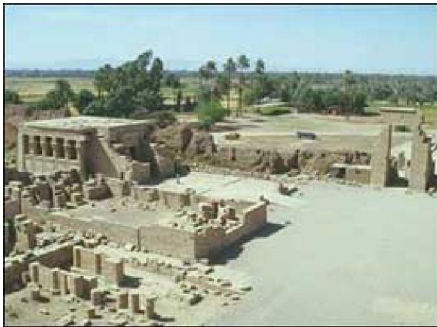
. . . In the first, while Diocletian was sacrificing in public, the chief interpreter of the victims' organs reported that he could not read the future in them because of the hostile influence of

Christians standing around. Diocletian burst into a rage, insisting that all in his court should offer sacrifice, and sent out orders to his army to follow suit. (Ramsey MacMullen, *Constantine*, p. 24).

The local demons having failed him, Diocletian then consulted the most powerful shrine of augury and divination in the world. This was the Oracle of Apollo in Delphi, Greece. His priests brought him back more bad news: it quit working too....This caused him to fly into an uncontrollable rage and he ordered the holocaust to commence immediately.

Monuments to the power of the Risen Christ!!

All over the Old World, shrines of divination like these stopped working after the Resurrection of Christ. Apollo was another name for *Sol Invictus* or the sun god.



Temple of Hathor at Dendera, Egypt, was a major site of divination and worship of the Egyptian cow goddess.

Shrines of divination stopped working throughout the Roman Empire due to the restraining presence of Christians.

Satan was FURIOUS . . . and so was the pagan priesthood due to the massive loss of revenue from their dupes.



The Oracle of Apollo at Delphi, Greece.

Real Christians would NEVER build churches or houses of worship over pagan shrines. This was strictly prohibited by the Bible. The very ground was polluted with blood offered to demonic images.

Many of Satan's most powerful demons could no longer operate after the Resurrection of Christ. Many of them *emigrated* to the New World and found a refuge there....In the following centuries, Pope Constantine's system made sure that no missionaries reached the New World inhabitants with the Gospel of Christ.

Emperor Diocletian's 10 year persecution of Christianity

Beginning in the year 303, the Roman Empire launched a persecution against Christianity which lasted 10 years. It is called the last great pagan persecution of the Congregation.

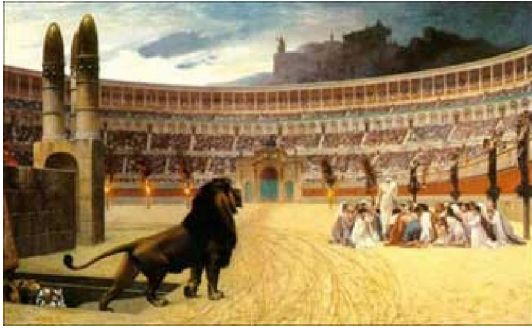
Fire, racks, swords, wild beasts, crosses, poison and famine were made use of to kill the Christians. Invention was exhausted to devise tortures against those who would not deny Christ and acknowledge Caesar as "lord" and burn incense to his image.

The lives of Christians during that time consisted of persecution *above ground* and prayer *underground*. This is known in history as the *era of the martyrs*.

The main target of the pagans was the New Testament . . . and the histories of Christ....All of the great books portraying the Mount of Olives as the site of the Resurrection were systematically destroyed.

Even the books written by pagan authors were destroyed because they would reveal a lot about the doctrines and practices of the Apostolic Congregations.

There were millions of Christians and many of them had copies of the New Testament. Only about 5,000 manuscripts have survived from that time and the oldest is dated around 350 A.D.

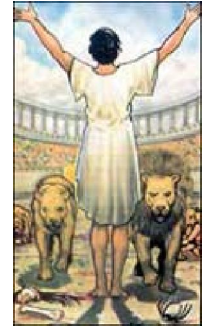


Christian martyrs facing death in the Coliseum.

The last great pagan persecution was aimed at the bodies . . . and BOOKS . . . of the Christians.

Most of the history of the first 3 centuries of Christianity was completely destroyed.

Only about 5,000 copies of the Greek New Testament survived.



Christian martyr in the arena.

Eusebius tells us that there were *innumerable* histories of the *Life of Christ* written by the Christians. Only *one* account survived this persecution. If any had survived we would have known exactly *when* Jesus was born:

Hence by recent authors also, there are, as I have said, **demonstrations without number**, which we may carefully read, very able and clear, written in argumentative form in defense of our doctrine, and not a few commentaries carefully made upon the sacred and inspired Scriptures, showing by mathematical demonstrations the unerring truthfulness of those who from the beginning preached to us the word of godliness. (*Preparation for the Gospel*, Bk. I, ch. III, p.7).

Rome was systematically destroying Christian history so that the next generation of believers would have no idea what their parents believed. Jesus said that the Christians were the salt of the earth and the light of the world:

Ye are the salt of the earth . . . Ye are the light of the world. (Matthew 5:13-14).

With the removal of the salt and light through persecution, the world became a very dark place. This is what St. Paul was referring to when he refers to the let or hindrance that was holding back the manifestation of the Antichrist system:

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away *first*, and that man of sin be revealed the son of perdition . . . and now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. (II Thessalonians 2:3-6).

Even Eusebius was imprisoned and it is a miracle that any of his writings have survived. His close friend and mentor, Pamphilus, was martyred during this time.

Emperor Constantine "rescued" the Christians from persecution!!

The idea of a Roman Emperor "rescuing" Christians from persecution seems incongruous but that is exactly what happened. Emperor Constantine defeated his rival Maxentius at the Battle of the Milvian Bridge and proclaimed religious toleration for all.

Constantine was always very ambiguous when he mentioned *the divinity* that he served....This was done to gain favor and acceptance with pagans and Christians in order to unite them with his new ecumenical religion whose sign or symbol was the cross.



Battle of Milvian Bridge outside Rome in 312 A.D.

With the defeat of Maxentius— Roman Emperor in the West— Constantine began to merge Christianity with paganism.

His triumphal arch mentions *The Divinity* as giving him victory . . . it says nothing about JESUS!!



Arch of Constantine in Rome.

Here are the words on his triumphal arch in Rome translated from Latin:

To the Emperor Caesar Flavius Constantinus, the greatest, pious, and blessed Augustus: because he, inspired by *the divine*, and by the greatness of his mind, has delivered the state from the tyrant and all of his followers at the same time, with his army and just force of arms, the Senate and People of Rome have dedicated this arch, decorated with triumphs.

With the defeat of Maxentius, Constantine was master of the entire Western Roman Empire and he began to fix his gaze eastward....The Emperor of the East was named Licinius, and Constantine was determined to eliminate his rival and be sole master of the Roman world.



Emperor Licinius (250-325).
Reigned from 311 to 324.

This so-called first "Christian" Emperor waged savage warfare by land and sea to be sole Emperor of Rome.

Licinius was murdered along with his son, even after he surrendered to Constantine, with a promise to spare his life.



Tapestry of the sea battle between Constantine and Licinius.

Byzantium was renamed Constantinople

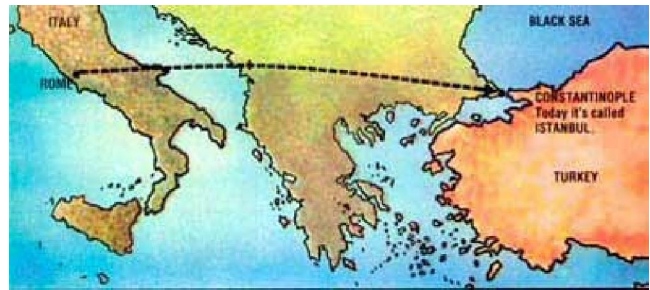
After Constantine became sole master of the Empire in 324, he decided to build a new capital for the Roman world. The city that he chose was an ancient Greek city called Byzantium, and was situated on a strategic and well fortified location on the Black Sea.

Little did Constantine realize that his actions would split the Roman world in two and fulfill Bible prophecy.



Today the city is called Istanbul.

Constantinople—the New Rome—soon became a rival to Old Rome in splendor and riches.



Constantinople became the new capital of the Roman Empire.

It was called the New Rome and mirrored the Old Rome in many respects with its own Senate House and violent public entertainment.

The New Rome was a lot like the Old Rome. "Bread and circuses" was the watchword for the Old Rome and Constantine made sure that the population was well fed and well entertained.

This dividing of the Roman world by Constantine did not take the Almighty by surprise. As a matter of fact, He had already predicted it 800 years beforehand

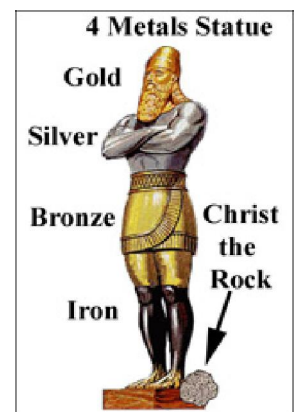


4 world empires of Daniel chapter 2.

The king of Babylon had a dream in which he saw all of world history from his day to the end of time.

Daniel the Prophet interpreted the dream for him, as a colossal statue composed of 4 different metals, representing 4 successive world empires.

The legs of iron represented the *divided* Roman Empire.



4 metals statue of Daniel chapter 2.

King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had a terrifying nightmare but when he awoke he couldn't remember the dream.

None of his astrologers or "wise men" could be of any help because they were all charlatans and fakes.

Daniel the Jewish prophet, who was a captive in Babylon, came to the rescue and told the king his forgotten dream . . . and its interpretation:

Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.

And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. (Daniel 2:37-40).

Notice that the 4 empires follow one another in SUCCESSION and there is no gap or break between them.

The MYTH of the Fall of the Roman Empire!!

The Holy Bible is the only book in the world where the future is given in ADVANCE....None of the founders of the major world religions dared make any prophecies about what will come to pass in the future, because they were all charlatans and fakes, like the "wise men" of Babylon.

Most children in school are told that the Western Roman Empire fell to the barbarians in 476 A.D., and that the Eastern Roman Empire (Byzantine) fell in 1453 A.D. It is a DOGMA that is held as firmly as the moving earth.

A British author named Edward Gibbon (1737-1794), greatly perpetuated this myth in his massive tome entitled: *The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*. Gibbon ended the Western Empire in 476 and the Eastern Empire in 1453.

It is a MYTH and falsehood because it contradicts the infallible Word of God.



Pope Julius I (337-352).

Emperor Julius I was the next to assume the purple after Constantine.

His palace was the basilica of St. John Lateran built by the order of Constantine himself.



Basilica of St. John Lateran.

The highest office in the pagan pantheon was that of *Pontifex Maximus* or Supreme Pontiff....This was held by the Roman Caesars. The last Caesar to hold that title was Emperor Gratian who conferred it upon Pope Damascus.



Emperor Gratian (359 - 383).
(Reigned from 375 to 383).

Emperor Gratian conferred the title and the office of *Pontifex Maximus* on Pope Damascus.

This shows the *unbroken continuity* between pagan and Papal Rome.

With the total destruction of Christian history, it was easy to associate the Papacy with St. Peter.



Pope Damascus I (305 - 384).
Reigned from 366 to 383.

About 12 "Emperors" ruled from Rome until the last one, Romulus Augustulus, abdicated in 476. However, these "Emperors" were merely figureheads or puppets who answered to the Papal dynasty.

There were several barbarian invasions of Rome, but the Papal dynasty continued to rule the Western or Latin Empire right down to our own time....Even the Roman Catholics admit that Rome never fell when they claim an unbroken succession of pontiffs right back to St. Peter.

Moscow is the successor of Constantinople!!

According to the prophecy in Daniel chapter 2, the Roman Empire would be divided into 2 halves, and both halves

would continue unbroken until the end of time.

Constantinople—headquarters of the Eastern Empire—fell to the Turks in 1453, but the Orthodox church found a new home in Moscow.

The Eastern Empire is derisively referred to as the BYZANTINE Empire meaning shady or characterized by intrigue; scheming or devious. As Old Rome's main rival, we know who was the author of that appellation.



Constantine XI (1449-1453).
Last Roman Emperor of
Constantinople.

Old Rome was fighting vainly with her eastern rival for centuries.

Finally, in 1453, she used the Moslem Turks to conquer Constantinople.

The Orthodox empire moved to Moscow, and Moscow became known as the 3rd Rome.



Sultan Mehmed II (1449-1481).
Conqueror of Constantinople.

The Almighty, who sees all things in advance, had a new home for the Orthodox church in Russia.



Zoe Palaiologina (1455-1503).
Wife of Ivan from 1472 to 1503.

Zoe Palaiologina was the niece of Emperor Constantine XI.

In 1472, she married the Grand Duke of Moscow, Ivan III.

Due to her influence, Moscow became the 3rd Rome, and depository of the Orthodox faith.



Ivan the Great. (1440-1505).
Reigned from 1462 to 1505.

Due to her family traditions, she encouraged imperial ideas in the mind of her husband, Ivan. It was through her influence that the ceremonious etiquette of Constantinople (along with the imperial double-headed eagle and all that it implied) was adopted by the court of Moscow.



Double headed imperial eagle.

The double-headed eagle was adopted by Ivan III after his marriage with the Byzantine princess Zoe Palaiologina, whose uncle Constantine XI, was the last Byzantine Emperor.



Russian coat of arms.

We shouldn't fail to mention that the Julian calendar was imported to Moscow from Constantinople, as well as the Greek based Cyrillic alphabet.

Editor's Note

After the discovery of the New World by John Cabot. The Latin church also gained vast new territory with the Portuguese and Spanish conquests of the New World.

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