

1322 AD – THE AVIGNON PAPACY KEPT CHANGING ITS GODS

“Hath a nation ever changed their gods?

Which are yet no gods.

But my people have changed their glory

for that which doth not profit.” (Jeremiah 2:11)

HISTORY

The Catholic Encyclopedia describes **the opulent lifestyle of the Pope and his court** when they took up residence in the sunny town of Avignon in the south of France:

The popes were followed to Avignon by agents (factores) of the great Italian banking-houses, who settled in the city. They acted as money-changers, as intermediaries between the Apostolic Chamber and its debtors, living in the most prosperous quarters of the city, which was known as the Exchange. A crowd of traders of all kinds brought to market the products necessary to the maintenance of a numerous court and of the visitors who flocked to it; grain and wine from Provence, from the south of France, the Roussillon, and the country around Lyons. Fish was brought from places as distant as Brittany; cloths, rich stuffs, and tapestries came from Bruges and Tournai. We need only glance at the account-books of the Apostolic Chamber, still kept in the Vatican archives, in order to judge of the trade of which Avignon became the centre.¹

Dr. Nelson, Emeritus Professor of Medieval History, University of Kansas, says the Avignon papacy was **corrupt, greedy, and insensitive**:²

The papal court was generally believed to be entirely corrupt and the pope was considered a puppet of the French king. The papacy's reputation suffered because of its inability to reform itself, to bring an end to the 100 Years' War, or to provide sacraments during the Black Death. The last was particularly damaging, since the papacy in Avignon had declared that the sacraments were necessary to salvation. When the Black Death struck, however, the clergy were not able to minister to all of the dying or to bury them

¹ <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/02158a.htm>

² <http://www.vlib.us/medieval/lectures/avignon.html>

in consecrated ground, which meant -- according to the Church itself -- that those dead whom it had failed to help were destined to spend eternity in Hell. The church was generally seen as greedy and insensitive, so people turned to mysticism, the national churches, and secular leadership.

Numerous popes were appointed in Avignon. A number of popes were appointed, referred to by Catholics as 'anti-popes', which were later regarded as illegitimate. The political infighting over who should be pope, where the pope should hold court, and the frequent changes in pope these struggles produced are the subject of the prophecy in Jeremiah 2 v 11 (see below). In seven decades there were seven official popes and many anti-popes.

PROPHECY OF JEREMIAH 2 V 11

"Hath a nation ever changed their gods?"

The LORD mocks this Catholic 'nation'. They appoint a man as a supreme being and believe he has divine powers – yea, even to ex-communicate and cast mortals into hell – or forgive sins in an imaginary place he has invented called 'purgatory' - what other can this man be than their god? Yet, this nation – the Avignon papacy in particular – changes its popes/gods regularly. This is not something seen even among pagans – who assign a single deity to each place – a god who holds sway over the people in that place forever.

Not only do the Catholics change popes – but they also changed their seat – from Rome to Avignon. How dull is the level of spirituality – how great is the darkness – that church members can't see this is all carnality and works of men – nothing spiritual about it.

"Which are yet no gods at all"

The pagans worship idols of wood and stone – who cannot speak. And here are the Catholics – bowing to a religious idol – a pope – who does speak – but he is no god at all – because he catches illness and falls into his grave dead.

"But my people have changed their glory"

The inheritance of the saints of Rome was the teaching of the Apostles – who saw the resurrected Jesus Christ – raised from the dead – who is eternal God and LORD over all. Yet, in spite of this heritage of glorious truth – the Catholics have changed the way of salvation into a

marketable service of the administration of sacraments by a priest. This is the most pathetic situation – to have the Truth which men from all time have sought – and then trade it for a lie.

“for that which doth not profit.”

Here are these sleazy churchmen wheeling and dealing indulgences and appointments for a price – but these things they love have no spiritual merit. Even their religious works have no spiritual merit. They convocate at set times, and offer ‘services’, and minister sacraments in temples, and hear confessions, and make public prayers, and so on. None of that has any spiritual merit. None of that profits a man who wants to know God – who can only approach God by hearing the gospel of Jesus Christ – and believing he died and rose again – once for all – to pay the price in his own blood – death on the Cross – for the remission of sins. Salvation is by grace through faith **‘not by works lest any man boast’** (Eph. 2:9)

SPIRITUAL NUMBER ANALYSIS

For a mind that has wisdom please read on. See truth from another perspective.

PART ONE

Jeremiah **2 v 14** is the **18,997th** verse in Scripture.

The number **18,997 = 121 x 157**

The spiritual meaning of **121** is ‘Watchman’ or ‘Darkness Exalted’³

The spiritual meaning of **157** means ‘Chosen People’.

A pope is a man ordained by men to be their spiritual leader and guide. All popes are ‘Darkness Exalted’ because the act of ordination contradicts the commands of Christ not to appoint men to rule over you: **‘And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant’** (Matt. 23:9-11). Ordination requires an oath of office. This breaks another commandment of Christ: **‘But I say unto you, Swear not**

³ The number 121 = 11 squared. The number 11 means ‘Mystery’ or ‘Darkness’. When any spiritual number is squared – its essence is ‘exalted’. So, a Watchman for the LORD looks into the night – to see what the LORD sees (Daniel 7:13). The darkness has no power over the Watchman because he sees in the dark. But – if a Watchman is set over the House of the LORD – like a Pope who is appointed for political reasons - who has no spiritual eyes to see – then ‘Darkness is Exalted’ because it has power over the Watchman.

at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne' (Matt. 5:34). Such children of disobedience as Popes are not the ones to be put in positions of authority over saints.

PART TWO

Jeremiah **2 v 14** is the **1,322nd** verse of the Prophets starting at Isaiah **1 v 1**.

The number **1,322 = 2 x 661**

The spiritual meaning of **2** is 'Division'

The spiritual meaning of **661** is 'Grasping for Riches'.

True riches are in Heaven. They are enduring and precious. The things of this world are passing away. Yet the popes of Avignon were notoriously corrupt. They involved themselves in all manner of worldliness, politicking, and striving to obtain posts of authority and wealth on earth. What the spiritual numbers are saying is by doing so the pope's own hopes of true riches in Heaven are 'Divided' – or dashed to pieces.

PART THREE

The spiritual number **1322** means 'Ruler of Religious Slaves in Darkness'.