

TEXT - Revelation 6

### **Summary or Theme or Main Idea**

Corrupt religion allies itself with corrupt government, and persecutes the saints  
Jesus Christ judges and destroys the corrupt religion and government, and preserves the saints

Corrupt religion allied with corrupt government will be centered in Rome  
Rome will be symbolized, including by calling it Babylon

Rome, Perverse and Powerful, Persecutes the Saints  
Christ, Pure and Prevailing, Protects the Saints

### **Connection with Our 1689 Confession**

1689.26.3

The purest churches under heaven are subject to mixture and error; and some have so degenerated as to become no churches of Christ, but synagogues of Satan; nevertheless Christ always hath had, and ever shall have a kingdom in this world, to the end thereof, of such as believe in him, and make profession of his name.

Revelation 18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

-here our confession interprets Revelation's Babylon as a church so degenerated as to become no church of Christ, meaning the Roman Catholic Church under the pope

- "Rome Papal" or "Rome Pontifical"

Revelation 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

-here our confession interprets the seed of the woman as being the faithful Christians upon whom the devil is making war

1689.26.4

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of the church, in whom, by the appointment of the Father, all power for the calling, institution, order or government of the church, is invested in a supreme and sovereign manner; neither can the Pope of Rome in any sense be head thereof, but is that antichrist, that man of sin, and son of perdition, that exalteth himself in the church against Christ, and all that is called God; whom the Lord shall destroy with the brightness of his coming.

1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

2 Thessalonians 2:2-4 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. 3 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; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

If, in Revelation, any symbol is pointing to the antichrist or man of sin, our confession connects that to the pope of Rome.

### **Four schools of thought - When will these things happen?**

Partial Preterist

Futurist

Idealist

Historicist

Rome Pagan, Rome Papal; or

Rome Pagan, Rome Christian, Rome Antichristian

Revelation 1:1-3 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: 2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. 3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

## **Some of My Sources**

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pagan religion allies itself with corrupt civil government

true Christianity tries to

corrupt Christianity