

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

Too Pooped to Pope

I read or listen to the news with a Christian worldview and, especially, an ear for how things are corroborating centuries old Bible prophecies regarding the last days. Each week I present my findings as a Prophecy Update.

A few weeks ago we talked about the unusual decision by Pope Benedict to resign effective February 28. He cited health reasons that leave him too pooped to pope.

Turns out there is something called the Prophecy of the Popes; it's also known as the Malachy Prophecies. Malachy, an Irish saint and the archbishop of Armagh, who lived from 1094 to 1148, is attributed with a vision of the last 112 popes from which he created a prophetic list. He named with a descriptive phrase each pope in succession from Celestine II, who was pope from 1143-1144, to the present day. His predictions have been eerily accurate.

Malachy described the last pope as “Petrus Romanus,” or “Peter the Roman,” writing: “In the final persecution of the Holy Roman Church there will reign Peter the Roman, who will feed his flock among many tribulations; after which the seven-hilled city will be destroyed and the dreadful Judge will judge the people.”

In 1880, M. J. O’Brien, a Catholic priest, published in Dublin a book providing a “historical and critical account” of the prophecy of St. Malachy regarding the succession of the popes.

O'Brien understood that Malachy's prophecy was declaring that in the reign of the pope identified as Petrus Romanus the end of the world would come, culminating in Jesus Christ descending to earth for Judgment Day.

The next Pope may very well be a Peter. In the period known as *sede vacante*, when there is no sitting Pope, the Chamberlain for the Vatican serves as head of the Roman Catholic Church.

Pope Benedict appointed Cardinal Tarcisio Pietro (Peter in English) Chamberlain of the Holy Roman Church April 4, 2007. He will be in charge until the College of Cardinals attending the upcoming Papal Conclave in the Sistine Chapel select a new Pope.

He might become more than an interim Pope. Pope Benedict has made decisions that indicate Pietro could be, or at least once was, his choice for successor.

Working alongside Pietro, Benedict appeared to be "stacking the deck" in Pietro's favor January 6, 2012, when he named 22 new cardinals. Most are Europeans, primarily Italians, already holding key Vatican positions.

As a result, Europeans currently number over half of all cardinal-electors, 67 out of 125. Nearly a quarter of all voters in the conclave will be Italian and, thus, pro-Pietro.

<http://www.wnd.com/2013/02/final-pope-already-running-vatican/>

I'm not saying Pietro will be selected Pope; nor am I saying we should believe the extra-biblical prophecies of Malachy that specify the next Pope will be the last Pope before the Second Coming of Jesus.

But don't you find it interesting that the Revelation of Jesus Christ specifies that there will be a false religious system in the last days headquartered in Rome, the city of seven hills, and that its leader will be killed and Rome itself will be destroyed?

As always, the news of the day can be said to parallel the prophecies in your Bible.

We're not looking to Rome. Our gaze is heavenward as we expect the imminent return of Jesus Christ, prior to His Second Coming, to resurrect and rapture the church.

If Jesus were to come right now, are you ready? If not, get ready, then stay ready and keep looking up. ***Ready or not, Jesus is coming.***