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11:37 Neither shall he [neo-pagan Revolutionary France] regard the God of his fathers, [Goddess of Reason; Revolutionary France turned away from European Christianity] nor the desire of women [wives; easy divorce was introduced by France and the family was indermined], nor regard any god [atheism]: for he [neo-pagan Revolutionary France] shall magnify himself [neo-pagan Revolutionary France; the state made supreme] above all [the state is a god in atheistic political theory].

11:37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the marriage relation, nor regard any god: for hel shall magnify himself above all.

For Lamson's comments See verse 36

Atheistic France

Neither shall he regard the "god" of his fathers

This kingdom brings on a new god (Goddess of Reason) See Dan. 8:4; 11:3; 1842 JoLPREX2 90.1; 1841 JoL APEC 96.2; 96.3.

Nor the desire of women

This kingdom does away with the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman, making a law where any 2 persons might marry. It's "homosexual" June 6, 1794 abolished marriage covenant 1842 JoLPREX2 93.1

"Sacrament of Adultery" said a witty actress

Nor regard any "god"

<u>regard</u> = to observe or to hold in respect or esteem; to observe with religious attention

This kingdom is "atheistic"

Never did the Papacy not regard any god, although their religion was false, they still regarded "a god"

This verse proves it cannot be the Papacy

So this power, this kingdom, does not regard the God of his fathers. Around the time period of 1798, the papacy did not disregard the god that his fathers regarded since they were still worshiping the same as they always had. They had no new God or new religion; however, France did.



France, tired of the papacy, did away with religion altogether and became atheistic. An entire chapter titled, "The French Revolution" in the Great Controversy covers this history. Continuing on it says, "nor the desire of women." According to Deuteronomy 21:11, when a man has a desire of a woman; that entails marriage. The kingdom of France is homosexual. They have no desire to marry women. They want to marry the same sex. The Catholic priests have the desire for woman. They have raped nuns through the years. In the last, maybe two decades, there have been found



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aborted babies, hidden in the convents. It's also known that priests are molesting, not just boys, but they are molesting girls—they have the desire for women. Priests were not allowed to marry so the pope could collect the priest's money—these priests had money—if they were married, the money would go to the wife instead. The Church made it a law that the priests could not marry. But in the last several years, they have reversed the law so priests can marry. Verse 37 is not in reference to the Catholic priests, but to the homosexuals of France.

Father Josh: A married Catholic priest in a celibate world

by Tim Sullivan, The Associated Press People

Catholic leaders approve proposal that would allow some married men in the Amazon to be ordained as priests









According to Great Controversy, page 270, paragraph 1, no other nation defiled the institution of marriage more than that of France. ("Intimately connected with these laws affecting religion, was that which reduced the union of marriage... which any two persons might engage in...") And she compares them to homosexual (Gen 19:4) Sodom and Gomorrah. France made a law that any two persons of the same sex could get married.



But before they lay down, the men of the city, [even] the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: Gen 19:4

And seest among the captives a beautiful woman, and hast a desire unto her, that thou wouldest have her to thy wife; Deut 21:11

GC 270.1- France presented also the characteristics which especially distinguished Sodom. During the Revolution there was manifest a state of moral debasement and corruption similar to that which brought destruction upon the cities of the plain. And the historian presents together the atheism and the licentiousness of France, as given in the prophecy: "Intimately connected with these laws affecting religion, was that which reduced the union of marriage—the most sacred engagement which human beings can form, and the permanence of which leads most strongly to the consolidation of society—to the state of a mere civil contract of a transitory character, which any two persons might engage in and cast loose at pleasure. . . . If fiends had set themselves to work to discover a mode of most effectually destroying whatever is venerable, graceful, or permanent in domestic life, and of obtaining at the same time an assurance that the mischief which it was their object to create should be perpetuated from one generation to another, they could not have invented a more effectual plan that the degradation of marriage. . . . Sophie Arnoult, an actress famous for the witty things she said, described the republican marriage as 'the sacrament of adultery.'"—Scott, vol. 1, ch. 17. {GC 270.1}

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Notes

DAR 294.2-297.1

"VERSE 37. Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. {1897 UrS, DAR 294.2}

The Hebrew word for woman is also translated wife; and Bishop Newton observes that this passage would be more properly rendered "the desire of wives. This would seem to indicate that this government, at the same time it declared that God did not exist, would trample under foot the law which God had given to regulate the marriage institution. And we find that the historian has, unconsciously perhaps, and if so all the more significantly, coupled together the atheism and licentiousness of this government in the same order in which they are presented in the prophecy. He says:- {1897 UrS, DAR 294.3}

"Intimately connected with these laws affecting religion was that which reduced the union of marriage - the most sacred engagements which human beings can form, and the permanence of which leads most strongly to the consolidation of society - to the state of a mere civil contract of a transitory character, which any two persons might engage in and cast loose at pleasure, when their taste was changed or their appetite gratified. If fiends had set themselves at work to discover a mode most effectually destroying whatever is venerable, graceful, or permanent in domestic life, and obtaining at the same time an assurance that the mischief which it was their object to create should be perpetuated from one generation to another, they could not have invented a more effectual plan than the degradation of marriage into a state of mere occasional cohabitation or licensed concubinage. Sophie Arnoult, an actress famous for the witty things she said, described the republican marriage as the sacrament of adultery. These anti-religious and anti-social regulations did not answer the purpose of the frantic and inconsiderate zealots by whom they had been urged forward." - Scott's Napoleon, Vol.I, p.173. {1897 UrS, DAR 294.4}

"Nor regard any god." In addition to the testimony already presented to show the utter atheism of the nation at this time, the following fearful language of madness and presumption is to be recorded:- {1897 UrS, DAR 295.1}

"The fear of God is so far from being the beginning of wisdom that it is the beginning of folly. Modesty is only the invention of refined voluptuousness. The Supreme King, the God of the Jews and the Christians, is but a phantom. Jesus Christ is an impostor." {1897 UrS, DAR 295.2}

Another writer says:- {1897 UrS, DAR 295.3}

"Aug.26, 1792, an open confession of atheism was made by the National Convention; and corresponding societies and atheistical clubs were everywhere fearlessly held in the French nation. Massacres and the reign of terror became the most horrid." - Smith's Key to Revelation, p.323. {1897 UrS, DAR 295.4}

"Hebert, Chaumette, and their associates appeared at the bar, and declared that God did not exist." - Alison, Vol.I, p.150. {1897 UrS, DAR 295.5}

At this juncture all religious worship was prohibited except that of liberty and the country. The gold and silver plate of the churches was seized upon and desecrated. The churches were closed. The bells were broken and cast into cannon. The Bible was publicly burned. The sacramental vessels were paraded through the streets on an ass, in token of contempt. A week of ten days instead of seven was established, and death was declared, in conspicuous letters posted over their burial places, to be an eternal sleep. But the crowning blasphemy, if these orgies of hell admit of degrees, remained to be performed by the comedian Monvel, who, as a priest of Illuminism, said;- {1897 UrS, DAR 295.6}

"God, if you exist, avenge your injured name. I bid you defiance! You remain silent. You dare not launch your thunders! Who, after this, will believe in your existence? The whole ecclesiastical establishment was destroyed." - Scott's Napoleon, Vol.I, p.173. {1897 UrS, DAR 295.7}

Behold what man is when left to himself, and what infidelity is when the restraints of law are thrown off, and it has the power in its own hands! Can it be doubted that these scenes are what the omniscient One foresaw, and noted on the sacred page, when he pointed out a kingdom to arise which should exalt itself above every god, and disregard them all? {1897 UrS, DAR 297.1}

2Peter 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what [is] the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

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Stephan N Haskell, 1908, The Story of Daniel, pg. 275

Having enthroned the "Goddess of Reason," France passed laws which clearly reveal the result of such worship. The two institutions which date back to Eden, and which are inseparably connected with the worship of Jehovah, were defamed. The week was changed by a decree so as to completely abolish all resemblance to former times, and for a brief space France rested one day in ten instead of observing the weekly Sabbath. The law of marriage was repealed, and that safeguard to society completely disregarded.

1897 Uriah Smith, Daniel and the Revelation, pg. 267

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Additional Notes

VERSE 37

"The God of his father's"; France was previously Catholic. A system of worship France had vigorously supported before the time brought to view here in verse 37. Having taken the pope captive, they had now rejected that religion entirely.

"The desire of women"; the Hebrew word for woman is also translated wife; this passage then is more accurately rendered as "the desire of wives". France made substantial changes to the marriage institution, making divorce simple and allowing for all manner of abhorrent unions. In so doing they trampled under foot the laws which God had given to regulate the marriage institution.

They "divided the land for gain" by confiscating the vast land holdings of the Catholic Church and the nobility; breaking them into smaller parcels and auctioning them off. Two-thirds of the land property in the kingdom was disposed of in this way. When the Reign of Terror and the French Revolution terminated, out of the ruins arose Napoleon Bonaparte.

"Nor regard any god". This could not be said of any Christian or Catholic based power, as they necessarily honor a God in heaven. France prohibited all worship of *any* god or gods, allowing only for the worship of "liberty" and "country".

VERSE 37

The power brought to view in this verse continues in the line of the French Monarchs, as has been the case since verse 30. Three peculiar features must appear in the power which fulfills verses 37-39. (1) It must assume the character described near the beginning of the time of the end (atheism). The French Revolution began in 1792 and the deadly wound marks the end of the 1,260 years of persecution in 1798. The "time appointed" (verse 35) was the termination of the 1,260-year prophecy. (2) It must be a willful power (3) it must be an atheistic power. Perhaps the two latter specifications might be united by saying that it's 'willfulness would be manifested toward atheism'. The French Revolution answers to the specifications indicated in the prophecy; the papacy has never been an atheistic system. "Neither shall" Revolutionary France "regard the" Christian "God of his father's". France became an atheistic nation. Nor shall he regard "the desire of women"; easy divorce was introduced, the family was undermined and licentiousness prevailed. Nor would he "regard any god". France magnified itself "above all" gods. In atheistic political theory, the state itself is a god.