

## Daniel 11:36, 37 Magnify himself above every god

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**Dan 11:36** And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and **magnify himself above every god**, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

**Dan 11:37** 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.

**SOURCE:** Christopher Marcellus, *Oration in the Fifth Lateran Council, Session IV (1512)*, in *Mansi SC, Vol. 32, col. 761*. Latin.

For thou art the shepherd, thou art the physician, thou art the director, thou art the husbandman; finally, thou art another God on earth.

**SOURCE:** Pope Leo XIII, *Encyclical Letter "The Reunion of Christendom," dated June 20, 1894*, trans. in *The Great Encyclical Letters of Pope Leo XIII (New York: Benziger, 1903)*, p. 304.

We [the pope] hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty.

**SOURCE:** Lucius Ferraris, "Papa," art. 2, in his *Prompta Bibliotheca ("Handy Library")*, Vol. 6 (Venetiis [Venice]: Gaspar Storti, 1772), p. 26. Latin.

Hence the Pope is crowned with a triple crown, as king of heaven and of earth and of the lower regions [*infernorum*].

"The Pope is of so great dignity and so exalted that he is not a mere man, but as it were God, and the vicar of God. ...

"The Pope is crowned with a triple crown, as king of heaven and of earth and of the lower regions. ...

"The Pope is as it were God on earth, sole sovereign of the faithful of Christ, chief of kings, having plenitude of power, to whom has been intrusted by the omnipotent God direction not only of the earthly but also of the heavenly kingdom. ...

"The Pope is of so great authority and power that he can modify, explain, or interpret even divine laws. ...

"The Pope can modify divine law, since his power is not of man but of God, and he acts as vicegerent of God upon earth with most ample power of binding and loosing his sheep.

"Whatever the Lord God himself, and the Redeemer, is said to do, that his vicar does, provided that he does nothing contrary to the faith"

(translated from Lucius Ferraris, "Papa II," *Prompta Bibliotheca, Vol. VI, pp. 25–29*).