

## The Papacy

Monsignor Capel, who was private chaplain to Pope Pius IX., in a pamphlet entitled, “The Pope; the Vicar of Christ; the Head of the Church,” gives a list of titles and appellations that have been given the pope in various church documents, and from this list we select the following:—

“Most Divine Head of all Heads.”

“Holy Father of Fathers, Pontiff Supreme over all Prelates.”

“The Chief Pastor; Pastor of Pastors.”

“Christ by Unction.”

“Melchizedek in Order.”

“High Priest, Supreme Bishop.”

“Key-Bearer of the Kingdom of Heaven.”

“Supreme Chief; Most powerful Word.”

“Vicar of Christ.”

“Sovereign Bishop of Bishops.”

“Ruler of the House of the Lord.”

“Apostolic Lord and Father of Fathers.”

“Chief Pastor and Teacher and Physician of Souls.”

“Rock, against which the proud Gates of Hell prevail not.”

“Infallible Pope.”

“Head of all the Holy Priests of God.”

“Chief of the Universal Church.”

“Bishop of Bishops, that is, Sovereign Pontiff.”

These titles, and many others equally blasphemous, including “The Lion of the Tribe of Judah,” the pope receives as his own by right. In our own enlightened age, this title has been given to Pope Leo XIII., by his servile flatterers, in whose eyes “His Holiness” is a divine being. No other power on earth has ever so opposed and exalted itself against all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that the pope sitteth in the temple of God, “setting himself forth as God.” 2 Thess. 2:4, revised version.

(E. J. Waggoner, *Prophetic Lights: Some of the Prominent Prophecies of the Old and New Testaments, Interpreted by the Bible and History*, Oakland, California: Pacific Press Publishing Company, 1888, 91)