

Mystery Babylon The Mother of Harlots



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Who Is This Treacherous Woman

Below we have listed some verses out of Revelation 17 which will enable the reader to identify the clues provided by God to show who this woman is. The fact that we are dealing with a woman who according to Revelation 13 desires to be worshipped reveals that it will be a religious system.

Revelation 17:1-6, 9,15,18

1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS

AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

Let's see how The Vatican in Rome today resembles this Babylon:

"And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." (Rev 14:8)

No authority on earth has interacted with the world and it's political systems more then the Vatican. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. (Rev 16:19) God will someday destroy spiritual Babylon with great anger because of its great wickedness.

"And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters" (Rev 17:1)

The Vatican (The Great Whore) is the religious system involved in deceiving the world; "many waters" refers to the nations of the world, the worldwide system of false religion controlled by one city, yet covering the entire earth. None other than the Vatican is involved in the ecumenical movement and religious tolerance and unity. Today the call is for "humanity" not Christ "Unity" and not separation from the world religions. This is the call of the Catholic Church of today.

"With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication" (Rev 17:2)

Religious fornication is the term God uses for a fallen entity that claims to be Christian but in reality is a traitor of everything that God ordained.

"So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns" (Rev 17:3)

The woman is the Catholic Church with its unity with fallen Christians and false religions of the world, supported by the antichrist. The "scarlet beast" is the power of the united governments under one ruler that will rule the world. This ruler (AntiChrist) will use this "Whore" to get power and to unite the world, yet in the end both will fall.

"And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication" (Rev 17:4)

Who else but the Catholic Church dresses in purple and scarlet, the colors of royalty. The golden cup is exactly what the Pope uses for the mass.

"And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. (Rev 17:5)

"Mystery" is "hidden" "not known to the world for a while". The Catholic Church and it's organized religion is the worst of all the worlds false religions. It appealed to all religions for unity and they all look towards her. The Catholic Church even declared that Islam today is an Abrahamic faith and Muslims today see the Catholic Church

honoring Islam. Even the Pope is seen kissing the Quran for the whole world to see. This is indeed an abomination.

"And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration" (Rev 17:6)

For a thousand years before Martin Luther there has always been an "Anti-Catholic" movement which was always separate from Catholicism and never even called themselves Protestants, or even persecuted Jews. Like the Jews in Europe millions of these Christians were put to death by burning and drowning. These believers were separate from "Protestants", a term which was way later attached to those excommunicated from the Catholic Church. These Christians who literally followed the Jewish Bible and paid for it by dying in the millions. Innocent III murdered far more Christians in one afternoon than any Roman emperor did in his entire region. The great historian Will Durant writes:

Compared with the persecution of heresy in Europe from 1227 to 1492, the persecution of Christians by Romans in the first three centuries after Christ was a mild and humane procedure. Millions of Christians were burnt at the stake by the Catholic Church, a cup of abominations that deserves the Biblical verses mentioned in scripture "drunken of the blood of the saints and the martyrs of Jesus" (Rev 17:6). St. Thomas Aquinas said: "They [Christians] have merited to be excluded from the earth by death."

"And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth" (Rev 17:9)

Rome today is called the city of seven hills and the Vatican (The Woman, Harlot) sits in Rome even until today.

"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities (Rev 18:4-5)

We need to separate ourselves from the Catholic Church and any ecumenical movement related to her. Today we see many denominations falling right into the Catholic Church's grip calling for unity and "tearing down the walls" which calls for destroying denominations intended to keep the Church intact.

Which Religious System

- a. Controls multitudes, nations and tongues?
- b. Has seduced kings and inhabitants of the earth. Is arrayed in purple and scarlet?
- d. Is bedecked with silver and gold? ,
- e. Is drunk with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus? Sits upon seven mountains?
- g. Is a great city reigning over kings?

Unless the reader is, willfully ignorant it becomes obvious that the religious system herein described has to be the great church of Rome; the so-called eternal city of seven hills.

But Notice Revelation 17:15 describes her as a Mother, with harlot daughters.

If the mother is an illegitimate church, so also will be the daughters. A scant study of all protestant denominations will reveal that they actually came from the womb of Rome.

When Martin Luther was inspired by God to spawn the reformation it was a true revival. However, the followers of Luther instead of being led by the Holy Spirit into further light denominated on Luther's message and gave birth to another organization. In such a way the first daughter was born and in the same manner every successive

daughter came about.

Each church mixed their creed with God's Word and like the mother strayed from God's direct leadership to become a dead illegitimate organization. By the time of the Lord's return Rome and her adulterous daughters are seen to have formed into a vast system able to control politics, religion and commerce.

From such the true 'Bride of Jesus Christ will have to separate and heed the call of Revelation 18:4. "Come out of her my people and be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

WHY.ARE.WE.NOT.A.DENOMINATION? 58-0927

Quote- Now, now here's your shocking point. You say, "Well, you ain't hitting me, Brother Branham." But let me just ask you something. Let's go right back now to the 5th verse. And upon her head was... written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF ABOMINATIONS,... (or)... THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. What was she? W-h-o-r-e. And she was a m-o-t-h-e-r. What? M-o-t-h-e-r, she had begotten something. A mother of sons? Of harlots. What is a harlot? Same thing as a--as a whore: immoral woman. What made her immoral? Her doctrine.

She was pretending to be a Christian church, but was giving out manmade dogma. And here she said that she had... If she was the first organization, then seems like there's some organizations come out of her. She was the mother of harlots. Is that right? A mother of harlots. Couldn't be a mother now of boys. Couldn't be a mother of... It had to be mother of women. And if they were women, they were churches. Now, let's find out. What come out of the...

What was the first organization? Catholic church. What was the second organization? Luther. What was the third organization? Zwingli. What'd it come on down to? Calvin. And then it come into Anglican, and the Anglican on down into Methodist. The Methodists, what'd the Methodists produce? Out of there come Alexander Campbell. And out of Alexander Campbell come John Smith; out of Alexander Campbell was the Christian church, then they had four or five Church of Christ and all those other little isms run out.

Then here come the Baptist church, it had a lot of little pull outs. And out of the Methodist church come--out of the Methodist church come, first come, the Wesleyan Methodist, then they broke off four or five times. Then they come to another type of Methodist, and then they come off again, then they come to the Free Methodist. And--and then they come from that to the Nazarene. And from the Nazarene to the Pilgrim Holiness, and the Pilgrim Holiness on down. Just little "isms" running out like that, keep running on down, each one of them little--little starters back there, come right on down. And what did every one of them do? They finally wound up in Pentecost.

And what did Pentecost do? The same thing their mammy did; they went right back and organized. And what'd it become? A--a denomination. Walk into one; the first thing, "What's your doctrine?" Boy, they comb you with a fine-tooth comb (See?), to find out what you are, what you believe. And if you don't just tally right up with them, brother, you're excommunicated right now. And that's right. And don't think just because you say you're Pentecostal that you're secured. Brother, there'd be just as many Pentecost's off the road as there is on the road, I'm sure. See?

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Revelation 13:16-18. "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or, sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred, threescore and six."

ARE YOU PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST OR PART OF THE SYSTEM ?

If your faith is founded entirely on the Word of God, you are part of Him.

Matt. 4:4. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

WHAT IS THE SYSTEM? INSCRIBED IN THE VATICAN ARE THE LATIN WORDS WHICH TRANSLATED MEANS Instead Of The Son Of God

Imagine the blasphemy of a man, whether priest or pope, to claim to stand before the people "instead of the Son of God." The second chapter of II Thess. describes him well:

II Thess. 2:4. "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. "

It becomes even more enlightening when one understands the numerical value of this blasphemous title.

There are no u's in the Roman language, just v's and the value of these numerals in this title totals 666! It is on this throne that the anti-christ will one day reveal himself.

Let us not be blind, it is-not by-chance that the major religious movements of today are leaning more and more to Catholicism. It is not by chance that the charismatic movement is becoming an adhesive to cement together Catholicism, Pentecostalism, and liberal Protestantism. It is not by chance that the Anglican church is trying to amalgamate with the Roman Catholic Church. Nor is it by chance that we have World Council of Churches with their one-world church thrust.

Though it is all very spiritual and much activity is taking place, remember the scriptures speak of two churches, one very large and illustrious and one very small and humble.

Don't be fooled for there is no such thing as "unity and being one" as far as God is concerned unless it is unity around the Word of God. In this hodge-podge, Catholics are still Catholics and each other respective church holds to their creeds with equal tenacity. There is little regard for basic scriptural fundamentals such as holiness, place of women, correct water baptism, error of infant baptism, and many others. In this mock revival the one dispensable element is the Bible itself.

I must also mention that scripture nowhere points to a vast end-time revival nor do they teach that the Living Saints at the time of his second coming will be any great number. (Luke 18:8) When the Son of Man cometh, shall he find faith on "the earth?" . . . Just as in Noah's day (Luke 1}26) God will speak to the Laodicean Church and will call out individuals QY his prophet to join Christ, (TH E WORD) on the outside of the church. Rev. 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and-he with me. " That faithful minority will represent His lovely but tiny end-time BRIDE.

Brothers and sisters please wake up to what is happening. We should all become increasingly alarmed. It is not our intent to offend the individual by this paper, but rather to warn everyone who claims faith in Christ to stay with the Word in these troubled times and to hearken to the voice of God's Prophet. (Rev. 10:7)

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