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## THE SCARLET HARLOT OF REVELATION

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Every Summer in Spain...There is excitement that fills the air at the beginning of the San Fermín Festival in Pamplona (Spain). The Town hall Square is jammed with celebrators! There is music, drinking and dancing for a week! Everyone brings out red scarves! The San Fermin Festival has worldwide fame. But the primary event that it is known for is the Pamplona bull run. The raucous cheering crowds watch as thousands of brave or crazy celebrators run with the bulls! Thousands risk their lives on this death defying run! Be careful the crowd you run with!

Eight bull runs. Thousands sprint down narrow streets. There are black and reddish-colored Miura bulls, the largest fighting bulls in Spain! It is a dangerous church tradition! Many are injured: some die! Do not follow man-made traditions that clash with God's Word! Be careful the crowd you run with! Be careful the church teachings and practices you run with! There are some man-made Church Traditions contrary to the Word of God!

But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? Matthew 15:3,9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. Are there some popular dangerous deceptions now in the Christian Church? Are there some popular church traditions that clash with the Ten Commandments of God? Sunday Observance Should you follow or run with those are trampling on the Sabbath?

"Come out from among them and be ye separate says the Lord."

2 Corinthians 6:16-17 CAN WE AGREE: SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF TODAY? "Come out of her My people." Revelation 18:4 Church = "the called out ones." COME OUT OF ANY CHURCH TEACHING ERROR. There is a call out and a call in for the last days!

For centuries a World-wide hoax has been deceiving millions. A mysterious power has been tampering with the pure teachings of the Word of God. Revelation reveals popular deceptions. Revelation reveals popular deceptions. "that serpent of old, ... deceives the whole world." Revelation 12:9 "The serpent deceived" Genesis 3:13

"He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs..." Revelation 13:13,14



What will lead the masses to worship the beast and thus receive the mark of the beast? DECEPTION: "Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast,..." Revelation 19:20

What is Jesus seeking to do for His Sheep in the last days? Jesus is the Good Shepherd who PROTECTS His own sheep! John 10:16, "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd. Jesus leads His sheep into the one fold in the last days to protect them from the wolves of false teaching. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep." John 10:11 Jesus is seeking to protect His sheep from false teachings!

"MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE."

1. JESUS died for His sheep.
2. JESUS loves His sheep.
3. JESUS owns His sheep.
4. JESUS speaks to His sheep.
5. JESUS feeds His sheep.
6. JESUS leads His sheep.

7. JESUS keeps His sheep.
8. JESUS carries His sheep.

#### THE BOOK OF REVELATION SPOTLIGHTS TWO WOMEN.

PURE WOMAN = BRIDE OF CHRIST. "And the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!'" Revelation 22:17. Who gives the loving invitation to come to Christ? The Bride of Christ, His Church.

Who will preach the truth in the time of the end? "Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." Revelation 14:12 If you keep the commandments of God, you will not be deceived!

#### THE OTHER WOMAN – THE SCARLET HARLOT OF REVELATION 17 & 18

How does God feel about churches that have compromised with the ways of the world? GOD USES STRONG LANGUAGE TO DESCRIBE UNFAITHFULNESS TO HIM. SPIRITUAL ADULTERY OR FORNICATION Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. James 4:4 NKJV

Have churches today become more worldly?

#### Corrupt woman = Corrupt Church

1. "... Played the harlot ... backsliding Israel committed adultery ... gave ... bill of divorce." Jer. 3:1, 8.
2. "As a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye." -- Jer. 3:20.
3. God says His chosen people broke His covenant, "although I was a husband unto them." Jer. 31:32.
4. "Played the whore." -- Eze. 16:28, 32.
5. Chapter on spiritual adultery. -- Eze. 23:1 - 49.
6. "Whoredom, departing from the Lord." -- Hosea 1:2.
7. "Adulteress ... look to other gods." -- Hosea 3:1.
8. "My people ... gone a whoring." -- Hosea 4:12.
9. "Israel ... hast gone a whoring from thy God." -- Hosea 9:1.
10. "Ye adulterers and adulteresses" [friendship with world] -- James 4:4.
11. "The great whore." -- Rev. 17:1.
12. "The whore." -- Rev. 17:15.
13. "The whore." -- Rev. 17:16.
14. "HER sins ... HER iniquities." -- Rev. 18:5.
15. "The great whore, which did corrupt the earth with HER fornication." -- Rev. 19:2



BWARE OF DANGEROUS, POISONOUS TEACHINGS THAT LOOK CHRISTIAN, BUT ARE MAN-MADE. Beware because false teachers in the past have "... poisoned their minds against the brethren." Acts 14:2

GOD GIVES THIS WOMAN A WARNING LABEL = "MOTHER OF HARLOTS" THE SCARLET HARLOT OF BABYLON IN REVELATION SYMBOLIZES CHRISTIAN APOSTASY FROM TRUTH.

What startling warning is to be preached around the world before Jesus comes again? Revelation 14:8 "And another angel followed, saying city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." What does it mean "Babylon is fallen"? Churches have fallen away from the Word of God, from the Truth, from the True faith of Jesus. "some shall depart from the faith." 1 Timothy 4:1

Did the Apostle Paul give the same warning? 2 Thess. 2:3,7 -- "A falling away", or departure from the true, original faith delivered to the saints. Paul warned: For this I know, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock (church). Acts 20:29. There would be a horrible apostasy in the church caused by false teachers. In the last days this apostasy would be the most pervasive and profound. Let us pray this short prayer: Dear Jesus, "Lead me in Your truth and teach me." Psalms 25:5

#### MYSTERY: BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS

WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF BABYLON? They were attempting to save themselves! It was based on man's works in opposition to faith in God. "That is why it was called Babel -- because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world." Genesis 11:7,8. How does a baby sound sometimes when it is trying to talk? BABYLON = CONFUSION! How is this babble or Babylonian confusion so pronounced today? There are almost 300 different denominations in North America. This is nothing short of extreme RELIGIOUS CONFUSION! 44 verses out of 404 verses in Revelation deal with Babylon. That's 11 percent! One out of every 9 verses concerns Babylon! Let us identify this woman in scarlet.

#### 12 CLUES to clearly identify the The "Babylon" of the New Testament

1. Rev. 17:1,5 A corrupt woman represents a corrupt church. The harlot woman of Revelation 17 represents a false system of religion.



MEDAL MADNESS? "In 1825, on the occasion of the jubilee, Pope Leo XII, struck a medal, bearing on one side his own image, and on the other, that of the Church of Rome symbolized as a 'woman,' holding in her left hand a cross, and in her right a CUP, with the legend around her, 'Sedet super universum,' 'The whole world is her seat.'" *The Two Babylons, By Alexander Hislop.*

2. Rev. 17:4 -- Clothed in purple, scarlet, precious stones & pearls = Represents the embodiment of worldly wealth and luxury (Contrast with the simplicity of the pure woman of Rev. 12). "Most of Rome's wealth has been acquired through the sale of salvation." "The Roman Catholic Church is by far the wealthiest institution on earth." *A Woman Rides The Beast, Dave Hunt, p. 75,76*

3. Rev. 17:3. – Seated on a scarlet beast with 7 heads and 10 horns = Related to the Dragon of Rev. 12 & the Leopard beast of Rev. 13. The beast upon which she rides represents the state. The woman (church) riding a beast is symbolic of the combining of the ecclesiastical power of church (the woman) and political power of the state (the beast). The Vatican City is the seat of the Roman Catholic Church, and since the Lateran Concordat of 1929 it is also an independent country, the epitome of Church and State combined. Their full title in Italian is STATO DELLA CITTÀ DEL VATICANO, as shown on the coin below from the pontificate of Pope Pius the 12th, which means: *The City-State of Prophecy*

4. Rev. 17:1, 15 – Seated also upon many waters = Enjoys the popular support of earth's multitudes.

5. Rev. 17:4 -- Holds cup with wine of her fornication = False doctrines and policies which deceives nations. *Can millions of wonderful people be misled?*

6. Rev. 17:5 -- Her name is 'Babylon, Mother of Harlots' = Inherits & perpetuates spirit of ancient Babylon. Only the Roman Catholic Church claims to be the "mother" of the Christian church.

7. Rev. 17:6 -- Drunk with the blood of the saints and martyrs. She opposes and persecutes the faithful. I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement. This is the spirit of ancient Babylon! During the Dark Ages to study the Bible was an offense punishable by death. *ANCIENT BABYLON PERSECUTED GOD'S PEOPLE ANCIENT BABYLON UNDER A CHRISTIAN CLOKE.*

8. Rev. 17:2 -- The kings of the earth have committed fornication with her = She lives in unlawful alliance with the political powers of the earth. "The Vatican is the only city which exchanges ambassadors with nations, and she does so with every major country on earth." Dave Hunt, p. 83 This is a clear violation of the U.S. Constitution!

9. Rev., 17:12,13,17 -- Is allied with, & receives support from, ten kings = Is supported by a confederacy of political powers of Europe. "And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth." Rev 17:18 NKJV

10. Rev. 17:18 -- Is the great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth = An unmistakable reference to Rome. Which city was reigning over the kings of the earth during the time when John saw this vision? "the woman" = "that great city" = Rome Rev 17:18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth. "The Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church historically claims authority over all secular rulers, and has exercised that assumed authority by deposing kings or queens who did not acknowledge the Pope's superior secular and ecclesiastical authority." Michael Scheifler But the angel said to me, "Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman (religious) and of the beast (political) that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. Rev 17:7 NKJV Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. Rev 17:9 NKJV

11. Rev. 17:3-9 -- Seven Mountains/Hills on which she sits = Which church is headquartered on city of 7 hills? "It is within the city of Rome, called the city of seven hills, that the entire area of Vatican State proper is now confined." The Catholic Encyclopedia.

12. Rev. 17:4; 18:16 -- Clothed in purple & scarlet = The ceremonial colors of the Catholic hierarchy & main colors of the attire of Cardinals. "The close-fitting, ankle-length robe worn by the Catholic clergy as their official garb.... The color for bishops and other prelates is purple, for cardinals scarlet...." The Catholic Encyclopedia "The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet,..." Revelation 17:4

#### Summary of these twelve points:

1. Apostate church
2. Wealthy church
3. Political and religious church
4. World-wide influential church
5. Teaches deceptive doctrines
6. Has many daughters or churches who left her, but are still teaching some of her errors.
7. Persecuting church
8. Political church
9. Supported by Europe
10. Roman church
11. Headquartered in "city of 7 hills"
12. Church whose official colors are scarlet and purple.



This is none other than the Mother Church – The Roman Catholic Church!

Who are these harlot daughter churches? They are the Protestant Churches who are still teaching some of her errors and creating some of their own!

## IT DOES MATTER WHAT WE BELIEVE! WHAT IS IN THE WINE CUP OF BABYLON?

1. Confession to an earthly priest.
2. Veneration of saints.
3. Mary as heavenly mediatrix.
4. Literalizing body of Jesus in mass.
5. Calling priest "Father" or "Reverend"
6. Rosary / Repetitious prayers.
7. Tradition above the Bible.
8. Penance / Salvation by works.
9. Purgatory.
10. Immortality of the soul.
11. Eternally-burning hell.



- Any church that teaches that when a person dies they go straight to heaven is part of Mystery Babylon and Jesus says "Come out of her My people." Rev. 18:4
- Any church that teaches that Sunday is the new Sabbath, the Lord's Day and not Saturday is part of Mystery Babylon and Jesus says "Come out of her My people." Rev. 18:4
- Any church that does not uplift all Ten of the Commandments is part of Mystery Babylon and Jesus says "Come out of her My people." Rev. 18:4
- Any church that teaches a Secret Rapture instead of only preaching the Second Coming of Christ in glory is part of Mystery Babylon and Jesus says "Come out of her My people." Rev. 18:4
- Any church that teaches that the Antichrist is yet to be revealed in the future and is not the Roman Papal Power is part of Mystery Babylon and Jesus says "Come out of her My people." Rev. 18:4
- Any church that teaches that we are not going through the tribulation is part of Mystery Babylon and Jesus says "Come out of her My people." Rev. 18:4
- Any church that teaches that the wicked are in hell fire now and will burn in a never ending hell fire is part of Mystery Babylon and Jesus says "Come out of her My people." Rev. 18:4

Powerful quotes from Catholic sources: "Reason and sense demand the acceptance of one or the other of these alternatives: either Protestantism and the keeping holy of Saturday, or Catholicity and the keeping of Sunday. Compromise is impossible." Catholic Mirror Dec. 23, 1893 Cardinal Gibbons "But from the Church's sense of its own power....People who think that the Scriptures should be the sole authority, should logically become 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists, and keep Saturday holy." Saint Catherine Catholic Church Sentinel, May 21, 1995.

Paul honored the Seventh Day Sabbath: "And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures." Acts 17:2

If we reject the Sabbath after hearing the truth: "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. Matthew 15:3,9 Many are repeated the sins of the past religious leaders: "Her priests have violated my law, ...and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them." Ezekiel 8:26

Will most people accept the straight truth in the last days? For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." 2 Tim. 4:3,4

What should I do if I discover I am in a church teaching error? **COME OUT OF ANY CHURCH TEACHING ERROR. WE ARE EITHER IN ONE OR THE OTHER! THE REMNANT OR MYSTERY BABYLON OF HARLOTS OR FALSE CHURCHES.** There is a call out and a call in for the last days! God calls us out of every church except the one that is preaching the Three Angel's Messages! Jesus loves His sheep so much that He is leading them to the "One Fold" of His Remnant. **JESUS SAID: "FOLLOW ME."** Down through the ages most have always rejected God's call to step out of majority and join with the minority standing for the truth. Tell Jesus: "I will walk in Your truth." Psalms 86:11

My Decision for Jesus:

1. I surrender to Jesus Christ with all my heart.
2. I believe Jesus is leading me into truth.
3. I believe that Jesus desires me to keep all Ten Commandments by faith in Him.
4. I want to be baptized soon.
5. I believe that Saturday is the true Sabbath.