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Babylon The Mother Of Harlots Rev. 17:1-6

The Bible is clear about the world coming under a one world government, a marriage of politics and religion and John gives to us some important details about this coming global event.

It will ultimately end up with the destruction of the religious and commercial system of Babylon.

* Both the religious and commercial system of Babylon will be destroyed at the end of the first 3 1/2 years of the tribulation. Rev. 17-18

So we want to look more closely at the religious woman Babylon from three perspectives. Rev. 17:1-6

- **I.** The judgment of the woman. vs. 1-2
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- III. The character of the woman. vs. 5-6

I. The judgment of the woman. vs. 1-2

- **A.** The vision of John revealed that an angel came to him, "Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me." <u>vs.</u> <u>1a</u>
 - 1. The angel was one of the seven angel who had the seven bowls. Rev. 16:1

- **a.** The word for angels "aggolos" means a messenger or envoy, appearing 76 time in the book of Revelation.
- **b.** The context will determine if it indicates a man or angel, 8 are used to indicate the ministers or pastors of the seven churches. Rev. 1:20; 2:1, 8, 12, 18; 3:1, 7, 14
- c. When used for literal angels it is very evident being identified in different ways, "strong angel", "ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands", "four angels holding the wind", "an angel from the east to harm the earth and the sea", "seven angels were given seven trumpets", "angel having a golden censer to offer incense before the throne", etc.
- 2. Angels are messengers to God's people.
 - **b.** An angel told Abraham not to slay his son. Gen. 22:11-12
 - **c.** The angel Gabriel revealed to Daniel the 70 Weeks prophecy. Dan. 9:21-23
 - **d.** An angel delivered Peter from prison. Acts 12:7
 - **e.** Scriptures tell us angels are ministering spirits to the heirs of salvation. Heb. 1:14
- **3**. Angels are God's soldiers of justice.
 - **a.** A Cherub protected the Garden after the fall that Adam and Eve not return and be

- tempted to eat of the tree of life and live eternally separated from God. <u>Gen. 3:24</u>
- **b.** Two angels went down to Sodom and Gomorra to warn Lot and his family before God rained down fire and brimstone. Gen. 19
- **c.** One angel went out and slew 185,000 Assyrians in one night. 2Kings 19:35
- **B.** The vision of John revealed the judgment of the great harlot by the angel, "saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters. vs. 1b-d
 - **1.** The phrase, "Come, I will show you", appears three times. <u>vs. 1b-c</u>
 - a. To see the church in heaven. Rev. 4:1
 - **b.** To see the great harlot judged. Rev. 17:1
 - **c.** To see the bride, the Lamb's wife and the New Jerusalem. Rev. 21:9
 - **d.** Come is an imperative command to John.
 - **2.** The judgment of the harlot is just, "the great harlot who sits on many waters." vs. 1d
 - **a.** She is depicted as great harlot, "porne", a prostitute, not an adulterous, she was never the bride of God, she has sold and defiled herself for the sake of gain, perverting the holy union of marriage.
 - **b.** She is in the position of authority and power, sitting, controlling and reproducing her trade and kind.

- **c.** She is described as a "harlot who sits on many waters", symbolic language to indicate peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues and interpreted in verse 15.
 - 1)) A harlot does not solicit in the desert, but in cities where there are men.
 - 2)) Jeremiah prophesied, "O you who dwell by many waters, Abundant in treasures, Your end has come, The measure of your covetousness." Jer. 51:13
 - 3)) She is concern and attracted to things of this earth, not heaven, so John gives her climactic judgment.
- C. The vision of John revealed the angel disclosed the cliental of the great harlot, "with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication." vs. 2
 - 1. The partnership of the harot is clear, "with whom, "the great harlot", the kings of the earth committed fornication", declaring her power of seduction. vs. 2a
 - **a.** This is spiritual unfaithfulness to the true and living God by the Catholic Church political marriage with the kings of Europe, an allusion to Jeremiah. Jer. 51:7
 - **b.** She is declared a harlot, one providing sexual pleasures to single men or

- husbands, speaking of spiritual unfaithfulness.
- 2. The corrpting influence is the harlot is equally clear for the people, "and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication." vs. 2b
 - **a.** The intoxicating effect of the Harlot's wine is over the "inhabitants of the earth" the lives of those contaminated being seduced by her acts of fornication.
 - **b.** A harlot pollutes and enslaves others enticing men's passions and desires, merchandising and holding them captive, "drunk by the wine of her fornication."
 - **c.** The harlot represents religion, one who has corrupted the true relationship of oneness with God and man, committing spiritual fornication with them.
 - **d.** A woman is always used for the symbol of religion in the Bible.
 - 1) A woman introduced leaven into the meal in the Kingdom Parables, symbolic of false teaching or religion. Matt. 13:33
 - 2) Thyatira allowed a woman Jezebel to teach her error and sexual immorality. Rev. 2:20
 - * The parable of the mustard seed reveals the infiltration and lodging of evil people within the church, symbolic of the birds.

- **3.** The harlot woman has been unfaithful to God and his word.
 - **a.** She has had a long history, in fact from the beginning of time with the kings of the earth.
 - 1) The opposition to God began with Nimrod the son of Cush, who was the grandson of Ham, who was the son of Noah, who mocked Noah as he laid naked and drunk. Gen. 9:22; 10:6
 - 2) Nimrod led people away from God as we have seen and erected the tower of Babel, in attempt to establish a religious system to have access to God and make a name for themselves, in the land of Shinar, Babylon, it means confusion. Gen. 10:8-9; 11:2-4
 - **b.** The wife of Nimrod, Sameramis continued the system after his death, along with her son Tammuz.
 - 1) The woman Samaramis is found being worshipped in the book of Jeremiah under the name "Queen of heaven". Jer. 44:15-19
 - 2) The son Tammuz is found being worship in the book of Ezekiel. Ezk. 8:8-14, 16, 18
 - 3) The worship of both is found throughout the world, under the mother and son worship by various names which is Satan's attempt to

- counterfeit the true worship of seed of the woman. Gen. 3:15
- 4) The system dispersed throughout the earth in various forms and therefore you can always find similarities in the religions, they all have the same root.

Illustration

"Now when Jehu had come to Jezreel. Jezebel heard of it; and she put paint on her eyes and adorned her head, and looked through a window. Then, as Jehu entered at the gate, she said, "Is it peace, Zimri, murderer of your master?" And he looked up at the window, and said, "Who is on my side? Who?" So two or three eunuchs looked out at him. Then he said. "Throw her down." So they threw her down, and some of her blood spattered on the wall and on the horses; and he trampled her underfoot. And when he had gone in, he ate and drank. Then he said, "Go now, see to this accursed woman, and bury her, for she was a king's daughter." So they went to bury her, but they found no more of her than the skull and the feet and the palms of her hands. Therefore they came back and told him. And he said, "This is the word of the LORD, which He spoke by His servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 'On the plot of ground at Jezreel dogs shall eat the flesh of Jezebel; `and the corpse of Jezebel shall be as refuse on the surface of the field, in the plot at Jezreel, so that they shall not say, "Here lies Jezebel." 2Kings 9:30-37

Application

- **1.** Every person will be judge by God.
 - **a.** God is said to be the judge of the world. <u>Ps.</u> 50:6
 - **b** God judged the sin of Adam and Eve. <u>Gen.</u> 3:21
 - c. God judged the sin of Cain. Gen. 4:11
 - **d.** God judged the sins of the world of Noah. <u>Gen.</u> 6:9-13
 - **e.** God judged the sins of the world in the person of Christ. 2Cor. 5:21; 1Jn. 2:2
 - **f.** God will judge every person who has ever refused to repent and accept Jesus as their Savior. Rev. 11:15; 20:4
- **2.** The judgment of the woman is nothing but the culmination of Nimrod's system at Babel.
 - **a.** In Babylon, we have the beginning of religion.
 - **b.** In Rome, we have the culmination of religion.
 - **c.** In the two, we have a complete cycle ready for judgment by God.
 - **d.** The great harlot stands in contrast to the true bride of Christ.
 - 1) She is unfaithful, in contrast to the faithful bride of Christ.
 - 2) She is an impostor, in comparison to the authentic Church of Christ.
 - 3) She is unholy, different from the holy bride of Christ.
 - **4)** She is self-glorifying, unlike the bride who glories in Christ.
- **3.** God will use the Antichrist to judge the woman.

- **a.** The angel said to John, "And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire." Rev. 17:16
- **b.** The one in control is God, "For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. Rev. 17:17

The judgment of the woman is undeniable!

II. The identity of the woman. vs. 3-4

- A. The vision of John revealed the woman's relationship to the beast, "So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns." vs. 3
 - 1. John revealed he was carried away once again in the Spirit, as before from Patmos to heaven, now to the wilderness place and future time. vs. 3a
 - **a.** This is repeated as the mode of revelation. Rev. 1:10; 4:2; 21:10
 - **b.** The late J. Vernon McGee pointed out the fact that both Rome and Babylon have a wilderness around them.

- 2. John revealed she is in control of the beast, the Antichrist, at first as she is sitting on him, "a scarlot beast". vs. 3b
 - **a.** The color scarlet speaks of royalty and imperialism.
 - **b.** She is powerful in authority and gives rise to him through her system the first three and half years. Rev. 17:7
 - **c.** She is in league with one who is full of blasphemies against God. Rev. 13:1
- **3.** John revealed she is in a marriage of religion and politics, "which was full of names of blasphemy (the beast), having seven heads and ten horns." vs. 3c-d
 - **a.** The beast, the Antichrist, will be "full of names of blasphemy" against God and the Son.
 - * The word blasphemy "blasphemia", means reproachful, injurious and slanderous words against the name of God and God Himself.
 - **b.** The "seven heads and ten horns" identify the religious and political marriage of the two into one. <u>Dan. 7:7; Rev. 13:1-5; 17:9-12</u>
 - 1) The headquarters is on the seven mountains where the woman sits. Rev. 17:9
 - 2) This a revived Roman Empire, Daniel's ten toes, comprised of iron and clay. <u>Dan. 2:42</u>

- 3) The Beast will have a P.R. man, the false prophet. Rev. 13:11-12
- **4)** The false prophet will have power to deceive man. Rev. 13:14-15
- **B.** The vision of John revealed the woman's relationship to her wealth, "The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication." <u>vs. 4</u>
 - 1. The woman is seen and described by John, attractive and tempting, "arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls." vs. 4a-b
 - **a.** These are the colors of royalty that are reserved for the Pope and Cardinals.
 - **b.** Paul the II made it illegal for anyone but a cardinals to ever wear scarlet hats.
 - **c.** Archbishop Marcelo wrote a church ceremony book 300 years ago of interest.
 - 1) He describes five articles for the Pope and cardinals, all of scarlet.
 - 2) He describes a vest of pearl and a mitre of gold and precious stone.
 - **d.** The wealth of The Roman Catholic Church is indescribable and would be impossible to accurately assess it, not to mention all the wealth of all the other religions that will join with her system.

- 1) I have been to and throughout the Vatican, she if filthy rich.
- 2) Beauty and wealth often is associated with corruption and evil. <u>Jer. 51:7;</u> Ezk. 16, 23
- 3) The Vatican is an international financial power, with extensive holdings in hotels, transportation companies, industry, etc.
- e. One at Rome said, "We don't have to say like Peter, silver and gold we have none, yes replied the other man, but you can no longer say in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.
- 2. The woman has no shame and is powerful, "having on her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication." vs. 4c
 - a. She holds the cup in her own hand symbolic of her power and party to her spiritual unfaithfulness to the Lord, yet presenting herself as the servant of God.
 - **b.** The phrase "abomination and fornication" refers to idolatry, which is always accompanied with immorality, so it is both spiritual and literal.
 - c. Remember this ecumenical movement is not limited to the Catholic Church, though Rome will certainly be the headquarters, but all apostate Protestants will be part of ithe apostate church!

Illustration

"Now it happened, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, "Is it peace, Jehu?" So he answered, "What peace, as long as the harlotries of your mother Jezebel and her witchcraft are so many?" 2Kings 9:22

Application

- 1. This ecumenical movement has been in motion for quite a number of years and is today stronger than ever, attempting to put every difference aside and have one big brotherhood of mankind without respect to doctrine, all joined under the banner of love.
 - **a.** The movement is based on social reform, general belief in God, without specifics to Scripture and a nauseating love sourced in man.
 - **b.** Whenever doctrine is set aside for love, it becomes perverted and an insult to God.
 - * The first words from the mouth of Jesus to His disciples, on the Olivet discourse were, "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many." Matt. 24:4-5
- **2.** The study of history reveals to us the effectiveness of religious and political unions.
 - **a.** The kingdom of Nimrod was joined to the worship of the zodiac and creation etc.
 - **b.** The kingdom of Babylon was joined the worship of Baal and ashtoreth etc.
 - **c.** The kingdom of Greece was joined with the worship of Mythological gods.

- **d.** The kingdom of Rome was joined with the worship of Caesar as political head with subordinate gods, ultimately Caesar was a god.
- e. The kingdoms of the past, such as Spain and England were always made strong by this duel union of the Catholic religion and politics.
- f. In October 28th, 1958, when Pope John the 23rd was elected he became the most famous Pope due to the fact that he declared in his Papal Encyclical his desire to have a one world government and a one world church.
- **g.** So attractive was this plan, that 1963 he called two councils together and even communist Russia sent Russian orthodox priest.
- **f.** Ex-Preseiden George Bush Sr. announced the New World Order in the 90's and President Clinton follow up on it.
 - 1) Dave Hunt in his book, A Woman Rides A
 Beast", says the following, "The Tower of
 Babel fills the official poster for the 12nation United Europe (whose new currency
 depicts a woman riding on a beast). Circling
 above the unfinished tower are 12 stars.
 Unlike those on the American flag, however,
 these are upside down, thus forming a
 pentagram of classic occultism. The
 pentagram, with its two "horns" pointing
 upwards and its "beard" downward, is also
 know as the Goat of Mendes, or
 Bamphomet, a symbol of Satan." P.P. 64

- 2) Paul says, "The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness." 2Thess. 2:9-10
- **3.** The Catholic Church declares in her own writings to be the only way to God and salvation, that apart from her belief system and dogmas, man is lost. (Council of Tent, 1564)
 - **a.** She puts her dogmas that clearly contradict and add to the Scriptures on the same level of thrInspitrf Scriptures.
 - **b.** Her abuses of sex crimes and stealing of property through her unquestioned power throughout the centuries is beyond any historical doubt, staggering the imagination.
 - **c.** Her abuse of the poor and fatherless has been horrible, as she has exploited and taken advantage of them.
 - **d.** She has sought to exalt herself instead of Christ and what we have in Revelation 17, is the culmination of the religious system of Babylon started by Nimrod back in Genesis.

- **e.** She will give rise to the Man of Sin through the false prophet, who I believe will come from the Catholic Church.
- f. The Scriptures tell us that once the Church is removed from the earth at the Rapture, this false church will be the focus and center of attention and power on the earth.
- g. Paul warded the Colossians, "Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. Col. 2:8-10

The identity of the woman is unmistakable!

III. The character of the woman. vs. 5-6

- **A.** The vision of John revealed the woman has not always been revealed so clearly in the past. <u>vs.</u> <u>5a-c</u>
 - **1.** The woman's character is ascribed on her forehead for all to see, "And on her forehead a name was written." <u>vs. 5a</u>
 - **a.** Her evil and treacherous character has been cunningly disguised throughout the past, but not completely.
 - **b.** Her name on her forehead as the custom of prostitutes to wear their names in the

- fillet that encircled their brows, representing her character, if they will look beyond her outward beauty and trappings.
- **2.** The woman's name "Mystery Babylon the Great" describes her subtle character. <u>vs. 5b-</u>

<u>c</u>

- **a.** The word mystery "musterion" means something hidden previously, but now made known. Rev. 14:8
- **b.** The same word is used for the church in the New Testament. Eph. 3:1-9
 - * Something previously hidden in the Old Testament and now fully revealed in the New Testament!
- 3. The woman had her beginning in the Babylonian system as we have seen and she was know by her opposition to God, but not till John reveals her ultimate role in the last days is the greatness of her evil character seen by the tille "Babylon the Great". that represents three things. vs. 5c
 - **a.** The woman's origin was with Nimrod's religious system at Babel. <u>Gen. 10</u>
 - **b.** The woman's title was known for her opposition to God's revelation and worship, Babylon means confusion.
 - c. The woman's title declares her authority and power, "The Great", the Pope bears the title, "Pontifex Maximus", bridge builder.

- **B.** The vision of John revealed the woman reproduces in kind, she is the "The Mother of Harlots and the abominations of the earth". vs. 5d
 - **1.** This woman is called, "The Mother of Harlots."
 - **a.** The word Harlot "porne", means a prostitute, one who sells her body for sex, defiling herself for the sake of gain.
 - **b.** This woman is a false religious system that is a spiritual harlot to God, though she is also guilty for so many sexual crimes and abuses.
 - c. A mother is to naturally care for her children and teach them right from wrong, direct, guide giving good counsel to her daughters about moral behavior and conduct and by personal example, not her.
 - **d.** Instead she has reproduced herself by producing many after her kind to be unfaithful to God and His word.
 - **e.** As a mother she is the epitome of Ezekiel's commentary of rebuke on the godless woman of Israel, "Like mother, like daughter". Ezk. 16:44
 - **2.** This mother of Harlots is also, "the mother of the abominations of the earth."
 - **a.** She as a religious system has been a wicked example by her abominations

- "bdelugma" meaning foul and destestible things to God.
- **b.** She has been a vile teacher of the things God hates indoctrinating and corrupting the world's religious systems, century after century with the one common denominator, unfaithfulness to God.
- 3. This mother is a harlot with no commitment, but to herself and stands in sharp contrast to the woman Israel in chapter twelve.
- C. The vision of John revealed the woman hatred of Christians, "I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus." vs. 6a-b
 - **1.** She is seen by John intoxicated with the blood of the saints. vs. 6a-b
 - **a.** The saints identifies all those who belong to God and have suffered at her hand to the point of death, God will hold her responsible for everyone of them.
 - **b.** This once again declares how she moved in opposition to God and exhilarated by her power over people who opposed her.
 - **2.** She also is seen drunk with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus and also responsible. <u>vs. 6b</u>
 - a. These identify those she deliberately put to death under the name of Christ for opposing her doctrines, her idolatry and her abominable immoralities.

- **b.** These also certainly identify those during the "Great Tribulation" by her and the Anti-Christ for refusing his mark.
- **c.** Sir Robert Anderson, of Scotland Yard estimated that Rome was guilty of 50 million Christians in the Inquisition.
 - 1) Eight times more Christians were put to death as heretics in the Inquisition than any other group because they would not confess or agree with the beliefs of the Catholic Church.
 - 2) All was done in the name of Christ by the direct order of the Vicar of Christ, the Pope.
- **3.** She caused John to be dumb-founded "And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement." vs. 6c-d
 - **a.** Due to her treachery and deception.
 - **b.** Due to her murderous acts and crimes.
 - **c.** Due to her abuse of power and authority.
 - **d.** Due to the fact that she called herself the church of God.
 - e. Due that she will be judged by God for her injustices and thirst for power turning her own thirst to her own destruction at the hands of the Anti-Christ according to God's word. vs. 16-17
 - f. The angel declared the fall of Babylon, "And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place

of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury." Rev. 18:2-3

Illustration

The way Eskimos hunt wolf is interesting; they coat a knife repeatedly with blood allowing each coat to dry, then they bury it in the snow with the knife sticking up exposed. During the knight, the wolf picks up the scent of blood and when he comes upon the knife and smells the blood, he begins to lick the knife in the dark, tasting the blood he licks repeatedly without realizing he is cutting his own tongue and feeding off his own blood. Unable to distinguish between his own blood, he ultimately bleeds to death and the Eskimo only has to follow the blood trail to collect his wolf.

* What a beautiful example of this woman's ultimate end, due to her greed and ungodliness!

Application

- **1.** The woman acquired her great power particularly in two periods in history, the first being during the period of the church of Pergamos. 312-600 A.D.
 - **a.** Constantine thought God had called him to conquer for Christianity after a vision of a cross

- in the heavens and therefore he began to Christianize everyone and everything.
- **b.** Bishops were honored and they sat on thrones with the noble Roman Empire, giving up the truth of the second coming, professing that they had erred and that Constantine's empire was Christ's Kingdom.
- **c** Persecution of Christians stopped and pagan shrines and basilicas were turned onto churches, the result was a mixture and syncretism of the two.
- **d.** Mass baptisms were ordered and Constantine married the church to the world, the name "Pergamos" means marriage, elevation, we get our root word for bigamy and polygamy from it.
 - 1) Prior to 312 A.D. there was no such thing as the organized Catholic church.
 - 2) How then could the Pope be the successor of Peter, that would make the first Pope around 300 years old.
- **e.** During this historical period, the Catholic church issued the following dogmas as from God, equal to Scripture.
 - * Quotes form Revelation, Tim LaHaye, P.P 37
 - 1) 300 A.D. Prayer for the dead.
 - 2) 300 A.D. Making the sign of the cross.
 - 3) 375 A.D. Worship of saints and angels.
 - 4) 394 A.D. Mass was first instituted.
 - **5**) 431 A.D. Worship of Mary .

- **6)** 500 A.D. Priest began to dress different from the laity.
- 7) 526 A.D. Extreme unction of the priest.
- **8**) 593 A.D. Doctrine of purgatory was introduced.
- 9) 600 A.D. Worship services in Latin.
- 10) 600 A.D. Prayer directed to Mary.
- **2.** The second period was during the church of Thyatira, from 600-1500 A.D.
 - **a.** These are generally known as "The dark ages", due to the lack of advancement in society and knowledge, due to the absolute controller of authority of the Catholic Church through the political kingdoms.
 - **b.** This is the period of times in that the Catholic church developed completely her power and absolute authority as "The church of God".
 - c. The church of Thyatira is identified with the woman Jezebel who joined Israel to idolatrous whoredoms through sexual immorality and things sacrificed to idols as she introduced Baal worship, calling herself a prophetess.
 - **d.** During this historical period, the Catholic Church continued to issue her dogmas divinely inspired as Scripture, indulgences for sins and the sale of salvation.
 - * Quotes form Revelation, Tim LaHaye, P.P 44
 - 1) 607 A.D. Boniface the III made first Pope.
 - 2) 709 A.D. Kissing the Popes feet.
 - **3**) 786 A.D. Worshipping of images and relics.
 - 4) 850 A.D. Use of holy water began.

- 5) 950 A.D. Canonization of dead saints.
- **6)** 998 A.D. Fasting on Friday and Lent.
- 7) 1079 A.D. Celibacy of the priest.
- **8**) 1090 A.D. Prayer beads or the rosary.
- 9) 1190 A.D. Sale of indulgences.
- **10**) 1215 A.D. Transubstantiation, the turning of the host into the body and blood of Christ.
- 11) 1220 A.D. Adoration of the wafer or host.
- **12**) 1229 A.D. bible forbidden to the layman.
- **13**) 1414 A.D. Cup forbidden to people at communion.
- **14**) 1439 A.D. doctrine of purgatory decreed.
- **15**) 1545 A.D. Tradition granted equal authority with Bible.
- 16)1546 A.D. Apocryphal books put into Bible.
- **17**) 1854 A.D. The immaculate conception of Mary.
- **18**) 1864 A.D. Syllabus of errors proclaimed.
- 19) 1870 A.D. Infallibility of the Pope declared.
- **20**) 1930 A.D. Public schools condemned.
- **21**) 1950 A.D. assumption of the Virgin Mary.
- **22**) 1965 A.D. Mary proclaimed mother of the church at Vatican II under the title of Advocate and Helper, Benefactress and Mediatrix..
- 23) 1997, August 19, Cardinal John O'Connor quietly supports a movement within the Catholic Church to elevate Mary to expand the Trinity playing multiple roles, daughter of God the Father, mother of Jesus Christ

and spouse of the Holy Spirit, teaching a "holy Quartet". (New York, UPI)
* In support 4.3 million signatures have been collected worldwide and if excepted and declared, this new dogma of Rome will make Mary equal in status with Jesus Christ, teaching a "Holy Quartet" in place of the "Holy Trinity". (1997)

- **3.** The number of lives taken by Rome is unbelievable as well as the property.
 - **a.** Pope Gregory XI's papal bull of 1372 claimed papel dominion over the entire Christian world, secular and religious, and excommunicated all who failed to obey the popes and to pay them taxes.
 - **b.** Pope Alexander VI, 1492-1503, claimed that all undiscovered lands belonged to the Roman Pontiff, for him to dispose of as he pleased in the name of Christ as His vicar.
 - **c.** The descendents of the Aztecs, Incas and Mayas were given a choice by the Catholic priests, to convert, which actually meant slavery or be put to death. p.p 71
 - **d.** For more than 1,000 years the Catholic Church exercised both religious and civil control over the entire city of Rome and its surroundings. p.p. 72
 - e. The Papal States were literally stolen by popes from their rightful owners. The papacy controlled and taxed these territories and derived great wealth from them until 1848. At

- that time the Pope, along with the rulers of most of the other divided territories of Italy. p.p. 73
- f. When Napoleon conquered Spain in 1808, a Polish officer in his army, Colonel Lemasouski, reported that the Dominicans, in charge of the Inquisition, blockaded themselves in their monastery in Madrid, Once they forced their way in, the soldiers discovered under the floor chambers full of prisoners, all naked, many insane. The French troops, used to cruelty and blood, could not stomach the sight. They emptied the torture chambers, laid powder to the monastery and blew it up. p.p. 80
- f. The Vatican cannot escape its responsibility for the Nazi Holocaust. "In 1936, Bishop Berning of Osnabruch had talked with the Fuehrer for over an hour. Hitler assured his lordship there was no fundamental difference between National Socialism and the Catholic Church. Had not the church, he argued, looked on Jew as parasites and shut them in ghettos? "I am only doing," he boasted, "what the church has done for fifteen hundred years, only more effectively." Being a Catholic himself, he told Berning, he "admired and wanted to promote Christianity." p.p 82

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Conclusion

This is the three-fold perspective about the scarlet woman, Babylon the Great Mother of Harlots and of the abominations of the earth.

- **I.** The judgment of the woman is undeniable!
- II. The identity of the woman is unmistakable!
- III. The ungodly character of the woman is indisputable!