

THE BRIDE VS. THE HARLOT
(Revelation 17)

This article is written for those who love their God and wish to serve Him to the fullest capacity. To those who, even if they firmly believe that they have already found the truth, recognize their responsibility to prove all things.

To judge any matter before hearing all the evidence is foolish, to say the least; to let someone else judge it for you is not only unscriptural--but dangerous. You must work out your own salvation with fear and trembling (see Philip. 2:12). You must 'test the spirit' (I John 4:1).

If you really do have *Yahweh's spirit, then you need not fear listening to anyone's words, as it is the heritage of the Lord's people to recognize His voice through whom ever He chooses to speak (see Matt. 10:41; John 10:27). Not to test the spirit is to show a lack of confidence in what you believe; to fear that you might be wrong.

Examine this article to find the truth; or to find fault. For whatever motivation, but examine it with an open mind. In doing so you will have discharged your responsibility to 'test the spirit' and 'prove all things', while we shall have fulfilled our mission of warning you of things that are soon to happen.

This prophecy deals with the judgement of the great harlot described in the seventeenth chapter of Revelation. Who is this harlot? Is she a literal woman in the last days? No, for the eighteenth verse states that she is a great city that reigns over the kings of the earth. Furthermore, the "harlot" is established with a worldwide sphere of influence, as verse fifteen states that the waters that she sits upon are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues.

The Bible uses a "city" in many places to represent or symbolize an organization; for instance, Yahweh's new Jerusalem is pictured as an organization also known as "The Bride of Christ". Revelation 21:9,10 reads:

*Yahweh, according to most Hebrew scholars, is the most accurate form of God's sacred name -- commonly mistranslated Jehovah.

**Yahshua, composed of the names Yah and Hoshua, signifying Yahweh-Savior in the Hebrew language and presently known as Jesus, (Jesus is from the corrupted Greek version Iesous).

"Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem descending out of heaven from God."

What then makes the difference between the bride of Christ (Yahshua), she is pictured as being arrayed in fine white linen (Rev. 19:7,8), and the harlot in Revelation seventeen which is clothed in purple and scarlet (17:4). To understand this we must first identify the true bride of Christ (**Yahshua).

Throughout the New Testament the apostles referred to themselves and Yahshua's faithful disciples as the "Church". They never referred to a literal building with a cross on top, but in the original Greek Ecclesia (church) meant a calling out, assembly or congregation. However, "many are called, but few are chosen" (Matt. 22:14).

The true church is the bride (2nd Cor 11:2; Eph. 5:25-27). Confirmation that the bride, church or New Jerusalem is to be located in the heavens is found in Galatians 4:26,27...

"But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not; for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath a husband."

Also see Hebrews 12:22 and Revelation 3:12

The number of the church, or bride may be found in Revelation 14:1...

"And I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with

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him a hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads."

With the Lamb are 144,000, and who would be with the Lamb (Yahshua) but his bride? Verses three and four of the same chapter state that these were redeemed from the earth, from among men. This is the only number mentioned in the Bible as to how many go to heaven from the earth. If you don't believe this, try and find a scripture (without twisting it) that will disprove it. Verse four also states that these were not defiled with women. As previously inferred a woman is used as a symbol for an organization (also refer to Jer. 6:2 and Isa. 66:7,8). Being virgins shows that these people were not associated with any organization except Yahweh's. This is proven by the facts that some of the apostles were married (1st Cor. 9:5; Luke 4:38), some church members were women (Gal. 3:28), that "bishops" or "overseers" were to be husbands of one wife (1st Tim. 3:2,12), and teaching abstinence from marriage was to be one of the identifying marks of a false religion (1st Tim. 4:1-3). Sound familiar?

Further proof that this is the number of the true church, or bride is found in the total measurements of the new Jerusalem. Revelation 21:16 reads:

"And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal."

In other words, the city was shaped like a cube. A cube has twelve measurements, four vertical, four horizontal on the top and four horizontal on the bottom. These twelve measurements, each of twelve thousand furlongs, total one hundred and forty four thousand. Coincidence? Not when you consider that members of the church were likened to as living stones that built up a spiritual house (see Peter 2:5 R.S.V.).

Returning to Revelation 14:4, these 144,000 are the "firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb." Firstfruits are the fruit or

produce first matured and collected in any season. This would picture those first gathered into the heavens, Yahshua himself being the very first to enter heaven from the earth. 1st Corinthians 15:20-23:

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming."

Also see John 6:39,40.

The apostles James and Peter associated themselves and the early members of the church with being firstfruits. (Refer to James 1:18 and Rom. 8:23). This proves conclusively that the church, or bride, or new Jerusalem totals 144,000 members.

There are religions which say that the 144,000 are just Israelites (referring to Rev. 7:4-8) and that in the church there is no distinction between races (Rev. 5:9). The understanding of this situation lies in the meaning of the name "Israel" which was first given to Jacob after he struggled through the night with an angel for Yahweh's blessing. Literally translated Israel means: 'He who struggles with or for Yahweh'. Like the old Jerusalem, ancient Israel pictured something greater (1st Cor. 10:11 and Heb. 8:5). Israel, like the first Jerusalem, failed as a nation and was not to be forgiven (refer to Jer. 15:6; Hosea 3:4,5). Does Yahweh lie? No, for when He restores Israel it will not be a race of people, but a class of people with a heart and mind willing to devote themselves to the service of Yahweh. Paul summarized this when speaking about the Jews (during Yahshua's time and thereafter the names Jew and Israelite were used interchangeably), Romans 2:28,29:

"For you are not real Jews just because you were born of Jewish parents or because you have gone through the Jewish initiation ceremony of circumcision. No, a

real Jew is anyone whose heart is right with God. For God is not looking for those who cut their bodies in actual body circumcision, but he is looking for those with changed hearts and minds. Whoever has that kind of change in his life will get his praise from God, even if not from you."

Living Bible Translation. (Also see Rom. 9:6-8; 10:12; Gal. 6:15,16).

In choosing '12,000 from each tribe' Yahweh is merely stating that there will be equality among peoples, nations, multitudes and tongues when selections are made from the true Israel. The rest of Israel, from the time of Adam on, will have their reward on earth, ruled over by the new Jerusalem just as the old Jerusalem ruled over ancient Israel (Matt. 19:28).

Returning to 1st Cor. 15:23, we find that "they that are Christ's" are to be resurrected at his "coming", or as the more accurate translations render it: "his presence." What exactly does this mean? In Luke 21:24 "Jerusalem" was to be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. "Through prophecy and chronology (too lengthy to be included here) we find the end of the "Gentile times" to be April of 1917 A.D. . Therefore, the new Jerusalem, bride, or church was not to flourish (being trodden down of the Gentiles) until Yahshua came to his temple, or made his second presence in 1917.

Why then did the mightiest religion, claiming to be the bride of Christ, the original and only church flourish — especially during the time when it should have been "trodden down of the Gentiles?" Something doesn't fit, and we will see what as we progress.

Again, we are not speaking about two literal women, but organizations. Why then is one woman considered pure and chaste, while the other is labeled a harlot? Certainly an organization which encompasses many peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues cannot be accused of literal fornication with the kings of the earth (Rev. 17:2). Perhaps then if we find out what is meant by this "fornication", we can identi-

fy who the harlot, or organization is.

To begin with, the term 'harlot' was used when an individual (see James 4:4) or nation knew, or had dealings with Yahweh, and then went contrary to His will. (This automatically excludes over four hundred religions.) Tyre would at first seem to be an exception (Isa. 23:15-18), but it is referred to as a "harlot" only figuratively. Tyre was a great seaport and was world renown for her trade. Because of this she pictures the trade or commerce (another definition of "fornication" to be explained later) of the world today.

In the kingdom administration, trade will be conducted without money for the benefit of the people, instead of being an instrument used to make a few sinfully rich. This is pictured where "Tyre" returns to her hire like an old harlot after a symbolic seventy years. However, her "wages" will benefit the Lord's people, showing that the label "harlot" given here is not in the same derogatory sense as was given to Babylon. True spiritual fornication will now be explained.

Judges 2:17 states:

"And yet they would not hearken to their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the Lord; but they did not so."

Hosea 1:2 reads:

"...for the land hath committed great whoredom departing from the Lord."

So then, whenever a nation, or individual takes action that is contrary to Yahweh's will, spiritual adultery is committed.

Consider an organization which claims to be Christ's bride; but doesn't wait for his spiritual return to begin ruling (see 1st Cor. 4:5; 1st Thess. 1:10). This organization seeks its power not with Yahshua, but with the kings of the earth. In identifying an organization with these characteristics we would have taken great

strides in the identification of the great harlot, for a truly chaste bride awaiting her future husband's return does not seek the companionship of others.

As we progress through this article it will be made undeniably clear that the great harlot is none other than the Roman Catholic Church. This organization had the opportunity to be part of the 'bride', to feed Yahshua's sheep, and offer a pleasing sacrifice. She had the time, money, and access to the ancient manuscripts to gain the true understanding of Yahweh's plan for mankind. What she did lack however, was the desire to serve Yahweh.

In the name of her alleged bridegroom, she fiercely persecuted the 'unbelievers', putting out eyes, crippling, and inventing new methods of torture that only the most fiendish minds could conceive. The Inquisition was launched where either you were a Roman Catholic, and adhered to all laws and doctrines, or else!

Crusade after crusade was launched with the only purpose in mind being to kill, rape and pillage those of other nations and beliefs. Crusaders need not fear Yahweh's wrath though, for even before they began their inhuman crimes, the Pope forgave them of all the sins they would commit. Again, this done in the name of one who has taught to "... love your enemies, bless those that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which spitefully use you and persecute you" (Matt. 5:44). Many of the teachings of Yahshua centered around love, and even when being crucified he asked his Father to forgive his murderers. In truth, no greater blasphemy, with the exception of the sin against the spirit, could be directed against all that is Holy, than for this organization to call itself, "The Bride of Christ." With this, we will now examine in detail the seventeenth chapter of Revelation. Verse one reads:

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

Angel, both in the Hebrew (malakh) and the Greek (aggelos) literally mean "messenger." In scripture, when a spirit messenger is indicated, the word is translated "angel"; while if a human messenger is indicated the word is rendered "messenger." It is the task of seven symbolic "messengers" to smite the earth with a series of messages from above (see Rev. chapters fifteen and sixteen). These messages have various effects on select portions of mankind. By this, Yahshua is said to smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and slay the wicked with the breath of his lips. (See Isa. 11:4; Rev. 1:16; 19:15; Jer. 23:29.)

It is the mission of the fifth angel to pour out his vial (message) on the "seat" or "throne of the beast" (Rev. 16:10). Since the harlot rides, or controls the beast (Rev. 17:3,18), she is the throne or seat of the beast, and the fifth angel's vial would directly affect her. Considering this, the fifth angel's assignment would also make him Yahweh's choice to reveal the fate of the harlot to John.

The waters where the harlot sits, as stated previously, are the peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues over which this organization has dominion. (Refer to verses fifteen and eighteen.) Again, please bear in mind that although the angel tells John that he will show him the judgement, or outcome of the 'harlot', we are dealing with visions; shadows of greater things to come, having their fulfillment in the last days. (Refer to 1st Cor. 10:11: Heb. 10:1; and Heb. 8:5.)

Continuing with verse two:

"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."

Although the meaning of this 'fornication' has already been established, we can even further elaborate on its meaning. For this, we refer to the dictionary where fornication means: "connection by reciprocal action or dealings, as between persons or nations; interchange of thought, feeling, products, services, etc.; communi-

cation; commerce; association; communion; as to have much intercourse together." (Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary)

Has the Roman Catholic Church fulfilled these definitions of fornication with the kings or rulers of the world? YES! Should she have? Definitely not! The God of this world is Satan the Devil (see 2nd Cor. 4:4 and 1st John 5:19) and because of this the servants of the living God Yahweh must separate themselves from it (1st John 2:15-17; John 15:18,19; James 1:27).

This is what Yahweh thinks of those bearing His name and failing to make this separation: (James 4:4)

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

The history and present dealings of the Roman Catholic hierarchy show that this 'church' does not comply with Yahweh's instructions. Note also that the friends of the world are considered 'adulterers and adulteresses'. Listen carefully to the next speech or sermon given by a representative of the Catholic Church. Do they condemn the world and its deceived rulers (Rev. 12:9 and Isa. 14:9)? or do they support and glorify them, telling you to be submissive to their every whim?

By their adulterous actions they play the role of the harlot with the kings or rulers of the earth, and by doing so kindle the wrath of the Almighty.

By the 'intercourse' between these leaders, and the harlot, the inhabitants of the earth are made "drunk." Wine is something to make the heart glad (Ps. 104:15), therefore, it will be the relationship between the Roman Catholic Church (at that time will make the earth's inhabitants rejoice — temporarily (see 1st Thess. 5:3). Being drunk would show that as a drunkard they cease to reason; either by deceit, or willfull ignorance.

Verse three states:

"So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I

saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns."

In his vision, John was carried away by the angel to a "wilderness." This word in the Greek is eremos which means: 'lonesome, waste, desert, or wilderness'. All meanings imply a lack of surroundings to distract John from seeing only what Yahweh wanted him to see.

There John sees a woman, the harlot (verse five confirms) sitting upon a scarlet colored beast. The book of Daniel refers to a world power as a "beast" (Dan. 7:17 and 8:20,21), of which there have been seven to date. These are: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome and the Anglo-American. According to experts, the Anglo-American (composed of Great Britain and The United States) has fallen from being the dominant world power with the economic collapse and loss of British influence. This is coupled with the rising power from the communist block; all of which lays the foundation for an eighth world power.

Because of their behavior and attitude, Yahweh labels these world powers "beasts." Unlike a tame or timid animal, a beast is cold, heartless and unsympathetic, selfish and stupid. Furthermore, it cannot recognize its creator. A name well given!

In scripture, a beast also represents only one world power, whether made up of one or more existing nations — never a composite of world powers. The only reason that one or more nations can be considered a single 'beast' is when they join forces to achieve a single goal. This was pictured by a ram in the eighth chapter of Daniel (verses 3-7) and was the fourth world power of the Medes and Persians (see Dan. 8:20). They joined forces and worked as one for the sole purpose of conquering the world.

When a world power fell (from its being dominant, it was considered 'killed' or out of existence. (See Rev. 17:11; Rev. 11:7 and Dan. 7:11.) The doctrine of using a single beast to represent a composite of world powers, most of which have fallen, is unscriptural and therefore is to be disregarded. A close examination of the seventh and eighth chapters of Daniel will

verify this, along with the interpretation of their 'horns', which will be explained shortly.

This particular beast is scarlet (a deep red) in color, showing that the components of this eighth world power (compare with verses eight and eleven) have shed much blood. This 'beast', or world power, also holds Yahweh in utter contempt, as it is "full of names of blasphemy." Words or actions directed against Yahweh and everything (or everyone) considered Holy, is considered "blasphemy." Therefore, this beast is the enemy of not only Yahweh, but His entire organization.

The beast also possesses seven heads*. The head is the seat of intelligence, therefore, having seven heads would show that the beast claimed complete heavenly wisdom, as the number seven is used in scripture to denote heavenly completeness. (Refer to Rev. 5:1-3; Matt. 18:21,22; Lev. 26:18,21,28; also the seven days required for creation.) This is consistent, as the Catholic Church (supported by the rest of false religion), which will be directing the beast, claims to be receiving its information and guidance directly from Christ.

Actually, since the harlot is guiding the eighth world power, it can technically be considered part of the beast. However, for the sake of identifying and elaborating on the ruling element, Yahweh has seen fit to separate the two. He also does this in other prophecy when He singles out the political and commercial aspects of Satan's organization. But make no mistake, the harlot is ruling over the beast; she is not just 'going along for the ride', as verse eighteen plainly states:

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

The entire beast's claim to heavenly wisdom is obviously false, as the beast is said to be "full of names of blasphemy," but like its master Satan, it transforms itself into a lightbearer, or "minister of righteousness" (see 2nd Cor. 11:13-15).

There are religions that claim that a

beast is symbolic of the political element alone. This is unacceptable as the sixth world power, Rome (under the Popes), was ruled by religious leaders.

The beast described in Revelation seventeen will possess ten horns, all present in the last days. A horn is used to represent power (Ps. 75:10). According to the prophecy in Daniel eight, a dominant world power with one locality of power, like Greece under Alexander, had one horn (Dan. 8:21). After the death of Alexander the Grecian Empire was no longer united, but was divided amongst his four generals: Seleucus, Cassander, Ptolemy and Lysimachus. This was symbolized by the "great horn" being broken and four notable ones coming up in its stead (Dan. 8:8,22).

The ram, as stated earlier, was the empire of the Medes and the Persians. It had two "horns," the higher one coming up last (Dan. 8:3). History verifies this, as the Persians (who came up after the Medes) were the stronger of the two toward the climax of their dominion.

Note carefully though, that when a world power 'fell', the horn was considered "broken" (Dan. 8:7,8,22), or "cut off" (Jer. 48:25). Psalms 75:10 states:

"All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted."

This being the case, any interpretation using a whole, or unbroken horn to represent a 'fallen' world power, must be considered unscriptural and therefore unacceptable.

The number ten is used in scripture to represent earthly completeness. (Compare Rev. 2:10 with Matt. 10:18,22-25.) In this light, having ten horns would not mean that only ten kings are represented; but simply that all kings, or rulers, will be represented and will give their support to the harlot. Verse 18 supports this, as it does not indicate that any "kings" will be excluded.

As we have already identified the ruling element of Satan's organization in the last days, we will now briefly refer

* Note the similarity between this beast and Satan (Revelation 12:3,9), is Satan a composite? He does however claim heavenly wisdom (2nd Corinthians 11:14).

to the second chapter of Daniel to aid in identifying the other components.

This prophecy pertains to the last days (verse 28) and speaks of a kingdom of iron and clay existing in the days when Yahweh sets up His kingdom (verses 41 and 44). What kingdoms, or governments do we have today that would fulfill this prophecy? It could not be the Anglo-American Empire, for that no longer has dominion over the other nations; nor can it be considered "the eighth" (Rev, 17:10,11) as it was the seventh in line.

By now, most reasonable people who are aware of the world situation, have already determined that it can only be The United States (and her allies) with its pliable, clay-like rule; and Russia (along with her allies), with its harsher, dictatorial rule. These two, when united, will make a world power that is hard to ignore. Communism and democracy united, as Daniel 2:43 states:

"...but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay."

This union is destined to destruction thousands of years before it is even considered by man.

These two nations, supported by their allies, and led by the Roman Catholic Church (supported by the rest of false religion), make up the beast in its entirety. This is indeed a sorry combination, and will be formed only as a last ditch effort to save the world. As we progress, more detail will be added to this league.

Verse four reads:

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

The color purple was worn only by persons of royalty, great wealth, or high official position. This was due to the fact that in Biblical times the purple dye was obtained from a certain gland in various shell fish. Huge quantities of these shell

fish were required as the amount of dye extracted from each fish was very small. It was a laborious and time consuming chore which was reflected in its cost, but the 'church' was by no means poor.

Although there have been several excellent books written on the vast wealth of the Roman Catholic Church (such as "Vatican, U.S.A." by Nino LoBello), for the sake of brevity we will only mention a few points that may prove enlightening. This 'church', which is vowed to poverty so that it may aid the poor and needy, has an annual income estimated to be in excess of twelve billion tax-free dollars — in the United States alone! Hard to believe? Not really, especially when you consider that they have a collection agency in every neighborhood, and that their contributors probably number second only to the tax rolls of the U.S. Government.

To most, these figures are incomprehensible, and contradictory cries of poverty and need for federal assistance to keep parochial schools open has kept the general public in the dark. Any person truthfull with himself must realize that this organization must have almost unlimited amounts of cash to purchase real estate at a rate, again, second only to the U.S. Government.

But in real estate deals the advantage goes to the more clever church leaders. For example, a businessman buys a piece of land; and the church buys a piece of land. The businessman, while impatiently waiting to sell, pays property tax on his land. The church has (when they can get away with it) a single corpse buried on their land having it reclassified as a cemetery and therefore tax-exempt. When the right buyer comes along, with the right price, the corpse is removed, the land is reclassified, and the church makes a bundle.

Profits realized from one investment (and they are limitless) are immediately put into another. This method of business, without paying a cent of taxes like their competitors, has written one of the greatest success stories in history, as the combined assets of the church (in the U.S. and Canada alone) now exceeds eighty billion dollars.

This form of fornication has indeed paid well, in spite of the fact that Yah-

shua taught his disciples to distribute their wealth to the poor (Luke 18:22) and live modestly (Mark 6:8,9). Obviously, only a minute amount of this 'church's' untold wealth reaches the poor and needy, and this amount is mainly for show.

Referring back to verse four, we find that the harlot also dressed in scarlet, which like the beast shows that she has been responsible for many deaths. Although verse six suggests that this would be restricted to the blood of the martyrs, history shows that her lust for blood encompassed many peoples. Historians agree that the persecution of the "unbelievers" by the "church" was far greater than that of pagan Rome to the "Christians," which by the way was their term of contempt against the followers of Yahshua. (This was all part of Satan's plan to obscure the name that Yahweh had given His people — "Israel".)

In any case, James had accurately given the reason for all warfare — greed! (James 4:1-3.)

The harlot being decked with gold, precious stones and pearls, would again emphasize her wealth as she is pictured as a woman flaunting her jewelry.

She has in her hand a golden cup, which has the outward appearance of her offering something precious to mankind, such as Yahweh's truth and the blessings they bring. David spoke of his cup running over when thanking Yahweh for his abundant blessings (Ps, 23:5), but the contents of the harlot's cup describes the good that she has done for mankind. (Also compare with verse two.)

Continuing with verse five:

"And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

As stated previously, the Roman Catholic Church claims to have Yahweh's 'light', or understanding. Yet Yahweh, through the vision given to John, labels this knowledge a "mystery." Why? Because her doctrines contradict scripture, not to mention common sense. For instance, a parable, not meant to be taken literally, is used as a doctrine when other scriptures would clarify the situation. Hellfire, purgatory, papal in-

fallibility, mother worship, using saints as mediators and filling their buildings with idols to name a few. Their falsehood is proven by their contradiction to Yahweh's attributes of love, justice and wisdom backed by His almighty power.

Some claim that the great harlot is "BABYLON THE GREAT" in its entirety. Under close examination we find that this is not the case. When a name is written on the forehead, it does not necessarily mean that the one bearing it fulfills that name by itself, but is related in some way, or is part of it. For example, in Revelation thirteen, verses sixteen and seventeen, the two-horned beast (again The United States and Russia with their allies) causes all, except Yahweh's people, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark on their hand or forehead. This symbolic mark, or "name of the beast" is the determining factor as to whether or not an individual may buy or sell. Note that these individuals are not the beast in its entirety, but since they support it in either a physical capacity (being marked on the hand), or mental capacity (being marked on the forehead), they become part of that beast.

The second example is given in Revelation fourteen, one, where the true Church, bride, or new Jerusalem have their Father's name written on their foreheads. They are not the Father even if they do have His name written on their foreheads! Therefore, the harlot having the name of "BABYLON THE GREAT" written on her forehead merely shows that she is part of that organization. (Also see Revelation 22:4.)

To be sure, the descriptions of the harlot and Babylon are almost identical—except where it speaks of their fall. For example, the forty-seventh chapter of Isaiah describes the harlot's attitude and characteristics perfectly; but is not called "Babylon," but the "virgin daughter of Babylon." This daughter of Babylon is also exposed and made desolate (compare Isa. 47:2,3 with Rev. 17:16).

Let us now examine ancient Babylon so that the differences between the harlot and modern-day Babylon can be further distinguished.

Babylon was the latter name given to

the ancient city of Babel. It was here that Yahweh confused the tongues of men and literally means: 'confusion'. This city grew to be the third world power and as such had all three elements of Satan's world: commerce, politics, and religion. Therefore, in the fulfillment of prophecy, Babylon would again be complete in itself. This is proven by the fact that when it falls (back to its three original elements (the U.S.A. and U.S.S.R. lead by the R.C. Church), the cities (plural) of the nations fall (refer to Rev. 16:19).

This would contradict any doctrine stating that "Babylon" has already "fallen" as the nations are still present and by the indisputable fact that the gospel of the kingdom has not been preached in all the world. (Refer to Matt. 24:14.) This work must be done before the end comes! To say that the end could come "any day now" leaving over 800 million Chinese people uninformed, would constitute a grave perversion of scripture, and would lead people astray in believing that Yahweh is unjust. In fact, there are at least eleven countries where the kingdom message has not been preached!

Revelation 18:22,23 also shows that Babylon also incorporates the commercial element, while the thirteenth chapter of Isaiah describes open warfare present at its fall (verses 15 and 16).

On the other hand, when the harlot falls it will be by the hands of the kings of the earth who will hate her (Rev. 17:16). Certainly they would not lament over one who was hated; but when Babylon falls, of which they are a part, they have good reason to mourn (Rev. 18:9).

Summarizing this point, Babylon is used to represent the entire earthly portion of Satan's organization, while the harlot (who rides or controls the beast) would represent its physical ruling element.

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The document AD EXSTIR PANDA issued by Pope Innocent IV, not only ordered the preceding atrocities, but formally approved the use of torture. Battlefield veterans, skilled in the art of killing, were horrified at the sight of these torture devices which were blasphemously sprinkled with 'holy water' and inscribed: "SOLI DEO GLORIA" which means 'Glory be only to God.'

Was it a mistake for these popes to order such savagely brutal treatment of their fellow-human creatures? If so, how can they claim infallibility?

The second rise of the Roman Catholic Church to power shall be a repeat performance of her abominable acts which will be directed against the Lord's people.

"Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake."

(Matthew 24:9) Also refer to Revelation 11:7-10; 13:7 and 15. At this point, please note that the harlot is not responsible for the death of all saints and martyrs.

When John saw the woman drunken with blood he was "amazed", or "wondered with great wonder" as the more accurate translations render it, for certainly he could not "admire" her, being a godly man. However, John did not understand it, which gave him a legitimate reason to "wonder."

Continuing with verse seven:

"And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carried her,

which hath the seven heads and ten horns."

Here, the angel sees John's amazement, or wondering, and promises to shed some light on the subject, which he does to a degree, but remember, it is the task of the prophets in the last days to reveal the whole understanding of the plan to mankind (Rev. 10:7 and Amos 3:7). Again, it should be restated that the harlot isn't just going along for the ride, as verse eighteen plainly states that she is ruling over them.

Verse eight reads:

"The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is."

The understanding of this verse is of necessity linked with the period of time which it is to be understood and preached to mankind. As stated earlier, the good news of the kingdom must be preached in all the earth before the end of the age can come (Matt. 24:14). However, in between the preaching work and the time of the end, other things must happen. Most important, the establishment of "The Abomination of Desolation," or second reign of the Roman Catholic Church as a world power.

Revelation 11:3 describes this period of "publicity" where the good news of the kingdom is preached.

"And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth."

This preaching work is performed by two witnesses after which the testimony is "finished" (Rev. 11:7). There are some (Jehovah's Witnesses) that teach that this work was performed, by them alone, between 1914-1918. However, this is not acceptable

the ancient city of Babel. It was here that Yahweh confused the tongues of men and literally means: 'confusion'. This city grew to be the third world power and as such had all three elements of Satan's world: commerce, politics, and religion. Therefore, in the fulfillment of prophecy, Babylon would again be complete in itself. This is proven by the fact that when it falls (back to its three original elements (the U.S.A. and U.S.S.R. lead by the R.C. Church), the cities (plural) of the nations fall (refer to Rev. 16:19).

This would contradict any doctrine stating that "Babylon" has already "fallen" as the nations are still present and by the indisputable fact that the gospel of the kingdom has not been preached in all the world. (Refer to Matt. 24:14.) This work must be done before the end comes! To say that the end could come "any day now" leaving over 800 million Chinese people uninformed, would constitute a grave perversion of scripture, and would lead people astray in believing that Yahweh is unjust. In fact, there are at least eleven countries where the kingdom message has not been preached!

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At the end of 1918 the preaching work was by no stretch of the imagination "finished." The preaching that was done was largely in error as they expected Armageddon (the final war) back then, and were preaching along those lines. It is unreasonable to say that they preached a specific message against the war, for that work was done in previous and in latter wars.

Scripturally, this preaching work is done on a worldwide scale, with none left out. This of course did not happen as Jehovah's Witnesses were a small group at the time.

Further evidence is that the beast, even their interpretation of the beast, did not silence them as they more or less ceased the work voluntarily. "In A.D. 1918 the spiritual Israelites yielded to the world's political interference in their Christian activities. They withdrew from their public educational work largely because of the religious doctrine which still prevails, namely, that the political officials of Satan's visible organization are the "higher powers" to whom all Christian souls are to be subject..."

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As final evidence we offer this fact—the end did not come! But the knowledge, or light did increase on the earth as prophesied (Pro. 4:18).

Although these people (Jehovah's Witnesses) had, and still do have, much error in their teachings, they were the only ones for quite a time preaching about a kingdom on earth. They also exposed most of the harlot's false teachings. Because of this, and the fact that they were instructed by the last members of the true church (the "remnant"), they constitute the first of the "two witnesses."

The second "witness" is comprised of those instructed by Yahweh's resurrected prophets. Daniel is one of these who, after receiving many visions in his life, was confused as to their meaning. He was told this by an angel:

"But go on now to the end of your life and you shall rest; for you will rise again and have your full share of those last days."

(Daniel 12:13) Living Bible Translation.

There is a great amount of scriptural evidence that proves that the prophets will return before Armageddon (as the pioneers of Jehovah's Witnesses taught), more to be given later.

These two "witnesses" have the job of being "olive trees" or bearing the fruits of the spirit. They are also referred to as "candlesticks" or light-bearers in a world of darkness (Revelation 11:4).

It is during this period of time, just prior to the end when both witnesses are present, that the world is to learn and understand the prophecies of the Bible.

This is when the beast "was" (back in the days of The Holy Roman Empire), "and is not" (during the publicity) and finally ascends out of the "bottomless pit" (which is a condition of death since it does not exist at this time) and goes to destruction.

It also mentions that those dwelling on the earth who "wonder" do not (up to that time) have their names written in "the book of life." To wonder is not to understand, and not to understand is to meet with Yahweh's disapproval.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee..."

(Hosea 4:6)

Should anyone, through searching for the truth, find and accept it, he no longer "wonders" or is amazed by the beast's actions. He understands, thereby meeting with Yahweh's approval and thus having his name entered into "the book of life."

The foundation of the world that it speaks of is Yahweh's new world which was founded when Yahshua shed his blood for mankind. Until that time all men were under the death penalty for Adam's sin.

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

(Romans 5:12)

In truth, until Yahshua shed his blood, a "book of life" could not have existed.

Revelation 17:9 states:

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

Practically all other translations render the first half of this verse with the meaning that it would require a "mind with wisdom" to understand the seven heads. These seven heads, as mentioned earlier, symbolize the beast's claim to complete heavenly wisdom, and is represented by the great harlot.

These seven heads are connected somehow with seven mountains. The word "mountains" in the original Greek is OROS, which applies to anything lifting itself above the plain, such as a mountain or hill.

The understanding of this is that the seven heads, or the harlot, would have its leadership, or 'brain-power' located among seven hills. By coincidence (?), Vatican City, which rules over all Catholicism and is the permanent residence of the pope, is built among the seven hills of Rome.

This is where the woman rules from and is not to be confused with the "waters" (peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues) that she will rule over (see verse fifteen). No other city built on seven hills can even remotely fulfill this prophecy.

Continuing with verse ten:

"And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space."

Many religions try to link these seven kings with the seven heads, or hills described in verse nine by using various translations, but the King James Version used here, collaborates perfectly with the ancient Greek manuscripts that state: "And (KAI in the Greek) there are seven kings..." showing a marked difference between the two.

When speaking of these kings the angel must necessarily have been referring to their time, for taking verses ten and eleven into consideration there are a total of eight kings, or dominant world

powers from the beginning of the nations to their end. Five of these had fallen by the time John was given the vision. These are: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece. Rome existed at the time. The one that was to come and remain a short time was the Anglo-American world power, which in comparison had a short life. Again, experts claim that the Anglo-American world power, because of economic failure and the loss of many colonies, has already fallen.

Verse eleven reads:

"And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition."

Being a beast that "was" alone proves that this eighth "king" must be one of the original seven, as verse ten mentioned no others. The ancient Greek manuscripts, along with the newer translations, leave no room for doubt of this. "The scarlet animal that died is the eighth king, having reigned before as one of the seven; after his second reign, he too, will go to his doom." Living Bible Translation.

Again, to emphasize — a beast was always one world power, never a combination of 'fallen' and dominant.

Rome, as the sixth "king," rose to power through brute force under the Caesars before changing to a religious rule (The Holy Roman Empire). However, it was still considered the sixth "king" even though this change took place.

When Rome rises to power this second time, as the eighth king, or world power, she will not employ force to conquer, as she did in her first 'life', but craft.

"And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft

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P to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand."
(Daniel 8:23-25)

This prophecy is independent of, but in complete harmony with Revelation seventeen. Also note how the different prophecies further detail the events to happen in these last days; how it adds to what is known by saying that it is through "peace" that he destroys many. This simply means that the wicked, who trust in the abomination (headed by the papacy) instead of Yahweh, will be destroyed. More will be added to this thought later.

Continuing with verse twelve:

"And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast."

Again, ten is a symbol used to represent earthly completeness. Ten kings would not represent ten world powers as verses 10 & 11 state that there are a total of only eight. What it does mean is that all leaders are present and supporting the beast of which they are a part.

While Yahweh's kingdom (a kingdom is a country or government ruled by a king) is in operation, the kings of the earth cannot make the claim of complete earthly power. When the beast (in its entirety) again rises, the first thing it does (as it did before) is silence the Lord's people. This is actually done a little late as the work at this time is finished and the damage is done.

"And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them." (Revelation 11:7)

Other references to this event are: Revelation 13:7 and Daniel 7:21; 8:24.

Revelation 11:7 is speaking about the "two witnesses" mentioned earlier. Unlike Israel, the term "witness" does not imply a name, but a service performed. When the beast silences these two witnesses they no longer witness, or perform the service of a witness (which is to bear testimony), and are therefore considered "killed."

They remain dead for the three and one half year duration of the beast (Rev. 11:2; 13:5; Dan. 12:11) after which the fulfillment of what they prophesied (the collapse of the beast) speaks louder than words.

"And after three days and a half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them."
(Revelation 11:11)

The "day" referred to is used to represent a year (Ezek. 4:6) which makes the duration of the beast three and one half years. This is consistent with all other scripture.

Although the scriptures quoted earlier prove without a doubt that Yahweh and His organization will be victorious, during this short period of time the kingdom will have been subdued. The Abomination of Desolation will "stand in the holy place," and at this time they will have complete and unchallenged authority over the earth. This is pictured as the world leaders receiving a "kingdom and power as kings."

The one hour mentioned is merely used to indicate a very brief period of time in relation to the life-span of a world power.

In verse thirteen the angel tells John: "These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast."

At this time they will believe that they have succeeded in unifying the world. Among the deceived of the earth a dream of peace begins with the belief that "it will last forever." Of course they had to shut-up those "trouble-making" Israelites who would threaten (by preaching the truth) the world-wide 'peace' that they worked so hard for.

In essence, the kings being of one mind, or one purpose, is part of Satan's overall plan to crush the kingdom. He

really doesn't care about the welfare of the nations, as his record of leadership clearly shows, but in reality wishes only to turn all mankind from Yahweh and have them die (see Job 1:8-11; Isa. 14:20).

Concerning those who are willfully ignorant of Yahweh's plan Paul says this:

"The coming of the lawless one is according to Satan's working, with great power and signs and miracles, all of them false, and with limitless deceit of wickedness for those who, because they did not welcome the love of the truth for their salvation, are going to destruction. And for this reason God visits them with a delusion that operates on them to believe the falsehood, so that all who have not believed the truth but have taken pleasure in wickedness may receive judgement."

(2nd Thess. 2:9-12 Berkely trans.)

Through their own selfish desires Yahweh causes them, or more accurately permits them to put their faith in a lie. The correct understanding of this is important, as Yahweh cannot deceive, or lie (Heb. 6:18).

This will be a time of grave danger for the warning given is:

"For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."

On the outside this setup will look so good that "if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." (Refer to Matt. 24:24)

To this point, those of other beliefs closely following the description given of the beast, with its various components, can no longer (if they ever did) seriously consider the United Nations as "the beast." This beast must gain the support of all kings, or rulers. The U.N. only represents about 80% of all nations and has some of its half-hearted supporters trying to back

out of their membership. Of these the most notable are the United States and Russia!

Also, as previously explained, a beast is a world power, not a world court as the U.N. describes itself. And even as a world court the U.N. has failed to resolve even minor conflicts, proving itself powerless. Certainly a poor showing for a beast.

Verse fourteen reads:

"These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."

The "Lamb" of course, is Yahshua (see John 1:29; Rev. 5:5 & 6). During this 'battle' we have already described how the nations, under the leadership of 'the church', kills or silences the two witnesses. This is actually the only way a "beast," which is an earthly organization of Satan's, can make war with Yahshua; as any action directed against his people is considered action against him (compare Matt. 25:41-45 and Ezek. 38:18).

Yahshua is also given the title "Lord of lords, and King of kings." The word "lord" means: 'A master or ruler' and refers to all authority being under him (with the exception of Yahweh).

"Which he wrought in Christ when he raised him from the dead and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come." (Ephesians 1:20)

Also refer to 1st Peter 3:22; Col. 1:16.

The mention of the Lamb being a "King of kings" refers to his being above all authority, and would emphasize his kingship over the 144,000 kings and priests that make up his bride, church, or new Jerusalem. Again, these are the "first-fruits" redeemed from among men (compare Rev. 5:9 & 10 with Rev. 14:1-4).

Those with the Lamb during this period of time, starting with the establishment, or resurrection of the beast, and continuing to its end, are considered "called, chosen, and faithful." And faithful they must remain, for the efforts of the beast, or Babylon, will be directed against them. Were they to submit themselves to the beast, thereby receiving the symbolic mark on the hand or forehead, Satan would have conquered and won.

The fourteenth chapter of Isaiah describes Satan as the "king of Babylon" (compare verses 4 and 12) and the conditions in the world before and after his reign.

"And it shall come to pass in the day that the Lord shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve, That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased! The Lord hath broken the staff of the wicked, and the sceptre of the rulers. He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, and none hindereth. The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing." (Isaiah 14:3-7)

Briefly, let us state that these conditions exist only after Armageddon when Satan is removed. To interpret this as being a literal description of the fall of ancient Babylon must certainly be demon inspired for the empire of the Medes and Persians followed after Babylon. In the prophecy of Daniel seven (verse five), this beast (Medo-Persia) is instructed to "Arise, devour much flesh." Even the severest twisting of scripture cannot support this interpretation as the prevailing conditions did not even remotely resemble the whole earth being at rest, and quiet, and mankind that will break forth into song.

So we see that Satan, also called "Lucifer", is also known as the king of

Babylon; and since he is the ruler over the entire world (2nd Cor. 4:4; 1st John 5:19) Babylon, in its entirety, must represent the whole world ruled by Satan.

Verse fifteen states:

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

The interpretation of this verse, used in conjunction with verse eighteen, has been explained and referred to on numerous occasions and therefore will not be repeated for the sake of brevity.

Continuing with verse sixteen:

"And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate, and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire."

So begins the fall of Satan's divided house. But why should they hate the whore? Religion, especially Catholicism, is accepted by, and is in support of the world rulers. Yet they are prophesied as all turning against the harlot in hatred. There must be something that the harlot will do in the future that she is not doing now. What did she do in the past that caused her fall as a world power? There is only one answer — she was ruling!

In trying to please one 'king' she will gain the wrath of another, or in other words, in bowing to one she shows her behind to another. This course of action will, in the three and one half years prophesied, cause all kings, or leaders, to hate her. They will take this 'daughter of Babylon' and render her desolate (without hope), and naked; exposing her for the selfish, godless organization that she is.

"Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen... For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else besides me.

Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou shalt not know." (Isaiah 47:3,10,11)

The kings "eating her flesh" is the 'consuming' her until she is no more (Dan. 7:26). They do this with "fire," which produces 'light', or understanding.

"Is not my word like as fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? (Jeremiah 23:29)

The kings, or rulers will in fact employ the truth to expose and destroy the harlot, for who knows better than they just how corrupt she really is! They have committed 'fornication', with her and know all of her dark secrets. A 'Watergate of the Vatican' will come upon her where all will learn of her dealings. Naturally, all will abandon her.

"These two things shall come to you in a moment, in one day; the loss of children and widowhood shall come upon you in full measure, in spite of your many sorceries and the great power of your enchantments." (Isaiah 47:9 Revised Standard Version)

Again, it cannot be stressed too greatly, that the harlot (the entire harlot), like the beast, exists in the last days. To say that it represents all false religion from its inception is foolish, as the kings (or leaders) expose and destroy her. I ask you, how can punishment be exacted upon religions and peoples destroyed thousands of years ago? Is this reasonable? Would the kings expose and burn with fire the customs and rites of ancient cultures?

Verse seventeen reads:

"For God hath put it in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to

agree, and to give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled."

In reality, nothing happens, neither good nor evil, unless Yahweh permits it. And He knows end from beginning; recording what He wishes His people to know in His holy word The Bible. It is His will that all these things happen; that a 'one world, one government' be formed, and fall, so that all men may learn that:

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain..." (Psalms 127:1)

So ends their dream; beaten to its knees by the rod of truth. From this point on they can sense the futility of their actions. Without their 'head' they know their destruction is imminent, but do they repent? Are they sorry for the course they followed? No, for they continue on in unrighteousness:

"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." (2nd Timothy 3:13)

Also refer to Revelation 9:20,21;22:11.

All events proceed on schedule until every prophecy and every word of Yahweh is fulfilled.

Ending the seventeenth chapter of Revelation with verse eighteen:

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

The warning has been given. The beast, ridden or controlled by the harlot, is not yet in authority. Israel, led by Yahweh's prophets, being The Almighty's battle-axe and weapons of war (Jeremiah 51:20 and Isaiah 49:1-3), are now planting the seeds that will lead to the destruction of Satan's organization.

"See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the king-

doms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build and to plant."

(Jer.1:10)

Also compare Jer. 1:9 with Jer. 23:29.

There was not the smallest fulfillment of this in Jeremiah's first life even though he was given the commission back then by Yahweh. Jeremiah must therefore, if Yahweh is to remain true, fulfil this now, not after Armageddon when the nations will

have already fallen; but the time prior to as described in Daniel 2:44:

"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever."

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