



Build on the Rock

Doctrinal Lesson
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Lesson 25:

"Babylon and her Harlot Daughters"



The Bible makes it clear that there will be many false teachers and religions in the last days. When Jesus describes the generation before Jesus comes in Mathew 24, he warns us 3 times of counterfeit christs and false prophets! In the book of Revelation, God reveals to us a very clear description of a system of false churches that profess the name of Christ. In the very last days, Satan will join this false system of churches with every other false religion and they will make war against God's true people! Complete this lesson with the King James Bible and learn who is Babylon and her harlot daughters!

1) What does Paul warn would take place within the church that would bring all the denominational division in the Christian church? -Acts 20:28-30.

1 - Paul warns that "grievous wolves" will "enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them."

*Note: Today, there are over 30,000 different church denominations in the world. The original Christian church was united in doctrine and faith, but it wasn't long before Satan brought in division and corruption through grievous wolves. These grievous wolves lead people away from Christ to follow pagan tradition and opinions of men.

2) How does the Bible depict the numerous false churches in the book of Revelation? -Revelation 17:1, 5.

1 - John saw a "great whore" that sitteth upon many waters."

2 - "Upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."



*Note: The Bible likens husband to Christ and the wife, or woman, to the church. (See Ephesians 5:22, 23) A woman who plays the harlot is symbolic of a corrupted and unfaithful church. (See Ezekiel 16:27-30) According to the Bible, all the corrupted denominational churches are lead by a Mother, known as "Babylon the Harlot."

Question: Who does Babylon the Harlot represent?

Answer: If you examine all the characteristics of Babylon, you will see that Babylon the Harlot represents the Roman Catholic Church and the daughters are fallen Protestantism.

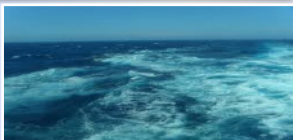


3) What does the Bible say the Harlot sits upon? -Revelation 17:1.

***Characteristic #1 - The harlot sits "upon m__ny w__te s__."**

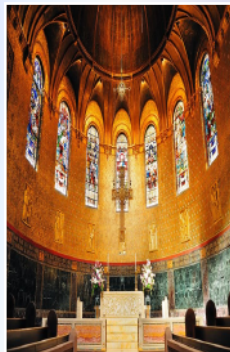
4) What do waters represent? -Revelation 17:15.

1 - Water represent "pe__ples, m__ltitudes, n__tions and t__ngues."



***Note:** Babylon arises out of a location where there are multitudes of people. The headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church is Rome, Italy, in the heart of Europe. Of all the Empires that have existed in ancient history, Rome was the largest of them all, covering an estimated 50 to 90 millions inhabitants. The Bishop of Rome became known as the first Pope, which the Catholic Church believes to be the spiritual and political emperor of the whole world. They claim "the Pope is crowned with a triple crown, as king of heaven and of earth and of the lower regions."

-Lucius Ferraris, "Papa," art. 2, in his Prompta Bibliotheca Canonica, Juridica, Moralis, Theologica, Ascetica, Polemica, Rubristica, Historica. ("Handy Library"), Vol. 5, published in Petit-Montrouge (Paris) by J. P. Migne, 1858 edition, column 1823, Latin.



5) Who does the Bible say Babylon would commit fornication with? -Revelation 17:2.

***Characteristic 2 - Babylon commits "forn__cation" with the "k__n__s of the e__rth" and she "made the inh__bitants of the ea__th" "dr__nk with the w__ne of her f__rnic__tion."**

***Note:** The spiritual fornication that the Bible is referring to is compromising God's commandments and adopting pagan principles. (Ezekiel 16:15-18). The king of the earth that especially was responsible for bringing pagan tradition into the church was Emperor Constantine. In the year 312 AD, he openly changed his faith from the Roman religion to Christianity, but held to many of his pagan practices. Since he was the Roman Emperor, most of the Christians accepted his membership in the church with his pagan beliefs and customs. These pagan customs were eventually taught in the church as doctrine, which was the origin of the Roman Catholic Church.



**Emperor
Constantine**

***Question: What customs did the Catholic Church adopt from paganism and begin to teach in the church?**



1 - The veneration of Mary and the Apostles: In an attempt to wean the pagans away from the worship of their many gods, the Roman Church, under the influence of Constantine, simply changed the name of their gods to the names of Mary and apostles and brought them into the church. The Roman goddess Diana became Mary, while Jupiter became Saint Peter.



2 - Sunday Worship: God's people all throughout history kept the seventh day (Saturday) as the Sabbath. After Constantine joined the church, Sunday celebration worship became a popular tradition. The pagans worshipped on the "Venerable Day of the Sun" (Sunday) and in attempt to bring the pagans into the church, the Roman church adopted this practice. Constantine even passed a National Sunday Law in 321 AD mandating rest from all labor on Sundays.



3 - The Immortality of the Soul and Purgatory: The Bible teaches that the dead are in an unconscious state and remain in the graves until Jesus comes. The pagans believed that Hades and Pluto, the gods of the underworld, kept charge of the dead souls of men. This teaching was brought into the church through Roman Catholicism, who began to teach that the dead were either tormenting in hell, purgatory, or rejoicing in heaven. They used this teaching to their advantage as a means to manipulate people into buying pardon (indulgences) for their sins to escape hell or purgatory.



4 - All Hallow's Eve (Halloween): As early as 200 B.C., the ancient Celts worship Samhain, the god the of dead, on October 31st. In an attempt to get the pagans away from this tradition, the Catholic Church introduced "All Saints Day" and, later, "All Hallows Eve," celebrated on October 31st to commemorate the dead saints. Halloween originated from "All Hallow's Eve" and every Halloween practice comes from superstition and the worship of the dead.

***Note: All the false doctrines that the Catholic Church teaches is symbolized by the wine of Babylon that intoxicates the "inhabitants of the earth".**

6) What does the Bible say the Harlot rides upon? What do the 7 heads represent? -Revelation 17:3, 9.

***Characteristic 3 - Babylon rides upon a "scarlet colored beast."**

The "seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth."

***Explanation:** The color scarlet is symbolic of sin (Isaiah 1:18), while a beast represents a political kingdom (Daniel 7:23). The scarlet beast is a political system that enforces all forms of sin and unrighteousness. This kingdom is NOT in full power as of yet, but will be controlled by ten kings for a short time right before Jesus comes. (See Revelation 17:12) This political kingdom will ultimately be under the authority of the Pope and Roman Catholic Church. The 7 heads are the 7 literal mountains.....

....that Rome sits upon, which is where the estate of the Catholic headquarters, Vatican City, resides.



*Note: The formation of the New World Order will be the fulfillment of this scarlet colored beast. The New World Order is a plan for world government that will be ruled politically by the global Elite bankers and, religiously, by the leaders at the Vatican. The Club of Rome, a secret society, already has plans to divide the world into 10 regions during a global crisis or emergency. When the right global disaster takes place, the whole global system will be changed over to this New World Order system that will enforce laws that will persecute God's people. Elite Banker, David Rockefeller stated: *"We are on the verge of a global transformation. All we need is the right major crisis and the nations will accept the New World Order."*

7) What color is Babylon clothed with? -Revelation 17:4.

*Characteristic #4 - Babylon is clothed in "p__rp_e and sc__r__et color, and d__cked with g__ld and precious st__nes and p__arls."

*Note: The scarlet once again denotes sin, while the purple denotes royalty and worldly honor. The gold represents large amounts of wealth and earthly riches. All these colors point to the Vatican and Catholic Church. They promote sin by teaching that Sunday is the Sabbath instead of Saturday. They also teach idolatry by worshipping Mary. They are highly honored by all the political leaders of the world and have 1.2 billion followers. They also are the wealthiest organization in the world with billions of dollars worth of gold in their secret vaults.



*Note: As Babylon the Harlot has daughters the Catholic Church considers the Protestant Churches as daughters. "It must always be clear, when the expression sister Churches is used in this proper sense, that the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Universal Church is not sister but mother of all the particular Churches." -Cardinal Ratzinger. Every Protestant church that keeps Sunday as the Sabbath or follows any other Catholic doctrine above the Bible is classified as the daughters of Babylon.

8) How does the Bible conclude the description of Babylon? -Revelation 17:18.

1 - Babylon is "that g__e__t ci__y, which r__igneth ov__r the k__ngs of the e__r__h."

*Note: Mysteriously, Vatican City, which means "Divining Serpent", has no national authority, pays no taxes and have separate laws from Italy and Rome. According to the Bible, Vatican city reigns over all the political leaders of the world!

9) What message of hope is given to those who are in Babylon? -Revelation 18:4.

1 - "Come o__t of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her s__n__, and that ye receive n__t of her pl__g__es."

Appeal) If you are in a church that fits the characteristics of Babylon, will you come out of her and join God's faithful church? _____.

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