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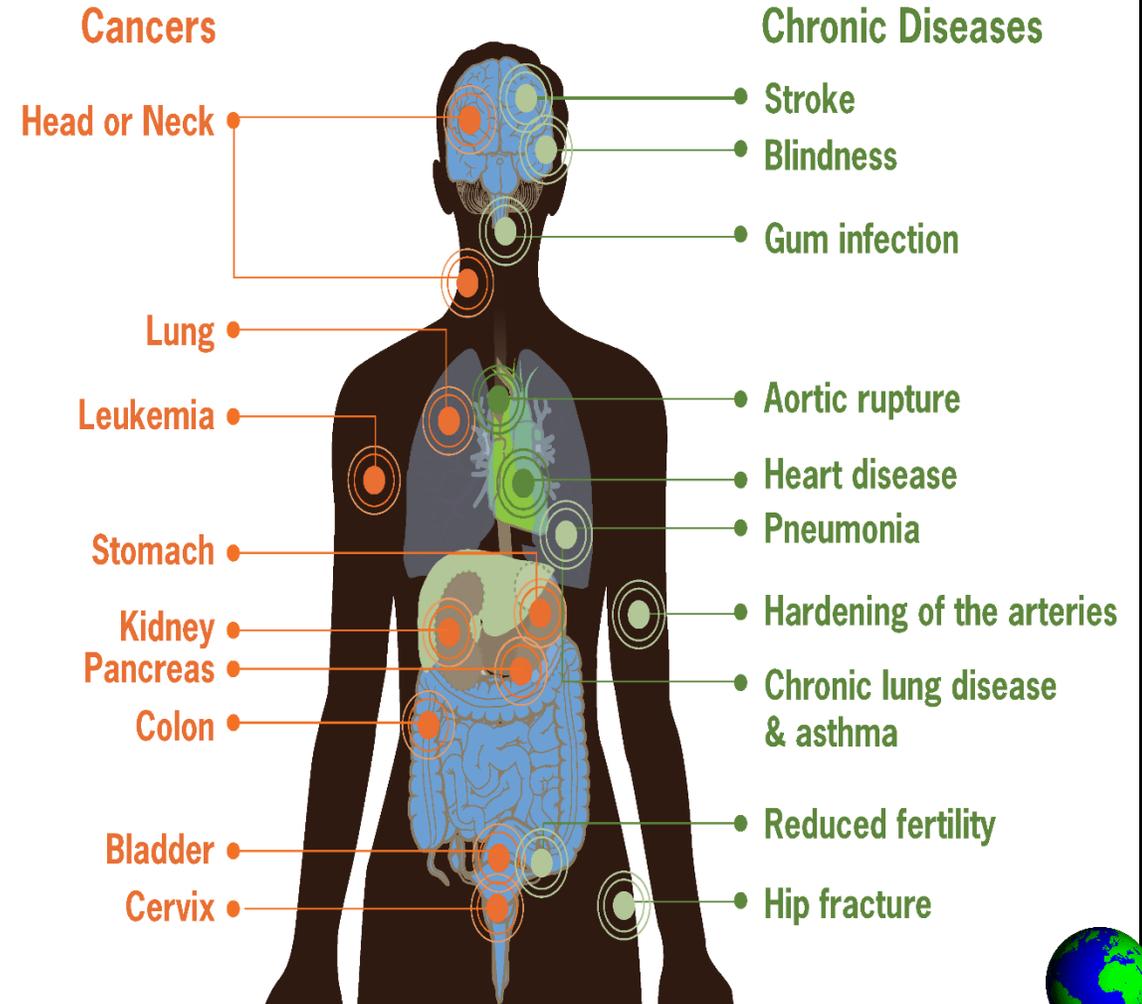
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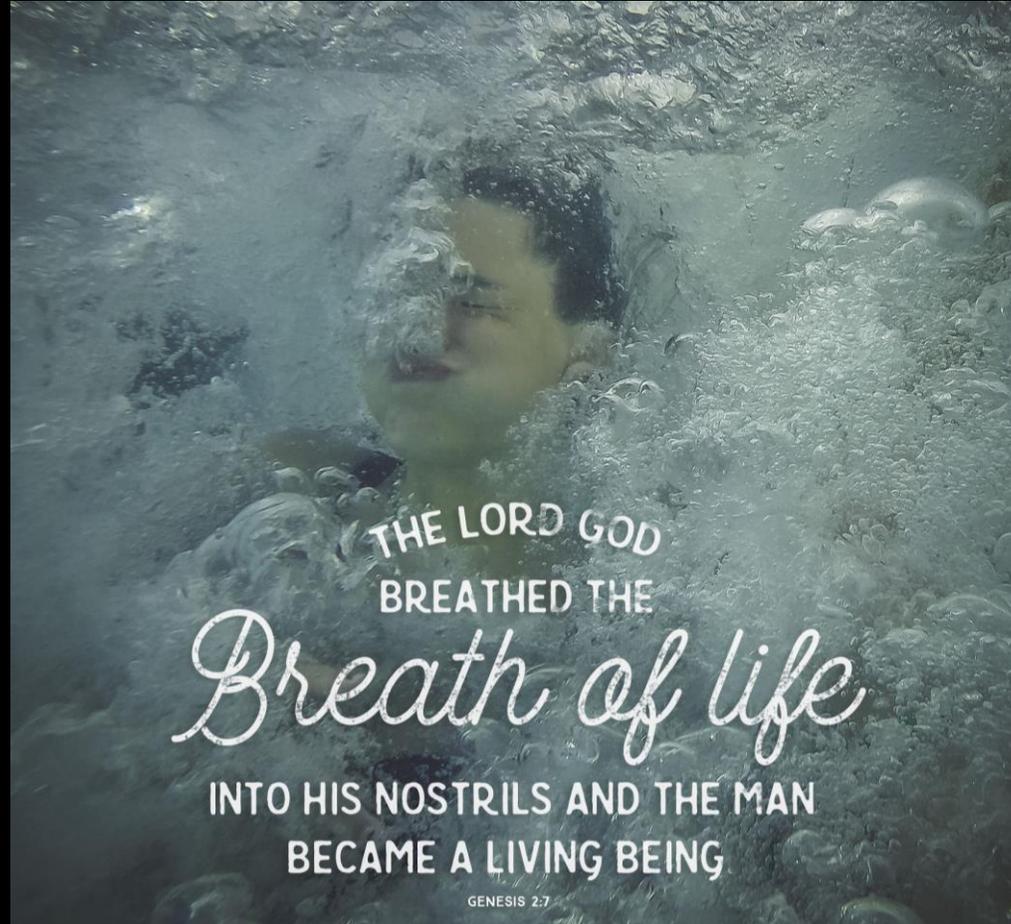
Smoking can damage every part of the body



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Why Prophecy Matters?

Throughout the Bible, GOD has shown His omnipresent power by revealing to His people He is the GOD of the future. Though He certainly doesn't owe us any proof, He still offers prophecy as evidence of His divinity.

J. Barton Payne's *Encyclopaedia of Biblical Prophecy* lists 1,239 prophecies in the Old Testament, and 578 prophecies in the New Testament. That's 1,817 prophecies comprised of 8,352 verses showing that God can tell us future events. While some prophecies have yet to be fulfilled, most events have come to pass exactly as predicted, proving GOD's accuracy again and again. It shows us that we can trust GOD, because He knows the end from the beginning and is willing to prove it to us.



Prophecy In the Bible

There are many examples of GOD's prophetic power throughout scripture. Let's look at a few notable scriptures.

GOD also cites His prophetic power as a way He stands out from all other false gods. He is showing His people He can be trusted in the present, because He knows what's coming in the future.

Isaiah 46:9-10: Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.



Some Examples in the Bible

Pharaoh's Dream:

GOD often revealed future events through prophetic dreams. We first see this in the book of Genesis, where **GOD** used a Hebrew slave to save the nation of Egypt and their neighbouring countries. **GOD** gave Pharaoh a troubling dream.

Joseph, a Hebrew slave, was able to decipher his dream, and revealed that after seven years of plenty, there would be seven years of famine.

It came to pass just as predicted, but because Pharaoh put Joseph in charge to store away provisions for the coming lean years, Egypt was able to weather the famine and even profit from it by selling grain to the surrounding nations. - See Genesis 41



Some Examples in the Bible (cont'd)

King Nebuchadnezzar's Dream:

Some of the most dramatic prophetic revelations came to Daniel, a Hebrew captured and taken to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar during Israel's fall in 605 B.C. One night, the king had a dream that troubled him. When his wise men couldn't tell him the dream or its interpretation, he went on a wise-men killing spree in his anger. Thankfully, Daniel was able to buy time, and GOD revealed the king's dream and interpretation to him that night. Here is Daniel's praise to GOD after he was given the answer to his prayers. - See Daniel 2

- The king also echoes Daniel's praise to GOD after he hears the prophecy and understands that the GOD of Daniel was above any of the gods of Babylon.



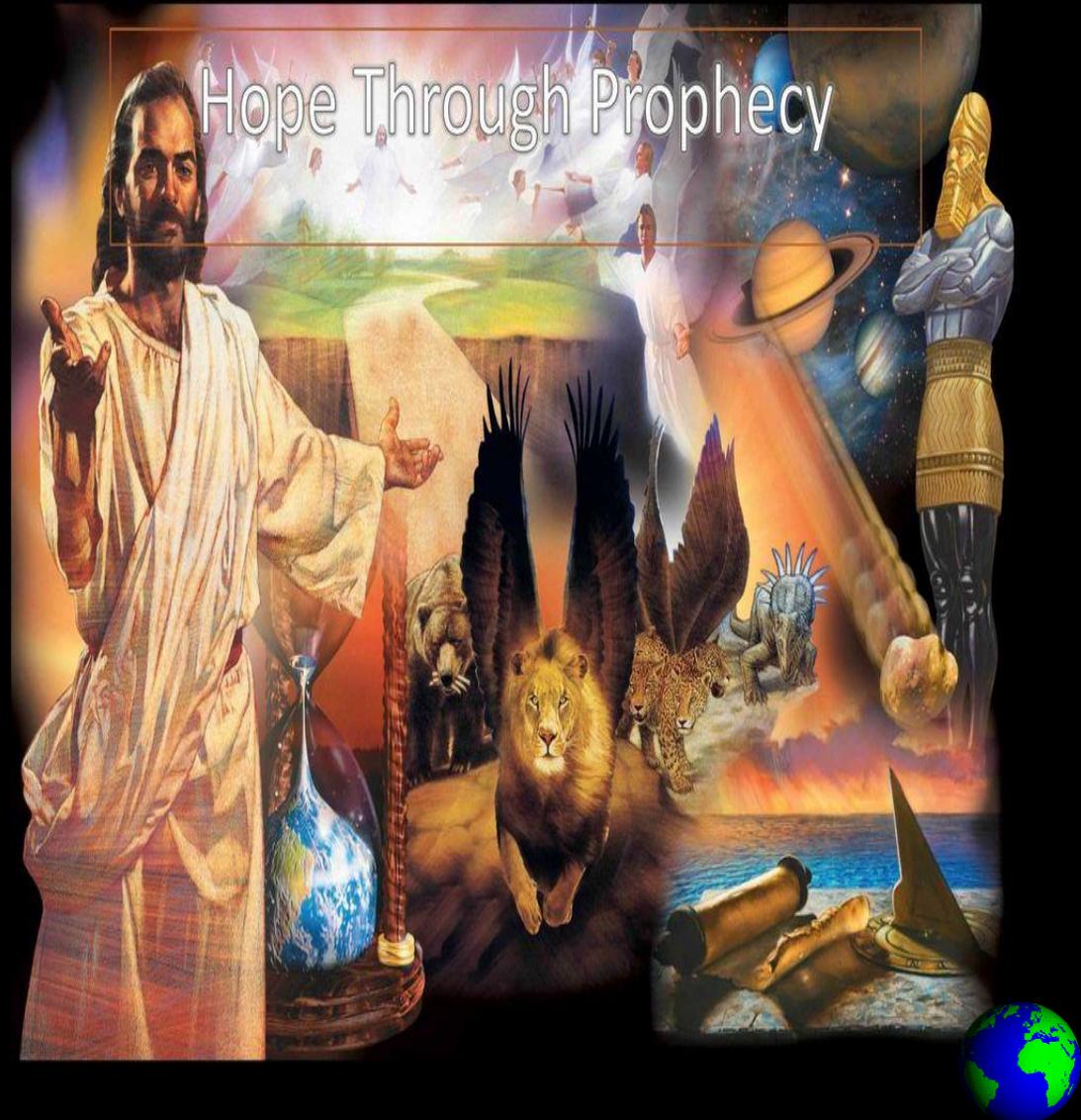
What Does Jesus Say About Prophecy?

Jesus also gave us many prophetic examples in scripture. As believers in these last days, He shows us that we should seek to understand prophecy in order to remember His words, and have peace during the tribulations that are coming.

- *John 16:1-4: Persecution to come.*
- *John 16:31-33: Tribulations to come.*
- *John 14:29: Then you will believe.*

While prophecy shows us GOD's divinity, it also prepares us for upcoming events. GOD doesn't ask us to go through these trials blindly. He's given us revelations of the future. Let's unpack the teachings of Revelation 17 verse by verse together so we are better prepared for what is to come.

Revelation 17 is a chapter about GOD's judgment on the enemy during the final days. It's important for us to understand this passage clearly, so we are not deceived when these days come. Let's go through it one verse at a time to really understand what GOD is trying to teach us.



Lets examine Revelation 17:1

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

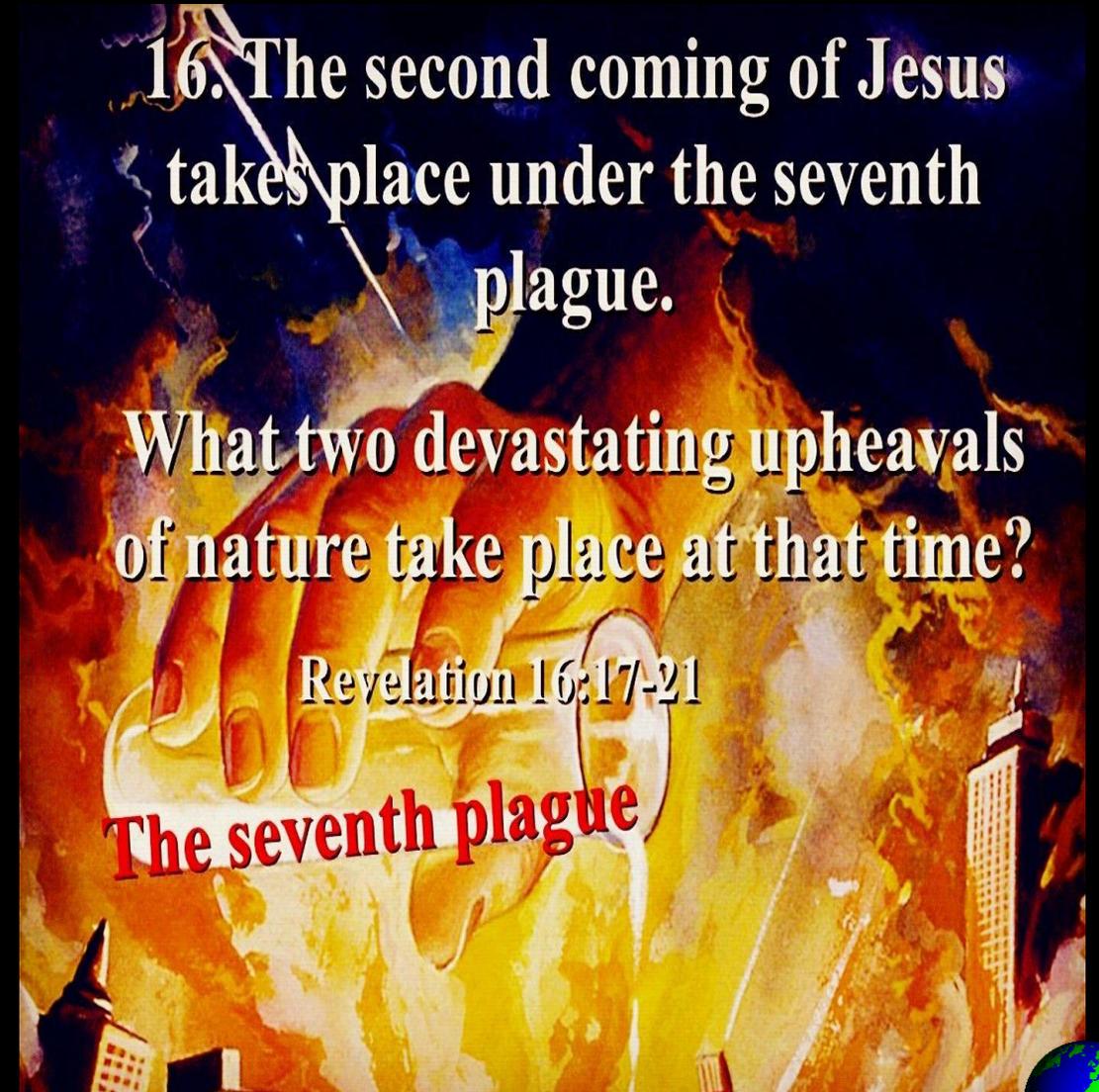
The angel speaking to John is one of the angels in Revelation 16 that poured out the vials of GOD's wrath. This same angel helps John understand the events that will lead to the great whore's judgment in the future. Let's look back at the preceding verses of the previous chapter for context.

Revelation 16 is clearly showing GOD's coming judgment on Babylon. Like most of Revelation, and most of prophecy, you find a lot of symbolism. In Revelation 17, we will be introduced to several key players. If we follow the advice of 2 Peter 1:20, we know "that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation." Therefore, we must let the Bible interpret itself in order to reveal the main characters and their fates in these final events.



Examine the preceding verses for context

Revelation 16:17-21: *And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.*



16. The second coming of Jesus takes place under the seventh plague.

What two devastating upheavals of nature take place at that time?

Revelation 16:17-21

The seventh plague

Pure Woman & Wicked Woman

We see a reference in the first verse of Revelation 17 to the “judgment of the great whore.” **Who does this “whore” represent?** You will find throughout prophecy that **GOD uses women to represent churches.** A pure woman represents a faithful church, waiting for her Bridegroom (Jesus) to return. Here are just a few examples of this concept found in scripture.

Jeremiah 6:2: *I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate woman.*

Revelation 12:1 *And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:”*

* In complete contrast to the pure woman, we also see a wicked woman symbolizing the rebellious church. Again, the Bible makes it very easy to reveal the symbolic meaning.

Hosea 1:2: *The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea. And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the LORD.*



1. What two contrasting women are pictured in Revelation?

a. Revelation 17:1,2

b. Revelation 12:1



Whoredom of the Wicked Woman

Jeremiah 13:27: I have seen thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, and thine abominations on the hills in the fields. Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! wilt thou not be made clean? when shall it once be?

In Revelation 17:1, you will notice that the “great whore,” or apostate church, sits upon many waters when her judgment is executed in the future. GOD uses water to represent people of the earth.

Revelation 17:15: The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

Notice that the great whore is sitting upon many waters, which means she’s controlling many people. She’s attempting to reign where GOD should reign. She’s trying to take His place and demand the population’s worship that should be reserved only for GOD.



God Judgeth when sin waxes Great

Psalms 47:7-9: For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness. The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth belong unto God: he is greatly exalted.

In Genesis, we can see the adjective “great” used to describe the condition of a people that are about to be judged because their sins are “very grievous.” The LORD sends angels to destroy them. Therefore, the (“great” whore) in Revelation 17 is ripe for judgments of GOD poured out in Revelation 16.

Genesis 18:20: And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

Genesis 19:13: For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.



Lets examine Revelation 17:2

Revelation 17:2 - *With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.*

The great whore is sitting directly on many waters before her future judgment is executed. Notice the tenses of the words.

The judgment happens because the kings have committed fornication (past tense) and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk (past tense) with the wine of her fornication.

The great whore, that mighty and rebellious church, had fornicated – or had an unlawful relationship – with the “kings of the earth” or the rulers of the world. The wine is a result of the union of church and state mixing together and following her false teachings. This makes the inhabitants of the earth drunk.



Let's summarize what we have learned from the first two verses:

- We know that the angel responsible for pouring out GOD's future judgment will help John understand the judgment of this rebellious Christian church.
- We know that the grievous sins of this rebellious Christian church include the unlawful relationship with the world's leaders.
- The apostate church has influence with the rulers of the earth. Therefore, she is able to make their citizens drunk.
- This church will have direct influence over the inhabitants of the earth when they have been made drunk.
- This drunkenness is a result of the inhabitants of the world being deceived to receive a spirit and false teaching "wine" that does not come from GOD.



Wine the symbol of drunkenness

Here are a few scriptural references showing wine as a representation of a teaching. Wine is the perfect symbol of what a new teaching does, as just as becoming drunk with wine influences someone's physical actions and thinking, the doctrinal teachings impact our spiritual actions and thinking.

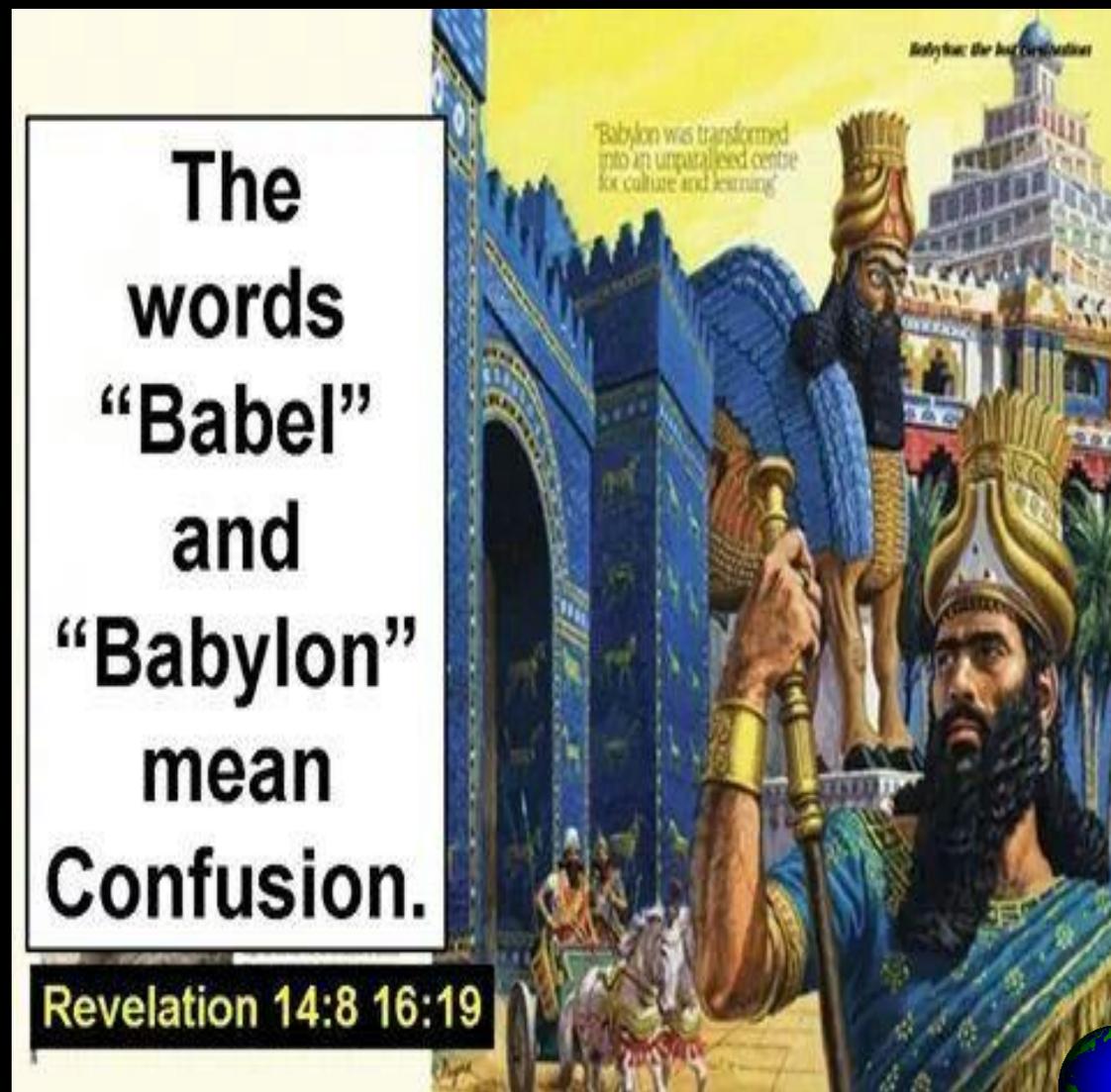
Revelation 13:12-13:

Revelation 18:2-3:

Acts 2:1-5:

Acts 2:12-18:

Luke 5:37-39:

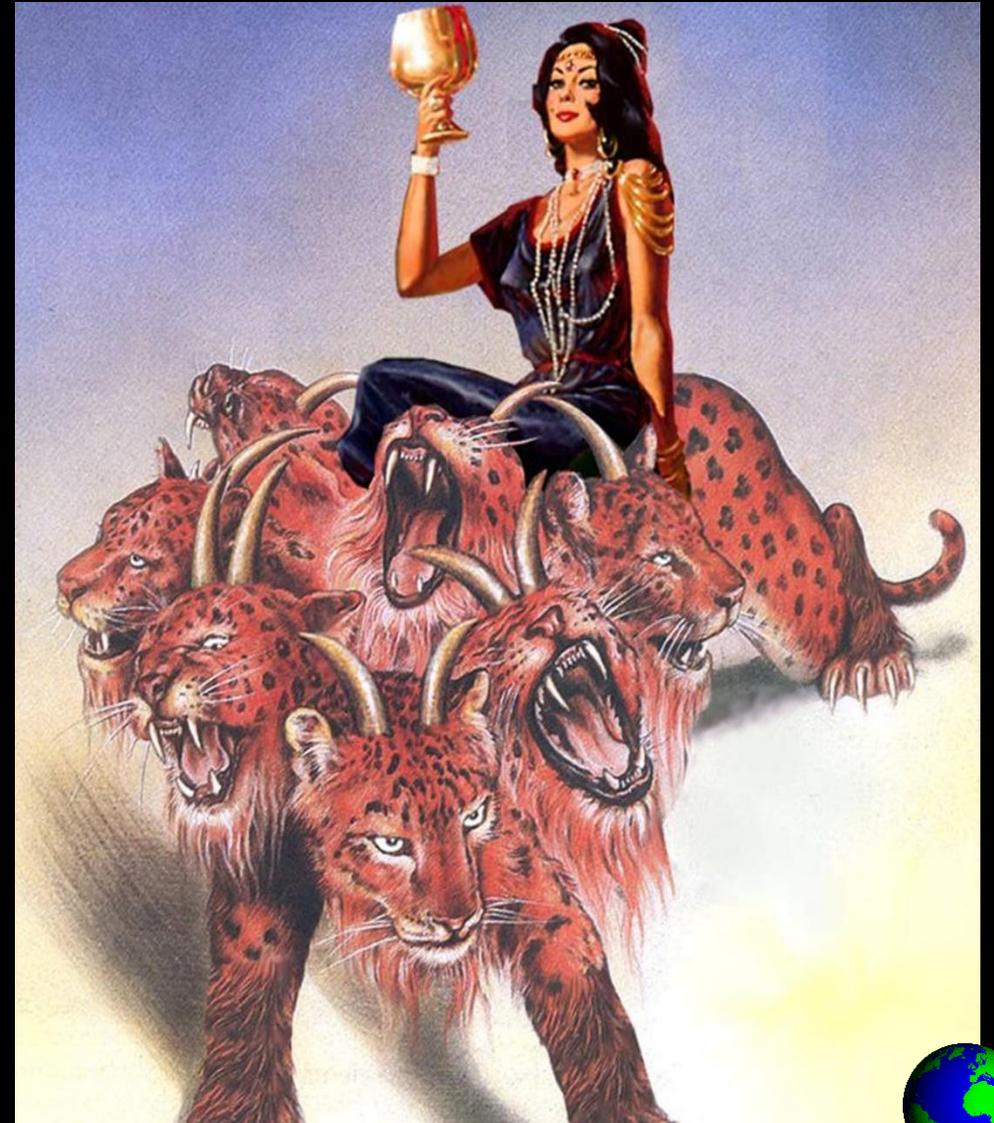


Lets examine Revelation 17:3

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

One amazing thing about prophetic visions is the ability to time travel. **GOD is not limited by linear time.** Here, John is taken from a prophetic scene of the great whore that is still future, to another time period in the past.

John describes the angel carrying him away in the spirit to a new scene where the woman is no longer described as a great whore. In direct contrast to what we saw in the previous two verses, this woman is not sitting upon many waters in open authority over peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. Instead, this church sits (authority) on a scarlet (sin) beast (kingdom), full of the names of blasphemy in the wilderness (hidden and obscure).



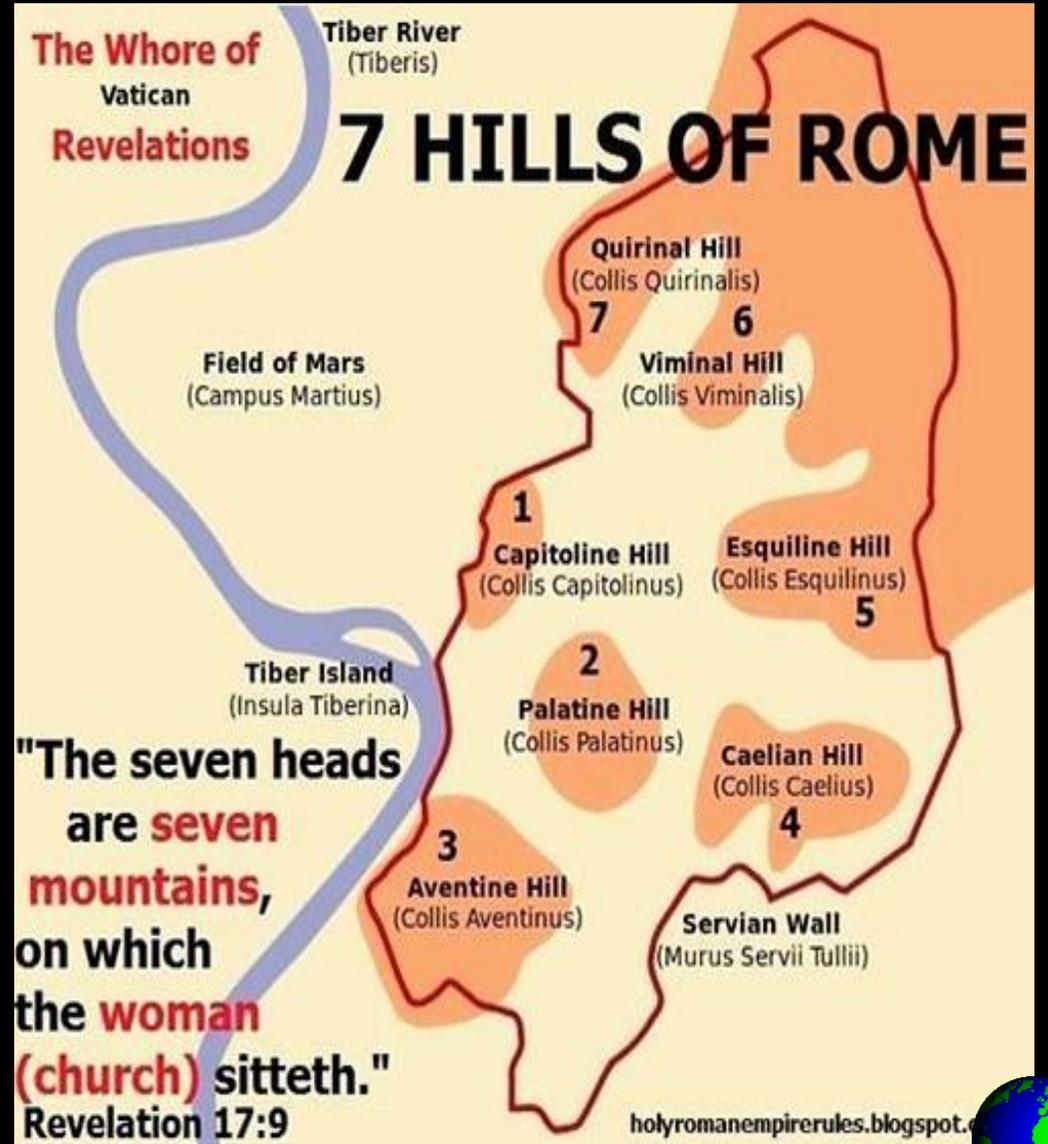
The Historical Acceptance of the False Wine

This woman sits (has authority) on this blasphemous beast (kingdom) with seven heads (in the capital in Rome, Italy).

This apparent Christian church is fornicating (having an unlawful, intimate relationship) in obscurity with ten horns (earth's kings/rulers). The unlawful, illicit relationship the Roman church has with the kings of the earth causes the earth's inhabitants to become subject to her influence via their leaders influence (laws, school curriculum, media, churches, etc.)

Just as wine impacts the physical senses, these influences from the fornication (false teaching) have an ungodly, intoxicating effect from the wine of their fornication.

As wine dulls the sense, this time period of false teaching dulls the spirituality of those accepting this instruction, and prepares the inhabitants of the earth to accept the great whore to sit with direct authority over them.



The False Wine Goes Underground

After the water/sea beast in [Revelation 13](#) appears to be wounded to death, the church in Rome continued her work while riding the beast without crowns in obscurity. Notice that she is no longer described as controlling a beast with crowns operating in the midst of a sea (peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues). This direct influence was lost in 1798 when the Pope was removed from power, which gives us the starting date of this time period when the wounded church starts to operate in obscurity. The angel wants John to understand the events that transpire from the time she starts riding the beast in the wilderness (obscurity) until the future time when she sits directly on the waters.

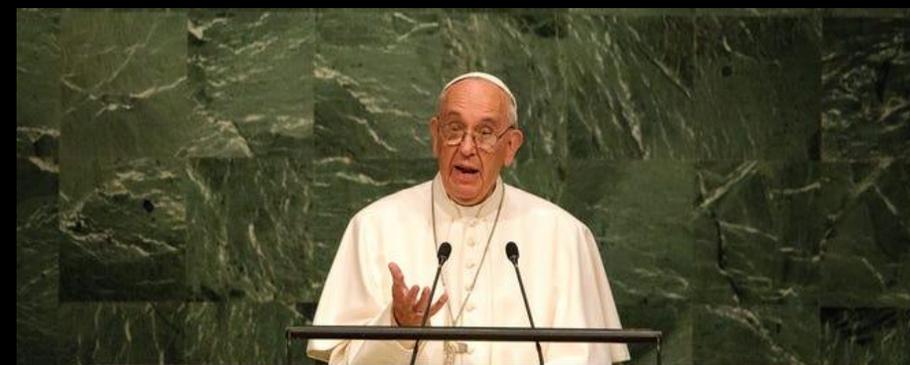
The angel also confirms that the woman is sitting on the beast in the wilderness. This allows the woman to control the beast in obscurity and appear to maintain her innocence, but the Bible is clear that the horrors that the kings of the earth commit can be connected to the rider directing them. A rider has authority over the beast it rides. [Daniel 2](#), [Daniel 7](#), [Daniel 11](#), [Revelation 12](#), [Revelation 13](#) agree with the prophetic picture that we see in [Revelation 17](#). In [Daniel 2](#), the legs of iron (Rome) and clay (church-craft) continue from 538 A.D. until the time that the Rock (Christ) strikes the feet of the statue.



The False Wine Goes Underground (cont'd)

Revelation 17 brings a specific time period of this power into focus. This helps us to not be deceived when the woman and kings of the earth are having an illicit relation in obscurity. Their primary goal is to intoxicate the inhabitants of the earth with teachings that oppose Christ, His word, and His church.

When the sea beast of Revelation 13 was leading the Counter Reformation publicly, her influence continued to wane. Protestants were able to clearly identify Papal Rome as Antichrist, and then printed the Bible in the common language of their country. Their citizens were convicted to accept the doctrine of Jesus by reading the word of GOD, not by the influence of the priests. Papal Rome appears to be removed from the battlefield in 1798, but the Counter Reformation marches on in secrecy with the rulers of the earth. The angel sheds light on this tactic by showing John the beast is in the wilderness.



The False Wine Goes Underground (cont'd)

Revelation 17 confirms that Papal Rome maintains her authority just as she has in the preceding prophecies: Daniel 2, Daniel 7, Daniel 11, and Revelation 12. In Revelation 13, we see another alignment on this point if you interpret the following verses in the light of all the preceding prophecies. Please read them carefully with this thought in mind.

Revelation 13:3: *And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.*

Revelation 13:12: *And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.*

Revelation 13:14: *And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.*



The Papacy Identified By Reformers

If you've studied other chapters in Revelation, you will notice that the scarlet-coloured beast is similar in colour to the dragon beast in Revelation 12.

The dragon attacked Jesus Christ and was cast out of heaven. Since that time, the primary purpose of the dragon's wrath has been directed at GOD's people. The beast the woman rides is also full of names of blasphemy, which is a similar trait to the sea beast in Revelation 13 and the little horn in Daniel 7.

The church fathers of the reformation, after studying prophecy, easily identified this blasphemous power as Papal Rome.

The angel confirms the location of this prophecy.

In Revelation 13, we learn that Pagan Rome gave Papal Rome their seat. The seat of power that both Empires shared is commonly called the "City of Seven Hills," or her proper name: Rome, Italy.

From this seat of power, Papal Rome has strived to have absolute authority.

Revelation 13:2 tells us that the dragon (Satan) gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.



The Papacy Identified By Reformers (cont'd)

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

Revelation 2:13: I know ... even where Satan's seat is:

To further cement the identifying characteristics, the angel confirms the symbol of the woman in this prophecy can literally be interpreted as the great - **"City of Seven Hills:"** a Christian-like city located in Rome, Italy.

Revelation 17:18: And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

Notice, in direct contrast to **Revelation 12:3** and **13:1**, there are no crowns on the horns of this scarlet-coloured beast. The **"divine right of kings"** doctrine was outwardly paused. Kingly power appears to wane, but it actually just sits in obscurity with the woman riding it in the wilderness. The woman, the beast and the kings operate in secrecy after 1798. Then, the angel describes a time when they will operate openly for a short period.

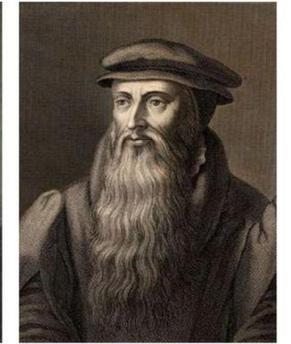
- Many people left the Catholic Church for new Protestant churches formed by Reformation leaders like Luther, **Henry VIII**, **John Calvin**, or **John Knox**.



Henry VIII



John Calvin



John Knox



The Papacy Identified By Reformers (cont'd)

Revelation 17:12 tells us that the “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.”

The kings of the earth secretly fornicate with the woman, and the inhabitants of the earth are drinking the wine (false teachings) of this fornication. It is important that we understand how the scenario will play out in order to avoid being among the deceived people.

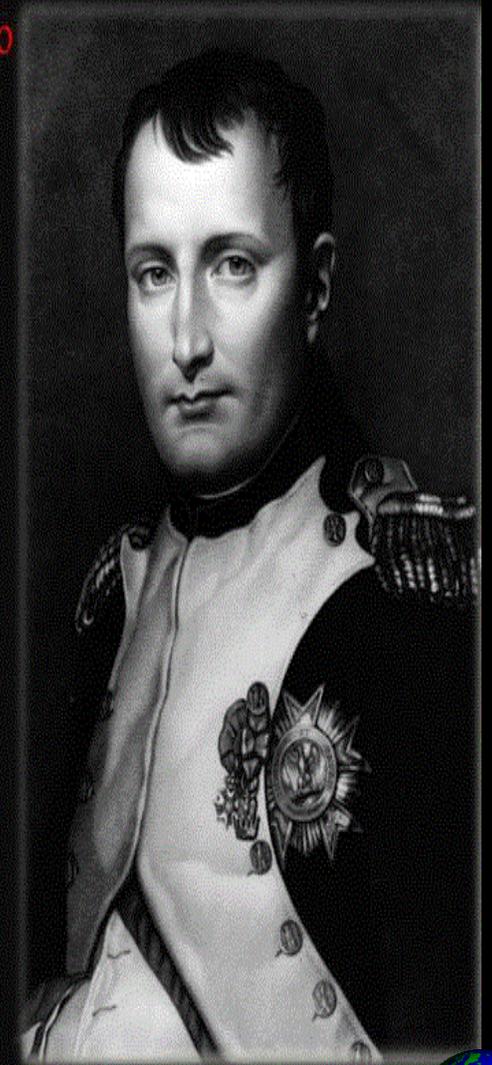
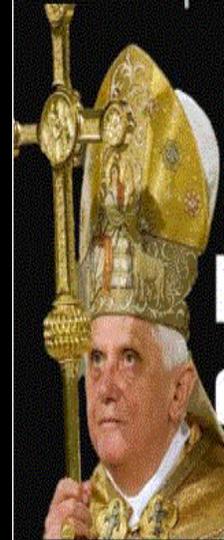
In **Revelation 11**, a **beast ascends out of the bottomless pit**. We know from history that this is the power that appears to “mortally” wound the head of the water beast in **Revelation 13**. **GOD** exposes the real motive of the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit in **Revelation 11**. **Revelation 17** confirms that the woman is still holding the reins as she rides this beast in **obscurity**.

“I am surrounded by priests who repeat incessantly that their kingdom is not of this world, and yet they lay their hands on everything they can get”

- Napoleon

Bonaparte

Nothing had changed!



The Papacy Identified By Reformers (cont'd)

This is when a new movement comes forward. Although the history books paint a picture of atheism in France helping the world break free of the tyranny of Papal oppression, the Bible helps us understand the real purpose of this mind-set.

Revelation 11:7-8: *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. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.*



**AND I WILL GRANT
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AND SIXTY DAYS,
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SACKCLOTH.**

Revelation 11:3



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A big blow to Papal Rome was translating and printing the Bible in the language of the common man.

This gave strength to the Protestant Reformation.

But it also caused the Papal Roman Empire to respond with a counter attack. The Jesuits order was recognized canonically in 1540, and the Council of Trent (1545–1563) was in session to plan the strategy for a Counter Reformation. One of the many tactics to eliminate Protestantism was a Jesuit dialectic, which would initially impact the kingdoms of Europe where Protestantism was the greatest threat.

The following Jesuits, Masons and Jacobins influenced this plan: Adam Weishaupt, Maximillian Robespierre, Voltaire, Jean Jacque Rousseau, and many others.

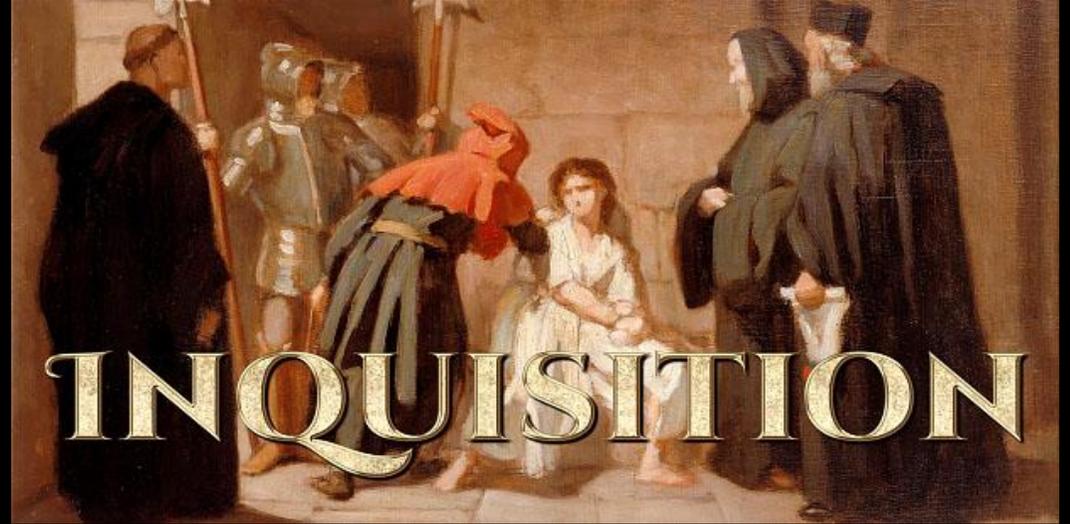
Dialectic is a philosophy to move a mind-set by causing thesis to collide with antithesis, which will then provide the desired resulting synthesis. The Jesuit's effort in furthering the atheist movement was a counter attack to destroy the fledgling Protestant Reformation before it could gain momentum.



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Throughout Christendom, Protestantism was menaced by many formidable foes. After the first triumphs of the Reformation, Rome summoned new forces hoping to crush it. It was at this time, and for this purpose, that the order of the Jesuits was created.

The Jesuits were the most cruel, unscrupulous, and powerful of all the champions of popery. They were the Pope's hit men. Cut off from every earthly tie and human interest, dead to the claims of natural affection, reason and conscience wholly silenced, they knew no rule, no tie, but that of their order. They knew no duty, but to extend its power. The gospel of Christ had enabled its adherents to meet danger and endure suffering, undismayed by cold, hunger, toil, and poverty. These new Protestant believers upheld the banner of truth in face of the rack, the dungeon, and the stake.



The Papacy Identified By Reformers (cont'd)

To combat these forces, Jesuitism inspired its followers with a fanaticism that enabled them to endure like dangers, and oppose to the power of truth all the weapons of deception. There was no crime too great for them to commit, no deception too base for them to practice, no disguise too difficult for them to assume. Vowed to perpetual poverty and humility, it was their studied aim to secure wealth and power, to be devoted to the overthrow of Protestantism, and the re-establishment of the papal supremacy.

When appearing as members of their order, they wore a garb of sanctity, visiting prisons and hospitals, ministering to the sick and the poor, professing to have renounced the world, and bearing the sacred name of Jesus.

Yet, under this blameless exterior, the most criminal and deadly purposes were concealed. It was a fundamental principle of the order that the end justifies the means. By this code, lying, theft, perjury, and assassination were not only pardonable, but also commendable when they served the interests of the church.



The Papacy Identified By Reformers (cont'd)

Under various disguises, the Jesuits worked their way into offices of state, climbing the political ladders to be the counsellors of kings, and shaping the policy of nations.

They became servants to act as spies upon their masters.

They created areas of influence with established colleges for the sons of princes and nobles, and schools for the common people. The children of Protestant parents were drawn into an observance of popish rites through their offerings. All the outward pomp and display of the Rome's worship was brought to bear to confuse the mind, while dazzling and captivating the imagination. Sadly, the sons soon betrayed the liberty for which the fathers had toiled and bled. **The Jesuits rapidly spread themselves over Europe.** Wherever they went, there soon followed a revival of popery.



The Papacy Identified By Reformers (cont'd)

To give them even greater power, a bull was issued re-establishing the Inquisition. Notwithstanding the general abhorrence with which it was regarded, even in Catholic countries, popish rulers again set up this terrible tribunal. Atrocities too terrible to bear the light of day were repeated in secret dungeons. In many countries, thousands upon thousands of the very flowers of the nation: the purest and noblest, the most intellectual and highly educated, pious and devoted pastors, industrious and patriotic citizens, brilliant scholars, talented artists, and skilful artisans were slain or forced to flee to other lands. Such were the means that Rome invoked to quench the light of the Reformation, to withdraw from men the Bible, and to restore the ignorance and superstition of the Dark Ages. - The Great Controversy pp. 234.2 - 235.2



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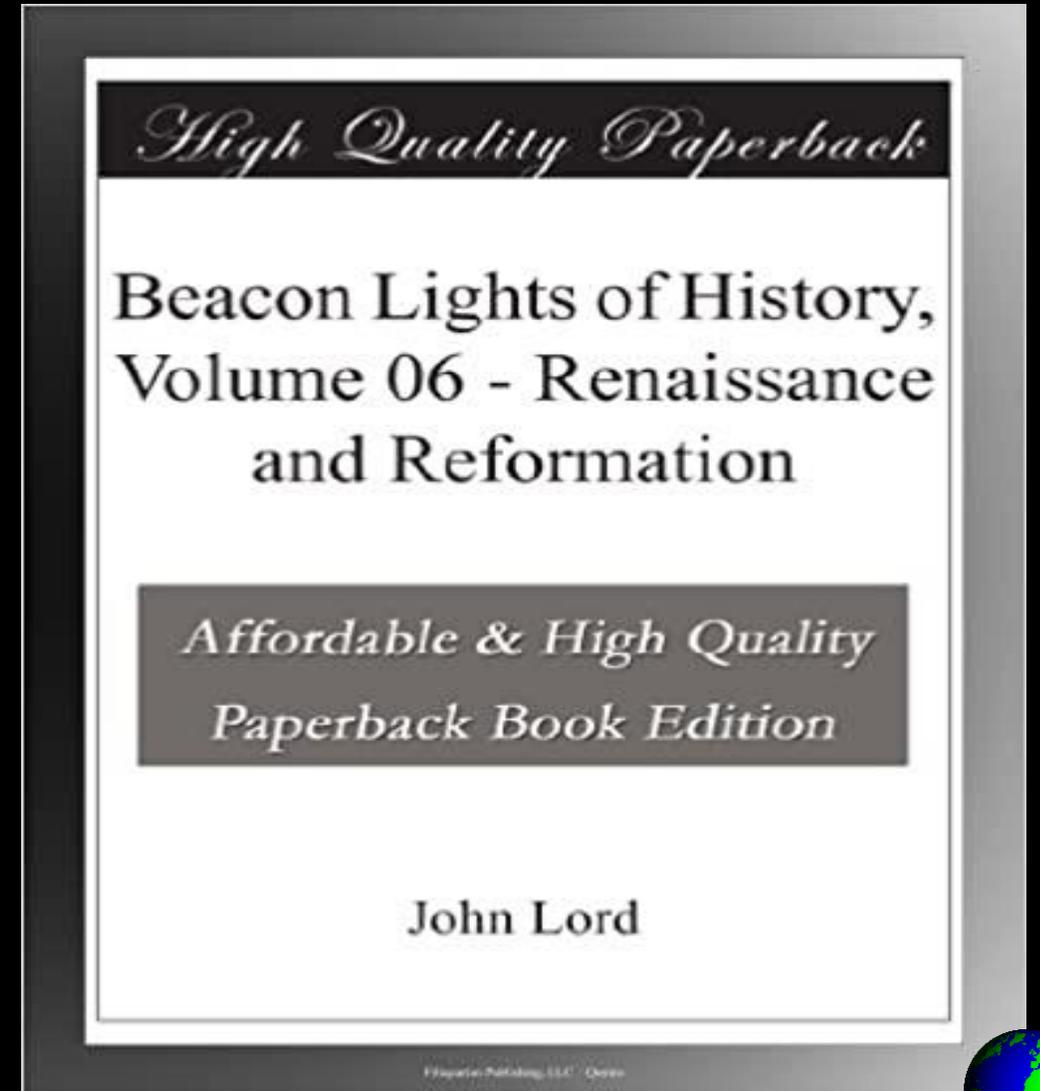
Weishaupt and his fellow Jesuits cut off the income to the Vatican by launching and leading the French Revolution; by directing Napoleon's conquest of Catholic Europe [as the Order would do with Hitler]; by the revolt against the Church, led by such priests as Father Hidalgo, in Mexico and Latin America; by eventually having Napoleon throw Pope Pius VII in jail at Avignon until he agreed, as the price for his release, to re-establish the Jesuit Order. This Jesuit war on the Vatican was terminated by the Congress of Vienna and by the secret, 1822, Treaty of Verona. . . . Ever since, the Rothschilds have been the fiscal agents of the Vatican. - Emanuel M. Josephson, Jewish American Physician & Historian: The "Federal" Reserve Conspiracy & Rockefellers," 1968



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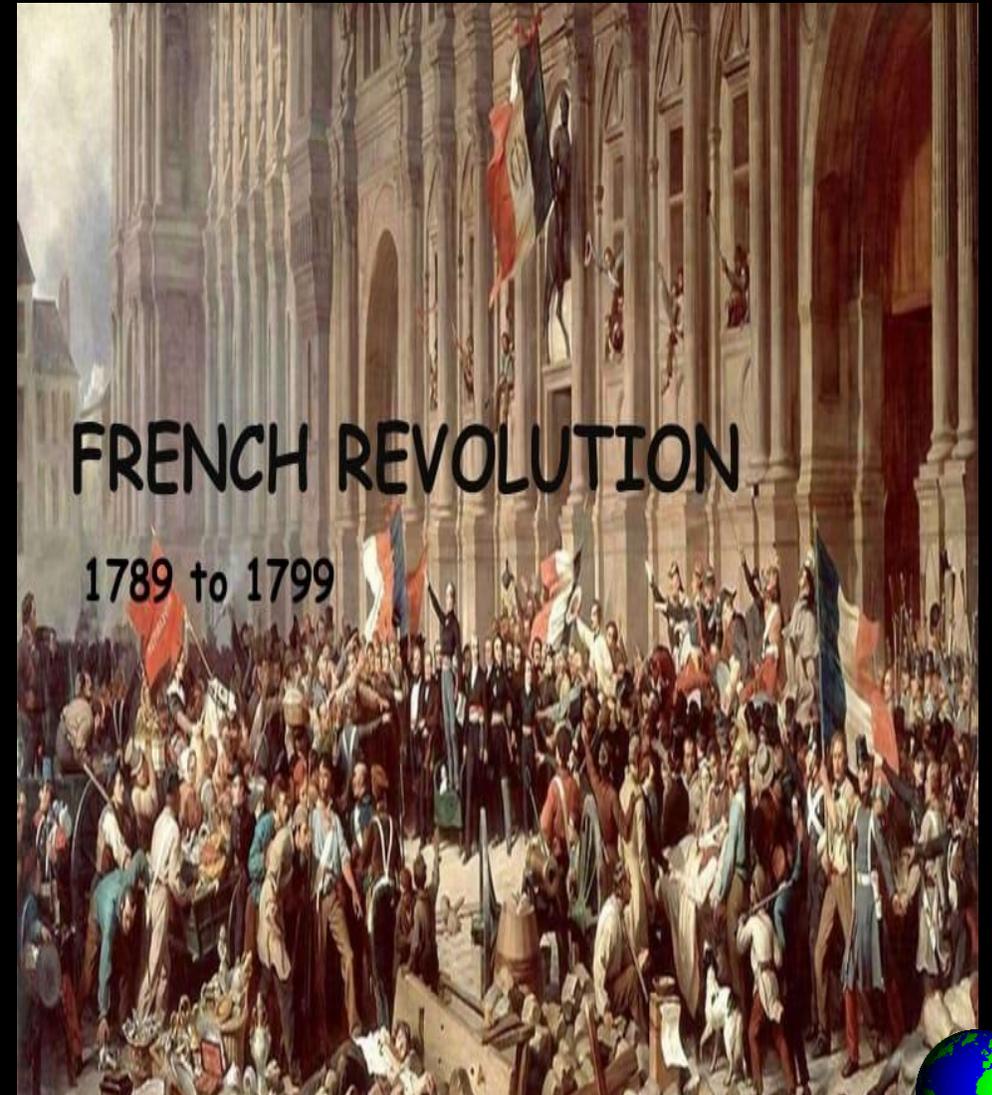
They (Jesuits) are accused of securing the revocation of the Edict of Nantes,-- one of the greatest crimes in the history of modern times, which led to the expulsion of four hundred thousand Protestants from France, and the execution of four hundred thousand more. - John Lord, Beacon Lights of History, volume VI, p. 325.

It is my opinion that if the liberties of this country – the United States of America – are destroyed, it will be by the subtlety of the Roman Catholic Jesuit priests, for they are the most crafty, dangerous enemies to civil and religious liberty. They have instigated MOST of the wars of Europe. - Marquis de LaFayette (1757-1834; French statesman and general who served in the American Continental Army under the command of General George Washington during the American Revolutionary War.)



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The Jesuit dialectic thesis is Atheism started during the French Revolution (1789-1799). French atheism peaked in 1793, when they renounce unanimously the belief and worship of a Deity. As a nation, she lifted her hand in open rebellion against the Author of the universe. As Revelation 11 predicted, the mind-set of Atheism that started in France settled into Europe, and then spread to other parts of the world. Atheism and her fruits are results of the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit. The primary purpose of this beast is to make war against the word of GOD. The primary strongholds of the word of GOD during this time were the countries that embraced the reformation.



The Papacy Identified By Reformers (cont'd)

Revelation 11:7-8: *And when they (old and new testament) 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. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.*

German historiography may count the War of the Second Coalition (1798/9–1801/2), during which Napoleon seized power, as the Erster Napoleonischer Krieg ("First Napoleonic War").

This (doctrine) Atheistic influence is spiritually called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. This false teaching is a deep draft of the wine that flowed from the fornication of church and state. The desired result (or synthesis) of the Counter Reformation is to destroy the Protestant mindset so the great whore can sit on many waters a.k.a. "the inhabitants of the earth". For synthesis to occur, antithesis will need to clash with thesis.

DIALECTIC PROCESS

THESIS – Set of Ideas -
established order

ANTITHESIS – Conflict of ideas
that challenge to the established
order

SYNTHESIS – solution emerged
that was a step ahead of the old
system



Lets examine Revelation 17:4

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

GOD, in **Exodus 28:4-35**, describes in detail what His high priests were instructed to wear when they served Him. Notice how the woman adorns herself with similar articles, but there are glaring differences. The woman wears no blue! The priests wore blue to remember all the commandments of the LORD, and to do them. Blue, in reference to GOD's law, was a visual sign to keep them from seeking after their own hearts and eyes, which they use to go whoring.



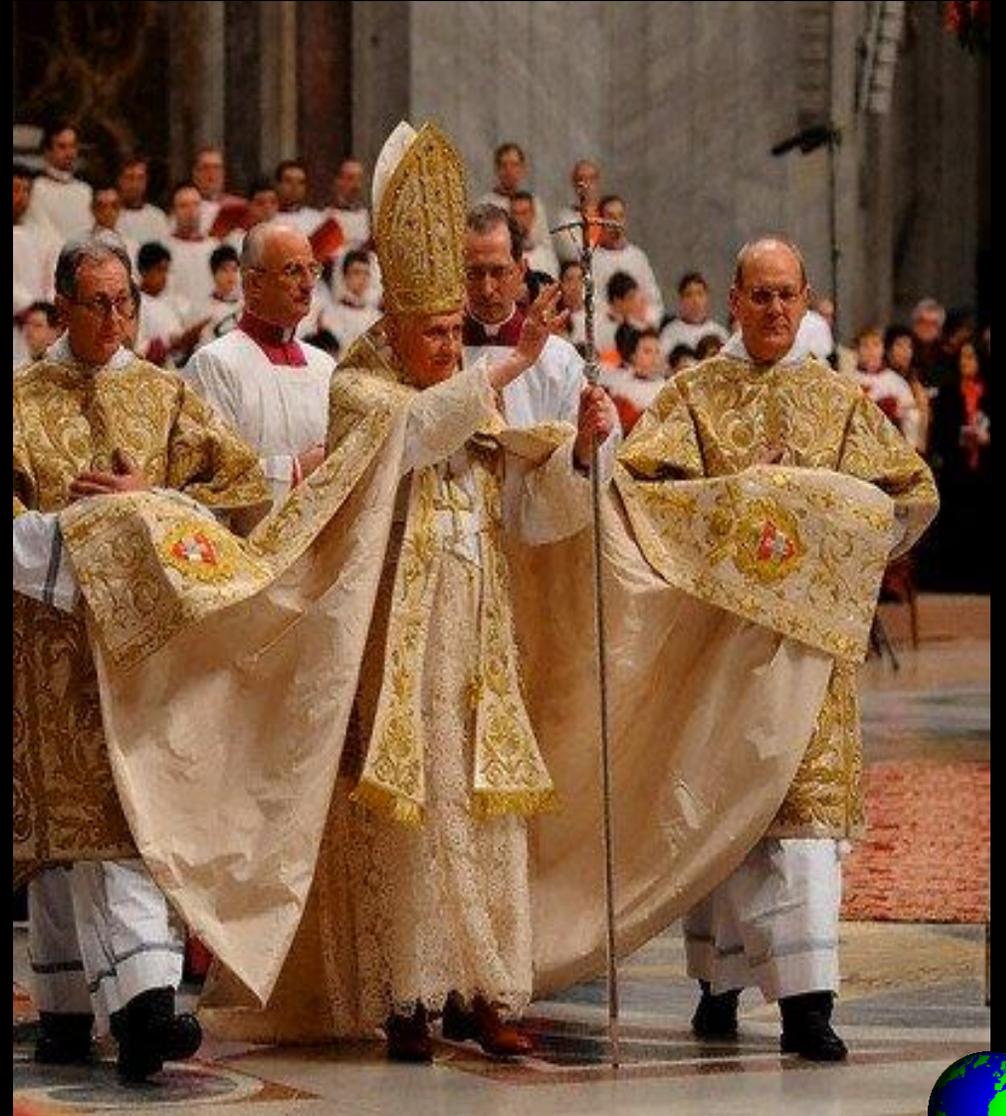
Counterfeiting the High Priest

Numbers 15:37-41: *And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue: And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring: That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God. I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD your God.*

- **The second thing to notice is that the woman had more than one pearl!**

“The righteousness of Christ, as a pure white pearl, has no defect, no stain, no guilt. This righteousness may be ours. Salvation, with its blood-bought, inestimable treasures, is the pearl of great price.”

E.G. White SELECTED MESSAGES BOOK 1, PAGE 399.



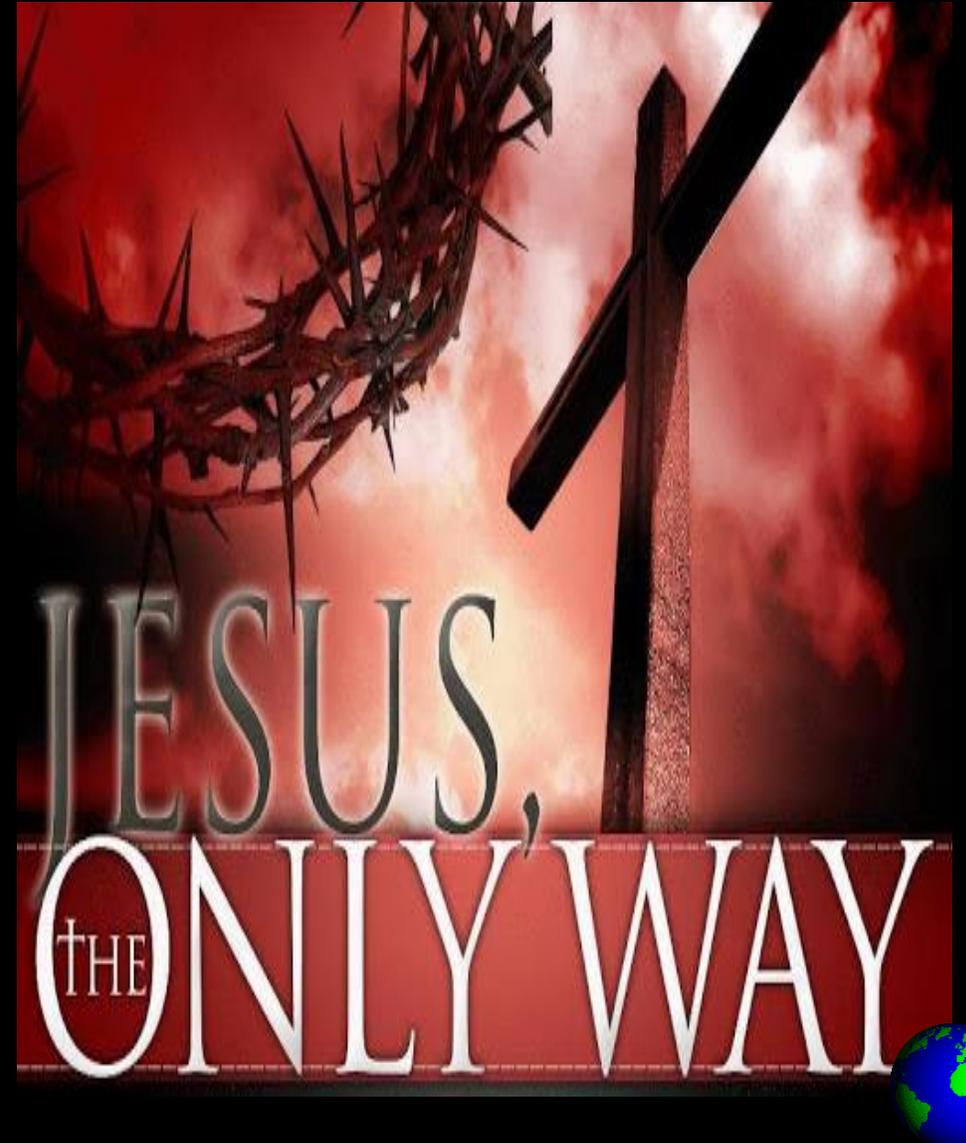
Exact opposite in contrast to Jesus

In contrast to Jesus being the only way to salvation, this woman offers salvation substitutes by many methods, none of which is the salvation that Jesus offers.

Matthew 13:46 *Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.*

The golden cup in her hand that holds the wine of her fornication has been expanded and enlarged to help us understand what constitutes the wine.

We get to see inside the glass to know the entire make-up of these false teachings, which are full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication.



Let's break down each of these wine ingredients

1. **Abominations** are simply rebelling against what **GOD** has forbidden:

Proverbs 28:9: *He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.*

Just a few more examples of Abomination:

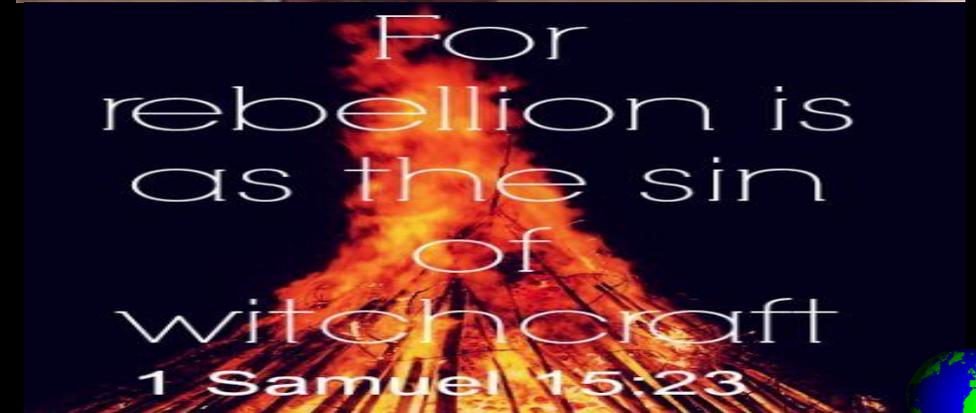
Deuteronomy 18:9-12: *divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.*

Jeremiah 32:35: *built the high places of Baal, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire unto Molech;*

Leviticus 20:13: *man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman,*

Deuteronomy 22:5: *woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment:*

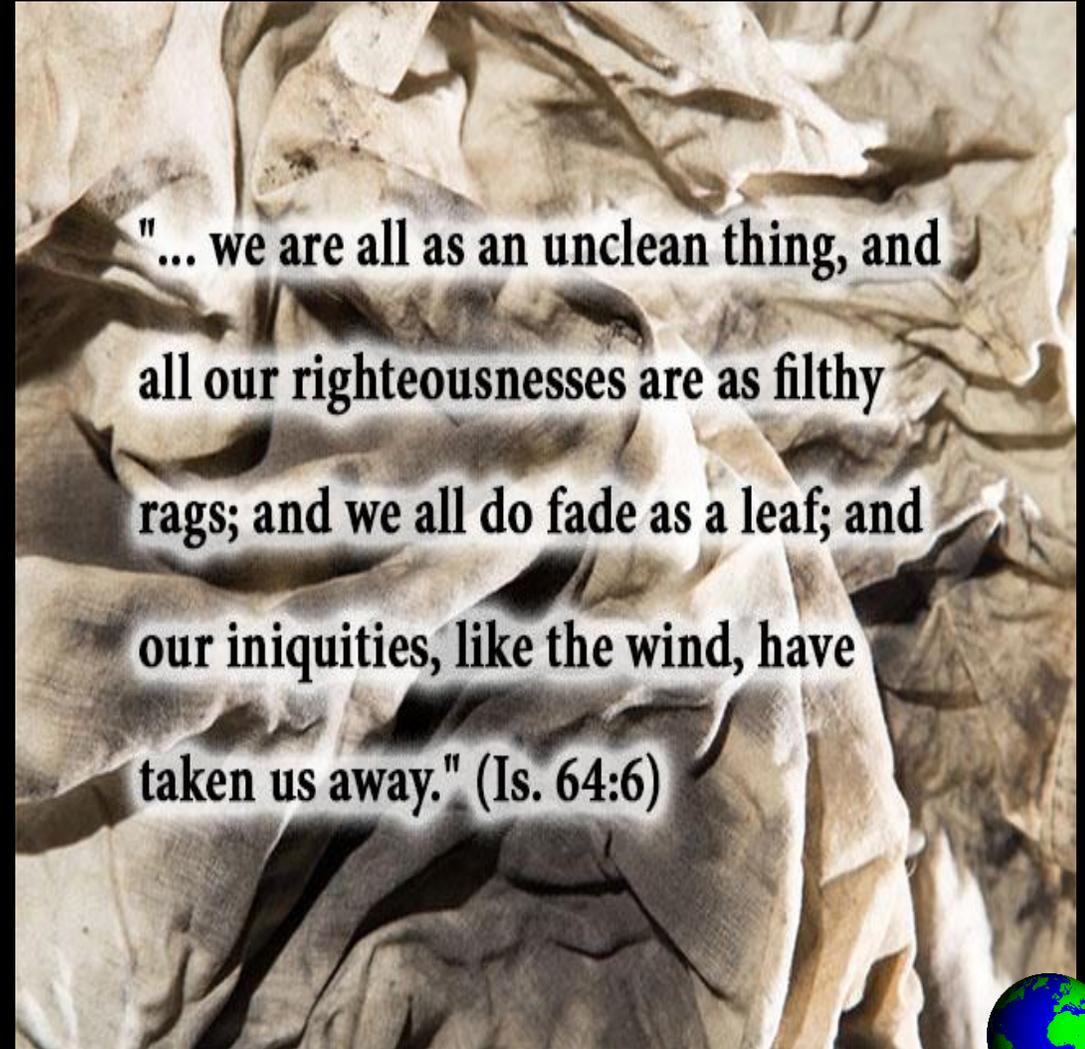
Deuteronomy 7:25: *graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them,*



Let's break down each of these wine ingredients (cont'd)

2. Filthiness is the church leadership believing and teaching false doctrine:

Isaiah 28:7-11: *But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment. For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean. Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.*



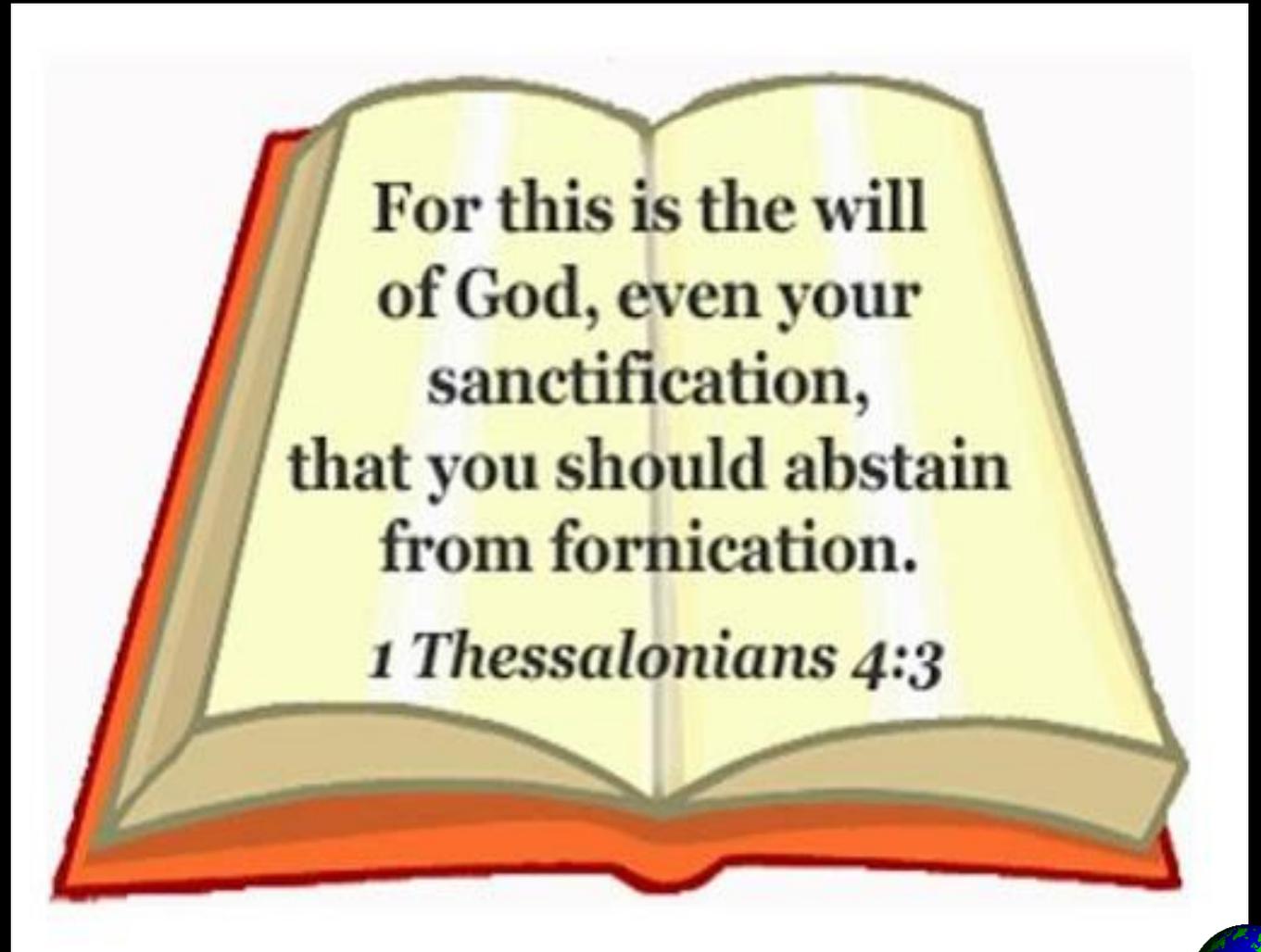
"... we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." (Is. 64:6)



Let's break down each of these wine ingredients **(cont'd)**

3. **Fornication** is the result of false doctrine taught by church leadership uniting with the civil leaders to entice church members to rebel against GOD:

Revelation 2:14: *But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.*



Lets examine Revelation 17:5

Revelation 17:5 - *And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon The Great, The Mother Of Harlots And Abominations Of The Earth.*

Here, we go from the three ingredients of the wine, to the three names of the woman. Let's go over the significance of the names on the harlot's forehead.

1) **Mystery**: according to Strong G3466, means to shut the mouth; a secret or "mystery." This definition supports the idea of silence imposed by initiation into religious rites.

2) **Scripture calls Babylon The Great a great or mighty city multiple times.**

Revelation 16:19: *"And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. "*



The 3 names of the woman (cont'd)

Revelation 18:10 "Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come."

3) Interestingly, the inscription of Mother Of Harlots And Abominations Of The Earth is found with a similar saying on the façade of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome.

Latin: "*Sacrosancta Lateranensis ecclesia omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput*"

English: "*Most Holy Lateran Church, of all the churches in the city and the world, the mother and head.*"

The angel gives us a prophetic statement referring to the fact that all the Protestant churches of the world have been affected by the Counter-Reformation's teaching. They abandon doctrine and principles of the Reformers, and adopt harlotry from the teaching of their Mother's Counter-Reformation doctrines.



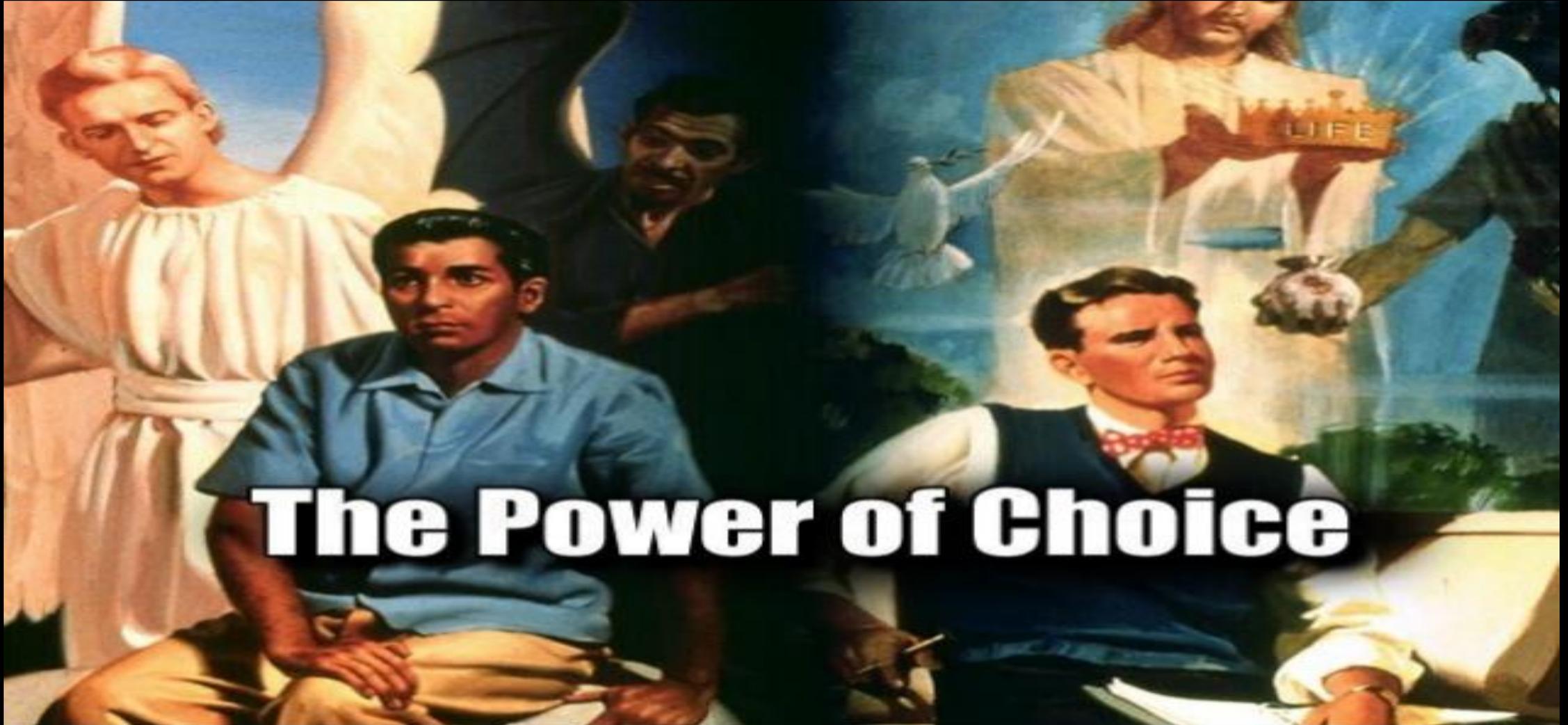
History will repeat itself soon

The story of John the Baptist, and the martyrdom that he went through, gives us a foreshadowing of future events when GOD's people are filled with the Spirit of Elijah.

Matthew 14:3-11: For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife. For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her. And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet. But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod. Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask. And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger. And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them, which sat with him at meat, he commanded it to be given her. And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison. And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother.

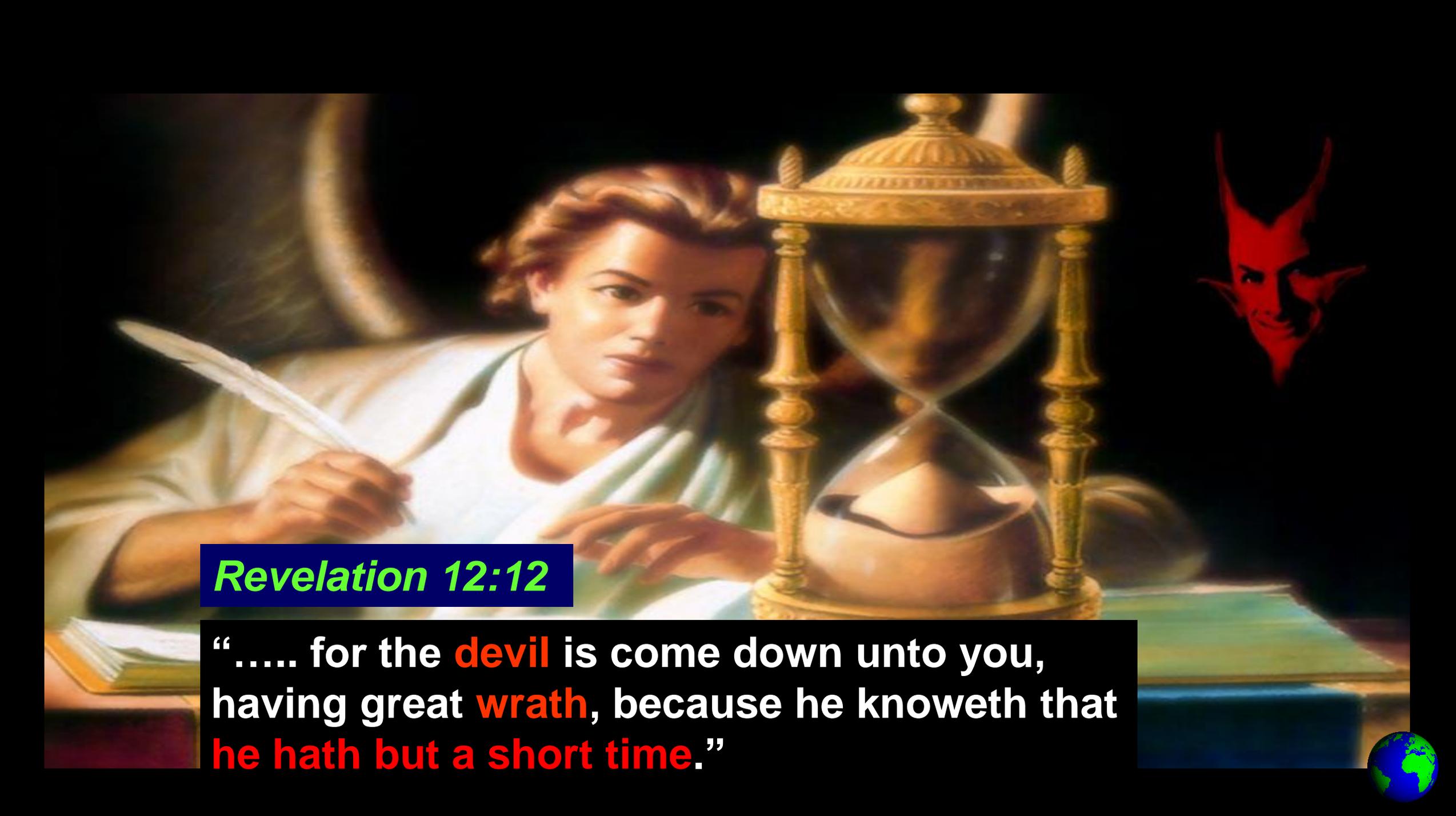


God has given all:



The Power of Choice



An angel with a halo and wings is shown writing in a book with a quill pen. To the right of the angel is a large, ornate golden hourglass. In the background, a red devil's face with horns is visible. The scene is set in a dimly lit room with a book on a desk.

Revelation 12:12

“..... for the **devil** is come down unto you, having great **wrath**, because he knoweth that **he hath but a short time.**”



Enter The Ark of Hope

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.

– John 10:16



The Ark of the Covenant



Psalms 77:13

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. –
Revelation 3:20





THE END



ARE YOU READY TO MEET JESUS?