Last time, we looked at Babylon the Great, the evil and insidious religious system, the 'mother' of all false religions, which Satan has used to deceive and control peoples around the World since the beginnings of human history.

Whenever we study or even think about the final 7 years before Jesus Christ returns, that is, the 7-year Tribulation, the final 70th Week of Daniel's prophecy in Daniel 9, our minds naturally go to that final, supremely evil World leader, the Antichrist; then, if we have enough familiarity with Biblical prophecy, we will also, then, think on the final, evil, World religious leader, the False Prophet.

In Revelation 13, John sees 2 beasts rising up to power. The first, the Antichrist, rises up, symbolically, out of the Sea; the second, the False Prophet, rises, symbolically, out of the Earth. When we studied that chapter, we said that the Sea, in Scripture, often symbolizes the Gentile nations from which the Antichrist will rise but, even more, the seas represent chaos and upheaval while the land, the ground, represents stability and permanence.

In Matt 8, we see Jesus asleep in the boat during a great storm while His disciples were very afraid. This was a picture of the great chaos in the World just before Jesus returns at Armageddon. With just a word, Jesus calmed the sea. Out of all the chaos, following the Rapture, the Antichrist will rise but it will take the return of the True Prince of Peace to bring real order and peace.

In Mark 6, we see a similar situation. The disciples are trying to row against a strong wind over the sea when they see Jesus walking on the water. Again, the Lord Jesus Christ, with a Word, calms the sea and brings peace as only He can and only He will.

Like Hitler, and Napoleon before him, the Antichrist will rise up to take control of a World in chaos to force his will over all the Earth; he will then claim to be the prince of peace. The False Prophet, on the other hand, will rise up within stability... the stability and permanence of the Babylonian religious system which will envelop every religion of the World; she is named, 'Babylon the Great, Mother of Harlots'. In other words, since every religion has been born out of Babylonianism, every religion will easily be gathered back into Babylonianism since that was their 'spiritual mother.' As civilization sinks into genuine chaos, today, the one place thought to bring stability and order, are the various false, Babylonian religions around the World. In Asia, they look to Buddha for peace; the Muslim world looks to Mohammed; in India they look to the million gods of Hinduism; around the World Catholics look to their idols of so many 'saints' and especially Mary with the child in her arms; in China, all they have are Mao or Xi... only we, the True Church, the born again children of God, know the true Peace which comes only from the True Prince of Peace, the Lord Jesus Christ.

When Worldwide calamity strikes, the moment after the Rapture, when every financial market comes crashing down, when everything, everywhere is in total upheaval, the Antichrist will burst onto the scene, perhaps even arriving in a UFO, and he will say that he is the returning Jesus, ready to set the World aright; at the same time, the False Prophet will rise out of some religion; the Pope might be the one or it might be some Rabbi, or someone else, but he will be received also as he performs mighty miraculous, deceptive works while in the presence of the Antichrist. They will claim that he is god while they blaspheme the God of Heaven.

We see some of this now. The current Pope, along with the likes of Rick Warren and some Muslim Imams and Jewish Rabbis have established, now, the Abrahamic Worship Center in Dubai, an ecumenical deception to draw in so called 'christians,' Jews and Muslims, all of whom will be more than ready and willing to follow the False Prophet as their spiritual leader as he carries out the will of the Antichrist who carries out the will of Satan.

Rev. 17:1,2 repeating: '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: 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.'

<u>Verse 3</u>: '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.'

This angel is going to clearly give us the identity of the primary version of the great whore who has ruled over humanity as the false religion of Babylon and, also, the identity of the Beast upon which she sits.

The Beast is scarlet colored; which religion, today, clothes its leaders in scarlet? We'll see...

Imagine two sisters; they are identical twins; they look like each other but inside, they couldn't be more different. The one, she is chaste, a virgin, submissive and obedient to her parents, she studies the Bible and she is every 'good' boy's dream of a wife. The other sister acts, simply, like a whore; she is loud, brash, promiscuous, she wears heavy makeup; everything about her screams, 'Skank!'

During the day, the sisters are easily told apart; the first is gentle and loving but the other plays the whore. At night, however, things change. The good girl sleeps soundly in her own room while the bad daughter removes her makeup, dons her sister's clothing and imitates her. She goes out to meet her sister's latest suitor, she deceives him and seduces him. In the morning, what she has done comes to light. Her parents are crushed; the boy is disgraced and the good daughter weeps. Soon, a new suitor will arrive and the same scenario will again play out as the parents have let it be known that they are seeking a good and fine young man to marry their good daughter.

This is the difference between the True Church and the whore church. The whore-church looks like part of the True Church but it is not; it deceives and seduces the blind, lost multitudes of humanity. Once they are in the false/whore/imitation church, they've been convinced that they will be lost if they ever try to leave the whore.

Of course, we're focusing on Catholicism but there are many other versions of the false/imitation bride in so-called Protestant and even Evangelical churches. Many congregations are led astray by false teachers who teach a works based salvation through a social gospel, a gospel of doing instead of the true Gospel of believing and being. It has been made to look like real Christianity and it deceives those inside to believe that they are part of the only true church while they fall down before idols and graven images, thinking that by their repeated works and recitations they'll eventually be saved, as will everyone, eventually be saved after having spent many years or centuries trapped in purgatory, suffering and paying for their sins until they have finally been purged of their guilt – hence, purgatory. That is the heart of every false religion: by your good works are you saved as your good works finally outweigh your bad works.

The True Church is the Bride of Jesus Christ. The whore-church imitates a bride/wife but is still just a whore.

<u>Verse 4</u>: 'And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. ⁵ For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.' Rev 18:4

During the Tribulation, there will be those who are true believers who will trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, who will be mixed in among the false, Babylon religion. The same is true today. There can be true believers, within Catholic churches, who don't really understand what Catholicism teaches but who've been called and chosen by God, those to whom God has revealed Himself and given the gift of faith to believe.

There are true believers within supposedly christian churches which are led by insidious false teachers who espouse doctrines of demons, as Paul describes it. Some of the worst offenders in this camp are those centered around the NAR, the so-called New Apostolic Reformation who teach that the church has taken the place of Israel and that the church is in the process of taking dominion over all the different areas of culture while they further and expand their so-called 'kingdom.'

The Church is not the Earthly kingdom of God. The Church is not expanding the True Kingdom of God. Jesus, Himself, said: 'My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence..' John 18:36

For a time, the Antichrist will allow himself to seem as though he is ruled by the Worldwide Babylonian religion... that his support is through 'the church.' (a false church)

There are genuine Christians within the apostatizing churches of the NAR. Here, just before the destruction of Babylon the Great, God is calling His true believers out of the false religions, out of the false churches; destruction is coming and God will protect His own children... but not false believers under false teachers.

While it is true that all the World's religions will be corralled within the False Prophet's Last Days religion, a major 'corner' of that Last Days 'Great Harlot' is, in fact, Roman Catholicism. The angel makes that clear in the next verses:

<u>Verse 6</u>: 'Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled, fill to her double.'

Her greatest sin is the same as the Pharisees: they hide the Truth from God's Word on how to be saved.

Some Christians reject the idea that Roman Catholicism is a corrupt and false christianity. We'll list just a few of her terrible sins. The reason God so wrathfully will deal with her is that, for many centuries, she has posed as the bride of Jesus Christ while, in fact, keeping her millions from ever coming to the knowledge of the true Salvation God offers through faith in His Son's life, death and resurrection... that Salvation is ONLY through faith in Jesus Christ and nothing else. It's just as Jesus said of the Pharisees: ' ... but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. ⁴ For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers... But all their works they do for to be seen of men... And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats... And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi (father, father)... And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. (father so & so, or holy father)... But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in... Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess...' Matt 23

The worst part of the Babylonian World-wide religion is the part that imitates true Biblical Christianity, the imitation bride of Christ which is the Great Whore of Babylon.

The most obvious part is Roman Catholicism, along with Orthodox. They fall down before idols and graven images. They teach that salvation is the result of enough good works to outweigh bad works. Their Cardinals are dressed in scarlet. They worship the Madonna with child cult.

Another division of the Great Whore is what we see much of on TBN. Many of them teach that Israel is no longer relevant, that the church has taken her place. The worst heresy they teach is that, under the leadership of modern apostles and prophets, the church is tasked with redeeming the culture, that the church is making the World better and better until finally, when the whole World has been christianized, Jesus will return when the leading apostle can then give Christ the keys to His kingdom.

Their strategy is to gradually take control over the '7 Mountains' of culture/government: the Seven Mountain Mandate. The seven mountains of society which they intend to conquer are:

Education 4) Business 7) Media
Religion 5) Government/Military

3) Family 6) Arts/Entertainment

They teach that when they finally achieve control over all these, Jesus can return to set up His Kingdom.

They teach that they are, in fact, bringing about the redemption of humanity in all these areas while their people, like dumb sheep, simply believe it and sing their silly worship songs in response.

The deadly nature of such teaching is that it is completely contrary to Biblical teaching and they are setting their congregations up to be ready to welcome the Antichrist who will claim to be Jesus Christ at His 2nd coming. The reason that so many millions from these 'churches' will be left behind after the Rapture, that they will welcome the Antichrist as the true christ is the fact that they will be, and are even now, deceived; they have not been taught what True Christianity is, what Salvation is and how it is accomplished; they do not

have the Holy Spirit within to guide them into all Truth; they are goats who sadly think of themselves as enlightened sheep which they most certainly are not.

They are denying Biblical Truth regarding Prophecy of the End Times: the Rapture, the Tribulation, the Antichrist and False Prophet, Jesus Millennial Kingdom with Israel as the head of the nations and so much more. They base their teaching on modern, extra Biblical 'prophecies' while denying true Scripture.

<u>Verse 7</u>: 'How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.'

The pope, the cardinals, bishops and priests: they live deliciously; they glorify themselves. The new 'apostles' and 'prophets' of American apostasy, live so, even more so... they fly their private jets, they live in huge mansions while owning several others, they drive Rolls Royces, they commit adultery, they divorce and remarry, they increasingly embrace and celebrate sexual deviancy; they are everything Paul told Timothy they should not be and they are not, everything Paul wrote that they should be.

The main titles for Mary, in Catholicism are: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, Immaculate Conception and Assumption.

The evil nature of the leadership of apostate christianity, so much of what we see on TBN, is that they seek to be reunified with Catholicism.

This Revelation of Jesus Christ, through John to us, is not looking at some far off future thing... He is revealing to John what we now see all around us and, yet, so many refuse to recognize it... John is seeing all that so many of the 'churches' of today are becoming. Revelation chapters 2 and 3 speak to, and of, the Church through history. Revelation chapter 4 is ready to happen now. Chapter 6, with the appearance of the Antichrist is ready to break forth now! The evil Great Whore Babylonian 'church' is ready to fill the Earth now! The only thing left to occur, before all these prophecies come about, is the Rapture of the True Church which could happen today!