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A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

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On This Thing, The World Seems to Agree;

That if we could meet any one single person that has lived in History, the Polls and Questioners tell us that History would like to Meet Jesus Christ!

I Can Think of Three Main Reasons as to Why:

- (1) - Certainly, to Just See Him Physically
- (2) - To Experience His Presence
- (3) - But for me Personally, I Would Like to Hear Him Speak and Teach!

We Know for a Fact
that He was amazing to listen to.

Mark 12:37b

"...And the common people heard Him gladly."

Matthew 7:28-29

And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, :29 for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

But Jesus Also Challenged His Audiences;

In One of His Most "Graphic" Teachings
Jesus Illuminated the Minds of His Hearers with an Obvious Truth

"That Among the Works of God,
There is the very Present Danger of Manmade Religion Infiltrating"

IN FACT, JESUS PROPHESED THAT THERE WOULD BE IMPOSTORS:

Matthew 13:24-30

Another Parable He Spoke Unto Them, Saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; :25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. :26 But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. :27 So the servants of the owner came and said to him, "Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?" :28 He said to them, "An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' :29 But he said, "No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. :30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' "

"Parable"

parabolh/ parable, *par-ab-ol-ay'*;

para - to put near or to put alongside. a parable is a teaching method that puts alongside your mind a graphic truth!

Matthew 13:37-41

"He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. :38 The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked *one*. :39 The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the world, and the reapers are the angels. :40 Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the world. :41 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend...

OUR TEXT BEFORE US TELLS US

of a Manmade, Religious System That Will Envelop the World and Will be Globally Accepted and Endorsed by a Future Global Community.

Revelation 17:3b-7

...3b: And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast *which was* full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. :4 The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. :5 And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. :6 I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And ***when I saw her, I marveled*** with great amazement. :7 But the angel said to me, "Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of **the woman and of the beast that carries her...**

MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH

**From the Earliest Days,
Israel was Tempted by the Babylonian Cult Worship**

Jeremiah 44:15-17

Then all the women present and all the men who knew that their wives had burned incense to idols—a great crowd of all the Judeans living in Pathros, the southern region of Egypt—answered Jeremiah, :16 “We will not listen to your messages from the LORD! :17 We will do whatever we want. We will burn incense to the Queen of Heaven and sacrifice to her just as much as we like—just as we and our ancestors did before us, and as our kings and princes have always done in the towns of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. For in those days we had plenty to eat, and we were well off and had no troubles!

Ezekiel 8:12-14

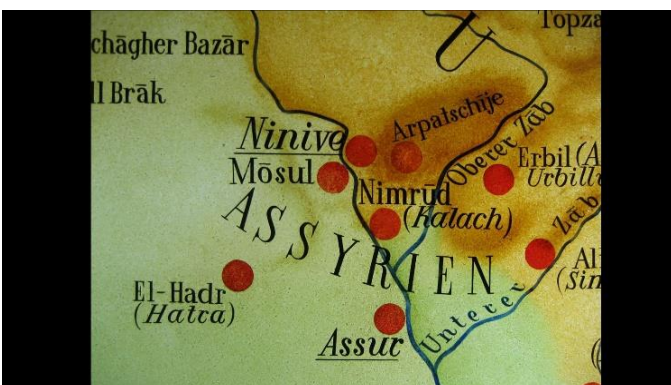
The Lord spoke unto me saying, “Ezekiel, Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel are doing in the darkness, each at the shrine of his own idol? They say, ‘The LORD does not see us; the LORD has forsaken the land.’” :13 Again, he said, “You will see them doing things that are even more detestable.” :14 Then he brought me to the entrance to the north gate of the house of the LORD, (Jerusalem) and I saw women sitting there, **mourning for Tammuz**.

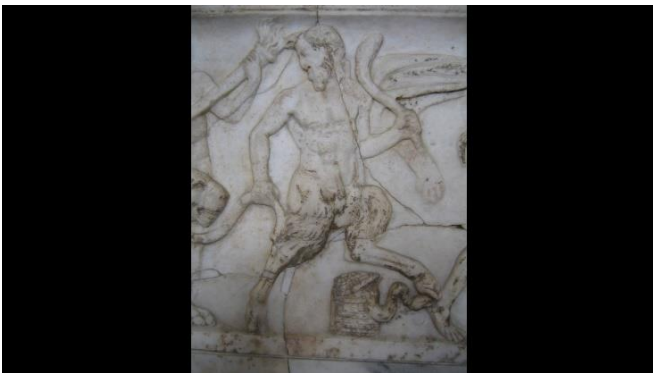
THE NEW TESTAMENT CONNECTION

Revelation 2:12-13

“And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, ‘These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword: :13 “I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is.

At the time Jesus Christ and the Apostles
the headquarters of the Babylonian Cult was in Pergamos,
The Jews as Well as The early Church Called it Satan's Seat - The Temple of Zeus
which is in Berlin, Germany Today





Remembering Now:

According to the Babylonian Cult,
Founded by Nimrod and Wife, Semiramis, - - Who, At the death of her son Tammuz, Prayed to the gods of the
underworld for his release from purgatory.

By her Intercession, Tammuz was Raised from the dead and she
Won Herself the Title of

"The Queen of Heaven"

and her lamentation was called Lent
(All This Dating Back to About 2,500 B.C.)
or Nearly 5,000 Years Ago

When We Look Ahead to Revelation 17,

We are Looking Ahead to Ultimate Infiltration and Impostor ship of False and Idolatrous Church that Will
Represent a Corporation of the World's Religions

Revelation 17:5
"BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND
OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH"

HER ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH...

Semiramis and Tammuz
Were Worshipped In The **Assyrian** Empire by the Names;
Ishtar (Easter) and Tammuz

Semiramis and Tammuz
Were Worshipped In **Phoenicia** by the Names;
Ash-Tar-Ta and Baal (god of the moon)

Semiramis and Tammuz
Were Worshipped In **Egypt** by the Names;
Isis and Horus

Semiramis and Tammuz
Were Worshipped In **Greece** by the Names;
Aphrodite and Eros

Semiramis and Tammuz
Were Worshipped In The **Roman Empire** by the Names;
Venus and Cupid

HER "LENT" OF MOURNING LASTED 40 DAYS AND ITS END
ISHTAR WAS WORSHIPPED = **EASTER**

KJV Acts 12:4

And when Herod had apprehended Peter, he had him put in prison, and delivered him to four
quaternions of soldiers to keep him;
intending after Easter (Ishtar) to bring him forth to the people.

As Her Cult Priesthood Spread Westward from Babylon,
A Method of Priesthood Began in Jesus' Day as the Nicolaitans
Nico = Lords / Laitians = people.

"Religious Rulers or Lords Over the Common People"

Revelation 2:15

To the church in Peragmos Jesus said... "Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the
Nicolaitans, which thing I hate."

By The Way, The Nicolaitans Practiced An Ancient Babylonian Rite

"The Secessional Hierarchy"

Revelation 17:5
"BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND
OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH"

This Babylon is a Whore Because:
She's Easily Accessible - all roads lead to her
She's Deceptive - taking on a cultural form
She's Dangerous - the souls of mankind are in her hands

Before We Get Started:
make a special note of this

She's "Riding Upon" The Beast

(we will see later that the beast will be none other than the political antichrist)

She's "Sitting In" Luxury

(having full political and economic support)



IDENTIFYING THE WORSHIP OF BABYLON

I.) *It's a System having "Global" Powers*

1st *Her Identity is Clear*

v.18

And the woman whom you saw is that great city
which reigns over the kings of the earth."

In John's Day, It was Reigning Over the Kings of the Earth
The City of Rome and the Roman Empire

#1 - *The Babylonian Worship was Already around the World*

#2 - *That "Great City" was its center - Rome*

#3 - *It was and is the Religious & Political Power*

It's a System having "Global" Powers

2nd *Her Location is Clear*

v. 9

"Here *is* the mind which has wisdom:
The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.

Avantine / Kalian / Capotalin / Palatine / Escholone / Quarinal / Viminal

"on which the woman sits"

These are Names of the Hills of The City-State Called Vatican City

The Danger is When the Church Flirts with and Dates
With The Powers of This World

It's a System having "Global" Powers

3rd *Her Attire is Clear*

v.4

The woman was arrayed in **purple** and **scarlet**, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.

The Priests of the Babylonian Cult Wore Exclusively Purple and Red
She is Dressed Very Seductive (*spiritually*) Speaking

It's a System having "Global" Powers

4th Her Influence is Clear

v.15

Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.

A Global Ecumenically Coalition
One World, One Faith, One Religion - *please!*

IDENTIFYING THE WORSHIP OF BABYLON

II.) It's system having a "Glorious" Position

1st She will be granted swift access to the world

v.3

So he (John) carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness (earth during the great tribulation period). And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast *which was* full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads **and ten horns**.



It's a system having a "Glorious" Position

2nd She will dominate the world's religions

v.3

And I saw a woman sitting
on a **scarlet beast** which was full of names of blasphemy



IDENTIFYING THE WORSHIP OF BABYLON

III.) It's a system having "Grand" Prosperity

1st Unlimited Wealth

v.4

The woman was **arrayed** in **purple** and **scarlet**, and **adorned** with **gold** and **precious stones** and **pearls**, having in her hand **a golden cup**

As Christianity utilized the British Pound and Then The U.S. Dollar,
She will Utilize the Euro

2nd So Watch for a Dominant European Currency

v.4

Revelation 13 tells us that it is a "Membership Economy"

It's a system having "Grand" Prosperity

3rd Its wealth will elevate its status

v.4

IDENTIFYING THE WORSHIP OF BABYLON

IV.) Its a system having "Gross" Passions

1st She is a great spiritual harlot

v.4b

The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, *having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.*

Spiritual Pornography - If You Will
Flirting With the World's Religions

2nd She is unholy to God

v.2

With whom the kings of the earth (political leaders and representatives) have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

3rd She is Indulgent

v.5

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

An Unholy Marriage:
The Babylonian Worship System
to
The Church of God

IDENTIFYING THE WORSHIP OF BABYLON

V.) Its a system having "Given" Persecutions

Revelation 17:6-7a

And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. :7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel?

It's a system having "Given" Persecutions

1st She has historically martyred Christians

v.6

2nd She will repeat her historic actions

v.6

3rd Her actions are shocking to John

John Never Imagined That Something Called a Church
Could Consume Others

The Inquisitions
Just think from the 1500's to 1800's

1 Timothy 4:1-3

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, :2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, :3 forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

2 Corinthians 11:2

For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present *you* as a chaste virgin to Christ. :3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

James 4:4

adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

2 Timothy 4:2-4

Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. :3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; :4 and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

End of Study