

I Don't Belong To A "Whore" Church

I hope one of the benefits of learning Baptist history is that I become rooted and grounded in the soil of scripture. The Bible is what makes us Baptist and there is no such thing as one becoming a Baptist without the Bible. I know if we are authentically biblical, then we will be thoroughly Baptist. I would like to look at a great passage of scripture that strongly describes Protestant churches and their beginnings. I think history's light intensifies this scripture.

Revelation 17:1-2 *"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."

Whoever this whore is she is great. This whore sits upon many waters because the reach of its realm extends into many nations. The fact that the kings of the earth have committed fornication with this whore shows that it is a "state-church" combination. It is a false religion that will use the temporal force of a king's army and authority to advance its kingdom or purpose. It is a church that is empowered by the state. It is a false religion that will persecute those who do not agree with its beliefs.

A *whore* is someone who is unfaithful to their spouse over and over again. The true New Testament Baptist church is supposed to be subject to Christ because He gave Himself for it (Ephesians 5:24-25). The head of the true New Testament Baptist church is Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:23). The true New Testament Baptist church is empowered by the Holy Spirit (Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8, Ephesians 1:13-14 and 5:18). This whore claims to be the bride of Christ, but it joins itself to the kings of the earth, makes a union with the earthly powers of this world and gets its power from the authority of the kings of this earth instead of the Holy Spirit.

Revelation 17:3-6 *"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.*

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:

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

6 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."

The beast in Revelation is the Anti-Christ. The Anti-Christ is the governmental system in the 7 year tribulation period and the religion of this governmental system is represented by this *great whore* or *mother of harlots*. So you have a false religion joined with a governmental or economic system that is represented by a woman on a beast.

Verse number four gives away the identity of this great whore. Do you know what the colors of the Catholic church are? They are purple and scarlet. Verse four also tells us of the golden cup in the hand of the whore which represents the riches of the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church is the richest business in the world by far and by any measurement. I have been to the Vatican and seen the interior. Its walls are overlaid with gold and there are hand formed roses on the wall that make up the insets and arches. Why is the golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness; because it is abominable that a priest would charge money for the forgiveness of sin (indulgences). It is filthy that a so-called priest (that office or position isn't found anywhere in the New Testament church) would obey the doctrines of devils (I Timothy 4:1-3) and take a vow of celibacy to make others think they have given themselves to the Lord's work and that this makes them feel that they are "holier" than others. History shows that only fornication, pedophilia and sodomy have come of the celibate vow. It is an abomination that Catholic authorities would promise the forgiveness of sin to those who would go on a crusade or kill Albigenses or Waldenses. It is filthy that nuns would commit fornication

with the priests and then cover up their pregnancies (if they did not abort them) by working in the orphanages. It is an abomination to teach that anyone could possibly ever work his way to Heaven when Jesus was tortured to death and shed His blood for our salvation. It is abominable to think that you could ever do anything to even compare with what Jesus went through to make salvation available to you. This whore's cup is filled with abominable and filthy doctrine – doctrines of devils.

Verse number five speaks of this being the mystery of Babylon. Babylon is in reference to the cult or false religion of Nimrod and his wife Semiramis. Nimrod was the first one to build a kingdom after the judgement of God's flood (Genesis 10-11). The evil, rebellious and pagan cult of Nimrod would form the basis for **ALL** the false religions in the world. The abominable practices of this cult (like confessing your sins to a priest so they can know your faults and control you by threatening to reveal them) would eventually work its way into the Catholic Church. (*"The Two Babylons"* by Alexander Hislop is a must read for anyone seeking to understand the background of the Catholic system) When someone tells me that the Catholic Church goes back farther than the Baptist church I have to agree. I know our heritage goes back to the river Jordan and the Catholic hierarchy as we know it today began in 313 A.D. with Constantine when he made Christianity the "state" religion of Rome, but the unscriptural paganism of the Catholic church and its doctrines of devils go all the way back to Babylon in Genesis 10.

Revelation 17:6 *"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."*

This whore is drunk with the blood of the saints. When someone is "drunk" they are controlled by the substance they indulged in and sought after. There is no church with as bloody a history as the Catholic church and its demonic reign during the dark ages. J.M. Carroll mentions the death of 50 million martyrs during the dark ages in his book *"Trail of Blood."*

"The two errors of baptismal regeneration and infant baptism have, according to the testimony of well-established history, caused the shedding of more Christian blood, as the centuries have gone by, than all other errors combined, ... Over 50,000,000 Christians died martyr deaths, mainly because of their rejection of these two errors during the period of the *dark ages* alone, about twelve or thirteen centuries:"

There were 50 million beaten, burned, banished and butchered Baptists; and all of them were hunted like animals. When God looks at this whore, He sees someone drunk with the blood of His children.

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

Rome has historically been called the city of seven hills or the city on seven hills. The Vatican nation is in the city of Rome. God tells us that this whore church sits in Rome. In verse nine it says that the woman is the Vatican nation that rules over the kings of the earth.

Now let's look at verse number five. Revelation 17:5 *"And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."*

The book of Revelation is the main book of prophesy in the New Testament. God warned us of the whore 200 years before it was formed in 313. Yes the Catholic church is a whore church because it chooses the kings of the earth and their power over her real head Jesus Christ. But she is not just a whore church but a mother of harlots. God says the Catholic Church will birth other churches that are whores also. This would be in reference to the Reformation and its churches:

Lutheran church – 1530

Episcopalian church or Church of England - 1531

Presbyterian church -1541

These churches protested the corruption of the Catholic Church and were therefore called "protestant" churches. To the Catholic Church these churches were called protestants. In the Word of God these churches are called whore churches because they have their origins in *"The Mother of Harlots."*

These whore churches would join the hunt for our forefathers. They would hunt them down like animals and then mass murder them, turning the Reformation into a Baptist Holocaust.

When God sees these churches He sees churches drunk with the blood of His saints.

When God sees these churches, He doesn't see His church but a bunch of whores.

I don't go to a whore church. I have a blood soaked heritage and I don't want to forsake that heritage in an ecumenical movement with a watered down, inter-denominational fundamentalism that lacks Baptist distinctives. Baptists taught all through the dark ages that Revelation 17 was in reference to the Catholic Church. Baptists have preached hard that the Catholic Church is the whore of Revelation. We don't hear it much anymore because I am not sure most would interpret this passage like this. I am a Baptist. I know if we are authentically biblical, then we will be thoroughly Baptist.