

THE GREAT WHORE OF REVELATION

One of the major events to occur just a few short years before the return of Christ as Conquering King is the appearance of a prophetic entity described as the Great Whore.

Because this Great Whore will play an extremely important role in the end time events and will have a negative impact the lives of almost everyone on earth, it is extremely important for anyone who is serious about their physical and spiritual well-being to be able to recognize this prophetic entity in order to survive this period of time.

Do you know who or what this prophetic entity described as Great Whore is and how to recognize this threat to your physical and spiritual well-being? If not, you need to pay careful attention to the information contained in this broadcast, because your physical and spiritual survival could depend upon your perception and conduct concerning the prophetic entity described as the Great Whore.

Most people who have studied the prophecies associated with the Great Whore have, for the most part, totally misunderstood the essential factors associated with this prophetic entity.

Most view the Great Whore as something that will be easily recognized as evil and sinister. The reality, is that, to hundreds of millions of people this prophetic entity will look like the greatest and most wonderful religious system the world has ever seen.

Today, the whole world with the exception of a very few individuals in this age are already being deceived by many of the organizations and philosophies that will come together to form the prophetic entity called Mystery, Babylon the Great, The Mother of Whores and of the Abominations of the earth". I will more to say about this ongoing deception later in the broadcast.

For centuries, the ability to identify the Great Whore who rides the Beast mentioned in the Book of Revelation has eluded Bible scholars. Now, as the end of this age approaches and Christ's return draws

near, much information concerning the Great Whore is being revealed.

In order to help identify the Great Whore that will exist during the climatic events at the end of this age, we must first understand who and what the Beast and False prophet are in relationship to the Great Whore.

Who is the Beast spoken of in the Book of Revelation?

The Beast is the leader of a powerful religious and governmental system that controls an alliance of nations called the Beast. This individual is extremely dynamic and charismatic and is described as a beast because he exhibits the characteristics of a beast as he ruthlessly pursues his goal of world domination.

Just what is the Beast?

The Beast is also described as a system of government that controls an alliance of nations that will exist for a short time just before Christ returns. It is a system that merges religion and government in such a way that it gives those who administer it absolute authority, power, and control over all religious, philosophical, economic, and political aspects of the people's lives who come under its control.

This religious/political system of government has tremendous economic, industrial, military, and spiritual power at its disposal as it seeks to dominate the entire world. It is defined as a beast because it behaves as a powerful predatory animal, killing and destroying as it goes about satisfying its ravenous appetite for power and control.

Who is the False Prophet?

The False Prophet is a dynamic and charismatic individual who is the spiritual leader of both a powerful and wealthy religion called the Great Whore and an alliance of nations called the Beast. This spiritual leader denies the sovereign authority of God the Father. He also denies that Jesus Christ is the true Son of God and that the gospel

proclaimed by the elect of God is a message sent from the true God.

This individual is the supreme spiritual leader of all those who submit themselves to the control and will of the Beast system and its leadership. He is called the False Prophet (Rev.13:11-12; 19:20) because he promotes a religious system that is diametrically opposite to the worship system of the Sovereign God and his son Jesus Christ. This person has tremendous supernatural power, which he uses to deceive and control people in supporting the aims and goals of the Beast system.

There are two prophetic entities mentioned in the Book of Revelation as being a women. An analysis of the scriptures concerning these two women reveal that the women are two competing religious systems that exist during the end of the age. One is comprised of individuals who worship the Sovereign God of the Bible and the other is comprised of people who worship a false god led by a powerful spiritual leader called the False Prophet.

The prophecies in the Book of Revelation concerning the Great Whore begin in chapter 17, verse 1:

Beginning in verse 1:

"And one of the seven angels who have the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying to me, Come, I will show you the judgement of the Great Whore that sits on many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants have become drunk through the wine of her fornication" (Rev.17:1-2 Para.).

The first clue to discovering the identity of the Great Whore is that she sits on many waters. In verse 15 of this chapter, an angel tells the apostle John that, the water he saw, where the whore sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and languages.

Because the emergence of the Great Whore will happen concurrently with the prophetic Beast, which is an economic, political, and military power that will rise quickly out of international chaos and conflict at the end of this age, and because the Great

Whore is described as sitting on many waters which is symbolic of a world wide presence among people and nations.

We can safely assume that the foundational elements of the Great Whore are already firmly established in all of the nations on earth. If this is true, then it will take very little effort for evil-spirits to bring all of these various elements together under one spiritual leaders authority.

The second clue to the identity of the Great Whore is that the leaders of nations will inner-act with this evil entity and the people of these nations will act irrationally because of this inner-action.

In today's world there are many powerful religious and philosophical organizations that influence the actions and thoughts of civil rulers of nations and peoples they rule. And many of the teachings of these religious and philosophical organizations are so illogical that their practice causes people to lose touch with the reality and act irrationally, as if they were drunk.

When the Creator God formed an agreement with national Israel, he forbid them to make treaties and alliances with other nations. He also forbid the worship other gods or the practice any religious system, but the one he gave to them. All violations of these terms and conditions of the agreement between the Creator God and national Israel were considered by God to be political and religious fornication.

Therefore, this would seem to be the type of inner-action that is described in verse 2 as, the inhabitants have become drunk through the wine of the Great Whore's fornication"

The Woman Rides the Beast

Continuing in verse 3:

"And he carried me away into the desert by the spirit: and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, filled with names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and being gilded with gold and

precious stone and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand filled with abominations and unclean things of her fornication: And on her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon the Great, The Mother of Whores and of the abominations of the earth" (Rev.17:3-5 Para.)."

Notice that the woman rides the Beast. This seems to mean that the woman depends on the economic, political, and military power of the Beast to enforce her rule over nations and people. This makes perfect sense, because the Beast receives its power and authority from the the Red Dragon who is Satan the Devil as noted in Revelation chapter 13 verse 4.

The inference is clear; the woman and the Beast are inseparable, one rides, the other carries, which depicts a symbiotic relationship of evil depending on evil to sustain its existence.

The richly clothed woman having a cup in her hand filled with abominations and unclean things of her fornication, pictures an extremely wealthy, influential, and powerful religious system that is exceptionally evil.

Another clue to help identify the woman who is the Great Whore, is that, she is called Mystery, Babylon the Great, The Mother of Whores and of the abominations of the earth.

As her name implies; the woman represents a very ancient belief system that combines both religion and government that has manifested itself in many different forms since Adam and Eve were cast out of Eden. And because she is also described a the Mother of Whores and abominations, she is revealed as the source of all worship systems and practices that are in opposition to the Sovereign God's worship system. Therefore, the descriptive title, Mystery, Babylon the Great, The Mother of Whores and of the abominations of the earth"

Most people who research this subject are quick to associate the Eastern Religions with the Great Whore's Babylonian religious system, and quick to discount the possibility of their particular brand of Christianity as being or becoming a part of the

Great Whore. However, this is an extremely dangerous position to take when one reads this warning in Revelation 12, verse 9:

"He is that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceives the whole world" (Rev. 12:9).

The Bible clearly states that Satan the Devil is a master at the art of deception:

The Disappearance of the Apostolic Church

Shortly after the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, there was a dynamic evangelizing church spreading God's truth throughout the world. However, as dynamic as this church was, it virtually disappeared from history after the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.. From 70 to 120 A.D., there was very little recorded about the true church of God. When historians began to write about the church again, they wrote of a dramatically different church from the one that embraced the teachings of Jesus and the apostles. Today, we find churches that call themselves Christian yet the vast majority do not even faintly resemble the early church.

Christianity is one of the world's largest religions. There are literally thousands of Christian organizations and congregational associations that profess Christianity and claim to worship and serve the God of the Bible. Each professes to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ as expounded in the pages of the Bible and each believes that they have a keen understanding of the Bible and God's will for humanity.

In this age, Christian organizations and congregational associations offer a variety of religious experiences. Whatever one's approach to religion, there is a Christian organization or congregational association that can be found in order to fill one's desire for religious expression.

The choices of Christian churches range from one extreme to another: small personal groups, large crowds, quite scholarly and intellectual organizations, noisy frenzied Pentecostal churches, giant cathedrals or evangelistic tents. There seems no end to the choices a person has when seeking a

religious experience.

Most of these Christian organizations and congregational associations are separated by major doctrinal differences about subjects that are extremely important to one's salvation. There are many differing philosophies and concepts about how to worship the God of the Bible, and there is much confusion about what God expects of each person who wants to worship and serve him. These doctrinal differences and certain incompatible attitudes and behaviors between these various Christian organizations and congregational associations should cause anyone who is truly serious about their salvation to seriously question why there are so many different competing Christian churches and philosophies.

It is true that since the advent of the printing press, the Bible has remained the most published and most read book in the world. The Bible has been translated into almost every language and distributed to billions of people. There is virtually no populated place on this planet where one cannot find a copy of the Bible. However, few people understand this book and practice the laws, precepts, and principles contained within its pages. If this were not true there would only be one church teaching one truth.

The simple fact is that we are living in a time when there is very little true understanding of God's word. Although there is not a famine of God's word on the printed page, there is a famine of understanding of the word of God. During this age, hundreds of millions of people hear the Bible taught every day, but with virtually no explanation as to what the Bible text truly says and means.

Although professing Christianity as a whole claims conservatorship of the biblical text. Christianity is divided into many competing factions with each faction having widely differing views, opinions, and interpretations of what the biblical text says. With each faction claiming that the God has guided and inspired their particular understanding of the biblical text.

With so many widely differing views, opinions, and interpretations of what the Bible actually says, who do you believe? The answer is, believe no one, do not believe what anyone tells you about the Bible unless you can prove it from the pages of the Bible or from a credible historical sources.

The simple fact is that many people would like to know what the Bible actually says, but most people are too lazy to study the Bible for themselves and would rather have someone else tell them what they should believe the Bible says. Therefore, most people, including most people who teach the Bible do not truly understand it.

Jesus said that there are two distinct paths that a person can follow during one's life, but there is only one path that will lead to eternal and immortal life.

Jesus said:

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the path that leads to destruction, and many will enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the path that leads to life, and only a few will find it. (Para.)

How important is to understand what is truth and what is not truth? It is very important, because Jesus said: "Not every one that says to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven."

In order to do the Father's will one must first know what the Father's will is. And one cannot know what his will is unless one searches the scriptures where his will for us is written.

As Jesus revealed God's truth and the way to eternal and immortal life, he continually showed that if a person was to enter the Kingdom of God, that, that person must come into conformity with God's law and way of life.

Jesus said: Many will say to me in that day (the day of judgement), Lord, Lord, didn't we prophecy in your name? and in your name have cast out devils? and in your name done many wonderful works?

And then will I say to them, I never knew you: depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.

Today, many who profess to teach biblical concepts and principles teach that there is no need to comply with God's law. But, if there is no need to comply with God's law, why did Jesus foretell that those who are lawless will be denied access to the Kingdom of God?

Is it possible that most of what was taught as truth after the disappearance of the apostolic church was not truth? And is it possible that what is being taught today by most who profess to teach biblical truth is not God's truth, but is a clever deception? Look at the results of these teachings. Are the results of centuries of these teachings the results that God promised to those who follow the way of truth? You be the judge.

Jesus gave the following promise to his disciples concerning the spirit of truth, he said: "I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, it will guide you into all truth: for it shall not speak of itself; but whatever it shall hear, that shall it speak: and it will show you things to come." (Jn. 16:12-13 KJV).

If the spirit of truth was to be sent to guide the disciples into all truth, did this happen? If it did happen. Why are there so many different opinions as to what truth is and is not among those who profess to follow the teaching of the Bible?

There are five logical answers to this dilemma:

1. Jesus could not fulfil his promise.
2. The spirit of truth has not yet come.
3. The spirit of truth came and taught the early church all truth, but the early church failed to pass this truth on to the next generation of believers.
4. The vast majority who teach the Bible today are teaching a counterfeit truth.
5. Those who truly understand the truth of the Bible are not believed, because the truth of the Bible is not what people want to hear.

You be the judge, as to which one of these five answers seems more logical.

CAN ONE WORSHIP THE GOD OF TRUTH WITH LIES?

There are many sincere and dedicated people who sincerely believe that they are worshiping God in truth. However, most have been misled by false prophets and teachers who teach a counterfeit of God's truth and way of life. If this were not true there would only be one truth being taught and only one unified body teaching this one truth.

What we see today, are many opposing doctrines and practices being taught as biblical truth. But, in reality, only truth is truth! Sincerity and dedication do not equal truth! Sincerity only shows the attitude with which people do what they do. It is apparent that many people are truly dedicated to their religious precepts, but this does not mean that they understand the truth of God.

There is a vast difference between worshiping God the Father in spirit and truth and zealously doing what is thought to be truth by professing Christianity today. Only God determines what truth is and is not. The Bible teaches that "There is a way which seems right to a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Pro.14:12 KJV).

Would God the Father who is a God of love and truth, and whose holy spirit is called "the Spirit of Truth" and whom Jesus said, must be worshiped in spirit and in truth" ever accept a satanic counterfeit and a lie as a means of worshiping him? Never!

In the Book of Revelation the apostle John records the following concerning the practice of the truth contained in God's commandments verses the results of following a counterfeit of the truth.

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loves and makes a lie. Rev 22:14-15

There are literally hundreds of thousands who preach against the truth of God by not teaching the truth about obedience to God's laws and the awesome beneficial truths contained in these laws.

Jesus said:

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. You shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that brings not forth good fruit is cut down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them." Matt 7:15-20

Jesus said to beware of false prophets and that you shall know those who teach a counterfeit truth by the results of what they teach.

One only has to review the a few of the thousands of different ideas and opinions that people have about the gospel message that Jesus brought and the early church taught, to understand that something is very wrong with what most people believe teach and understand about the Bible. Is the fact that there are more than 20,000 deferring Christian denominations proof that most of Christianity cannot be trusted to guide one through the end of the age and away from false religions? You be the judge.

Now back to Revelation chapter 17, and continuing in verses 6:

"And I saw the woman was drunk from the blood of the saints, and from the blood of the witnesses of Jesus: and I marveled, seeing her with a great astonishment. And the angel said to me, Why do you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast supporting her, the one having seven heads and ten horns" (Rev.17:6-7 Para.).

The angel gives a number of keys that unlock the symbolism pictured by the mysterious woman who rides the Beast:

The religious system pictured by the woman has always persecuted and killed the true followers of the Sovereign God and those who proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ. From the book of Revelation, we also know that during the last 3½ years before Christ's returns, the Leader of this evil religion will be instrumental in murdering many of God's elect.

The woman is supported by the Beast with seven heads and ten horns, but she is not symbolic of the Beast's political and economic system. The woman and the Beast are two separate entities whom Satan the Devil has joined together for his purpose.

In verse nine and ten of chapter 17, the angles says:

"The seven heads are seven mountains [that is nations or empires] on which the woman sits. And the kings are seven: five have fallen, and one is, and the other has not yet come; and when he does come, he must remain a little while" (Rev.17:9-10 Para.).

When we realize that it is Satan that is the power and authority over the seven heads that are pictured as seven successive nations or empires that have both political and religious characteristics, and that the Great Whore will exist just before Christ returns, it becomes clear that verses 9 and 10 of Revelation chapter 17, reveal a powerful governmental system that will enforce a worship system that is in opposition to the Sovereign God's worship system.

Therefore, if one is serious about their physical and spiritual well-being in the end of the age, one should be aware of what the Bible says is acceptable worship of the Sovereign God.

Continuing in verse 16 of chapter 17, which speaks of the Ten Horns of the Prophetic Hour and the contention that arises between them and the great whore:

"And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the whore, and will make her desolate and naked, and they will eat her flesh, and will burn her down with fire. For God gives it into their hearts to do his mind, and to act in one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the

words of God shall be fulfilled. And the woman who you saw is the great city, having a kingdom over the kings of the earth" (Rev.17:16-18 Para.).

Although the scriptures do not say why these ten nations have such a tremendous hatred for the Great Whore, when one understands the religions of these two prophetic entities, it is easy to see that what takes place here is one powerful religious system destroying another powerful religious system with which it has major unreconcilable theological differences concerning who and what to worship.

Continuing in Revelation Chapter 18, beginning in verse 1:

"And after these things I saw another angel coming down out of heaven, having great authority; and the earth was illuminated by his great glory. And he spoke in a strong great voice, saying, Babylon the great has fallen! It has fallen and it has become a dwelling place of demons, and a prison for every unclean spirit, and every unclean bird, even having been hated; because of the wine of the anger of her fornication which all nations have drunk, even the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth became rich from the power of her luxury" (vs.1-3).

This is the point at which the great religion that has attached itself to the Beast's alliance of nations is destroyed by the ten Middle Eastern nations noted in Psalm 83 that have allied themselves with the Beast.

A Serious Warning

Continuing in verse 4:

"And I heard another voice out of heaven, saying, My people, come out of her, that you may not share in her sins, and that you may not receive of her plagues. Because her sins are joined together, even up to heaven, and God remembered her unjust deeds" (vs.4-5).

Although this warning is likely directed to the houses of Israel and Judah, after the first return of Christ to gather the elect of God, this is an

extremely serious warning from Jesus Christ to come out of the evil religions of this world and remain separate from the things of this world that can pollute one spiritually. The plagues that God will pour out upon this evil religious system and the people who are associated with it will be terrifying and fatal; therefore, it would be wise to heed this serious warning.

In order to come out the Babylonian religions of this world, and to be able to recognize the Great Whore when she appears on the world scene, one must first clearly know and understand what constitutes the Sovereign God's true worship system. Once a person has this information, identifying all false religions, including the Great Whore of the Book of Revelation is a simple task.

Spiritual Adultery

The prophets continually warned Israel about spiritual adultery, which the apostles also did when they warned the elect of God to be aware of the ministers of Satan who would attempt to deceive them into worshiping false gods:

the apostle Paul warned the Church of God at Corinth not to become entangled or participate in this world's religions:

"Be you not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship have righteousness and unrighteousness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what concord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has he that believes with an infidel? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols?" (2.Cor.6:14-16 Para.).

In a letter to the elect at Corinth, the apostle Paul exhorted them to avoid mixing the truth of God with paganism, and he told them to separate themselves from the religions of that day:

Paul said:

"Therefore come out from among them, and be you separate, says the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you" (2.Cor.6:17 KJV).

The elect of God are not to participate in or be a part of this world's religions, because such participation constitutes spiritual adultery. The elect are the ambassadors of the Kingdom of God to this world (2.Cor.5:20). Anyone who is called to worship the true God and is associating with or dabbling in the religions of this world, would do well to heed the following extremely serious warning from Jesus Christ and remove themselves far from these evil practices.

Continuing in Revelation chapter 18, verse 6:

"Give back to her as she also gave back to you, and double to her double, according to her works: in the cup which she mixed, mix to her double. By what things she glorified herself, and luxuriated, by so much give back to her torment and mourning. Because she says in her heart, I sit as a queen, and I am not a widow; and I do not see mourning at all. Because of all this, in one day her plagues shall come, death, mourning, and famine; and she shall be consumed with fire: for the Lord God judging her is strong" (Rev.18:6-8).

Christ says that the Babylonian system of religion that will be aligned with the Beast is extremely evil and that those who lead it are worthy of all the horrible and terrifying punishment that they will receive. The leaders of this great religious system are arrogant and self-important, believing that they are above God's law; therefore, Jesus Christ will totally destroy this evil system from off the face of the earth.

According to what is said in the rest of chapter 18, This great and powerful religion will meet its fate in one prophetic hour, which is about 15 days.

The Elect of God Rejoice

When this great satanic religion called, Mystery, Babylon the Great, The Mother of Whores and of the Abominations of the earth, and its capital city are destroyed, the elect of God will rejoice because one of the basic causes of all of humanity's problems will be removed. And the Sovereign Father's plan for the salvation of humanity will go forward unimpeded by Satan's evil religions and

those who lead them.

I see that my time is up, but if you want to know more about the prophecies concerning the end of this age, about true Christianity, or more about the other subjects that I have briefly touched on in this in this broadcast, Write to me at the at the address given in the following announcement. Until next time this is Bud Cocherell for Bible Research .org.

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