

BABYLON, THE BEAST AND THE CHURCH- PART 2

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I began a new series last week going into the Great Whore, the Beast and some definitions in the end time and how these will ultimately impact the Church. We have to have some definitions first. In Revelation 17 as I mentioned the protestant commentators and the Church of God have always thought that the Mystery Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots in Verse 5 was the Catholic Church. I question that seriously. We will continue today to explore that issue. You will remember that I went through Ezekiel 16 after showing that a woman does not necessarily have to represent a church in Biblical symbolism in quite a few scriptures. Then we went to Ezekiel 16 to show very definitely that God considers all Israel a whore. He went through in great detail explaining Israel's whoredoms. You might recall that I mentioned that Ezekiel was written at least 100 and maybe as late as 140 years after Israel had gone into captivity. So, this is a prophesy for the future. It is a recap of Israel's history yes, because she had just been divorced for her whoredoms and put away by God. Now, Ezekiel is writing a prophesy about a future whore, not just the past because it is a prophesy pointing forward about what God will do. We will be able to tie many many scriptures in showing that it is yet a future fulfillment of what He says in Ezekiel 16.

Number One, God considers Israel a great harlot today at the end time. That is God's definition, not mine, not the Protestants, not any one else's. That is clearly embedded in scripture

that is Israel has played the harlot and is playing the harlot at the end time. I don't think we have to go over the scriptures, which we have seen for many many years showing that Israel will be destroyed at the end time. I sited Ezekiel 5 last week, I believe as an example of that. The prophecies are simply full of what will happen to Israel. She will be taken into captivity with a great captivity and only a small remnant will be saved as was mentioned in Isaiah 1:9 in the sermonette.

Most of you who have heard me speak for some years now have seen that I feel very decidedly that the prophecies are written in a dual sense, not the duality of Protestantism as they define it, but that there is a application both to the Church in the prophecies and to the physical nation. I have concentrated on the Church in prophecy because I think that it the message we need now. The message of prophesy being repent, overcome, be humble, and be meek and maybe God will save you. That ties in with Matthew 24 where it says pray that you be accounted worthy to escape. It is not that we are so worthy, but that God would account us that way through Christ's sacrifice and hopefully through our actions. But, at any rate, the destruction on the Church I think is coming close to completion. Even yesterday at the memorial for Bill Elmore we had scattering of people from different groups. People who had given up entirely and gone back to Protestantism. I found myself in a strange situation in a way. I commented on it in the memorial service that we

used to give a funeral service and went through and showed that the dead really are dead; there is no immortality of the soul, the dead know nothing and the resurrection to show that the Protestant doctrines on these things are wrong. Yet, yesterday I found myself in the position of having a room not with unconverted relatives, but with members of the Church, in a few cases, who have gone completely back to Protestantism. I found instead of trying to convince a Protestant mind that there is no immortality of the soul and the dead haven't gone to heaven and weren't peering over looking at us in the room, I was having to try to convince people who were of the Church of God that Bill Elmore was not in heaven looking down at us. That is something that is increasing. I found it a strange dichotomy that we have people going back to the sow's wallow or the dog's vomit, which ever of James' analogies you like best, and you have to try and convince them. Of course, in James it even says that once they have gone that far there is no bringing them back. I mean, how do you leave Protestantism, accept the truth and then go back to Protestantism? Where is the hope of redemption from that? It would be a very very difficult thing. Perhaps God can do it in the tribulation, but I think it is beyond us once they have denied the truth. It is a terrible situation we find in the Church of God today. I think that all the prophecies that are about to happen to physical Israel certainly can be applied to the Church. I think we have been over that enough that I don't have to try to reprove it at this point. But, we are now taking the other view, that now that the destruction is almost accomplished in the Church; we have to consider the same application to the

physical nations of Israel and to the world that God pronounced upon the Church as well. That is what we are getting into. Last week we addressed the fact that God calls Israel a whore. I think it is very undeniable when He goes into the detail there. He addressed Jerusalem first at the beginning of Ezekiel perhaps because He addresses spiritual Judah first. But, there is no doubt as you go down through the context that He includes her sisters and Samaria, the ten northern tribes, in that prophesy. So, it is not just a prophesy against Jerusalem the capital of Judah, but also a prophesy against all Israel. I think that application can be drawn from that that perhaps He is speaking of the Church also in the end time as a great whore. Worldwide went whoring after other religions, after other gods, after Satan, if you please. That application certainly can be made of what has happened. Only a scattered remnant now is being faithful. Yet, on the other hand, Samaria in included and in that sense all of Israel, I believe, is included in that prophesy as well. It is addressed to the nation, not just to the Church. Both applications can be made without twisting scripture out of context whatsoever.

Today we are addressing the condition of physical Israel and what is about to happen to it and how we might make some identifications in the Bible so that we might have a better idea of what God is trying to show us here at the end.

Let's go to Revelation 17:5 and I will ask a question of two.

“And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON

THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”

We are told in Chapter 18:4,

“...Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”

I personally do not want to partake in Babylon’s sins because I do not want to partake of her plagues. Therefore, I feel it is very important that we identify whom, specifically, Babylon is, what her sins are and what her plagues will be. Some will say that Babylon is a spiritual thing, a system that encompasses the entire world. I have imbibed of this before and accepted it is the past years ago. I have denied it in the last few years in my own mind and even in sermons I have made illusions to it. In once sense, that is a correct analysis. Satan is the ruler of this world. Satan has deceived the whole world. We know those scriptures. Babylon is a system, which are Satan’s beliefs. It includes the occult. In includes all that which came from Adam and Eve after their sin and Cain. Includes what happened to Babel with Nimrod and Semiramis and all that has come since from those systems. Wherever you go in religions around the world you find the immortality of the soul and some form of heaven. It has a little different window dressing in the Eastern religions, but all those basic doctrines, Satan’s doctrines, are there. The ones he foisted off on Adam and Eve in the very beginning, you shall not surely die. That is you have an immortal soul. It went on from there. Wherever you look Satan’s system is certainly in place. But, Babylon and the Chaldean

empire, the Babylonian empire was a specific empire that covered certain geographical parameters and that was all. The city of Babylon, at one point, was a specific city. It was not a world ruling city or empire. It covered quite a little of Western Asia and perhaps even into Eastern Europe and the Middle East. But, it was not truly a world-ruling thing. Now, here at the end we have Babylon who is destroyed by a beast. We will get to that later on. If it is the whole world, the whole world has to destroy the whole world. But, if you have different entities one of which is Babylon other entities destroy Babylon. Those entities then survive that battle because Babylon is fallen and the beast goes on, as do the nations and peoples that God destroys with the seven last plagues. So, I think it can be shown, though it is certainly in an overall sense a system that Satan has instituted, that there is a specific entity at the end that is destroyed by another specific entity. It is not the whole system destroying the whole system. That is the only logic you can come to, if you say it is the whole system. If you follow what I am saying.

Let’s go back to Revelation 14. First, in Chapter 13 you have two beasts, a big beast and a smaller beast. We will get to those later on; I don’t want to ignore them. But, in the prophesy in the entire book of Revelation you find this beast making war with the saints, Chapter 13:7 that ties in well with Daniel. We will get to those scriptures later on. You have a second beast that has miracles and makes fire come from heaven, a smaller beast, and gives his power, weight and credence to the bigger beast. Then he has another picture, a different ring in this circus. You have to look at Revelation in that

sense in a way. There is a lot going on all at the same time, like a three or six ring circus. You have to describe ring one. You can't describe all three rings at once. So, he has to write a chapter describing ring one another chapter describing ring two and another describing ring three perhaps. Since you can't do them all at once. Here is a summary, in a way in Chapter 14, because the resurrection has not yet occurred at this point and yet he sees 144,000 standing on Mt. Zion and these are the first fruits as we see in Verse 4. One Hundred and Forty Four Thousand first fruits, no more, no less. Then there was another angel he saw flying in Verse 6 and it says,

“...preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,”

Everybody, the whole earth in other words.

“Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”

We are right at the end here. The end time prophesies and God's judgment is about to come on mankind.

“And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.” (Revelation 14:6-8)

That great city, kingdom, empire, just like I refer perhaps to London in terms of the United Kingdom. Or if somebody wants to know what the

United States is doing, they say, Washington says. So, the city of Babylon was only the capital and representative of the entire empire or all of Chaldea, a nation.

“Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”

That all is going to become important when we start defining whom Babylon is. It says here notice, that Babylon is fallen twice. In other words, are there two events that occur where Babylon falls? If we can define one entity that falls and is burnt by the beast. That entity takes over the power and control of the whore it destroys. Just like when a king would come in and let's say take over France, he became the King of France. So, if an entity destroys the Great Whore, then that entity becomes the new King of Babylon over its subjects, its peoples whatever. We used to think, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen” was written only for emphasis, that it not only falls, but it falls flat. Certainly that emphasis might be made, but I think we will see there actually, right at the end time, two falls of Babylon very close together. Here in Chapter 14 He introduces that Babylon is about to fall. That she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

“And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, (which was described in Chapter 13) and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, (You think the wine of the wrath of Babylon was bad, try the wine of the wrath of God.) which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; (It is pure destruction, in other words, not mixed or blended.) and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.”

Then He says,

“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” (Revelation 14:9-12)

He introduces this Chapter with the 144,000 then talks about not worshipping the Beast, it is going to fall and says you had better be patient right at the end and not give in to that Beast, but fear God and give glory to Him as we see introduced in Verse 7.

Whatever is going to happen, here at the end, it is going to include an entwinement and entanglement and a confrontation, if you will, between the Beast and the people of God. That is the stage that is currently being set. The world against the Church. It will be Satan, who deceives the whole world and who is the ruler of this world against the few people that are obeying God. Satan doesn't worry about the rest of the world. He has them under control. He

has physical Israel under control. It is just the Church that he does not control. It is just the few of us who are weak and base and who had better look to God and fear Him and give Him glory, that Satan concerned about. That is why you don't see much about physical Israel really, if any thing, other than negative in the book of Revelation. The book of Revelation is addressed to the Church in Chapter 1. All the way through it talks about the saints, the elect and those who would worship God and about the world. He does not address physical Israel, why? Because physical Israel is divorced because of her whoredoms, physical Israel does not have a chance except a small remnant in the millennium that live through the end time plagues and the Great White Throne Judgment. So, she simply is destroyed at the beginning of the end time events. There will be a great financial collapse as we are told in Zephaniah 1. All the other prophecies show Israel is going to die of famine, pestilence, and sword and be taken into captivity. Really, she isn't a player when we come around to the events of Revelation. Only spiritual Israel is pitted against the world because physical Israel will have been destroyed at that point.

Let's go from there back to Revelation 17. Before we get into much about the events at the end, let's continue with some definitions. God has defined Israel at the end time as a great whore. Is that the same whore we find in Revelation 17 and 18? That is the question for today. He talks about Babylon before this in Chapter 14 and even mentions it in Chapter 16, Verse 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.”

This is reiterated in Isaiah 47 and Jeremiah 50 and 51 as well as here. We will get to a lot of those scriptures later on. At the end time, God is going to give Babylon the Great her comeuppance, not doubt about that. She is mentioned in general terms in Chapter 14 and in 16, then we have some very specific prophecies beginning in Chapter 17 that tie in very well with Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and other places. So, let’s look at the specific definition God gives here some specifics about her. .

“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:” (Revelation 17:1)

He said that judgment is coming at the end of Chapter 16, now He says, “I will shew you the judgment” specifics about that judgment in other words. We want to first of all define who this great whore in Verse 1 is. We need to make a definition of what the many waters are first of all as we get into this because it is the first symbolism that comes up. If you will look down at Verse 15 it explains what the waters are. They are not physical waters.

“And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and

multitudes, and nations, and tongues.” (Revelation 17:15)

So, she sits upon many nations and peoples. Remember, also that this is a sexual analogy. I had often thought of the Beast having a woman riding on top on its back as you might ride a horse. But, consider the analogy and I will leave the rest of that to your imagination. This great whore sits across many many nations and peoples. That puts her in control of the whole operation.

“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.” (Revelation 17:2)

So, she has had a relationship with the kings of the earth, whoever this woman is. They have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. Wine can be doctrine. If you will consider, if there is a religious context here, the Catholic Church certainly could fit that because they have spread their religion, not around the world, but to various parts of it. Their primary influence has been Italy, the Iberian Peninsula, with Spain and Portugal, somewhat through Europe and into South America also a small part in America. But, that is about the extent of it. The Catholics have not made many inroads into Asia, not a lot into Africa or Australia. There are a lot of areas where they have not had a great deal of influence. So, understand that even though they call themselves, The Universal Church, they do not have universal appeal. Look at what has happened in the 100 to 150 years. Where have most of the missionaries to the whole world come from? America. We are peddling our religious influence

around the world via television and by missionaries that go to Africa, South America, Asia, all over the place. Mormons send their “missions” all over the world. We are doing a great from America to try to proselyte the rest of the world, not only to democracy, but to our religions, our pagan religions, that is our Satanic worship because ultimately we worship we know not what as Americans. Just as Christ told the Jews, You worship you know not what. The Catholics are in the same boat and so are the Protestants, all of them. They worship Satan and don’t even know it. Even in a religious sense, the missionary effort of the world has been dominated by America in the last 100 years. Now, I don’t know that that means doctrinally, wine can also be used to seduce. Harlots around the world, throughout time, have used alcohol to seduce men just as men have used alcohol to seduce women. It lowers the inhibitions or will. It makes it easier to seduce. America has seduced the world, I believe. I think we are going to find that it is the whole world and these analogies are going to fit hand in glove.

“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.” (Revelation 17:3)

John was carried away into a wilderness area. The rest of the world was pretty well settled and America was established in a wilderness area for the most part. There were a few American Indians, Eskimos and that was about it. So, that part could fit as well. America was “the last frontier”.

John saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast. It has been said, as it mentions in Verse 4 purple and scarlet colors, since the Catholics, Cardinals and Pope etc. wear purple and scarlet, it must be them. But, notice that the Beast itself was scarlet colored. The Beast is not the Whore. The Whore sits on the Beast, straddles the Beast. That is about the only thing religious thing you might find in here. But, here is a scarlet colored Beast as well. The Beast is not a religious entity. It is a warring entity, as we shall see as we get into the definition of the Beast. It is economic and military and not religious whatsoever. So, the scarlet does not necessarily denote religion here does it? It denotes bright colors, but we will get back into that in Verse 4. The Beast itself is brightly clothed, a show off, wants to be seen as bright and not fading into the background. This is a Beast that will attempt to rule the world. It will very much want to be prominent, in other words. So, the scarlet clothing would fit, not the attire of a harlot necessarily, but bright clothing. In other words, “I want to be seen” is the thought here.

It is full of names of blasphemy, everything against God having seven heads and ten horns. There are no crowns on this Beast interesting, but seven heads and ten horns. We will get into the Beast later on, so I am not going to comment more on that now. We want to define the Great Whore, the woman today. Verse 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:”

She is wearing very colorful garments. A whore, a harlot usually dresses in a very showy way. They do take advantage of color. That doesn't mean that wearing colorful clothes is wrong if used in the right way. Joseph had a coat of what? Many colors. It was probably a very bright coat. It may have had blue, red, yellow and green stripes, I don't know. But, it was of many colors. So, it was a very showy coat, wasn't it? That is not of itself wrong unless it is used in a wrong fashion. If some of us want to wear red, purple or whatever the color itself is not wrong. It is the misuse just like wine is not wrong, it is the misuse, food is not wrong, it is the misuse. The same is true here of color. But, she wanted to show off obviously.

She also had on lots of jewelry. There is nothing wrong with jewelry. Colorful clothes and jewelry are not wrong. We find many scriptures in the Bible, in fact in Ezekiel 16; God said that He had put jewelry on Israel. He had dressed her up and given her those things. It is just that she used that jewelry and those fine clothes that He put on her for a wrong purpose. That was what was wrong; it wasn't the clothes or the jewelry. It was the purpose to which they were put. This Great Whore is using them for harlotry.

She has a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness. She is holding a golden cup. That reminds me a little bit of what Christ said about the Pharisees. They had cleaned the outside of the cup, but within it was full of wretchedness and filth. She is holding up a cup that looks pretty good. If you look at a gold cup and you say "wow, that's is a nice cup". But, you do not understand what is inside that cup. I

could see how this might apply to the Catholics. The Pope might hold up a golden cup and yet we know that that church is full of evil, sin and filthiness. So, so far you could say that fits the Catholic Church. But, could it also fit America, which is the richest nation the world has ever known. Our cup isn't just any old pewter cup, our cup; in the eyes of the world is a golden cup isn't it? Our wealth is admired and made jealous of around the world. It is a golden cup all right. Everyone wants to come here and take part here in the American dream. We are being flooded from all kinds of people for all over the world coming in right now to live the American dream. To them it is a golden cup. But, are we not also a people that are full of abomination and filthiness and our fornication? I don't think there is a whole lot of question about that. We promote more filth and distribute it around the world than any other people ever have via television, via movies, via videos, it goes everywhere. Our sitcoms about homosexuality, fornication and adultery, smoking, drinking and violence go everywhere. I have been around the world and everywhere I go, if I turn the TV on what did I see? I saw American programming of violence, misused sex, homosexuality, and you name it, it's there. Anywhere in this world you want to go, it is there, if there is television. They have a few of their own programs perhaps, but they have mostly American filth. The Catholic Church can't touch that with a stick. They do not promote it is a way we do. In fact, their filthiness they try to hide until their pedophiles and their homosexual relationships start coming out and then they try to hide it ever more don't they. They try to stay hidden in that was, but we, we spread it all around

the world. Doesn't that sound like Ezekiel 16? They don't just come and pay you for your favors, you are not just a woman of negotiable affection, but you lay it on them and pay them. We spread it everywhere. Now, let's go to Verse 5,

“And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.” (Revelation 17:5)

That is what the Protestants jumped on to say this is the Catholic Church.

Let's start examining this:

This is a mystery. Babylon is a mystery system. It's symbols of the occult are somewhat hidden unless you understand them. You can go through books that have been written about “Mystery Babylon the Great” and the identification of Nimrod and Semiramis, Isis and Osiris. They are the same people, but different names in different countries on different continents. The Christmas tree, Easter and all that stuff we read about in Hislops, “The Two Babylons” and in a book called “Mystery Babylon the Great” and several others that are published. It is a mystery system. Satan is in the dark and he is has kept things a mystery, except to those who understand.

Now, if God calls this great harlot a mystery, wouldn't it be a mystery? Wouldn't it be hard to discern in a way? It didn't seem to be a mystery to all those who left the Catholic Church did it? When the Protestant reformation occurred with Martin Luther, Calvin and all the others, they became the daughters of the Catholic Church didn't they? It is

a strange thing to me that those who left the Catholic Church, split into many many different denominations as daughters of the Catholicism, it is a mystery to me that they can call her the great whore and not understand they are the daughters. They are condemning themselves with their own words. Was their assessment correct is my question today? Now, there is no doubt the Catholic Church is a great whore. There is no doubt the Protestants are her little harlot daughters. Their churches are full of occult symbolisms. But, then so are the governments of the world. We will get into that later on. Our own government is included. This is a mystery that might only understood at the end. Once things start happening to a point, recognition can come. So, the Protestants thought they had it figured out and that is what all the commentaries say. But, can we depend on the Protestants for Bible exposition? Name some things we can depend on the Protestants for. How about immortality of the soul, trinity, law being done away, going to heaven and an ever-burning hell? Can we depend on them so far? No, not on your life you can't. Can we depend upon them in their definition of this great whore?

It is a mystery; something that has to be discerned; it is also tied in obviously with Babylon the Great, the great occult system Satan has started on the earth and she is called the Mother of Harlots. As I said, that could fit the Catholic Church in one sense because the Protestant reformation brought a lot of little daughters out from the Catholic Church. But, there is a great whore that antedates the great whore by thousands of years. Remember the Catholic Church did not even start until about 100 AD.

Actually, Peter talked with Simon Magus who likely started the Catholic Church, probably soon after Christ ascended. So, we are looking at 31/34 AD that the Catholic Church actually had its very beginning, but it didn't really hit the world scene until after 100 AD basically when the Church of God itself had basically disappeared. As Mr. Armstrong always said, a completely different Church appeared after 100 AD. It has syncretized, adopted a lot of paganism and was not a church at all like what Christ had founded through Peter, James, John and the other apostles. So, the Catholic Church didn't really even take hold until after 100 AD. This whole God talks about, that we read about in Ezekiel 16 antedates that by thousands of years.

Let's go back to Ezekiel 16 and emphasize a point here. We went through this whole chapter in detail before, but I want to pick out something here. Beginning is Ezekiel 16:41 talking to this harlot Israel,

“And they shall burn thine houses with fire, and execute judgments upon thee in the sight of many women.”

She is lumped here with many women. This whore will be destroyed in the sight of many women. He has already lumped her in Verse 38 as women that breed wedlock. He is going to have a lot of people gathered to see her destroyed. So, this will be done in the sight of many women, or nations, because I think this is speaking in national terms, not in city terms or individual terms.

“Ezek 16:41

and I will cause thee to cease from playing the harlot, and thou also shalt give no hire any more.”

Now, Verse 44,

“Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use this proverb against thee, saying, as is the mother, so is her daughter.

45 Thou art thy mother's daughter, that lotheth her husband and her children; and thou art the sister of thy sisters, which lothed their husbands and their children: your mother was an Hittite, and your father an Amorite.” (Ezekiel 16:44-45)

She has become just like the gentiles around her.

“As I live, saith the Lord GOD, Sodom thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters.” (Ezekiel 16:48)

This Israel that God is describing here is the “Mother of Harlots”. God calls her a “Mother of Harlots”. You are the mother and your daughters have also committed harlotry. This is a specific Bible definition of Israel and Judah as a great harlot with daughters. How do you deny that? In the end time Israel is going to be a mother of Harlots. Let's go to Hosea 1.

“The word of the LORD that came unto Hosea, the son of Beer, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

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.” (Hosea 1:1-2)

Not only a woman, but also children of whoredoms. So, Hosea took Gomer, the daughter of Dibliam who conceived and bare him a son. He says then that son was caused Jezreel meaning that he will cause to cease the Kingdom of the House of Israel. So, this whore he is talking about here and her children are a type of Israel that will be destroyed.

“And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And God said unto him, Call her name Lo-ruhamah: for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away.

7 But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.” (Hosea 1:6-7)

When God sets His hand to save Israel, He is not going to do it with military might. There is one of the whoredoms of America. We will get to that a little more later on.

“Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, ...”

Now, they weren't when this was written. This is a future prophecy. Today there are roughly 500,000,000 Israelites on the face of the earth. Try counting 500 million grains of sand next time you are laying on the beach. You will have an all day job and more.

“...and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.” (Hosea 1:10)

There is a time when God will say, Israel is not my people. Divorced, gone, put away, not my people. But, eventually there it will happen.

“Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel.” (Hosea 1:11)

That is a future prophesy. Now, notice Chapter 2,

“Say ye unto your brethren, Ammi; and to your sisters, Ru-hamah.

2 Plead with your mother, plead: for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband:...”

Israel's status now is divorced, put away. She is not the people of God. They have gone somewhere else. They have departed from God.

“...let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts;

3 Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst.

4 And I will not have mercy upon her children; for they be the children of whoredoms.

5 For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath done shamefully:” (Hosea 2:2-5)

So, she and her daughters have done the same. Here in Hosea, as well as in Ezekiel, God depicts Israel as a great harlot and the children of harlotry. Have we not generation after generation continued the harlotry that occurred back then, for which she was destroyed? Israel never recovered from that. In fact, after Israel was taken captive, before Ezekiel wrote his prophesy, they never went back to the Holy Land at all. From there they migrated across Western Asia and into Europe and from there to America, Australia, South America, South Africa and different places around the earth. They never went back to the Holy Land and were never a people that were even recognized any more where they? Today you try and identify Israel and people come up with the Jews and that is all. They don't have any idea where the 10 lost tribes are. But, they have to still be around don't they? They have to have multiplied as the sands of the sea. We see today, Israel consorting with the rest of the world. Have we turned to God? Has Israel ever turned to God? We have turned to pagan religions, be they outright Satan worship or humanism or Catholicism, Protestantism or whatever we have turned to, but never to God. So, the whoredom has continued generation after generation. Did not Israel become a great harlot after God set her aside as a bride? Haven't her daughters then continued harlotry throughout the thousands of years since that time? Yes, we have. Is Israel a Mother of Harlots? She antedates the Catholic Church in that activity by thousands of years. God Himself uses that definition. It is not something the Protestants came up with; it is scripture. It is what God Himself wrote.

MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

In the first chapters of Ezekiel God pronounces great curses on Israel and even goes through and shows how they worshipped the queen of heaven, Sun worship, through Easter and Christmas. He condemns those things very soundly. Jeremiah condemns Christmas in Chapter 10. Those were all Sun worship that goes back to Nimrod and Semiramis. We should all know the story of how Nimrod was born of Semiramis in an immaculate conception and when Nimrod died he sprung overnight into a full evergreen tree. This tree became the Christmas tree. The worship of mother and child, Semiramis and Nimrod, became known around the world. Semiramis, Nimrod and Tammuz became an unholy trinity called a holy trinity. The mother and child was spread all around the world from Nimrod and Semiramis long before Christ was born, before Mary conceived.

Do we have those abominations in America? Are we like that? Let's consider some things. Look at the dollar bill; maybe you have one in your pocket. The Great Seal of the United States was formed and approved by Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1935. The idea was brought to him by a Freemason. Franklin D. Roosevelt was himself a Freemason. The Great Seal of the United States has an eagle one side. The eagle is said to be used in the occult. Now, God created eagles and there is nothing wrong with eagles, but they were used in the occult. The eagle is the only animal reputed to be able to look directly into the sun and live. They have attributed mystical qualities to the eagle. When you turn the dollar over you see the all seeing eye of

Horace. You find the triangle, the trinity of Semiramis, Nimrod and Tammuz. The terminology on the dollar, which you see is “Novus Order Securim”. Those words in Latin mean New Order World. The New World Order as we say it today. Franklin D. Roosevelt started his “New Deal”, a new deal for the world.

It is throughout everything we have. The Washington Monument is a penis, to put it bluntly, representing the so-called father of our country. Was it only by happenstance that is it 555 feet high, which is the number of the occult? The same is true of Hollywood and the prefix they use on every phone number. They always say, 555. They use the same occult number for the prefix on telephone numbers in movies and television that is the same height as Washington’s penis in Washington, D.C. The Statue of Liberty was given to us, designed by French Freemasons. On the crown you have 25 windows they say represent the 25 minerals of the earth. Seven points, which represent either the seven continents or seven oceans, they are not sure which was intended. When you think about that, that encompasses the whole world doesn’t it? All the continents and all the oceans. That symbol, that statue represents to the occult world rulership of the entire world. The Freemasons believe that America has a job to do and that is to rule the entire world. That crown is in the form of a circle. Even on one of the stamps that commemorate the Statue of Liberty there is a halo, representing Sun worship to the occult. If you combine the 25 windows or minerals, as they say, with the seven horns or points on that crown you come up with 32. The whole earth and whole sea, the whole world in

other words come the number 32, which is an occult number used over and over. There are 32 degrees in the Masonic lodge. It is sun worship. She carries the torch borrowed from the Olympics. I did research into the Olympics some years ago and found it was based on sun worship. The great coliseum in which the Olympics were held faced the east the rising of the sun. That flame, that torch represents the sun. So, right at America’s door we have sun worship and Satan worship right there where you come into America. That was not done by happenstance. We have adopted Babylonian paganism. Have not watched the last two Olympiads, well actually four when you consider the winter Olympics because I found that it derived from paganism. The same paganism from which we got Christmas and Easter. The very same paganism. In Ezekiel 16 it talks about causing your children to pass through the fire to Molech, that is sun worship. We have adopted in America today, sun worship. It is in our monuments and in our churches. Nearly every church in America has a penis erect on top of it as you go in and then you see the cross at the back end of it and it has one pointed down. It is the same symbol, just one is pointed up and one is pointed down. I hate to be so blunt, but you can read the books and it is all in there. It is sex worship. You have the interlocked circle with the cross, the ying and yang of the thing, I suppose. What does the circle represent? When you get right down to it, it can be traced back to the word “church” as translated in the English versions of the Bible. It comes from the Scottish word “cure”. You can look that up very easily. It means circle. It was sued by the occult. God made circle, the sun is round, the moon is

round more or less, and trees are round, God made round. There is nothing wrong with round, except and unless it is put to a wrong use. That is what they have done with the circle. If you have the cross, which represents the male phallic, and you have the circle, which represents the female sexual parts, then you have the cross within the circle and what they truly represent. If you trace the word church you will find the word in English comes from vagina to put it bluntly. That is why they have them interlocked. The male phallic with the circle, the ying and the yang or whatever it is in Asian, but it is the same across the world. We have adopted those symbols in our society today. It is a pretty gruesome bit, but we have accepted all the abominations of Nimrod and Semiramis into our society. It is on our money. It is on our churches. It is everywhere you go. Is it any wonder that I decided we should take the word "ecclesia" translated assembly, congregation or some synonym? I felt the word church was not the best thing to call us. Ecclesia is the Greek word and it has meaning of assembly or congregation or gathering. All those are synonyms of ecclesia. Church is of dubious origination at best. Maybe they were not thinking that when they translated it into English from the Greek, but it does go back there and it has been used that way. So, when it is the Catholic Church, when you look at the Vatican in Rome you find it has two wings coming out with a vestibule in the middle and it is again a female object. That was not done by happenstance. There again, yes, the Catholic Church is a replica or a counterfeit of some other things on this earth. They are all a part of a system of this world started by Satan. That is probably enough of that.

I could go on and on. Benjamin Franklin said at least 26 of the 39 framers of the Constitution of the United States and Declaration of Independence were Freemasons. That is why Washington, D.C. is laid out in a triangle with the all seeing eye of Horace. The whole city is not that way, but some of the streets form a triangle within Washington. It is confusing when you drive through there.

We have seduced the world with these things. I will quote from an article taken from the Internet called "Supreme Court Internationalists":

"As if it weren't bad enough that the U.S. Supreme Court majority pays little heed to the U.S. Constitution, now it is becoming clear 5 or 6 members of the Supreme Court are being influenced by the Constitutions and Courts of foreign countries. Ruth Bader Ginsberg blew the Court's cover in a speech to the American Constitution Society explaining that her colleagues are looking beyond America's borders for guidance in handling cases on issues like the death penalty and homosexual rights."

Do we look to God? Do we look to the Bible? Are we a Christian nation? We are looking to the gentile constitutions to determine whether homosexuality and the death penalty are good or not. Now is that idolatry? Is that departing from God and consorting, prostituting ourselves to the gentile's ideas?

"In a decision earlier this summer in a Texas case in which anti-sodomy laws were overruled, the

Justices first referred to the findings of foreign courts.”

Notice that, not even to our own courts to determine whether gays should live together or not, but to foreign courts.

“Ginsberg continued, Justices she said are becoming more open to comparative and international law perspectives.”

In other words, they are joining the international idea of a new world order.

“She told a group of judges, lawyers and students, that while you are the American Constitution Society, your perspective on Constitutional law should encompass the world.”

There you go. There is more, but I won't go into that at this point. You can read books and books on this. Books that tell how we are involved in this world. I wanted to cover some sections more. I talked about the dollar bill.

How are we the Mother of Harlots? How does our harlotry show? Let's start with the military. God told us we were to depend upon Him, originally as ancient Israel, for our protection. They decided they needed a king, they decided they needed a military and God accepted it. It wasn't His original intent, but He accepted it. He let them war and He was with them when they would obey Him. But, He told us not to make alliances with gentile nations. What does America do today? We make coalitions with all kinds of nations, Israelite and gentile. We are depending upon the arm of the military to protect us

and to keep the American society the way we have it. That is harlotry! It is not physical sex, but there are many many different forms of harlotry when you consider idolatry. We depend upon things other than God for whatever the subject might be and that is idolatry. What is America if not economic? Our sway with the world is not only military. I think the military is becoming simply a mercenary for large corporations. If the big corporations in America need oil we defeat Iraq. If the world's corporations want this we go in and destroy somebody else. So, money is using the military to its own ends. Won't Americans, for the most part, do most anything for money? Isn't that what our society is based upon, materialism? Anything for money, whatever it takes, that's the way we think. America will make deals with foreign countries over money anywhere and anytime about anything.

Consider sports, the Olympics, sun worship, which were done originally naked. I thought a comment made in a recent sermonette was interesting with the demons that redecorate with tattoos and piercings when they move in. It is part of the mystery system to hide what you really look like. America likes to hide. As a people we adopted makeup, which came from Babylon. God says to get out of Babylon. What does makeup do? It hides what you really look like. It makes you look different than what you did. That is something American society adopted very heavily. I think Mr. Armstrong made the right decision when he finally after all the hassle, up and down, back and forth, about makeup said they will only change this over my dead body. This is a final judgment on it for the end time Church. And, if ever he

made a judgment that I feel is binding on the end time Church that was it. They indeed changed it back over his dead body. The more I look into Babylon and understand the mystery system and trying to hide and trying to look different that what you are and how Satan tries to appear as an angel of light and you equate the principal of makeup with that, I can see why God caused Herbert Armstrong finally to make the right decision. It is something that was originally used by harlots in Babylon. That makes it in the same category as Christmas, Easter, the Olympics and anything that came from Babylon and Egypt. Do you follow that? It doesn't matter what it was. If it came from there it is in the same category as those things God condemns. We can find all kinds of reasons and excuses as to why we want to hand on to something that came from Babylon. In some cases, for ladies it is as hard to give up makeup as it was for us to give up Christmas and Easter and take it away from our children as we looked upon it perhaps as we took it away. These things were very near and dear to the heart. Yet, if it had its origination in harlotry and in Babylon doesn't it have to go? Don't the Olympics have to go? That's where they originated. They have sex symbols and sun worship just like Christmas and Easter, there is not difference whatsoever. Satan wants to redecorate the world and redecorate its people.

God did make us to wear clothes. That's not hiding in His idea or thought. He made clothes and put them on people and also said He would adorn Israel with jewelry. So, He has nothing against jewelry or clothes. But, if they are misused, and that is how Paul and Peter termed it in the New Testament

when they said we are to dress modestly, don't dress in a way to try to be seen, to try to impress. The real clothing is a contrite heart, humility, meekness etc. You can use jewelry, you can use clothes, but don't misuse and abuse. He did not put makeup on Israel, she put it on herself. She got that from Babylon. There is a difference. It does not decorate and enhance the body it hides what you really look like. That is really the principle we need to consider here. Plus, I think Mr. Armstrong after all the contention, attitudes and people leaving and various things finally said this is confusion in Israel and we will have it no more. I really feel that is binding upon us.

One form of religion that is sweeping America is humanism. Animals are just as important as people, in fact a little more important. Humanism, at its center, means that humans have the answers. We do not need a deity who created us because humans have the answers. That is the basis of the definition of humanism. We have today, in America, leadership in the world in cloning and trying to make people immortal by farming different organs. It is also prevalent in Europe as well and the rest of Israel, but that is part of Israel. If we are the head in American then the rest of Israel is the rest of the whore's body. But, we lead the world in that kind of research. We are trying to make man immortal. We will be able to farm your organs and when they wear out we will put new ones in you and you can live on and on. We think we have all the answers. Where did that come from? Where did all this medical science and all this science come from, what was its stem and what was its root? If you will go back to Genesis 3:

“Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.” (Gen 3:1-6)

The serpent here is symbolic of Satan. What did Satan tell her really? “Of the fruit of the tree God has said you shall not eat and he said you shall not surely die, For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.” In other words, you will have all the answers yourself. You won’t need God because when you eat of that tree you will know good and evil and you will have all the answers. That is at the basis of humanism. Deny God and accept that human beings know it all. There is no place on earth that is more rife and more out in the open than in America today. So many categories that go far beyond the Catholic Church can even envision. America has created

a system of idolatry and departure from God. So, it is religion, it is economic, it is social, it is military, it is moral and I have already stated how Hollywood exports more immorality than any one on earth. The Catholic Church can’t even touch it. Where do they export evil? Well, they send priests out to play with boys, but beyond that they are not promulgating it the way we are. We are seducing and inducing people to our culture worldwide. In a way, that has never ever been done before. It was never possible before.

We haven’t even really gotten into the definition here yet. We have just reviewed some things that America is. But, we have established that is would have been a mystery that America might possibly be this great whore. Because, until America was here how could the Protestant commentators in Europe look upon anyone being that except the Catholic Church whom they were fighting. They ignored the fact they were the daughters of that Church and really didn’t change the doctrines of the Catholic Church all that much. They changed the clothes, but they kept the heaven, hell, trinity and most of the doctrines of the Catholic Church. They are certainly daughters. But, if it was a mystery it could only perhaps be understood here at the end when a great Babylon would arise that had been a mother of harlots before the Catholic Church even came into being. One that God Himself calls a Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth. We are the source of those abominations being scattered around the world today in a way that has never been done before.

