

Notes On Revelation Chapter Eighteen



Martin Luther, before his conversion, was a good Romanist; from his conversion up to his discovery that the Pope was Antichrist, he was a Christian and a Romanist; from that date on, he was a good Christian but not a Romanist at all.

The Approaching End of the Age by H. Grattan Guinness – Part III. Foretold and Fulfilled. Chapter I.



We have been contemplating the two mysteries of the Apocalypse. The word "mystery" signifies something spiritual; it here describes a church, The first mystery is explained to us by Christ Himself: "The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest; the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest, are the seven churches." The second mystery is explained also: "I will tell thee the mystery of the woman. The woman is *that great city* which reigneth over the kings of the earth."

Fake Miracles Used To Deceive



My good friend, Dr. John G. Hartnett, of [Bible Science Forum](#), shared with me a web article [Pope Francis performs 'half-miracle' after dry blood of saint liquefies in his presence](#)

Did the Pope *really* preform a miracle? Once I saw a YouTube of a magician on the street who suddenly turned a bottle of water into Pepsi Cola! I don't know how he did it, but I sure know there was no supernatural miracle involved!

Below is a paragraph from a book by Henry Grattan Guinness, [History Unveiling Prophecy](#). Henry Grattan Guinness D. D. (11 August 1835 – 21 June 1910) was an Irish Protestant Christian preacher, evangelist and author. He was the great evangelist of the Evangelical awakening and preached during the Ulster Revival of 1859 which drew thousands to hear him. He was responsible for training and sending hundreds of "faith missionaries" all over the world. (Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Grattan_Guinness)

Unfortunately Henry Grattan Guinness was also influenced by [John Nelson Darby and the Plymouth Brethren's dispensationalism](#), a bag of false doctrines that I expose on this website. But Rev. Guinness continued to hold to the Protestant view of the Roman Catholic Church and the office of the papacy as the fulfillment of the prophecy of the "man of sin" in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4. Nobody's perfect.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and *not* of us.

Henry Grattan Guinness writes:

"To the Reformers the Pope of Rome was the "Man of Sin," and Antichrist, and the Church of Rome the Babylon of the Apocalypse; a doctrine not only embodied in the confessions of faith of the reformed churches, but sealed by the blood of their countless martyrs. Who can estimate the value and importance of the aid thus rendered to the Reformation by the delineations

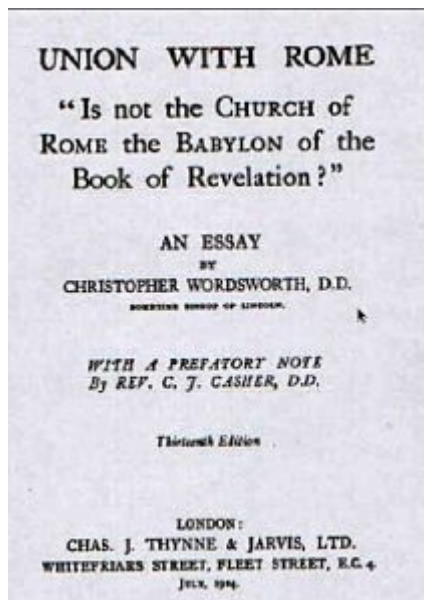
and warnings of prophecy? Let the learned Bishop Wordsworth have a hearing on this subject, for no other has written upon it with clearer understanding, and in nobler and more eloquent language,—“The Holy Spirit, foreseeing, no doubt, that **the Church of Rome would adulterate the truth by many gross and grievous abominations**, that **she would anathematize all who would not communicate with her**, and denounce them as **cut off from the body of Christ** and the hope of everlasting salvation; foreseeing also that Rome would exercise a wide and dominant sway for many generations, by boldly iterated assertions of unity, antiquity, sanctity, and universality; foreseeing also that these pretensions would be supported by the civil sword of many secular governments, among which the Roman Empire would be divided at its dissolution, and that Rome would thus be enabled to display herself to the world in an august attitude of imperial power, and with the dazzling splendour of temporal felicity; foreseeing also that the **Church of Rome would captivate the imaginations of men by the fascinations of art allied with religion, and would ravish their senses** and rivet their admiration by gaudy colours and stately pomp and prodigal magnificence; foreseeing also that **she would beguile their credulity by miracles** and mysteries, apparitions and dreams, trances and ecstasies, and **would appeal to such evidences in support of her strange doctrines**; foreseeing likewise that she would enslave men and (much more) women by practicing on their affections and by accommodating herself with dangerous pliancy to their weakness, relieving them from the burden of thought and from the perplexity of doubt by proffering them the aid of infallibility, soothing the sorrows of the mourner by **dispensing pardon and promising peace to the departed**, removing the load of guilt from the oppressed conscience by the ministries of the confessional and by nicely poised compensations for sin, and that she would flourish for many centuries in proud and prosperous impunity before her sins would reach to heaven and come in remembrance before God ; foreseeing also that many generations of men would thus be tempted to fall from the faith and to become victims of deadly error, and that they who clung to the truth would be exposed to cozening flatteries and fierce assaults and savage tortures from her,—the Holy Spirit, we say, foreseeing all these things in His divine knowledge, and being the everlasting Teacher, Guide, and Comforter of the Church, was graciously pleased to provide a heavenly antidote, for all these dangerous, wide-spread, and long-enduring evils, by dictating the Apocalypse. In this divine book the Spirit of God has portrayed the Church of Rome such as none but He could have foreseen that she would become, and such as, wonderful and lamentable to say, she has become. He has thus broken her magic spells; He has taken the wand of enchantment from her hand; He has lifted the mask from her face; and with His divine hand He has written her true character in large letters, and has planted her title on her forehead, to be seen and read of all: ‘ **MYSTERY , BABYLON THE GREAT , THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH .** ’ ”

The Roman Catholic Sacrament of Penance and Its Roots in Babylonian Pagan Mystery Religion



The clerical power of the Roman priesthood culminated in the erection of the confessional. That confessional was itself borrowed from Babylon.

Union with Rome – Christopher Wordsworth



Is not the Church of Rome the Babylon of the Book of Revelation? 19th-century Bible scholar Christopher Wordsworth offers infallible proof from Holy Scripture and secular history.

The Pope – Chief of White Slavers, High Priest of Intrigue



Former Catholic priest Jeremiah J. Crowley exposes the Popes of Rome as evil tyrants whose interest is only money and power over as much of the world as possible.

Romanism and the Reformation – H. Grattan Guinness



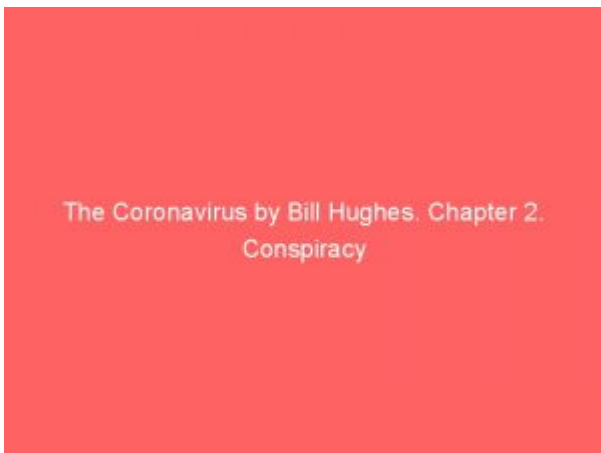
This is an outstanding series of lectures exposing the Roman Catholic Church as “MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.” of Revelation 17:5.

The Great Red Dragon and Rome Part II



The woman of Rev 17, the apostate church, is the same entity as the great city of Babylon that reigns over the kings of the earth, found in Rev 18. There is only one church that history shows to have made the claim of authority over the kings of the earth. That church is the Roman Catholic Church, and Babylon is the code word for the city of Rome.

The Coronavirus by Bill Hughes. Chapter 2. Conspiracy



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At the United Nations on November 10, 2001, United States President George W. Bush denounced the emergence of "outrageous conspiracy theories ... that attempt to shift the blame away from the terrorists, themselves, away from the guilty." Later, as media exposure of conspiracy theories of the events of 9/11 increased, U.S. Government agencies and the Bush Administration issued responses to the theories, including a formal analysis by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) about the collapse of the World Trade Center, a revised 2006 State Department webpage to debunk the theories, and a strategy paper referred to by President Bush in an August 2006 speech, which declared that terrorism springs from "subcultures of conspiracy and misinformation," and that "terrorists recruit more effectively from

populations whose information about the world is contaminated by falsehoods and corrupted by conspiracy theories." Clearly, former President Bush is not happy with conspiracy theories. Since he isn't, this has set a precedent among people that the idea of conspiracy is purely a theory and that there is no basis to it. Well.....

George W. Bush attended Yale University and was a member of a Secret Society while there. The name of the Society was the Order of Skull and Bones. In order for Bush to become a member, he had to go through an initiation rite. In this rite, Bush vowed absolute obedience to three representatives. In the book, Codeword Barbelon by P. D. Stuart, it states that Bush bowed to the head of Freemasonry, the Pope, and the Jesuit General. Pages 339-341 declare this truth. Bush sold his soul to these entities and would do ANYTHING they told him to do. Any vows of loyalty to his country would mean NOTHING to a member of Skull and Bones. George Bush followed the leading of these powers while in the White House. Why would Bush speak out so forcefully against the idea of conspiracy was because he was part of a massive conspiracy?!

So, what of conspiracy? Is there really a conspiracy? Is it a theory or is it a fact? Is anyone who believes in a conspiracy a nut or is he right on the money? According to Webster's dictionary, a conspiracy is "An agreement to perform together an illegal, wrongful, or subversive act.

2. A group of conspirators.

3. An agreement between two or more persons to commit a crime or accomplish a legal purpose through illegal action.

4. A joining or acting together, as if by sinister design: a secret plan to carry out an illegal or harmful act.

5. The act of making such plans.

Conspiracy – a secret agreement between two or more people to perform an unlawful act.

So, a conspiracy is two or more people or groups united together with a sinister purpose. Well, you say, there are so many voices out there. How do I know which one to trust that will be giving an unbiased view? Those are fair comments. The only unbiased, clear book that will give us the answer is the Bible. Revelation 17 and 18 answer this question of conspiracy very clearly if we are open to hear what it says. We are immediately confronted in these chapters with a monolithic power called Babylon the Great. "And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." Revelation 17:5 interestingly enough, the Protestant Reformers agreed on very little, BUT they all agreed on who Babylon the Great was. Listen to them speak.

Luther: "nothing else than the kingdom of Babylon and of very Antichrist. For who is the man of sin and the son of perdition, but he who by his teaching and his ordinances increases the sin and perdition of souls in the church; while he yet sits in the church as if he were God? All these conditions have

now for many ages been fulfilled by the papal tyranny." (Martin Luther, First Principles, pp. 196-197)

Luther: "Luther ... proved, by the revelations of Daniel and St. John, by the epistles of St. Paul, St. Peter, and St. Jude, that the reign of Antichrist, predicted and described in the Bible, was the Papacy ... And all the people did say, Amen! A holy terror seized their souls. It was Antichrist whom they beheld seated on the pontifical throne. This new idea, which derived greater strength from the prophetic descriptions launched forth by Luther into the midst of his contemporaries, inflicted the most terrible blow on Rome." Taken from J. H. Merle Daubigny's History of the Reformation of the Sixteenth Century, book VI, chapter xii, p. 215.

Calvin: "But to conclude this point in a few words: I deny that See to be Apostolical, wherein naught is seen but a shocking apostasy – I deny him to be the vicar of Christ, who, in furiously persecuting the gospel, demonstrates by his conduct that he is Antichrist – I deny him to be the successor of Peter, who is doing his utmost to demolish every edifice that Peter built – and I deny him to be the head of the Church, who by his tyranny lacerates and dismembers the Church, after dissevering her from Christ, her true and only Head.–Calvin, "Tracts and Letters" vol 1, 219-220.

Knox: "Yea, to speak it in plain words; lest that we submit ourselves to Satan, thinking that we submit ourselves to Jesus Christ, for, as for your Roman kirk, as it is now corrupted, and the authority thereof, whereon stands the hope of your victory, I no more doubt but that it is the synagogue of Satan, and the head thereof, called the pope, to be that man of sin, of whom the apostle speaks." (John Knox, The History of the Reformation of Religion in Scotland, p.65)

Knox: Knox wrote to abolish "that tyranny which the pope himself has for so many ages exercised over the church" and that the pope should be recognized as "the very antichrist, and son of perdition, of whom Paul speaks." Taken from "The Zurich Letters" pg. 199 by John Knox.

Wesley: "The man of sin, the son of perdition– ...in many respects, the Pope has an indisputable claim to those titles. He is, in an emphatical sense, the man of sin, as he increases all manner of sin above measure. And he is, too, properly styled, the son of perdition, as he has caused the death of numberless multitudes, both of his opposers and followers, destroyed innumerable souls, and will himself perish everlastingly. He it is that opposes himself to the emperor, once his rightful sovereign; and that exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped, commanding angels, and putting kings under his feet, both of whom are called gods in scripture; claiming the highest power, the highest honor; suffering himself, not once only, to be styled God or vice-god. Indeed no less is implied in his ordinary title, "Most Holy Lord," or, "Most Holy Father." So that he sits enthroned in the temple of God – Mentioned Rev. 11:1. Declaring himself that he is God, claiming the prerogatives which belong to God alone.–Explanatory Notes Upon the New Testament, p. 216)"

Roger Williams: [speaking of the Pope, Williams said]: "the pretended Vicar

of Christ on earth, who sits as God over the Temple of God, exalting himself not only above all that is called God, but over the souls and consciences of all his vassals, yea over the Spirit of Christ, over the Holy Spirit, yea, and God himself...speaking against the God of heaven, thinking to change times and laws; but he is the son of perdition (II Thess. 2)." The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers, by Froom, Vol. 3, pg. 52.

Westminster Confession: "'There is no other head of the church but the Lord Jesus Christ. Nor can the pope of Rome in any sense be head thereof; but is that Antichrist, that man of sin and son of perdition that exalteth himself in the church against Christ and all that is called God.'" Taken from Philip Schaff's, The Creeds of Christendom, With a History and Critical Notes, III, p. 658, 659, Ch. 25, sec. 6.

Cotton Mather: "The oracles of God foretold the rising of an Antichrist in the Christian Church: and in the Pope of Rome, all the characteristics of that Antichrist are so marvelously answered that if any who read the Scriptures do not see it, there is a marvelous blindness upon them." Taken from The Fall of Babylon by Cotton Mather in Froom's book, The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers, Vol. 3, pg. 113.

All Reformers: "Wycliffe, Tyndale, Luther, Calvin, Cranmer; in the seventeenth century, Bunyan, the translators of the King James Bible and the men who published the Westminster and Baptist confessions of Faith; Sir Isaac Newton, Wesley, Whitfield, Jonathan Edwards; and more recently Spurgeon, Bishop J.C. Ryle and Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones; these men among countless others, all saw the office of the Papacy as the antichrist." Taken from All Roads Lead to Rome, by Michael de Semlyen. Dorchester House Publications, p. 205. 1991.

According to the Reformers of the Protestant denominations, the papal power is Babylon the Great, the Mother of harlots; she is the antichrist and the man of sin, and she is seeking to rule the world one last time! Is anyone working with her in this effort? Revelation 17:2 and 18 record for us these insightful words, "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." Verse 18 says, "And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, **which reigneth over the kings of the earth.**" Wow! The political leaders of the world, be they dictators, prime ministers, presidents, premiers, or the like, the Bible says these political powers are puppets in the hands of the papacy! Rome herself has made this very clear in her own publications. "'Why, if the government of the United States were at war with the Church, we would say tomorrow, 'To Hell with the government of the United States;' and if the church and all the governments of the world were at war, we would say: 'To Hell with all the governments of the world.' Why it is the pope has such tremendous power? Why the pope is the ruler of the world. All the emperors, all the kings, all the princes, all the presidents of the world are as these ALTAR BOYS of mine." Priest Phelan, Western Watchman, June 27, 1912, emphasis supplied. Pray, friend, as you never have before that political leaders would throw off the wicked shackles of Rome and stand in their God ordained positions!

Do we have a conspiracy yet? Remember, Webster's told us that a conspiracy is 'an agreement between two or more persons to commit a crime or accomplish a legal purpose through illegal action.' So far, Revelation 17 and 18 have told us emphatically that we have a CONSPIRACY and that is a FACT! You can take that to the bank. Friend, you may say, "Oh, the leader of my country would never do ANYTHING bad and the Roman Catholic leadership are ALL fine men of God! How dare you say such things! I didn't say them, Jesus did! The Lord Jesus loves you and me more than any leader or prelate. He would never lie to you! He wants to save you in His soon, coming kingdom.

Does it stop there? Is it just the papacy and the leaders of our world who are involved in a sinister plot to entrap us all in rebellion against the principles of Heaven? The Bible does not stop there. Revelation 18:11-15 declares, "**And the merchants of the earth** shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more. The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. **The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her**, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing..."

The merchants of the earth? The Bible says the merchants are those who buy and sell every commodity known to man. Those people who sell oil and have stores all over the world and trade worldwide. These are people that tell bankers what to do. The worlds wealthy remain rich as they are willing to sell their souls to Rome/Jesuits. Revelation 18:15 is clear; the papacy rules the rich. The international bankers go as the papacy bids her. While these wealthy people are ruled over by Rome, remember, these wealthy people control the media. So, the papacy/Jesuits tell the wealthy what they want in the media and the wealthy tell the media people what to say! This is all locked together in a global conspiracy!

Now, we have three entities tied together; the Papal power/Jesuits, the political power of earth, and the wealthy. With every word comes a wider enveloping conspiracy. Are there any other partners in this heinous plan against humanity? Well, Revelation 17:5 says, "And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, **THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**" Well, the papacy is the Mother whore. Thus, a false church is identified as an impure woman. Then, the harlot daughters must be the churches today that are following in the footsteps of Rome! Alberto Rivera said that there aren't any mainstream churches today that have not been taken over by Rome. "All the mainstream churches were taken over by 1980. Dr. Rivera explained that when he was under the extreme oath of the Jesuits, he was told that a secret sign was to be given to the Jesuits worldwide when the ecumenical movement had successfully wiped out Protestantism, in preparation for the signing of a concordat between the Vatican and the

U.S. "The sign was to be when a President of the U.S. took his oath of office facing an obelisk. For the first time in U.S. history, the swearing in ceremonies were moved to the West front of the Capitol, and President Reagan faced the Washington Monument. This happened January 20, 1981." Jack Chick, *The Godfathers*, Alberto Part Three, Chick Publications, page 26 Is that why all churches today are silent on declaring the papal power to be the antichrist of the Bible? Is that why all churches today are involved in ecumenical gatherings where truth is destroyed and it is all about sacrificing historic beliefs of the past? Pray for men who will stand up and declare the truth of God! "The greatest want of the world is the want of men – men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall." (Education, p. 57).

Now, we have four groups united together against God and His truth. The papacy/Jesuits, the political leaders, the wealthy, and the churches all together to rebel against the Lord Jesus and His truth. That is a conspiracy! Fact! There is one last thing Rome uses for her wicked purposes. "And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and ***of all that were slain upon the earth.***" Rev. 18:24 History records for us that the papacy/Jesuits killed millions through time. Those who dared to follow the teachings of the Bible were hunted, slaughtered, split in two, and destroyed by Rome. The Inquisition was just one tool in her arsenal. However, the Bible says the papacy is responsible for killing machines that eliminate people. Killing machines like war, terror attacks; anything that leads to the deaths of millions of people rests at the footsteps of the Vatican! What about pandemics that kill millions, yeah, billions, before this thing is all over?

Are you saying that Rome/Jesuits had something to do with the current pandemic? Are you saying the papacy is behind this global tragedy that has killed hundreds of thousands of people to date? What an idiot you are; everyone knows it originated in Wuhan, China and that is the end of the story! We have been told by the media that it originated there and it did! Ah, but who was behind it? Who pushed the program in Wuhan that has caused a global tragedy? Are you ready to listen?

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All Chapters of The Coronavirus by Bill Hughes.

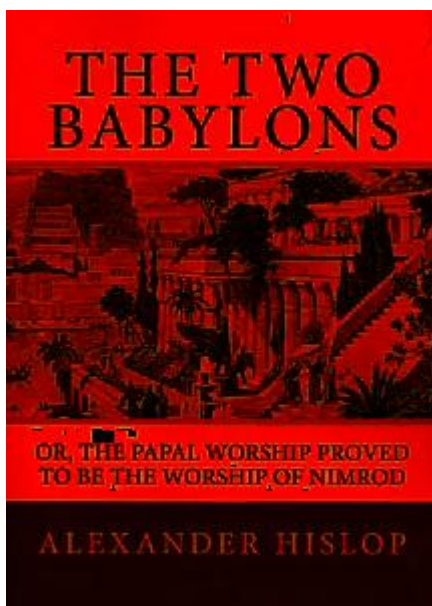
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The Other Woman Rome Rides Upon the Beast and Will Fall



The pope is the undisputed earthly god of Roman Catholicism. He is called, "God Upon Earth" and "Our Lord God the Pope," whose ex cathedra pronouncements on doctrine and practice are claimed to be infallible:

The Two Babylons – Conclusion



Most seem to think that Popery is a system merely to be scouted and laughed at; but the Spirit of God everywhere characterises it in quite a different way. Every statement in the Scripture shows that it was truly described when it was characterised as "Satan's Masterpiece"—the perfection of his policy for deluding and ensnaring the world.

The Two Babylons Chapter VII. Section V – The Name of the Beast, the Number of His Name—The Invisible Head of the Papacy



If we know the Apocalyptic name of the System, that will lead us to the name of the head of the system. The name of the System is **"Mystery"** (Rev 17:5)

The Two Babylons Chapter VI. Religious Orders. Section II – Priests, Monks, and Nuns

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If the head be corrupt, so also must be the members. If the Pope be essentially Pagan, what else can be the character of his clergy?

[The Two Babylons Chapter V. Section V](#) [– Lamps and Wax-Candles](#)



Another peculiarity of the Papal worship is the use of lamps and wax-candles. If the Madonna and child are set up, they must have a lamp.

[The Two Babylons Chapter I.](#) [Distinctive Character of the Two](#) [Systems.](#)



The Chaldean Mysteries can be traced up to the days of Semiramis, who lived only a few centuries after the flood, and who is known to have impressed upon them the image of her own depraved and polluted mind.

[The Two Babylons – by Alexander](#) [Hislop. Introduction](#)



Rome is in very deed the Babylon of the Apocalypse; that the essential character of her system, the grand objects of her worship, her festivals, her doctrine and discipline, her rites and ceremonies, her priesthood and their orders, have all been derived from ancient Babylon.

Martin Luther's Reply to the Papal Bull of Leo X



Exsurge Domine (Latin: Arise O Lord) is a papal bull issued on 15 June 1520 by Pope Leo X. It was written in response to the teachings of Martin Luther which opposed the views of the papacy. It censured forty one propositions extracted from Luther's 95 theses and subsequent writings, and threatened him with excommunication unless he recanted within a sixty day period commencing upon the publication of the bull in Saxony and its neighboring regions. Luther refused to recant and responded instead by composing polemical tracts lashing out at the papacy and by publicly burning a copy of the bull on 10 December 1520. (From Wikipedia http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Exsurge_Domine)

I have heard that a bull against me has gone through the whole earth before it came to me, because being a daughter of darkness it feared the light of my face. For this reason and also because it condemns manifestly the Christian articles I had my doubts whether it really came from Rome and was not rather the progeny of that man of lies, dissimulation, errors, and heresy, that monster John Eck. The suspicion was further increased when it was said that Eck was the apostle of the bull. Indeed the style and the spittle all point to Eck. True, it is not impossible that where Eck is the apostle there one should find the kingdom of Antichrist. Nevertheless in the meantime I will act as if I thought Leo not responsible, not that I may honor the Roman name, but because I do not consider myself worthy to suffer such high things for the truth of God. For who before God would be happier than Luther if he were condemned from so great and high a source for such manifest truth? But the cause seeks a worthier martyr. I with my sins merit other things. But whoever wrote this bull, he is Antichrist. I protest before God, our Lord Jesus, his sacred angels, and the whole world that with my whole heart I dissent from the damnation of this bull, that I curse and execrate it as sacrilege and blasphemy of Christ, God's Son and our Lord. This be my recantation, Oh bull, thou daughter of bulls.

Having given my testimony I proceed to take up the bull. Peter said that you

should give a reason for the faith that is in you, but this bull condemns me from its own word without any proof from Scripture, whereas I back up all my assertions from the Bible. I ask thee, ignorant Antichrist, dost thou think that with thy naked words thou canst prevail against the armor of Scripture? Hast thou learned this from Cologne and Louvain? If this is all it takes, just to say, "I dissent, I deny," what fool, what ass, what mole, what log could not condemn? Does not thy meretricious brow blush that with thine inane smoke thou withstandest the lightning of the divine Word? Why do we not believe the Turks? Why do we not admit the Jews? Why do we not honor the heretic if damning is all that it takes? But Luther, who is used to bellum, is not afraid of bullam. I can distinguish between inane paper and the omnipotent Word of God.

They show their ignorance and bad conscience by inventing the adverb "respectively." My articles are called "respectively some heretical, some erroneous, some scandalous," which is as much as to say, "We don't know which are which." Oh meticulous ignorance! I wish to be instructed, not respectively, but absolutely and certainly. I demand that they show absolutely, not respectively, distinctly and not confusedly, certainly and not probably, clearly and not obscurely, point by point and not in a lump, just what is heretical. Let them show where I am a heretic, or dry up their spittle. They say that some articles are heretical, some erroneous, some scandalous, some offensive. The implication is that those which are heretical are not erroneous, those which are erroneous are not scandalous, and those which are scandalous are not offensive. What then is this, to say that something is not heretical, not scandalous, not false, but yet is offensive? So then, you impious and insensate papists, write soberly if you want to write. Whether this bull is by Eck or by the pope, it is the sum of all impiety, blasphemy, ignorance, impudence, hypocrisy, lying – in a word, it is Satan and his Antichrist.

Where are you now, most excellent Charles the Emperor, kings, and Christian princes? You were baptized into the name of Christ, and can you suffer these Tartar voices of Antichrist? Where are you, bishops? Where, doctors? Where are you who confess Christ? Woe to all who live in these times. The wrath of God is coming upon the papists, the enemies of the cross of Christ, that all men should resist them. You then, Leo X, you cardinals and the rest of you at Rome, I tell you to your faces: "If this bull has come out in your name, then I will use the power which has been given me in baptism whereby I became a son of God and co-heir with Christ, established upon the rock against which the gates of hell cannot prevail. I call upon you to renounce your diabolical blasphemy and audacious impiety, and, if you will not, we shall all hold your seat as possessed and oppressed by Satan, the damned seat of Antichrist; in the name of Jesus Christ, whom you persecute. But my zeal carries me away. I am not yet persuaded that the bull is by the pope but rather by that apostle of impiety, John Eck....

If anyone despises my fraternal warning, I am free from his blood in the last judgment. It is better that I should die a thousand times than that I should retract one syllable of the condemned articles. And as they excommunicated me for the sacrilege of heresy, so I excommunicate them in the name of the

sacred truth of God. Christ will judge whose excommunication will stand. Amen.

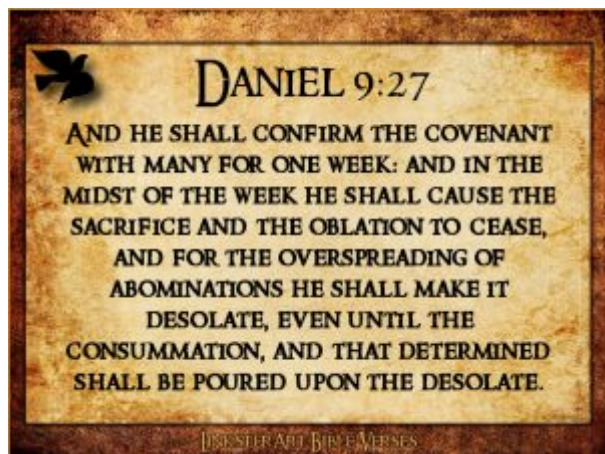
Source: Roland H. Bainton, Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther (Hendrickson Classic, 1950) (pp. 153-155).

On the Babylonish Captivity of the Church – By Martin Luther



“I now know and am sure that the Papacy is the kingdom of Babylon, and the power of Nimrod the mighty hunter.” – Quote from Martin Luther

Seven Facts that Led Me to Conclude the Seventh Week of Daniel was Fulfilled by Christ and His Apostles



I've been having exchanges with a brother in Christ who is a Futurist. He believes the prophecy of Daniel 9:27 is an Endtime event, and I believe it was fulfilled in the past. The Devil has deceived many Christians today through ignorance of history and Jesuit false doctrines that have crept into the Church to think prophecies of Daniel, Matthew 24, II Thessalonians 2, and nearly all of the prophecies in the Book of Revelation are yet to be fulfilled in the future. And why would Satan do that? To stop Protestant Christians from calling Papal Rome "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" of Revelation 17:5, and to stop calling the popes of Rome "that man of sin ... the son of perdition" of 2 Thessalonians 2:3.

Up till the beginning of the 20th century, sound eschatological doctrine among Bible reading Protestants still prevailed. It changed dramatically after C.I. Scofield published his Scofield Reference Bible.

Here are seven facts I shared with my friend about the Futurist interpretation of Daniel 9:27 which he holds, facts that I consider irrefutable.

1. It was my pastor who taught me the Futurist view of Daniel 9:27 and the 70th Week of Daniel about the Antichrist making a seven-year-covenant with the Jews and Israel to rebuild their temple which was destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD. He taught me there is an undetermined gap in time between the 69th Week and the 70th Week. I first heard this from him circa 1974 when I was young and without knowing any alternate interpretations of the 70th Week. I had no reason in my mind to question him because he was more learned than I was. In 2005 an email friend told me there is no gap of time between the 69th and 70th Week of Daniel. I rejected the idea then due to my cognitive bias and because my friend was a SDA. I thought he was giving me an SDA-specific doctrine. It was 9 years later when I learned he was telling me standard Protestant interpretation of the 70th Week.
2. The very same pastor 19 years later in 1993 confessed that he got that interpretation of the 70th Week of Daniel from C.I. Scofield, a man who also taught the evil doctrines of Zionism and pre-tribulation secret rapture. These were two doctrines from Scofield my pastor threw out the window over 20 years earlier! The pastor also stated that his interpretation of the 70th Week is only a theory. In spite of that, I

was not motivated at the time to search for alternative interpretations. I had no access to other resources because I was living in Japan then, a land with limited English libraries. The Internet was not yet popular. I didn't start using the Internet to gain information until 1997, four years later.

3. It was finally in December of 2014 I learned from articles on the Internet that up to the 19th century, most Bible commentators taught that Daniel 9:27 is a Messianic prophecy that was fulfilled by Christ and His Apostles. One reason I think I received it then is because a couple years before that I learned that 19th century and earlier Protestant Bible commentators taught that the prophecy of the man of sin of 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4 is talking about the office of the papacy. I believed they were correct. That took me halfway to understanding Daniel 9:27.
4. Scripture interprets Scripture. Verse 4 of Daniel chapter 9 says, "keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him." This is clearly the same covenant of verse 27! "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week:" Notice the definite article "the" before covenant in verses 4 and 27? This is indicative that the covenant that was confirmed was already in existence. The covenant of verse 4 is the same covenant of verse 27, namely the covenant God made with Abraham, the covenant of grace through faith. Jesus Himself confirmed this covenant with the Jews when He preached the Gospel to them! Paul confirms this in Galatians 3:17 when he says "And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ..." It was Jesus, not Antichrist, who caused the sacrifice and oblation to cease in the middle of the "Week" or seven-year period when He was crucified on the Cross of Calvary. His Apostles continued to openly preach the Gospel for three and a half more years until major persecution of the believers and followers of Christ began with the stoning of Stephen, thus ending the 7-year confirmation of the covenant with Israel and the beginning of Paul's ministry of preaching the Gospel to the Gentiles.
5. Jesuit Francesco Ribera around 1585 concocted the Futurist interpretation of Daniel 9:27 to put the Antichrist into the unknown FUTURE, to stop the Protestants from calling the popes of Rome the Antichrist. It also diverted attention from papal Rome, the so-called "Holy See" of being "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" of Revelation 17:5.
6. The Futurist interpretation of Daniel 9:27 was largely REJECTED by Protestants until the 20th century when it was proclaimed by C.I. Scofield in his Scofield Reference Bible, a Bible filled with false interpretations of prophecy that blinded the Church as to who the man of sin of 2 Thessalonians chapter 2 is. It and Scofield's other dispensational doctrines such as Christian Zionism was and continues to be promoted by the prestigious Dallas Theological Seminary which wrongly influenced nearly all the popular preachers of today.
7. The false Jesuit Futurist interpretation of Daniel 9:27 is held by the majority of evangelicals today which is why many churches are apostate churches.

Revelation 17-22. Concluding Visions



Chapter 18 is the destruction of Babylon by fire of the Papal ecclesiastical state. "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins.