

REVELATION: Lesson 150

Chapter 17:3-6, Identifying the Woman of Revelation 17

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REASONS WHY THE WOMAN IN REVELATION 17 CANNOT BE THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1. **HER HARLOTRY.** Harlotry symbolizes debauched worship, idolatry, and false devotion. The woman in Revelation 17 is the MOTHER of all these wicked practices.
 - a. She sits upon MANY waters (nations). Every form of false religion can be traced back to her.
 - i. That cannot be said about the Roman Catholic Church.
 - ii. Many false religions began BEFORE the Church of Rome was founded.
 - iii. The Roman Catholic Church has its roots in the Babylonian religion.
 1. Babylon is the mother of harlots. Rome is a daughter (one of many).
2. **SHE IS THE MOTHER OF...ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH** (vs 5).
 - a. There are vile religious practices taking place in every part of the earth. MANY of them have no connection to Rome.
 - i. They are a different branch from the same mother.
 - b. **Isaiah 21:9** uses the phrase “**Babylon is fallen, is fallen,**” which matches Revelation 18:2.
 - i. It is not possible that Isaiah was referring to the Roman Church. He was talking about Babylon (See Jeremiah 50-51).
3. **HER NAME (BABYLON) MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.**
 - a. Rome may exhibit some of the same characteristics as Babylon, but that does not prove that Rome is Babylon. Rome wasn't around when Babylon started.
 - b. There are other harlot religions today, none of which could possibly be the Mother of harlots.

BABYLON'S BEGINNINGS

1. **Nimrod** founded the City **Babel** (Gen 10:10). Babel means “*Gate of God.*”
2. Nimrod married **Semiramis**. Semiramis was also known as Cybele, Rhea, Demeter, Aphrodite, and Venus. She is the mother goddess. She is found worldwide under her various names.
3. Nimrod was a **mighty hunter** (Gen 10:9) **of beasts**, not of men. He protected men by hunting the dangerous wild beasts that multiplied and overran the earth after the flood.
 - a. The woman of Revelation 17 will come into power because of her ability to **ride the beast**.
4. Nimrod also delivered men from the fear of God and the old faith by turning God into a loving “mother” instead of a righteous judge.
5. Nimrod introduced bacchanalian orgies to promote sensuality as the purpose of life.
6. Nimrod died suddenly. Semiramis claimed that he was the “seed of the woman” (Gen 3:15) and that his death was a voluntary sacrifice. (Counterfeit Christ).
7. The followers of Nimrod sought to make themselves a name (Gen 11:4). “Sem” means name. Semiramis means a name and a mark, or a token or mark of confederation. It symbolized organized man's attempts to get to heaven without God.
 - a. **Jeremiah 13:10-11**, God wanted His people to glory in His name, but they sought religions where they could make a name for themselves. See also Jer 33:9, Ezek 39:13, Zeph 3:20.
8. Semiramis died, she was promoted and deified as “the mystic dove goddess,” symbolized by a woman with a dove, a crescent moon, or stars over her head.
 - a. She was the virgin mother with the power, while her (little) son was the powerless god which she controlled.
 - b. This mother and child symbology can be seen in many places around the world. She is Ashtaroth, Astarte, Ishtar (Easter), Aphrodite, Venus, Diana, Mary, Queen of Heaven.
 - c. This was the birth of idolatry, which spread throughout the earth.
 - i. The religions of Egypt, Greece, Phoenicia, India, and the Far East are from Babylon.



Mother and child worship started in Babylon as Ashtoreth and Tammuz. In Egypt it was Isis and Horus, in Italy it was Venus and Cupid, in the west: Mary and Jesus.

The priests in this religion were celibate (forbidden to marry), shaved their heads in a circle like the sun, wore a round disc (the sun) around their neck and were serviced by vestal virgins.

ii. Jezebel's Baal worship was Babylonian idolatry.

d. This religion included holy water, a sacrificial meal, incense burning, and confession to a priest. The high priest was called a Pontiff.

9. Julius Caesar was made Pontiff of Rome in B.C. 63 under this Babylonian religion.

a. That is 63 years before Jesus was born. There is nothing "Christian" about this religion.

10. When Constantine, Emperor of Rome professed to be a Christian, all the ancient Babylonian practices and rites were transferred to the church at Rome.

a. Pagan temples became churches. Pagan customs became the customs of the church. Pagan gods became saints. Pagan festivals became holy days.

b. **Christmas** commemorates the death and resurrection of Tammuz, the sun god. During the winter solstice people would burn a yule log as an offering to Tammuz, praying for him to come back (to rise again). Then they would replace the yule log with an evergreen tree, symbolizing that Tammuz had come back to life.

i. The Lord warned about cutting down trees and decorating them (**Jeremiah 10:1-7**).

c. **Easter** time comes from the Babylonian fertility rites. It happens at the time of year when the moon is failing (Spring Equinox). Easter is dated by the phases of the moon because it is connected with Semiramis, the moon goddess, mother of Tammuz.

d. **Lent** comes from the Babylonian 40-day mourning period for Tammuz (**Ezekiel 8:14**).

i. You may say you have different reasons for celebrating these holidays, but God said, "**Learn not the way of the heathen.**" It may be for a different reason, but it's still the same way.

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4. MANY ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH WERE BORN BEFORE THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

5. SHE IS DRUNKEN WITH THE BLOOD OF THE MARTYRS OF JESUS. Others besides Rome are guilty.

6. ROME HAS NOT BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD. They're Babylonian.

7. THIS HARLOT HAD HER POSITION LONG BEFORE THE ROMAN CHURCH. Babylon's influence was much greater than Rome's ever was.

Jeremiah 44:16-18, 7:18 — Incense-burning, drink offerings to the Queen of Heaven, little cakes. The Mass has its roots in the Babylonian religion.