

I. HER PROFESSION (vs. 1)

- A. The great whore (prostitute) – the lowest state of womanhood
  - 1. Microsoft doesn't like that word – a new woke purple underline
    - a. The language may be offensive to my audience it says
    - b. It's true – it is offensive to God, and it offends me!
    - c. This is no base debauchery though – this is RELIGION
  - 2. This is not John's opinion of the woman
    - a. An angel – one of the ones with the vials – told him
    - b. This is God's JUDGEMENT of her / not surmise or estimation
    - c. We think the word an insult without definition, but it has one!
  - 3. Feminism took all meaning from sexual relations
    - a. They said that men are pigs, and they were, at least, partially right
    - b. Their solution was not to make men better – condemn immorality
    - c. Their solution was to make WOMEN pigs too!
    - d. This did NOT raise our culture but lowered it BEYOND the LCD
- B. Babylon means confusion
  - 1. That is how we get the word babble, referring to nonsensical speaking
    - a. The Lord CONFOUNDED the language at the tower of Babel
    - b. GEN. 11:9 – “Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.”
    - c. But do you know why?
  - 2. They had tried to build a tower to reach heaven
    - a. GEN. 11:4 – “And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”
    - b. Sounds a LOT like someone else I've heard of...
    - c. ISA. 14:13 – “For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:”
  - 3. Their disobedience had grown into wickedness
    - a. GEN. 9:1 – “And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.”
    - b. GEN. 11:2 – “And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.”
    - c. DISOBEDIENCE uncorrected will ALWAYS give rise to wickedness.
- C. This is nothing more than ecumenical world religion

1. The religion of today is nothing but mass confusion
    - a. People place their own feelings and thoughts above the Bible
    - b. "I know what God says, but I just feel..."
    - c. Don't all windows lead to Heaven? Isn't it just a state of mind?
    - d. I can worship God in my own way...
    - e. It doesn't really matter where you go to church after all...
  2. 1 COR. 14:33 – "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints."
    - a. Do not ELEVATE yourself ABOVE the Word of God
    - b. We will CONTEND for the Faith once Delivered unto the Saints
    - c. People say, don't argue religion in front of people...
      - i. "This is why I don't go to church..."
      - ii. So, if the discussion hadn't happened, would you start?
      - iii. Stand for the Truth but BE NICE!
    - d. Yes, people are watching! That's why we can't let error stand.
  3. What if someone had said, "Don't build that tower! It's SIN!"
  4. She sitteth upon the waters (vs. 15) / control of millions of people
- D. Let's analyze at this wicked prostitute this morning in the light of Scripture
1. We will see her Power, her Prosperity, her Potion, her Product
  2. And we know that God will not leave sin unjudged
  3. Finally, we will see her Payment.

## II. HER POWER (vs. 2)

- A. She causes the kings of the earth to commit SPIRITUAL fornication with her
  1. This is not a literal woman but a metaphor – like REV. 12:1
  2. Therefore, this is not physical fornication
  3. Much like the Catholic church peddled Salvation for Power
- B. This is an example of a world-wide "State" church
  1. Our own founders once had "state" churches in their colonies
  2. They would lock Baptist preachers in stocks and imprison them
  3. Only Baptist Rhode Island had true freedom of religion (first on earth)
  4. They had to fight for it, too! The Catholic church doesn't want it.
  5. There will be no separate of church and state in Chapter 17
- C. You are seeing that now
  1. George Orwell could only imagine how bad it could be in *1984*
  2. The prosecution of "thought crimes" is now COMMONPLACE!
  3. Dissent is not permitted!

## III. HER PROSPERITY (vs. 4)

- A. Harlots use brightly colored attire that reveals and entices
  1. The cover of Pilgrim magazine wouldn't sell in the checkout line
  2. She sells herself on her looks – not her substance / her mind

3. That is a warning for men and women, but ALSO for churches!
  - a. We don't SELL religion; we preach the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ!
  - b. Don't emulate world to win the world – they already HAVE that!
  - c. SEPARATE from the world – show them something DIFFERENT!
- B. Deckerd in gold and precious stones and pearls
  1. But the reality is, these are false
  2. Physical, worldly riches that will burn away. Don't be fooled!
  3. MATT. 6:20 – “But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:”
- C. Look at her cup, beautiful on the outside but corrupt on the inside
  1. Jesus said the same of the religious Pharisees
  2. Whited and clean on the outside but filled with dead men's bones
  3. Our government has been drinking out of that cup
    - a. Religiously picking sodomites to win over Christian bakers
    - b. Religiously persecuting Christians and protecting Muslims
    - c. Religiously following Fauci and preventing church assemblies
  4. It will only get worse as they continue to drink her POTION

#### IV. HER POTION (vs. 4 & 6)

- A. The golden cup in her hands filled with abominations – FULL!
  1. Filled with FILTHINESS of her fornication – FULL!
  2. These are two related but separate things
    - a. Abominations are the wicked things she does
    - b. The fornication is the wickedness she causes in others
    - c. The “filthiness” describes the immense scope of it (worldwide)
- B. It describes her as DRUNK with power
  1. Drunk on the blood of the saints she has killed / the martyrs of Jesus
  2. The Catholic church and its Office of the Inquisition killed as many Baptists as it killed Jews in the dark ages
  3. But this whore of religion is bigger than JUST the Catholic church
    - a. Buddhists and Hindus and Moslems and Humanists
    - b. The Communists HATE the Bible and God
    - c. The Soviet Union tortured and killed Baptists
    - d. Read Foxes Book of Martyrs – if you have the stomach for it
  4. She offers ONLY death in her cup
    - a. ROM. 6:23 – “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
    - b. But Jesus offers the Water of Life
    - c. REV. 22:17 - And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”

C. Woke thought is merely the first tastes of this potion!

## V. HER PRODUCT (vs. 5)

- A. Denominations, Paganism, Wokism, Protestantism, Wiccans, Mystics, Cultists
  - 1. MOTHER of false religions and ABOMINATIONS of the Earth
  - 2. Mystery – that means confusion about Biblical Jesus / Unknown God
    - a. That’s not just a Prius with a COEXIST bumper sticker
    - b. This is a deep-seated HATRED for Truth and Righteousness
    - c. That is a spirit of rebellion and disobedience to God
  - 3. It is no wonder that this “mother” has many progeny
    - a. Nimrod and his mother gave rise to paganism
    - b. He became Marduk, the PATRON God of Babylon (later Ra, Zeus)
    - c. His mother became Isis in Egyptian mythology
    - d. She claimed that her son after Nimrod’s death was supernatural
    - e. Se-mir-amis was worshiped more than Nimrod himself
  - 4. The Catholics adopted this myth into their corrupt Gospel
    - a. This is why they worship Mary more than Jesus
    - b. How many statues of Jesus do YOU see in front yards?
    - c. Her harlot daughters are the products of the reformation
    - d. Baptists are NOT protestants
- B. He wondered “with admiration”
  - 1. That word does not mean attraction, adore, or applaud
  - 2. It means astonishment at the completeness of it – a wicked` masterpiece
  - 3. This evil was so comprehensive that John marveled at it in horror
- C. Her name is VIVID
  - 1. Thumb through your Bible – how many titles are capitalized like this?
  - 2. God doesn’t want us to miss this – it’s a neon sign flashing with warning
  - 3. Danger! Separate! Get away! Go far and go fast! Here is wickedness
  - 4. And God hates it

## VI. HER PAYMENT (vs. 1 & 16)

- A. See her judgment in vs. 16 – God keeps perfect records in His tally books!
  - 1. ROM. 12:19 – “Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.”
  - 2. They will not win. They will not prosper.
  - 3. ISA. 14:14 – “I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. (15) Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.”
- B. God will always judge sin! He must or He is not God (wages of sin)
- C. But the GIFT of God – is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord
- D. Be Saved Today!