

and shall speak marvelous things against the God of Gods, and shall prosper till the indignation (Tribulation) be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done." Dan. 11:36. "And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months, (three and one half years). And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues and nations." Rev. 13:5-7.

That is the Beast. But who is the woman?

"The Great Whore that sitteth upon many waters. (Many peoples). 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." Rev. 17:1-2.

Note how perfectly the description fits the Roman Catholic Church. Down through the centuries, she has sat upon many peoples, holding them down, keeping them in darkness. While professing to be Christian, she has taught her children to worship all manner of idols, and played the harlot by estranging them from the Lamb of God, who alone can redeem them, but has caused them to worship the Church, Mary the mother of Jesus, often one or another of the saints, and many creeds, doctrines, and things made of silver, wood, and stone.

The kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, by making agreements with her for personal power and to accomplish their own selfish purposes.

"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." Rev. 17:4. The Roman Catholic Church has always been a rich church, taking pride in her fine edifices and appearance of splendor and grandeur.

Contrast that with the Spirit of Jesus, who was meek and lowly, and "had no place to lay his head."

"And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon the Great, **THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS** and abominations of the earth." Rev.

17:5.

If she is the "MOTHER OF HARLOTS" who can her daughters be but the protestant denominations? And if she is "Babylon the Great" certainly her offspring would be a babel of confusion. For the Word "Babylon" is taken from the word "Babel" which means confusion, and began in the 11th chapter of Genesis, when God, "scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth" and "therefore is the name of it called **BABEL**; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth." Gen. 11:9. Because they said, "Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven." Gen. 11:4.

How well do the protestant denominations fit the name of "BABYLON" today. They have that same spirit of trying to build a tower up into heaven with their own hands. Each one having some doctrine or creed that separates it from the others, by which doctrine or creed they expect to enter in, and they put more importance upon their man made, divisional doctrines than they do on Christ. Want proof of that statement? Go into their churches and see how easily they can fellowship others who believe in and accept their own denominational doctrines, yet good, sincere christians of other denominations, they will have nothing to do with. Which is most important to them? Their doctrines, or Christ? They let their creeds and doctrines stand in the way of them loving one another with a pure heart fervently. They magnify something they have fashioned with their own hands or minds. They are "Full of abominations and filthiness of their fornication." Their man-made organizations are Godless; they pull wires and play politics, and maneuver for advantage from the bottom to the top.

Surely Jesus would say unto them today, "But woe unto you, scribes and pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. (As soon as one is born into the kingdom and has a little faith in God, through Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Church will start feeding them their man-made doctrines. to alienate their affections from the Christ that saved them, to some foolish tradition or interpreta-