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over the kings of the earth.”(Revelation 17:18)

INTRODUCTION

Interpreting the mystery of the woman

REVELATION CHAPTERS 17 AND 18

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: 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. 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. 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: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful. And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth. And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. 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, And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her. And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

The woman is a mystery

Revelation of John is a revelation concerning Jesus Christ given directly to Jesus' apostle John over 60 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The book is an unveiling (apokalypsis) of the future to servants of Jesus Christ. Chapter 17 in Revelation presents a mystery, the vision of a woman called BABYLON THE GREAT.

A mystery is a hidden or secret thing not obvious to human understanding. In the Greek world the word *mysterion*, from which we get the English word *mystery*, referred to mystery cults which demanded oaths of silence and secret initiation ceremonial rites from their members. A mystery depends upon only certain people being able to receive the message.

Babylon was no mystery to the first century writer of Revelation, John, the beloved apostle of Jesus Christ. Everyone in the Middle East at that time was familiar with the former glory of the Babylonian Empire and its gradual decline. The "Babylon" John saw and wrote about in his vision, however, was a mystery to him. In fact, until the angel explained the mystery, Revelation 17:6-7 reveals that John wondered with great amazement at it.

And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. (Revelation 17:6-7)

The woman is described as that great city

Revelation 17:18 mentions a woman which John saw in a vision given to him by one of the seven angels which came out of the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven filled with the glory of God.

And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth. (Revelation 17:18)

The woman John saw in the vision was described to him by the angel as “that great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth.” Although this city has fallen captive to the demonic powers of the prince of this world, this great city isn’t a spiritual kingdom. (Revelation 18:2) There’s only one great city in the vision described in both Revelation chapters 17 and 18. This great city will be shown to be a preeminent superpower nation-state, not a religion or spiritual influence. The common description of Babylon the Great in both Revelation 17 & 18 proves that there’s one Babylon, not two Babylons. This one Babylon is described in both chapters as:

- That great city (Revelation 17:18; 18:10,18-19)
- Having a golden cup and arrayed in purple, scarlet, precious stones and pearls (Revelation 17:4, 18:16)
- Intoxicating the kings of the earth with her fornication (Revelation 17:2,18:3)
- Filled with martyrs for Christ (Revelation 17:6,18:24)
- Ultimately burned by fire according to God’s judgment (Revelation 17:16,18:8)

This study seeks to understand the description of the woman or “great city” whose forehead John envisioned labeled BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. (Revelation 17:5)

Why is the Greek Textus Receptus used in this study?

The King James English translation of the scripture used in this study is based upon the traditional received Greek text known as the Textus Receptus. It’s based on the vast majority (90%) of the over 5000 existing Greek manuscripts. The Holy Spirit spoke the common dialect of the Roman Empire, Koine Greek, in inspiring the scripture to John. In Revelation 17:18, the Greek Textus Receptus reads:

καὶ²⁵³² ἡ³⁵⁸⁸ γυνή¹¹³⁵ ἣν³⁷³⁹ εἶδεν¹⁴⁹² ἐστὶν²⁰⁷⁶ ἡ³⁵⁸⁸ πόλις⁴¹⁷² ἡ³⁵⁸⁸ μεγάλη³¹⁷³
ἡ³⁵⁸⁸ ἐχούσα²¹⁹² βασιλείαν⁹³² ἐπὶ¹⁹⁰⁹ τῶν³⁵⁸⁸ βασιλευν⁹³⁵ τῆς³⁵⁸⁸ γῆς¹⁰⁹³ .

The numbers are Strong’s codes which can be used to find the definition of the root of each word shown. The KJV looks like this:

And²⁵³² the³⁵⁸⁸ woman¹¹³⁵ which³⁷³⁹ thou sawest¹⁴⁹² is²⁰⁷⁶ that great³¹⁷³ city,⁴¹⁷² which reigneth^{2192, 932} over¹⁹⁰⁹ the³⁵⁸⁸ kings⁹³⁵ of the³⁵⁸⁸ earth.

One word in English doesn't necessarily represent the full range of meaning of a word in Greek. Since every word of scripture (2 Timothy 3:16-17) was originally inspired by God in Koine Greek, it's full meaning is *best* communicated in Greek. For example, in determining who the woman in Revelation 17:18 is, we must first understand the full meaning of the English words great, city, is, and reigneth.

"And the woman which thou sawest is that great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth."

By using the English definitions of the original Greek words given by the Holy Spirit to John in his recording of the vision, we are able to receive a fuller, more complete understanding of each English word used in describing the vision.

Moral truth is determined only by scripture

We live in a day when the majority opinion rules and most everyone wants to remain accepted by their peers in the flow of the mainstream. This problem isn't new because human nature hasn't changed. Even professing Christians are caught up in the world's herd mentality. During the ministry of the Paul the Apostle, 1 Corinthians 1:12 tells us that people were following the opinions of great teachers like Apollos.

Today we follow great teachers of the past and present depending upon our denominational or theological bent. These gifted men are given to the church for her edification. Their teaching can be of great help to the believer seeking to grow in their knowledge of God's Word. The Lord, however, never intended for anyone's own private misinterpretation of his truth to usurp authority over the correct interpretation of the truth. For this reason, the church is responsible to evaluate the teaching of gifted men against the clear teaching of his word.

The acceptability of church teaching, attitudes and actions is to be determined only from the sound doctrine of Jesus Christ and his apostles found only in the 66 books of scripture. Truth isn't to be determined by comparing ourselves against any other individual person or group of people inside or outside any period of church history.

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius; Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name. And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other. For Christ sent

me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:10-31)

For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. But we will not boast of things without *our* measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you. For we stretch not ourselves beyond *our measure*, as though we reached not unto you: for we are come as far as to you also in preaching the gospel of Christ: Not boasting of things without our measure, that is, of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly, To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand. But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth. (2 Corinthians 10:12-18)

There have been many sincere attempts to understand the meaning of Revelation 17-18 in the past. As you read this study, please don't let the great teachers of the past or present be your authority. Don't check what I'm saying against what someone else has said or is saying to find out if this interpretation is correct. Please evaluate this biblical teaching against the teaching of Jesus and the apostles and the whole counsel of scripture. Please don't hold it up to the authority of any other teacher other than the properly interpreted scripture and say "you're wrong here" because "this just can't be true" or "this teacher or my pastor says this". Scripture alone is to be our authority.

Six times in teaching his disciples the truth of Matthew 5:20-48 concerning murder, adultery, divorce, oaths, retaliation and love for enemies, Jesus began his teaching with the words, "Ye have heard that it was said or "It hath been said". After telling his disciples what they already knew, he then continued on to teach his truth beginning with the words, "but I say unto you".

Regarding the vision of Babylon the Great recorded in Revelation 17 and 18 you've probably heard that there are two Babylons, one spiritual and the other physical and

that Rome or Iraq is the physical Babylon. But I say unto you, don't let what you've heard in the past keep you from understanding an accurate biblical interpretation of this vision today. Please continue to read on and check the history against scripture.

As we stand on the eve of great tribulation, global events unique to our time are occurring. Through correlating global events with the Lord's sovereign global plan revealed in scripture, the church can be equipped to effectively instruct others concerning his true character and plan on the eve of great tribulation. If we fail to be equipped now, we run the risk of being spiritually unprepared and deceived when tribulation comes. Left in the dark uninformed, we are as vulnerable to the wrath of Satan as the amazingly unprepared Far Eastern coastal residents were to the massive, shockingly sudden destruction caused by the 9.3 magnitude earthquake which possibly killed over 200,000 people there in December 2004.

Jesus and his apostles both warned us numerous times to avoid being deceived concerning global events surrounding the end of the age. By listening to the Lord's teaching concerning prophetic events such as the beginning of sorrows; the abomination of desolation; great tribulation; the amazingly sudden destruction of Babylon the Great; the miraculous revealing of the 8th king, the antichrist beast 666; the deliverance of the Lord's people and their gathering together to him; the day of the Lord' wrath and his glorious appearing, we can avoid being deceived. We'll be prepared to sanctify the Lord God in our hearts and we'll be prepared to explain to everyone why we're hopeful in tribulation.

My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path. (Proverbs 2:1-9)

And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate. And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. **And they that understand among the people shall instruct many:** yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days. Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries. And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed. (Daniel 11:31-35)

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. **And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.** But

thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. (Daniel 12:1-4)

One piece of the end of the age puzzle that awaits proper identification is the great city identified in Revelation 17 as the woman, a great whore named Babylon the Great. This study uncovers the identity of the woman who encounters an amazingly sudden destruction in the mysterious vision recorded in Revelation 17-18.

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CHAPTER 1

The Woman: A great city or a great nation?

The first question to be answered in this study of the mystery of Babylon the Great concerns the intended meaning of the words “great city” as used in Revelation 17:18:

“And the woman which thou sawest is that great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth.”

- Is the great city mentioned here literally intended to mean a city, or is it intended to mean a great nation?

In answer to this question first consider that the word great (megas) can be used to describe those of eminent, superior rank. An example of this is Jesus Christ being described as a “great Priest” in Hebrews 10:21.

The plural “great ones” signify those who hold positions of authority in Gentile nations. This is seen in Matthew 20:25 and Mark 10:42.

Secondly, consider that the word city (polis) is literally “a town enclosed with a wall”. Originally to the Greeks, polis meant a fortified settlement. With political development, polis began to signify a state or ruling center and the area ruled by it. Basically, polis is a protectively fortified dwelling place. This word is by no means limited in meaning to the contemporary concept of a city.

In scripture the words country and city are used interchangeably depending on the context. For example, both city (polis) and country (patris - one’s own native land) are used to describe the heavenly Jerusalem in Hebrews 11:10-16.

For he looked for a **city** (polis) which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable. These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a **country** (patris). And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a **city** (polis).

Revelation 17:15 above describes the whore (woman or great city) as being composed of a collective body of inhabitants in it's fullness.

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)

This indicates that city (polis) is appropriately used in the context of Revelation 17:18. As is the case in Hebrews 11:10-16, however, where the words country and city are both used to describe the future heavenly home of Christians, the use of city in Revelation 17:18 doesn't exclude this great, mighty city from actually being a great, mighty country.

Thirdly, consider that "the great city" is also described as "that mighty city" in Revelation 18:10.

Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

The word mighty (ischuros) literally refers to great physical power. It's derived from the word ischus which refers to force. One synonym, dunamis, refers to power resting upon forces, armies and wealth.

In summary, based upon the contextual analysis of the words great, city and mighty in Revelation 17-18, there's no reason to limit the meaning of the word city to the modern sense of the word for the following reasons:

- Historically, it's been countries, not cities, that have been the wealthy, militarily strong ruling centers of the world.
- It's nations, not cities, that have kings.

In light of this description, "that great city" describes the world's preeminent superpower nation-state .

CHAPTER 2

The women: Great nation at the time of the vision?

The next two questions to address in determining the mystery of who Babylon the Great is concerns the timing of John's vision.

- Was the angel showing John a vision of the great Roman Empire that ruled over the world at the time of the vision?
- Or was the angel showing John a vision of a future great city or superpower nation-state like the U.S.?

Revelation 17:18 says:

"And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth."

The verb "is" used above in Greek is *estin*. *Estin* is a third person, present tense, active voice, indicative mood parsing of the root verb *eimi* meaning "to be". In other words, the great city is reigning. Revelation 17:18 could be accurately paraphrased as follows:

"And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which is reigning over the kings of the earth."

For the following reasons one can conclude that the vision is of a future superpower nation-state.

- The whole vision is in the context of the future.

The angel is showing John a future vision. Verse 18 is part of that future vision. You have to violate grammatical rules and remove verse 18 from its future context in order to say that the verse is speaking about 1st century Rome at the present time of the vision.

- "Is" mean equals in Revelation 17:18.

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After all, we can say "6 + 6 equals 12" or "6 + 6 is 12". The Bauer-Arndt-Gingrich & Danker Greek Lexicon comments that one of the ways this word "is" is to be considered is explanatory, a representation or an equivalent of after verbs of asking,

recognizing, knowing and not knowing . The verb sawest in Revelation 17:18 is a verb of knowing or recognizing. For this reason it's proper to conclude that is (estin) means "equivalent of" or "equals" in Revelation 17:18.

- John's told in Revelation 17:12-17 that the 10 horns (kings) haven't yet received a kingdom. If the woman was Rome of John's day, the 10 horns (kings) would have been described as having already received kingdom authority. Instead they're described in as 10 kings which have received no kingdom as yet.

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful. And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

The 10 kings won't possess authority (exousia-delegated authority to manage domestic affairs over their jurisdictions) until the woman is destroyed. After that event, the 10 kings receive delegated ruling authority from the beast. Until that time, the woman reigneth over them.

And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. (Revelation 17:16-17)

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. (Revelation 17:12-13)

- The Greeks and Romans used the word hill (bounos), not mountain (oros), when referring to the 7 hills Rome was built upon.

Can Rome be considered the woman because Revelation 17:3 and 9 tell us that the 7 heads of the scarlet beast "are 7 mountains on which the woman sitteth" and Rome is known as the city on 7 hills?

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)

And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. (Revelation 17:9)

The word mountain (oros) is used for the Hebrew word har here. The Greeks and

Romans used the word hill (*bounos*), not mountain (*oros*), when referring to the 7 hills Rome was built upon.

- If the literal 7 hills of Rome were being referred to, literal mountains or hills wouldn't be described as being named "blasphemy".

Revelation 13:1 says John "saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having 7 heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy".

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. (Revelation 13:1)

Obviously, literal mountains or hills wouldn't be described as being named "blasphemy". The scripture tells us that the horns and heads symbolize crowned kings.

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. (Revelation 12:3)

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. (Revelation 13:1)

The name (*onoma*) of blasphemy (*blasphemia*) upon the 7 heads is more than an identification label. Historically, names were part of the personality of the one bearing the name. 1 Samuel 25:25 illustrates this concept that "as a man is named, so he is". The name of blasphemy attached to the 7 heads or kings symbolizes their overall personality as being arrogantly opposed to God. Revelation 12:3 and 9 link the great red dragon, Satan, with the scarlet beast of Revelation 17:3 having 7 heads and 10 horns.

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. (Revelation 12:3)

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (Revelation 12:9)

These kings scoff, slander and speak evil of God and his people because they're possessed by Satan. Revelation 13:5-7; 2 Timothy 3:1-7 and 2 Peter 3:3 describe their blasphemous character which is characteristic of the general behavior of people in the last days just before the Lord Jesus Christ returns to earth.

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. 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. (Revelation 13:5-7)

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. (2 Timothy 3:1-7)

Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. (2 Peter 3:3-4)

- If John was seeing a vision of the Rome of his day the 10 kings would have already been crowned and the 7 heads or mountains on which the woman sitteth wouldn't be named blasphemy and said to represent 7 kings.

These kings aren't seen crowned in Revelation 17:3.

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)

The crowning of the 10 kings occurs when they receive kingdom authority with the 8th king, the Beast, in his New World Order as Revelation 17:12 teaches.

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. (Revelation 17:12)

- The 7 heads can't refer to 7 emperors of the Roman Empire because there has been more than 7 emperors of Rome historically. (source: World News and Bible Prophecy, Charles H. Dyer, pgs 151-152)
- The 7 heads are clearly identified in Revelation 17:9-10 as 7 kings.

Revelation 17:9 says:

And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

The following verse, Revelation 17:10 says:

And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, *and* the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. (Revelation 17:10)

The words "there are" in Revelation 17:10 were translated to English from the Greek *eisin* which is from the root verb *eimi* meaning "to be". *Eimi* is present tense, third

person plural meaning “they are“. This verifies that the 7 heads represent 7 kings. This is clearly stated in the New American Standard translation of Revelation 17:9-10 which reads,

“...the 7 heads are 7 mountains on which the woman sits, and **they are** 7 kings...”

- In the Old Testament the word mountain (*har*) was used symbolically to describe a national kingdom. In Jeremiah 51:25, *har* is used figuratively to describe Babylon as a “destroying mountain“. Mountain symbolizes Babylon’s destructive military power.

Behold, I am against thee, O destroying **mountain**, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt **mountain**. And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be desolate for ever, saith the LORD. Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz; appoint a captain against her; cause the horses to come up as the rough caterpillers. Prepare against her the nations with the kings of the Medes, the captains thereof, and all the rulers thereof, and all the land of his dominion. And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant. (Jeremiah 51:25-29)

Throughout Daniel 2:35-45 the Hebrew word *tur* literally meaning mountain is used figuratively to describe the future kingdom of God.

Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great **mountain**, and filled the whole earth. This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.
³⁹And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters’ clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the **mountain** without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

The 7 heads spoken of in Revelation 17:9-10 are described as being both 7 mountains and 7 kings.

And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, *and* the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. (Revelation 17:9-10)

From the Old Testament usage of the word mountain we can conclude that the 7 heads refer to 7 kingdoms and their kings. An example of this would have been to refer to Iraq as "Hussein's Iraq".

For these many reasons it's clear that the woman is a future superpower like the U.S.

"The new world order that will answer economic, military, and political problems urgently requires, I believe, that the United States take the leadership among all free peoples to make the underlying concepts and aspirations of national sovereignty truly meaningful through the federal approach."

(Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York, in an article entitled "Rockefeller Bids Free Lands Unite: Calls at Harvard for Drive to Build New World Order"-- The New York Times (February '62))

"Today, the United States enjoys a position of unparalleled military strength and great economic and political influence."...

"We will actively work to bring the hope of democracy, development, free markets, and free trade to every corner of the world."... "The United States welcomes our responsibility to lead in this great mission."

(Excerpts from The National Security Strategy of the United States of America by President George W. Bush dated 9/17/2002.)

"The U.S. remains the world's most powerful nation-state."
(Central Intelligence Agency Factbook 2002)

CHAPTER 3

How does the whore sitteth upon many waters?

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 (porne - in the figurative sense here meaning deserting the worship of the true God to worship false idols) that sitteth upon many waters: (Revelation 17:1)

This verse describes the superpower as “the great whore that sitteth upon many waters“. Revelation 17:15 reveals that the waters where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

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)

Peoples (laos) describes people of the same stock and language gathered together. Multitudes (ochlos) referring to a casual groups of common people. Nations (ethnos) refers to non-Jewish foreign immigrants. Tongues (glossa) refers to distinct languages used by the various nationality groups. In other words, waters symbolize a “melting pot “of various nationalities having settled within the borders of the superpower nation-state.

The superpower is said to sitteth upon many waters. Sitteth (kathemai) is a present tense verbal participle in the genitive case. The genitive case often shows possession or it may indicate source or characteristic. Here it means “is settled“. The word **upon** (epi) can also be translated “by“. The same word is used in Matthew 16:18 by Jesus to describe how the church would be built when he said,

“Upon this rock I will build my church; ...“

The same word upon is used to describe the great whore or the woman in Revelation 17:1:

the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

Epi is a primary preposition properly meaning superimposition of time, place, order, etc. and as a relation of distribution with the genitive case Sitteth is in the genitive case. Superimposition refers to the act of laying or the state of being placed on something else. For example, Jesus would begin building his church by adding people to himself. Likewise, the great whore was settled over time by many different nationality groups through immigration. This fits with the idea of distribution in the

genitive case of the participle sitteth where we have mixed groups of people migrating or being distributed from other nations to the superpower.

The underlying message of Revelation 17:1 and 17:15 is that the superpower 's population is mixed having been built through immigration and consists of various foreign nationality groups speaking their native languages. In other words "the great whore that sitteth upon many waters" could be paraphrased in the following manner:

"the superpower nation-state is settled by the distribution of mixed people groups migrating to it"

Does this fit the description of the U.S.?

According to the CIA 2002 Factbook, the population of the U.S. is a mixture of various origins consisting of about 77% white, 13% black, 4% Asian, 1.5% American/Alaskan Indian and 4.5% other. The population of the two other leading candidates considered by most contemporary Bible prophecy teachers to be Babylon the Great, Iraq or Italy, wouldn't be described as a being built through immigration by a mixture of various origins.

CHAPTER 4

What is meant by the superpower's fornication?

Revelation 17:2 tells us that the inhabitants of the earth “have been made drunk” with the wine of the superpower's fornication.

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.

The words “have been made drunk” (εμεθυσθησαν³¹⁸⁴) literally mean to get drunk. Revelation 18:3 uses the word wrath (thumos) to describe the wine of the wrath of her fornication that all nations have drunk.

For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. (Revelation 18:3)

Metaphorically, wrath or thumos speaks of shedding blood or murdering profusely. Thumos refers to fierceness and indignant anger that boils up and quickly subsides. In other words, the superpower, like the U.S., is quick to use military power to accomplish financial goals. Is this true of the U.S. today? Certainly. Listen to the words of her 43rd President:

“The concept of “free trade” arose as a moral principle even before it became a pillar of economics. If you can make something that others value, you should be able to sell it to them. If others make something that you value, you should be able to buy it. This is real freedom, the freedom for a person—or a nation—to make a living. To promote free trade, the United States has developed a comprehensive strategy:...”

“The unparalleled strength of the United States armed forces, and their forward presence, have maintained the peace in some of the world's most strategically vital regions. Through our willingness to use force in our own defense and in defense of others, the United States demonstrates its resolve to maintain a balance of power that favors freedom.

Trade and investment are the real engines of economic growth. Even if government aid increases, most money for development must come from trade, domestic capital, and foreign investment. An effective strategy must try to expand these flows as well. Free markets and free trade are key priorities of our national security strategy.”

(U.S. President G.W. Bush 9/17/2004 published excerpts from “The National Security Strategy of the United States of America September 2002”)

Fornication literally means to prostitute one's body to the lust of another or to give one's self to unlawful sexual intercourse. The type of language used in this context, however, isn't literal. The language being used here is metaphor or implied

comparison. A metaphor transfers or attaches the similar characteristics from one thing to another thing. We know that the superpower isn't literally a whore because Revelation 17:18 tells us she is a "great city" or superpower nation-state. Because metaphor is being used here, we know that the fornication being spoken of here isn't literal sexual sin. In its historical context, Revelation 17:2 is metaphorically communicating that the woman or superpower has qualities similar to a female sexual prostitute or whore like the Mother of Harlots, the Babylonian goddess Ishtar. The superpower, along with the other nations of the world that do business with her for the purpose of getting rich, have prostituted themselves to the idol of mammon or wealth.

The metaphorical definition of fornication (porneuo) is to be given to worship idols or to permit one's self to be drawn away by another into idolatry. Idolatry (eidololatreia) is the worship of the image of false gods or the worship of mammon or wealth. Colossians 3:5 tells us that **covetousness is idolatry**.

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

Covetousness (pleonexia) is the greedy desire to have more or to accumulate financial wealth. Jesus teaches to lay up treasure in heaven through giving rather than to accumulate wealth on earth.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. (Matthew 6:19-24, 33-34)

Paul taught the same thing in 1 Timothy 6:17-19.

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for the mselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

The antichristian capitalistic philosophy of Adam Smith

Adam Smith, the father of the financial philosophy of Capitalism, didn't think like Jesus Christ as quotes from his writing below will reveal. It may come as a shock to

professing Christian Capitalists that Jesus and his apostles weren't capitalists. Let's not forget that the Lord Jesus Christ was a financially poor, yet holy man. In fact, by today's haughty conservative middle-upper middle class evangelical standards, Jesus Christ might be labeled indigent, or an imbalanced ex-carpenter and homeless religious fanatic. Not only was Jesus voluntarily poor, but so were his holy apostles who followed his lifestyle.

Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to depart unto the other side. And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. (Matthew 8:18-20)

Was the Apostle Paul a capitalist? Certainly not. He taught that God desires financial equality among believers as those with insufficient income are supplied by the extra income of other believers.

For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality: As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack. (2 Corinthians 8:13-15)

And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. (Acts 2:44-45)

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. (Acts 4:32-35)

Law of the Year of Jubilee

As further proof that the Lord God isn't a capitalist, consider that he established the Law of the Year of Jubilee as recorded in the Book of Leviticus chapters 25-27. Every 50th year the Israelites were to return all real property to its original owner. Slaves who had sold themselves to survive were to be set free. One of God's intents in establishing the Jubilee Year was to prevent human rights abuses resulting from the oppression of the poor by the rich. Such abuses are a natural by-product of unbiblical human economic philosophies like capitalism and communism. These ungodly economic philosophies fail to provide a moral balancing mechanism which compensates for the natural greed of the human heart.

Last days warning

Consider the last days warning to the church from the Book of James concerning

wars and the oppression of the poor by the rich.

Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. (James 3:13-4:10)

Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin. Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you. Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. (James 5:1-8)

God desires we invest in the needs of the poor; not covet the wealth of the rich. He wants us to work with our own hands to supply our needs; not supply our greed by investing in the enterprises of the wealthy because we covet a share of their profit. He wants us to receive our future returns from him tomorrow in his kingdom rather than receive them today from the corrupt American world of greed known as Wall Street.

I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. I have shewed you a ll things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. (Acts 20:33-35)

Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends,

nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just. (Luke 14:12-14)

Speculation is not a lawful employment. To embark in uncertain speculations involves in it the principle of gambling, and is eminently the spirit of gambling. It is a game of chance, where one of the parties must gain and the other lose, and where selfishness stalks a broad naked to grasp every man's wealth without blushing.

The Oberlin Evangelist. November 6, 1839. Professor Finney's Lectures. (19th century American Revivalist Charles Finney) LECTURE XX. HOW TO PREVENT OUR EMPLOYMENTS FROM INJURING OUR SOULS. (source: www.gospeltruth.net)

Interestingly, Adam Smith points out in “An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations” that during the reign of Edward VI religious zeal prohibited all interest. Deuteronomy 23:20 teaches that zero interest was also the Old Testament standard for Israelites lending to Israelites. Psalm 15:5 and Proverbs 28:20 speak unfavorably of those that accumulate wealth through interest income.

Jesus Christ is accused of being a capitalist by those that fail to understand that his parables of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30 and the pounds found in Luke 19:11-27 were parables intended to use earthly illustrations to teach spiritual truth. They weren't intended to teach financial capitalism. He was simply using the practices of the money changers of his day to illustrate spiritual truth to us.

No, Capitalism isn't Christian. It's an antichristian philosophy of greed and covetousness tagged with an intelligent, innocent sounding label. It's been forced fed to the masses by the corporate intelligence's world of greed. Adam Smith's philosophy is used to justify capitalism as a christian philosophy by some professing Christians today in spite of biblical warnings such as Colossians 2:8 and 1 Timothy 6:3-10 against worldly philosophies and philosophers of this nature.

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. (Colossians 2:8)

If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. (1 Timothy 6:3-10)

The following quotes from Smith's 1776 work, "An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations" however, reveal that his teachings on wealth and money are more devilish than Christ's. Compare the teachings of the Bible on the wealth and money with Adam Smith's and the undivided, pure heart must conclude that this man's philosophy is antichristian, not christian.

Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted: But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways. (James 1:9-11)

My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts? Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him? But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats? Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called? (James 2:1-7)

From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. ⁵ Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. (James 4:1-8)

Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. (James 5:1-3)

According to Adam Smith:

Every man is rich or poor according to the degree in which he can afford to enjoy the necessities, conveniences, and amusements of human life.

Wealth, as Mr. Hobbes says, is power. But the person who either acquires, or succeeds to a great fortune, does not necessarily acquire or succeed to any political power, either civil or military. His fortune may, perhaps, afford him the means of acquiring both, but the mere possession of that fortune does not necessarily convey to him either. The power which that possession immediately and directly conveys to him, is the power of purchasing; a certain command over all the labour, or over all the produce of labour, which is then in the market. His fortune is greater or less, precisely in proportion to the extent of this power; or to the quantity either of other men's labour, or, what is the same thing, of the produce of other men's labour, which it enables him to purchase or command. The exchangeable value of everything must always be precisely equal to the extent of this power

which it conveys to its owner.

It deserves to be remarked, perhaps, that it is in the progressive state, while the society is advancing to the further acquisition, rather than when it has acquired its full complement of riches, that the condition of the labouring poor, of the great body of the people, seems to be the happiest and the most comfortable. It is hard in the stationary, and miserable in the declining state. The progressive state is in reality the cheerful and the hearty state to all the different orders of the society. The stationary is dull; the declining, melancholy.

“A great trader purchases his goods always where they are cheapest and best, without regard to any little interest of this kind. By such maxims as these, however, nations have been taught that their interest consisted in begging all their neighbours. Each nation has been made to look with an invidious eye upon the prosperity of all the nations with which it trades, and to consider their gain as its own loss. Commerce, which ought naturally to be, among nations, as among individuals, a bond of union and friendship, has become the most fertile source of discord and animosity. The capricious ambition of kings and ministers has not, during the present and the preceding century, been more fatal to the repose of Europe than the impertinent jealousy of merchants and manufacturers. The violence and injustice of the rulers of mankind is an ancient evil, for which, I am afraid, the nature of human affairs can scarce admit of a remedy“. (CHAPTER II AN INQUIRY INTO THE NATURE AND CAUSES OF THE WEALTH OF NATIONS 1776 BOOK FOUR OF SYSTEMS OF POLITICAL ECONOMY by Adam Smith)

Adam Smith exalts the values of greed and covetousness while recognizing it's inherent evils and dangers. The scriptures condemn such values. Covetousness is the opposite of having a quiet mind that's thankful, content and satisfied with one's present financial state.

1 Timothy 6:6-8 says:

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

Food (diarrophe) is nourishment. **Raiment** (skemasma) is clothing . To be **content** (arkeo) is to be satisfied and suffice with the food and clothing presently provided by the Lord rather than greedily longing for more than that. American history tells us that the early settlers of the United States, many of them professing Christians, lived off the daily produce of their land with gratitude to their heavenly provider for their daily bread.

Linking the definitions of covetousness and idolatry associated with the superpower nation-state (woman, great city, whore) we can conclude the following:

The future superpower will be greedy and financially discontented. She will be motivated by the strong desire to increase her standard of living in service to the false god of mammon or wealth. The words of President George W. Bush in his 9/17/2002 National Security Strategy of the United States of America and his neoconservative forerunners and advisers in THE PROJECT FOR THE NEW AMERICAN

CENTURY found below proudly declare the U.S. to be this kind of nation.

The United States is the world's only superpower, combining preeminent military power, global technological leadership, and the world's largest economy. Moreover, America stands at the head of a system of alliances which includes the world's other leading democratic powers. At present the United States faces no global rival. America's grand strategy should aim to preserve and extend this advantageous position as far into the future as possible.

There are, however, potentially powerful states dissatisfied with the current situation and eager to change it, if they can, in directions that endanger the relatively peaceful, prosperous and free condition the world enjoys today. Up to now, they have been deterred from doing so by the capability and global presence of American military power. But, as that power declines, relatively and absolutely, the happy conditions that follow from it will be inevitably undermined. This report proceeds from the belief that America should seek to preserve and extend its position of global leadership by maintaining the preeminence of U.S. military forces.

Today, the United States has an unprecedented strategic opportunity. It faces no immediate great-power challenge; it is blessed with wealthy, powerful and democratic allies in every part of the world; it is in the midst of the longest economic expansion in its history; and its political and economic principles are almost universally embraced. At no time in history has the international security order been as conducive to American interests and ideals. The challenge for the coming century is to preserve and enhance this "American peace." Yet unless the United States maintains sufficient military strength, this opportunity will be lost. And in fact, over the past decade, the failure to establish a security strategy responsive to new realities and to provide adequate resources for the full range of missions needed to exercise U.S. global leadership has placed the American peace at growing risk. America's global leadership, and its role as the guarantor of the current great-power peace, relies upon the safety of the American homeland; the preservation of a favorable balance of power in Europe, the Middle East and surrounding energy producing region, and East Asia; and the general stability of the international system of nation-states relative to terrorists, organized crime, and other "non-state actors."

(Source: : THE PROJECT FOR THE NEW AMERICAN CENTURY: Donald Kagan, Gary Schmitt Project Co-Chairmen & Thomas Donnelly Principal Author.)

"Today, the United States enjoys a position of unparalleled military strength and great economic and political influence."...

"We will actively work to bring the hope of democracy, development, free markets, and free trade to every corner of the world."...

"As we defend the peace, we will also take advantage of an historic opportunity to preserve the peace. Today, the international community has the best chance since the rise of the nation-state in the seventeenth century to build a world where great powers compete in peace instead of continually prepare for war." ..

"Free trade and free markets have proven their ability to lift whole societies out of poverty—so the United States will work with individual nations, entire regions, and the entire global trading community to build a world that trades in freedom and therefore grows in prosperity..."

" The United States welcomes our responsibility to lead in this great mission. "
(Excerpts from The National Security Strategy of the United States of America by President George W. Bush dated 9/17/2002.)

CHAPTER 5

How does the woman reigneth?

And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth. (Revelation 17:18)

In the above verse, εχουσα (echo) and βασιλειαν (basileia) are translated into the English word reigneth. Echoussa, from the root echo, means “to have or to hold something“. Here that something is the word basileian. Basileian means to rule or have predominance over the kings of the earth.

From the context of Revelation 17:18 above, however, the woman isn't the sovereign world ruler. She doesn't have absolute control over the kings of the earth. Revelation 17:7 teaches that the scarlet colored beast carrieth the woman.

And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. (Revelation 17:7)

This word carrieth or βασταζοντος is in the genitive case signifying possession. It means to support, sustain, carry, uphold or bear what is burdensome. In other words, the relationship of the woman to the scarlet coloured beast is one of bittersweet bondage. The woman is in some form of bondage to the beast in spite of the fact that she is the world's preeminent superpower nation-state.

In one sense this bondage refers to the financial debt owed by the superpower to the scarlet colored beast. This bondage is discussed in detail in Chapter 7. In another broader sense, carrieth indicates the spiritual bondage of the superpower to evil demonic powers. Revelation 18:2 teaches that the superpower lives under the attack of evil, demonic spiritual powers of wickedness. Her golden cup once filled with God's blessings and opportunities is now overflowing with his curses and the evil fruit resulting from her covetousness and idolatry.

And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. (Revelation 18:2)

But, how can a superpower have predominance over other nations without exercising sovereign rule over them? In order to understand the answer to this question, consider the example of the United States. The U.S. is the world's greatest economic and military power although she isn't in a formal position of sovereign rule over the nations of the world.

Consider the predominant economic power of the U.S. One way to illustrate the predominant economic power of the U.S. is to examine the International Monetary Fund or IMF.

The IMF is a UN agency headquartered in Washington, D.C. The IMF is the central institution of the international monetary system designed to promote the balanced expansion of world trade and a healthy world economy. 45 governments attempting to prevent another Great Depression birthed the IMF at a 1944 UN conference in Bretton Woods, NH. In 1969 the IMF introduced the special drawing right (SDR) as an international supplementary reserve asset. Members were concerned that the main reserve assets of gold and U.S. dollars might not be large enough to expand world trade. SDR's are "paper gold" book-keeping entries. Each of the current 184 member countries is assigned a quota of SDR's based upon their relative size in the world economy. The following SDR statistics reveal the overwhelming world-wide economic superiority of the U.S.:

10 nations (U.S., Japan, Germany, France, United Kingdom, Italy, Saudi Arabia, Canada, China, Russia) hold 52.7% of the total world SDR quotas. The contribution of the U.S. is the highest at 17.6%. Japan is the next largest at 6.5%. This means that the U.S. economy is almost 3 times the size of its closest competitor, Japan. It's over 5 times the size of Italy's. Iraq isn't even among the top 10 SDR contributors. Clearly, the U.S. is the world's predominant economic superpower.

To illustrate the predominant military power of the U.S. consider these statistics. According to statistics provided by the International Institute for Strategic Studies, U.S. Department of Defense, the U.S. 2005 military budget is projected to be \$420 billion. In comparison, her nearest competitors, China and Russia, budgeted \$51 and \$50 billion respectively in 2002.

(<http://64.177.207.201/static/budget/annual/fy05/world.htm>)

As of 2002, the U.S. had the most nuclear delivery systems and warheads; 8593. This total surpassed Russia's 8034. (SOURCES: DoD; Natural Resources Defense Council; The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists; Arms Control Association (U.S. and Russian strategic warhead count)). The United States is the only country to station land-based nuclear weapons outside its borders.

Gregg Easterbrook, senior editor of The New Republic and a contributing editor of The Atlantic Monthly, wrote the following article entitled "War games: American power moves beyond the mere super" which first appeared in the New York Times. It was reprinted on 5/3/2003 at theage.com.au.

"The extent of American military superiority has become almost impossible to overstate. The US sent five of its nine supercarrier battle groups to the region for the Iraq assault. A 10th Nimitz-class supercarrier is under construction. No other nation possesses so much as one supercarrier, let alone

nine battle groups ringed by cruisers and guarded by nuclear submarines. Russia has one modern aircraft carrier, the Admiral Kuznetsov, but it has about half the tonnage of an American supercarrier. The former Soviet navy did preliminary work on a supercarrier, but abandoned the project in 1992. Britain and France have a few small aircraft carriers. China decided against building one last year. Any attempt to build a fleet that threatens the Pentagon's would be pointless, after all, because if another nation fielded a threatening vessel, American attack submarines would simply sink it in the first five minutes of any conflict. Knowing this, all other nations have conceded the seas to the US.

US air power is undisputed as well, with more advanced fighters and bombers than those of all other nations combined. The US possesses three stealth aircraft (the B-1 and B-2 bombers and the F-117 fighter), with two more (the F-22 and F-35) developed and awaiting production funds. No other nation even has a stealth aircraft on the drawing board. American aerial might is so great that adversaries do not even try to fly. Serbia kept its planes on the ground during the Kosovo conflict of 1999; in recent fighting in Iraq, not one Iraqi fighter rose to oppose US aircraft.

The American lead in ground forces is not uncontested - China has a large standing army - but is large enough that the ground arms race might end, too. The US now possesses about 9000 M1 Abrams tanks, by far the world's strongest armoured force. The Abrams cannon and fire-control system is so extraordinarily accurate that in combat, gunners rarely require more than one shot to destroy an enemy tank.

The American lead in electronics is also huge. Much of the "designating" of targets in the recent Iraq assault was done by advanced electronics on drones such as the Global Hawk, which flies at 60,000 feet, far beyond the range of anti-aircraft weapons. So sophisticated are the sensors and data links that make Global Hawk work that it might take a decade for another nation to field a similar drone and, by then, the US is likely to have leapfrogged ahead to something better. The US is also working on unmanned, remote-piloted drone fighter planes that will be both relatively low-cost and extremely hard to shoot down, and small drone attack helicopters that will lead troops into battle. Further, the US holds an overwhelming lead in military use of space. Not only does the Pentagon command more and better reconnaissance satellites than the rest of the world combined, American forces have begun using space-relayed data in a significant way. Space "assets" will eventually be understood to have been critical to the lightning conquest of Iraq, and the American lead in this will only grow, since the Air Force now has the second-largest space budget in the world, after NASA's."

Although it could be argued that Russia and China possess first strike capability that could destroy any nation suddenly, in today's world, the U.S. is considered the world's predominant military power. Clearly, the U.S. "reigneth" over the kings of the earth; not as a sovereign ruler, but as the world's predominant economic and military power.

"We have the most productive, creative and promising economic system the world has ever seen. America sets the standard for scientific research, engineering skill and medical innovation. Our companies and universities attract talent from every single continent. Investors from around the world know America is the safest place to put their money. " (1/7/2003 - G.W. Bush)

"The United States possesses unprecedented—and unequalled—strength and influence in the world. (G.W. Bush, 9/17/2002 in The National Security Strategy of the United States of America)

"Our factories produce more goods, and a broader variety of goods, than any country in the world... This is why people from around the world invest in America. " (9/22/2001-G.W. Bush)

CHAPTER 6

What is meant by the scarlet colored beast? How does the woman sit upon this beast?

Babylon the Great described in Revelation chapters 17 and 18 has been identified as the world's preeminent superpower nation-state. This chapter will explain what the scarlet colored beast is and what it means for the superpower to sit upon this beast.

Sit upon

Revelation 17:3 uses the Greek word *kathemai* to say that the superpower Babylon the Great sits upon the scarlet colored beast.

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.

“Sit upon” in verse 3 is translated from the words *καθημενην επι*. *Kathemai* is a present tense middle deponent accusative case verbal participle literally meaning to sit down. Used in the figurative sense in this context it shows the superpower in a certain condition or position in relationship to the scarlet colored beast. In context, **“sit upon” means to ride in a position of power** as the world's #1 superpower because of her combined economic and military strength.

Scarlet colored beast and the scarlet color symbolism

Revelation 17:12, 16-18 reveal that the scarlet colored beast with 7 heads and 10 horns is a **prelude** to the 4th and final world empire or kingdom of Daniel Chapters 2 and 7.

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. (Revelation 17:12)

And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth. (Revelation 17:16-18)

These verses reveal that the 10 kings of the kingdom of the scarlet colored beast are assimilated into the kingdom of the 8th king, antichrist the beast 666. This occurs after the 10 kings destroy Babylon the Great, the world's preeminent superpower

nation-state. The 10 nations led by the 8th king, antichrist the beast 666, constitutes the 4th kingdom of Daniel's vision.

The scarlet colored beast is described in Revelation 17:3 as full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

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.

Note that the 10 horns are crownless here, but are crowned in Revelation 13:1.

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. (Revelation 13:1)

This is because Revelation 17:16-18 teaches that the 10 horns aren't given power to rule world-wide with the 8th king, the antichrist beast 666, until the superpower is destroyed by these 10 kings.

And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth. (Revelation 17:16-18)

Symbolism of the 7 heads

Why does the scarlet colored beast have 7 heads?

As mentioned in chapter 2, Revelation 17:3 and 17:9-13 show that the 7 heads of the beast represent 7 kings and their kingdoms.

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)

And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the **eighth**, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. (Revelation 17:9-13)

Those 5 past kings are considered by many Bible prophecy teachers to be the Egyptian (3100-1491 BC); Assyrian (884-612 BC); Babylonian (612-539 BC); Medo-Persian (539-331 BC); and Grecian (331-44 BC) Empires. Because the prophet Daniel wrote of 4 world kingdoms in his visions recorded in Daniel 2 and 7, not 7 or 8

world kingdoms, it's possible that the 7 heads represent 7 blasphemous kings. If they do, then these 5 past kings could be Pharaoh of Egypt at the time of the Exodus; Sennacherib of Assyria; Ithobaal II of Tyre; Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon; Alexander the Great of Greece or Antiochus IV Epiphanes of Syria.

The words "one is" in Revelation 17:10 describes the Roman Empire (27 B.C.-476 A.D.) or Domitian, the last of the 12 Caesars who reigned over the empire from 81-96 A.D. Both were in power when it's believed John wrote the vision about 96 A.D. Some have believed that John wrote the book of Revelation around 68-69 A.D. shortly after Nero died. Even if this dating was correct, Nero wouldn't have been in power at the time of John's writing and wouldn't fit as the "one is" of Revelation 17:19.

The 7th king is described in Revelation 17:10 as "not yet come"; and when he cometh, he must continue (meno-to remain) a short space (oligos-short time). In other words, the 7th king is a future king and or kingdom that will remain in power a relatively short time compared to the other 6 kings. He was one of the first 7 kings. This king and or kingdom precedes the 8th king, the beast himself, Antichrist.

Daniel 2:33-35, 40-45; 7:7-8, 19-23-28 describes a 4th beast or worldwide kingdom consisting of 10 horns. Notice that this beast has 10 horns like the scarlet colored beast. Unlike the scarlet colored beast, the beast of Daniel 2 and 7 isn't described as having 7 heads. I believe this is because Daniel 7:23 directly tells us that this beast is a world-wide kingdom. The world ruler of the 4th and final world kingdom in existence at the glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ is the 8th king or antichrist the beast according to Revelation 17:11.

And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the **eighth**, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

Why is the beast with 7 heads and 10 horns described as being scarlet colored?

The word meaning scarlet, kokinos, is used in the Old Testament to symbolize sin. In Daniel 5:16,29; Proverbs 31:21 and Jeremiah 4:30, however, scarlet represents a position of honor and authority.

In reference to sin, Isaiah 1:18 says,

"though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

The words red, scarlet and crimson can all represent sin. In contrast, white symbolizes righteousness and the absence of sin. This symbolism is carried into Revelation where the Lord Jesus Christ rides a white horse and his armies are said to

ride white horses clothed in white linen. (Revelation 19:8-16)

The scarlet colored beast is also described in Revelation 17:3 as full of names of blasphemy.

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.

This description of the scarlet colored beast would indicate that scarlet refers more to the sinful character of the beast than it's honor and authority. Thus, in context, the scarlet color of the beast seems more representative of the vile nature of the beast. This nature is characterized by the beast's arrogant opposition and slanderous, authoritative evil speaking towards God. It indicates the possession of the beast by Satan; the prince of this world according to the Lord Jesus Christ as recorded in John 12:31, 14:30 and 16:11.

Revelation 17:7 teaches that the superpower is in bondage to the scarlet colored beast where the beast is said to carry her.

And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. (Revelation 17:7)

Revelation 12:3 and 12:9 confirm this vile nature of the scarlet colored beast. These verses describes Satan, the devil, as a great red dragon having 7 heads and 10 horns, and 7 crowns upon his heads.

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. (Revelation 12:3)

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (Revelation 12:9)

Paradoxically, while the superpower appears to those blinded by Satan's antichristian world value system to be a free nation because of her preeminent economic and military power, the woman is really under the control of Satan's demonic power as she rides the scarlet colored beast. Although she's being carried in a position of power as the world's #1 superpower because of her combined economic and military strength, she is in financial and spiritual bondage to the Satanic power of the scarlet colored beast. This is why we hear the following cry from the prophet John recorded in Revelation 18:2-4 concerning the superpower:

And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become **the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.** For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out

of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Today's world is being conditioned and positioned by the hierarchy of invisible demonic powers working through unbelievers to establish the kingdom of antichrist the beast 666 on earth.

Amidst this chaos magic, the living cry from John's pen echoes through the corridors of time to us today through the sword of the Spirit, the word of God...

ESCAPE BABYLON'S DEMONS!



CHAPTER 7

How does the scarlet beast carrieth the woman? How does the superpower reigneth if the scarlet beast carrieth her?

Revelation 17:7 tells us that the scarlet beast **carrieth** the woman.

And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

In chapter 5 we said carrieth is in the genetive case signifying possession. How does the beast possess the woman? The scarlet beast possesses the woman in two specific ways.

Spiritual bondage

First, the woman is in **spiritual bondage** to demonic forces as Revelation 18:2 teaches.

And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. (Revelation 18:2)

As stated in chapter 5, the superpower lives under the attack of evil, demonic spiritual powers of wickedness.

Financial bondage

Secondly, the woman is in **financial bondage** to the beast as we will see in this chapter. Proverbs 22:7 states an important principle concerning freedom from financial bondage:

“The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.”

In other words, when a person or nation is in debt to others, they're in bondage or under the possession, obligation and tie of duty to their lender until the debt is paid.

Is the U.S. in this position financially? Absolutely! As a result of European banks gaining control of the finances of the U.S., the U.S. is indebted to foreign nations even though she has the world's largest economy. Here's how this financial bondage evolved.

Summary of the evolution of America's financial bondage

The Bank of England created the investment firm of Morgan-Grenfell. It was headed by American expatriate Junius P. Morgan. His son, J.P. Morgan, turned it into an American dynasty. Brown Bros., now Brown Brothers-Harriman, was created by the Rothschild European interest in 1835. The Rothschild European banks financed the birth of other American dynasties like the Rockefeller family, and "Americanized" European banking houses like Kuhn, Loeb Co., J.M. Schroeder, Jacob Schiff, etc.

In 1907, Jacob Schiff, the Rothschild-owned boss of Kuhn, Loeb and Co., in a speech to the New York Chamber of Commerce, warned that

"unless we have a Central Bank with adequate control of credit resources, this country is going to undergo the most severe and far reaching money panic in its history."

Shortly after, the U.S. plunged into a crisis. The "crisis" had two purposes: make money for the Rothschild bankers and impress on the American people the "great need" for a central bank. In 1910, German immigrant Paul Warburg, working with Senator Aldrich, the maternal grandfather of the Rockefeller family, began writing the Federal Reserve Act. Warburg told the Banking and Currency Committee:

"In the Panic of 1907, the first suggestion I made was, "let us have a national clearing house" [Central Bank]. The Aldrich Plan [for a Central Bank] contains many things that are simply fundamental rules of banking. Your aim must be the same...."

At a hearing of the House Committee on Banking and Currency in 1913, Warburg revealed that he was a member of the banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb and Co.

The Federal Reserve Act of 1913

The Federal Reserve Act became law in 1913. It placed the Constitutional Power of Congress to regulate the U.S. economy into the hands of private banks. Warburg became the "Fed's" first chairman. A dollar was no longer a unit of measurement. Instead, it became the thing it was supposed to measure.

The Federal Reserve System is a private corporate banking system belonging to its stockholders; the federally chartered private banks. All current major fed stockholders trace their roots to Europe's banking families. Congressman Charles Lindbergh stated shortly after the "Federal" Reserve Act was passed by a depleted Congress on December 23, 1913:

"The Act establishes the most gigantic trust on earth. When the President [Wilson] signs this Bill, the invisible government of the monetary power will be legalized....The greatest crime of the ages is perpetrated by this banking and currency bill." (source: Wisdom and Freedom produced by WORLD

NEWSTAND Copyright 1999.)

How does this banking system work to possess the U.S.?

The Federal Reserve (The Fed) creates “debt paper” or federal reserve notes which are loaned to the U.S. government with interest due. This interest income flows to the foreign bankers putting the U.S. under their ultimate control. The Federal Reserve’s chief task is to influence the flow of credit by affecting its general availability and cost to borrowers. Therefore the flow of money in a country depends mainly on the ability of banks to meet the credit and monetary requirements of industry, trade, agriculture, and all the other segments of economic life. The Federal Reserve has the power to influence the country’s credit situation and, since bank loans and investments are the main assets that serve as backing for deposits, its money supply. Federal Reserve influence is exerted primarily through the credit market. (The Federal Reserve System Purposes and Function, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 1954. Pages 7-11).

President Wilson signed the Federal Reserve Act. A few years later he wrote:

“...I have unwittingly ruined my country. A great industrial nation is controlled by its system of credit. Our system of credit is concentrated. The growth of the nation, therefore, and all our activities are in the hands of a few men.”

The extent of U.S debt to foreign nations

Consider these statistics showing further the extent of the U.S. debt obligations courtesy of the extremely informative Grandfather Economic Report by Michael Hodges found at <http://mwhodges.home.att.net/>.

The U.S. is the largest debtor nation at nearly \$7.4 trillion Federal Government debt as of 12/31/2004. Interest on this amount was over \$41 million per hour as of the year 2000. \$1.9 trillion or 44% of this debt is owed to foreign investors and foreign banks.

U.S. International debt for 2004 (money the U.S. owes other nations from negative trade balances) was over \$666 billion. It now totals over \$3.8 trillion.

U.S. Total National Debt (household, business, financial & government sectors) exceeds \$40 trillion. 66% of this debt was accumulated since 1990.

Foreigners now own over \$9.4 trillion in U.S. assets; \$2.1 trillion more than the U.S. owns in foreign assets.

In June 2005, Former Fed Chairman Paul Volcker said "he doesn't see how the U.S. can keep borrowing and consuming while letting foreign countries do all the

producing. It's a recipe for American economic disaster - - a crisis is likely."(source: <http://mwhodges.home.att.net/reserves.htm>)

With about 5% of the world's population, the U.S. consumes over 20% of the world's imports. About 33% of the goods needed in the U.S. are imported. About 23% of the U.S. economy depends upon foreign trade. As the U.S. purchases more from foreign nations than they do from the U.S., and as foreign investment income from U.S. investments increases faster than U.S. income from U.S. foreign investments, the U.S. owes the foreign nations the difference. (\$2.1 trillion in 2001)

How does the superpower reigneth if she is indebted to foreign nations?

Once again, the superpower doesn't rule sovereignty. She isn't the official President of the New World Order (NWO), just as the U.S. is considered the leading nation in the NWO without being it's elected leader. Scripture shows that the superpower isn't content in isolationism producing only what she needs.

Revelation 18:3 expands upon Revelation 17:2 explaining the reason for her preeminence,

"For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants (wholesale traders and business people) of the earth are waxed rich (become wealthy) through the abundance (dynamis-inherent extraordinary power and influence) of her delicacies (strenuous-eager, prideful desire for exuberant, luxurious growth accomplished through free global trade-see Revelation 18:7 regarding her prideful self glorification).

This word wrath (thumos- agitated, discontented inward feeling resulting from the fierce, passionate longings) of the superpower's fornication (porneuo-greedy desire for more wealth) causes the superpower to aggressively pursue world trade with the 10 kings of the scarlet colored beast. Revelation 17:7 says the beast carrieth the woman.

And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

This word carrieth or βασιταζοντος is in the genitive case signifying possession. The root of βασιταζοντος is bastazo which figuratively means serving as a source of supply or support for.

How would the beast support the world's preeminent superpower?

As previously stated, the U.S. consumes over 20% of the world's imports and about 33% of the U.S. economy depends upon foreign goods. Revelation 18:15-19 reiterates how the world's business people become wealthy as a result of the

extraordinary power and influence of the superpower's prideful, eager desire for exuberant, luxurious growth accomplished through her aggressive pursuit of free trade to every corner of the world.

The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. (Revelation 18:15 -19)

In concluding this chapter, here's a summary of how the beast supports the superpower according to the prophecy stated in Revelation 17:7:

And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

The U.S. greedily consumes more than it produces. Simultaneously, foreign bankers controlling the Federal Reserve Banking System gain wealth from interest on loans needed to finance U.S. over-production. International business people get wealthy off our excessive consumption of foreign goods.

Historic unheeded words of warning from Thomas Jefferson

Consider these historic words from Thomas Jefferson before blaming the state of the nation entirely upon the foreign bankers. (source: <http://etext.lib.virginia.edu>)

"Our interest [is] to throw open the doors of commerce and to knock off all its shackles, giving perfect freedom to all persons for the vent of whatever they may choose to bring into our ports, and asking the same in theirs." --**Thomas Jefferson**: Notes on Virginia Q.XXII, 1782. ME 2:240

"I think all the world would gain by setting commerce at perfect liberty." --**Thomas Jefferson** to John Adams, 1785. ME 5:48, Papers 8:332

"Our greediness for wealth and fantastical expense have degraded and will degrade the minds of our maritime citizens. These are the peculiar vices of commerce."--**Thomas Jefferson** to John Adams, 1818. ME 15:169.

Clearly, the decision to pursue global free trade was a willful choice made by our

nation's forefathers who chose to prostitute the nation for the sake of wealth. The result of that choice is the many wars that the U.S. continues to fight in order to preserve its unbiblical, antichristian philosophy of financial greed called conservative capitalism built upon the peculiar vices of global free trade.

James 1:14-15 states that fulfilling our lust brings sin and death.

"But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

In spite of their awareness of its moral dangers, Jefferson and others chose to yield to the temptation of lust for more. Even the father of Capitalism, Adam Smith, acknowledged the inherent temptation to war due to covetousness and greed resulting from trade.

Commerce, which ought naturally to be, among nations, as among individuals, a bond of union and friendship, has become the most fertile source of discord and animosity. The capricious ambition of kings and ministers has not, during the present and the preceding century, been more fatal to the repose of Europe than the impertinent jealousy of merchants and manufacturers. The violence and injustice of the rulers of mankind is an ancient evil, for which, I am afraid, the nature of human affairs can scarce admit of a remedy". (CHAPTER II AN INQUIRY INTO THE NATURE AND CAUSES OF THE WEALTH OF NATIONS 1776 BOOK FOUR OF SYSTEMS OF POLITICAL ECONOMY by Adam Smith)

The nations of the world today, led by the U.S. and her President George W. Bush, continue this greedy pursuit of global free trade while proudly proclaiming it as moral in the name of Adam Smith's deceitful philosophy of capitalism.

"The concept of "free trade" arose as a moral principle even before it became a pillar of economics. If you can make something that others value, you should be able to sell it to them. If others make something that you value, you should be able to buy it. This is real freedom, the freedom for a person—or a nation—to make a living. To promote free trade, the United States has developed a comprehensive strategy:..."

Trade and investment are the real engines of economic growth. Even if government aid increases, most money for development must come from trade, domestic capital, and foreign investment. An effective strategy must try to expand these flows as well. Free markets and free trade are key priorities of our national security strategy."

(U.S. President G.W. Bush 9/17/2004 published excerpts from "The National Security Strategy of the United States of America September 2002")

Consider this lecture delivered on June 2, 2005, at Dr. Galya's International Relations Class at DePaul University, Chicago. It's a summary analysis of the U.S. involvement in the Middle East titled "The United States And Iraq" by Dr. Khoshaba Jasim found at www.aina.org. This site is called the Assyrian International News Agency.

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writes:

(AINA) -- The importance of Middle East to the United States rose significantly in 1980 after the Oil embargo of 1973. The then ensuing events, rise of fundamentalism, turmoil, and widespread kidnappings, urged United States strategists to reevaluate its foreign policy and to place Middle East under direct military control after Britain decided to leave the region.

To fill the vacuum, United States strategists also considered a number of policy alternatives such as the Persian Gulf, Suez Canal, and the Northern Tier states. The spot most acceptable to them was Oil rich Saudi Arabia, which is adjacent to the Persian Gulf and to the shipping lanes that are vital to United States commerce. The scenario displayed in the Region and executed in the Gulf ; i.e. the Desert Storm, was in fact launched to achieve such objectives that were beyond the liberation of Kuwait. These objectives were:

- a military base in Gulf area
- a Central Command headquarters
- a long term responsibility of maintaining the status-quo in post cold-war era.

The relaxation of international relations in the wake of Soviet Union disintegration, the collapse of balance of power theory that overwhelmed the bipolar world, and the emergence of the New Order with a uni-polar system under the U. S., created a new version of relations characterized by the following:

Politically

- A new law-abiding international system.
- The return to the United Nations and regional organizations to thwart crisis, diffuse quarrels, and enforce peace.
- The use of coalitions to police the world when thwarting fails or does not work.

Economically

- Monopoly and control by the United States over world fortunes due to its huge economy and military strength.
- Equal treatment of all nations in a world of free and open markets.

In light of these developments, all countries have to share in the promotion of trade, remove barriers to world commerce, and encourage investments that lead to the preservation and continuation of global capitalism as well as the coordination of the interests of all nations in open markets without ideological competition or class struggle. The New World Order emerged as a new version of the traditional capitalist system but with a different agenda compatible with the interests of the United States. Desert Storm, therefore, was launched as a means to protect United States strategic interests in the Region under the pretext of liberating Kuwait as per United Nations Resolution 678. In the aftermath of Desert Storm, three events transpired as follows:

- The Iraqi Army was expelled from Kuwait.
- Iraq was deprived of fatal weapons and its arsenal reduced, rendering it incapable of intimidating and threatening its neighbors.
- The United States signed a military treaty with Kuwait and assumed the position of Guardian of peace in the Middle East.

Prior to Desert Storm U. S. strategists considered two vital issues: how could the U.S. integrate the Middle East and especially the strategic Iraq within the global economy in New World Order, and by what means could the U.S. annex the Middle East and Iraq as integral parts of its global military

strategy? The first issue, the integration of the region in global economy is accomplished in the course of democratizing the region as done in Afghanistan and Iraq and carrying out U.S. regional policy that seeks to:

- Keeping the sea lanes open for international trade.
- Maintaining the flow of oil at a reasonable price.
- Providing support for Israel and moderate Arab states.

The second issue, annexing Middle East and Iraq to U. S. global military strategy is achieved through the means pursued by the Administration to execute its global policy including the use of military power. So Desert Storm was neither an isolated event that did erupt randomly, nor a product of the hour. It was in fact a vital part of United States global defensive arrangements steadily elaborated to repel radical movements against the New World System. The following are some of U. S. goals in the Region.

- Stationing of US troops in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.
- The installation of a Headquarters in Qatar for the Central Command.
- A long-term responsibility to maintain the status-quo in post cold-war and to control and administer the New World system.

United States objectives in the Middle East are basically the same as well as the strategy and it's vital interests depends on political and social developments outside its borders and in the rest of the World, that have direct impact on the living standards of the Americans. The United States; therefore, is:

- Preserving the status-quo or the world capitalist system.
- Opposing the ideas that are not responsive to the new global strategies.
- Using coalitions as resolved by the United Nations to quell aggression and promote peace and the new economic regime.

U.S. troops are still in Iraq, which is, just like other states in the region, included within United States global strategy under the Central Command. The other states involved are Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia, Jordan, Israel, Iran, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Kenya, Somalia, Yemen, and the Gulf states. United States uses its military to:

- Secures the flow of oil and other energy resources to U.S. and the other industrialized nations.
- Explores new markets for its products.
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and in the course of executing it's new Global policy, it:

- Protects small nations against aggression
- Support peaceful missions delegated by the United Nations.
- Combats terrorism
- Destroys weapons of mass destruction
- Repels fundamentalism

With regard to Iraq, the United States aims were destroying weapons of mass destruction and forcing it to abide by International Law United Nations resolutions. The policy of Iraq under Saddam Hussein after the Gulf war was not satisfactory to the U.S, nor was it in conformity with the global economy. Notwithstanding, the United States pursued peaceful means to make Iraq comply with United Nations resolutions, including diplomacy, economic sanctions, political pressure, covert operations and finally, the last resort, military power. The immediate United States objectives in Iraq are:

- A democratic and secular regime to protect and defend individual freedoms and to guarantee the political rights of its nationalities mainly the Arabs, Kurds, Assyrians, and Turkomans. The United States is already extending help to the Iraqi people in this respect.
- A peace-loving Iraq clear of weapons of mass-destruction; nuclear, biological, and chemical.
- A viable economy that provides jobs and employment to Iraqi citizens.

U. S. strategic objectives in Iraq are:

- The annexation of Iraq to the global economy so U.S. can invest heavily in this oil-rich country.
- Including it under Central Command arrangements and promoting it as a vital political bastion of democracy in the region.

To attain these goals the United States deemed it necessary to be there and to link Iraq practically with other component of its Global strategy in the region and around the Globe. United States global military strategy involves Latin America, Balkan, Middle East, South East Asia, Central Asia region along the borders of Russia and China. The 21st Century has been designated as the United States century. Strategists in Washington have reviewed the whole United States global policy and especially the Middle East in the aftermath of the cold-war on the following assumptions:

- A democratic, capitalist Middle East.
- An overwhelming Global capitalist economy.
- The defeat of fundamentalism and terrorist movements.
- The expansion of the market system and World trade. All nations will participate on basis of mutual benefits.

Today it is Globalization all over and Iraq, a very rich country with oil, minerals, vast arable land, uranium, and other resources, is in the heart of it. The United States is digging there for a prolonged stay. The question is whether it will retreat or rebound and abandon its obligations. The case of Iraq is greater than we read in the media. Iraq is today a component of U. S. Global military strategy in the region under the Central Command. All the United States interests within the region shall be guaranteed to succeed and provided adequate protection. So the United States will stay the course alone or in a coalition. A United States retreat will cause its economy to shrink and bring down the living standards of the people. It is not possible under these circumstances to isolate itself within its borders. This is a retroactive step that hurts its economic and security interests that are associated with world trade. It is also not possible to abandon its achievements and its world status as the leader, consolidator, and advisor. The United States, therefore, has no intention at all to leave the region or abandon its global strategy especially in Iraq. President Bush declared that the United States would not abandon its obligation. The United States had already returned the sovereignty to Iraqi people on June 30, 2004. British Prime Minister Tony Blair also made it clear that the United States and Britain cannot tolerate the consequences of failure and they both will proceed to install a democratic regime in Iraq. For the first time in seventy years Iraq now has a representative and freely elected government. United States foreign policy goals have yet a long way to go. U. S. will stay in the Region and Iraq, just like the other states, will convert to a rotating component of the United States global strategy. (© 2005, Assyrian International News Agency)

If you have trouble believing the truth or accuracy of this Dr.'s perception, please take a moment and visit the website Project For The New American Century by Washington Neo-Conservative Politicians found at www.newamericancentury.org.

Conservatives signing the 1997 Statement of Principles included Elliott Abrams, Gary Bauer, William J. Bennett, Jeb Bush, **Dick Cheney**, Eliot A. Cohen, Midge Decter,

Paula Dobriansky, Steve Forbes, Aaron Friedberg, Francis Fukuyama, Frank Gaffney, Fred C. Ikle, Donald Kagan, Zalmay Khalilzad, I. Lewis Libby, Norman Podhoretz, Dan Quayle, Peter W. Rodman, Stephen P. Rosen, Henry S. Rowen, **Donald Rumsfeld**, Vin Weber, George Weigel, and **Paul Wolfowitz**. William Kristol is Chairman.

Your doubts about the basis for Dr. Jasim's political analysis of the U.S. in Iraq will be calmed because his analysis aligns so well with the Project For The New American Century goals driving President Bush and America's quest for global leadership.

Historic New World Order Quotes

The following historic quotes speak further concerning the formation and goals of the current U.S. led New World Order (NWO).

In 1922, then New York City Mayor John Hylan spoke of government corruption originating from greedy trade interests as follows:

"The real menace of our republic is this invisible government which like a giant octopus sprawls its slimy length over city, state and nation...At the head of this octopus are the Rockefeller Standard Oil interests and a small group of powerful banking houses generally referred to as international bankers. The little coterie of powerful international bankers virtually run the United States government for their own selfish purposes. They practically control both political parties.

Former U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater writes in "With No Apologies" (1964):

"The Trilateral Commission is intended to be the vehicle for multinational consolidation of the commercial and banking interests by seizing control of the political government of the United States. The Trilateral Commission represents a skillful, coordinated effort to seize control and consolidate the four centers of power political, monetary, intellectual and ecclesiastical. What the Trilateral Commission intends is to create a worldwide economic power superior to the political governments of the nation states involved. As managers and creators of the system, they will rule the future."

David Rockefeller, founder of the Trilateral Commission, stated in an address to a meeting of The Trilateral Commission in June, 1991:

"We are grateful to The Washington Post, The New York Times, Time Magazine and other great publications whose directors have attended our meetings and respected their promises of discretion for almost forty years. It would have been impossible for us to develop our plan for the world if we had been subject to the bright lights of publicity during those years. But, the work is now much more sophisticated and prepared to march towards a world government. The supranational sovereignty of an intellectual elite and world bankers is surely preferable to the national auto-determination practiced in past centuries."

Although preeminent in economic and military power, the U.S. is controlled by foreign nations through the privately owned Federal Reserve System. The Federal Reserve System finances her negative foreign trade balances and greedy consumer lifestyle.

"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you." (James 5:1-6)

When is there an elected leader of the New World Order (NWO)?

John is told in Revelation 17:12 that the 10 horns (kings) *haven't yet received a kingdom.*

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. (Revelation 17:12-13)

They receive power or authority (exousia-delegated authority to manage domestic affairs over their jurisdictions) as kings one hour with the beast. (Note: One hour may refer to the one hour on that one day, or to a short time duration between the superpower's destruction and the implementation of the 8th kingdom of the beast.)

And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. (Revelation 17:16)

Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. (Revelation 18:8)

For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. (Revelation 18:17-19)

After the superpower's destruction, Revelation 17:12-13 and 17 say that the 10 kings give (didomi-give one something of one's own accord to his advantage) their kingdom as a voluntary gift to the beast to fulfill God's prophetic word.

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. (Revelation 17:12-13)

For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. (Revelation 17:17)

Is world history moving in a direction which correlates with the superpower U.S. being

destroyed so that a confederation of nations could assume her role as the predominant economic power?

In 1996, MIT Economics professor Lester Thurow foresaw the European Union's (EU) rise to power as eventually replacing the U.S. as leader of the NWO. Thurow doesn't foresee the loss of U.S. economic predominance due to its destruction, but he foresees the EU replacing the U.S. as the #1 economic power.

"The rules for the new world order are being written in Brussels. The Common Market is now the world's largest market, and those who control the conditions of entry into the largest market have always written the rules for world trade. England did so in the 19th century, replaced by the U.S. in the 20th century. To some extent the European Union will write the rules for world trade simply because it is the only international group in the rules-writing business. It will write rules for those inside the EU and tell those outside how they can gain entry. Whatever it writes for outsiders will be copied by others as their rules governing outsiders."

(*'The Future of Capitalism,'* 1996, Lester Thurow. Author and M.I.T. economics professor)

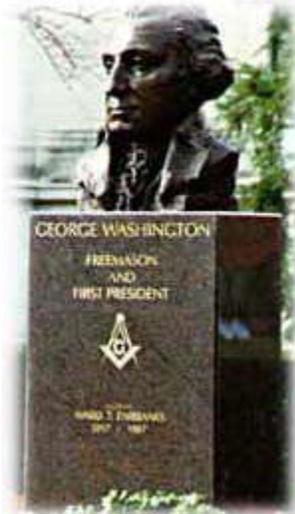
Yes, history is moving in the direction of the U.S. at some future point falling from its position as the world's preeminent superpower.

In conclusion, this chapter has addressed the question, "How does the scarlet colored beast carrieth the woman?" The answer to that question can be summarized as follows:

The word reigneth as used in Revelation 17:18 describing the relationship between the woman and the "kings of the earth" aptly pictures the U.S. "sitting upon" or riding as the preeminent nation in the NWO, the "scarlet beast" or other NWO nations. The NWO nations "carries" or financially support her until they destroy her.

The nations destined to destroy the superpower may be named in Jeremiah 51:25-33 below. Don't forget that the U.S. is the controlling power in Iraq (Babylon) as you read it.

Behold, I *am* against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain. And they shall not take of thee a **stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations;** (note the pictures to follow honoring Grand Master Freemason President George Washington for his role in laying the Masonic cornerstone foundation at the U.S. Capital building) but thou shalt be desolate for ever, saith the LORD.



Daily News,
(San Fernando Valley CA),
9/19/93 Associated Press

Title: Capitol cornerstone turns 200

Caption: Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C.,
spreads cement on a reproduction of the
U.S. Capitol cornerstone during a
ceremony Saturday marking the
laying of the stone 200 years ago.

Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz; appoint a captain against her; cause the horses to come up as the rough caterpillers. Prepare against her the nations

with the kings of the Medes, the captains thereof, and all the rulers thereof, and all the land of his dominion. And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant. The mighty men of Babylon have forborn to fight, they have remained in their holds: their might hath failed; they became as women: they have burned her dwellingplaces; her bars are broken. One post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to shew the king of Babylon that his city is taken at one end, And that the passages are stopped, and the reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are affrighted. For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; The daughter of Babylon is like a threshingfloor, it is time to thresh her: yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come. (Jeremiah 51:25-33)

This coalition of nations appear to be led by **Iran** (Kings of the Medes) and include troops from the modern day regions of modern day **Turkey** (Ararat), and **former Russian territories of Armenia** (Minni), and **Old Yugoslavia/Bosnia/Serbia** (Ashchenaz). The 2004-5 war rhetoric between Iran and the U.S. as well as Russian threats concerning U.S. meddling is a grave matter and worthy of much intercessory prayer.



Global One World Government, Daniel's 4th kingdom led by the 8th king antichrist the beast 666 doesn't exist before the superpower is destroyed. The superpower's predominant position in free trade amongst New World Order nations supports the superpower while making the other nations of the NWO rich. After the superpower's destruction, the NWO leaders willingly deliver over to the beast the authority to rule the NWO in the beast's Global One World Government.

CHAPTER 8

How does the woman make other nations drunk?

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)

The words “have been made drunk“ (εμεθυσθησαν-Strong's #3184) in Revelation 17:2 literally mean to get drunk.

The prophet Jeremiah helps clarify the meaning of drunk here by proclaiming that Babylon’s idolatrous practices spread throughout the entire world have made the nations mad.

Babylon *hath been* a golden cup in the LORD’S hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad. (Jeremiah 51:7)

Revelation 18:3 uses the word wrath (thumos) to describe the wine of the wrath of her fornication that all nations have drunk to the point of going morally insane.

For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. (Revelation 18:3)

In this verse wrath or thumos is used metaphorically to speak of shedding blood or murdering profusely. Thumos refers to fierceness and indignant anger that boils up and quickly subsides. In the context of this passage, thumos implies that the woman or the superpower uses her military and economic power in the role of global policeman.

The U.S. is now the “Global Policeman” or “the hammer of the whole earth”

This is precisely how Jeremiah described Babylon in Jeremiah 50:23 which reads:

How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations!

“Hammer of the whole earth” or “global policeman” is also precisely the role that the neo-conservative presidential advisory group Project for a New American Century and President George W. Bush see the U.S. fulfilling. Here’s some excerpts from the Project for a New American Century and The National Security Strategy of the United States of America confirming this fact.

This report proceeds from the belief that America should seek to preserve and extend its position of

global leadership by maintaining the preeminence of U.S. military forces. Today, the United States has an unprecedented strategic opportunity. It faces no immediate great-power challenge; it is blessed with wealthy, powerful and democratic allies in every part of the world; it is in the midst of the longest economic expansion in its history; and its political and economic principles are almost universally embraced. At no time in history has the international security order been as conducive to American interests and ideals. The challenge for the coming century is to preserve and enhance this "American peace." Yet unless the United States maintains sufficient military strength, this opportunity will be lost. And in fact, over the past decade, the failure to establish a security strategy responsive to new realities and to provide adequate resources for the full range of missions needed to exercise U.S. global leadership has placed the American peace at growing risk. America's global leadership, and its role as the guarantor of the current great-power peace, relies upon the safety of the American homeland; the preservation of a favorable balance of power in Europe, the Middle East and surrounding energy producing region, and East Asia; and the general stability of the international system of nation-states relative to terrorists, organized crime, and other "non-state actors."

"INCREASE DEFENSE SPENDING gradually to a minimum level of 3.5 to 3.8 percent of gross domestic product, adding \$15 billion to \$20 billion to total defense spending annually. Fulfilling these requirements is essential if America is to retain its militarily dominant status for the coming decades. Conversely, the failure to meet any of these needs must result in some form of strategic retreat. The true cost of not meeting our defense requirements will be a lessened capacity for American global leadership and, ultimately, the loss of a global security order that is uniquely friendly to American principles and prosperity. After the victories of the past century – two world wars, the Cold War and most recently the Gulf War – the United States finds itself as the uniquely powerful leader of a coalition of free and prosperous states that faces no immediate great-power challenge. The American peace has proven itself peaceful, stable and durable. It has, over the past decade, provided the geopolitical framework for widespread economic growth and the spread of American principles of liberty and democracy. Yet no moment in international politics can be frozen in time; even a global Pax Americana will not preserve itself."

(Source: THE PROJECT FOR THE NEW AMERICAN CENTURY: Donald Kagan Gary Schmitt Project Co-Chairmen & Thomas Donnelly Principal Author)

"The unparalleled strength of the United States armed forces, and their forward presence, have maintained the peace in some of the world's most strategically vital regions. However, the threats and enemies we must confront have changed, and so must our forces. ..The presence of American forces overseas is one of the most profound symbols of the U.S. commitments to allies and friends. Through our willingness to use force in our own defense and in defense of others, the United States demonstrates its resolve to maintain a balance of power that favors freedom. To contend with uncertainty and to meet the many security challenges we face, the United States will require bases and stations within and beyond Western Europe and Northeast Asia, as well as temporary access arrangements for the long-distance deployment of U.S. forces." (President G.W. Bush 9/17/2002 from The National Security Strategy of the United States of America September 2002)

An InterPress News Agency Report of 6/10/2003 confirms the increasing role the U.S. plays as "Globocop":

"We are in the process of taking a fundamental look at our military posture worldwide, including in the United States," said Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz on a recent visit to Singapore, where he met with military chiefs and defense ministers from throughout East Asia about U.S. plans there.

"We're facing a very different threat than any one we've faced historically."

Those plans represent a major triumph for Wolfowitz, who 12 years ago argued in a controversial draft 'Defense Planning Guidance' (DPG) for realigning U.S. forces globally so as to "retain pre-eminent responsibility for addressing selectively those wrongs which threaten not only our own interests, but those of our allies or friends, or which could seriously unsettle international relations".

Thomas Barnett (U.S. Naval War College & member of the Project for a New American Century)

Thomas Barnett (U.S. Naval War College and member of the Project for a New American Century) argues that the dangers against which U.S. forces must be arrayed derive precisely from countries and region that are "disconnected" from the prevailing trends of economic globalisation.

'If we map out U.S. military responses since the end of the Cold War, we find an overwhelming concentration of activity in the regions of the world that are excluded from globalizations growing Core -- namely the Caribbean Rim, virtually all of Africa, the Balkans, the Caucasus, Central Asia, the Middle East and Southwest Asia, and much of Southeast Asia,"

"A country's potential to warrant a U.S. military response is inversely related to its globalization connectivity." ("The Pentagon's New Map", by Thomas P. M. Barnett, U.S. Naval War College, Esquire Magazine, March 2003, p. 174-79, 227-9.)

The challenge in fighting terrorist networks is both to "get them where they live" in the arc of instability and prevent them from spreading their influence into what Barnett calls "seam states" located between the Gap and the Core. Such seam states, he says, include Mexico, Brazil, South Africa, Morocco, Algeria, Greece, Turkey, Pakistan, Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines and Indonesia. Those nations, the logic goes, should play critical roles, presumably including providing forward bases, for interventions into the Gap.

At the same time, if states "loosen their ties" to the global economy, "bloodshed will follow. If you are lucky", according to Barnett, "so will American troops".

On the eve of the war in Iraq, Barnett predicted that taking Baghdad would not be about settling old scores or enforcing disarmament of illegal weapons. Rather, he wrote it "will mark a historic tipping point -- the moment when Washington takes real ownership of strategic security in the age of globalization".

President George W. Bush's free trade initiative linked to Iraq invasion

Debka-net-weekly June 24, 2003, 12:17 AM (GMT+02:00) reports :

Washington took the opportunity of the World Economic Forum held this week in Jordan to administer another push to its free trade plan for the Middle East -- the other half of its program of democratic reform. US Trade representative Robert Zoellick acknowledged that President George W. Bush's free trade initiative was part of the concept behind the invasion of Iraq.

"...it is important to have a secure environment not only in military terms, but also to use that as a foundation for building opportunity that we hope brings empowerment to the region," said Zoellick.

Washington envisages free commerce with Arab nations within a decade linked to calls by Arabs themselves for internal reforms and greater political openness...

From a biblical perspective, the motivation of the use of military and economic power in the role of global policeman is the love of money and the desire to consume more.

“For the love of money is the root of all evil.” (1 Timothy 6:10)

War's origin lies in humanity's inherently sinful lust to consume more

The scripture confirms in James 4:1-5 that the origin of war lies in humanity's inherently sinful lust to consume more.

From whence *come* wars and fightings among you? *come they* not hence, *even* of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? (James 4:1-5)

Thomas Jefferson discloses knowledge of corruption stemming from free global trade and the U.S.'s desire to protect it by force if needed

Was the U.S. aware of the negative moral consequences associated with its aggressive pursuit of global free trade? Absolutely!

The following quotes (source: <http://etext.lib.virginia.edu>) from Thomas Jefferson disclose early American governmental views regarding the corruption and tendency of global commerce to spark wars. It reveals the U. S. desire for free global trade and the U.S. commitment to protect free trade by force if necessary.

"...the right to have commerce and intercourse with our neighbors, is a natural right. To suppress this neighborly intercourse is an exercise of force, which we shall have a just right to remove [with a] superior force." --Thomas Jefferson to Thomas Mann Randolph, 1790. ME 8:33

"This exuberant commerce... brings us into collision with other powers in every sea and will force us into every war of the European powers. The converting this great agricultural country into... a mere headquarters for carrying on the commerce of all nations with one another is too absurd... Our greediness for wealth and fantastical expense have degraded and will degrade the minds of our maritime citizens. These are the peculiar vices of commerce." --Thomas Jefferson to John Adams, 1818. ME 15:169 .

Woodrow Wilson reveals WW1 about commerce

Jefferson's foresight is accurately confirmed by this excerpt from President Wilson's "War Message" of 4/2/1917 on the start of WW1:

“The present German submarine warfare against commerce is a warfare against mankind. “

In Wilson’s 14 Points speech of January 1918 regarding our unified purpose for WW1 lists the following 2 points regarding world trade:

“freedom of navigation upon the seas, alike in peace and in war and equality of trade conditions among all nations consenting to the peace.”

Planned wars for economic gain

Antony Sutton (1925-2002) was born in London. He attended university there and in Germany and California. He was a professor of economics at California State and a Research Fellow at the Hoover Institution of Stanford. Sutton makes an interesting observation:

"during the past one hundred years any theory of history or historical evidence that falls outside a pattern established by the American Historical Association and the major foundations with their grant making power has been attacked or rejected -- not on the basis of any evidence ...The reality, however, remains that despite the Big Media Cartel's cover stories; an alternative history provides an independent appraisal of real politik and the real-life criminal conspiracies, The treacheries and intrigues of the Power Elite.

"There is an Establishment history, an official history, which dominates history textbooks, trade publishing, the media and library shelves," writes Sutton.

The official line always assumes that events such as wars, revolutions, scandals, assassinations are more or less random unconnected events. By definition events can never be the result of a conspiracy. They can never result from premeditated planned group action. An excellent example is the Kennedy assassination when, within 9 hours of the Dallas tragedy, TV networks announced the shooting was not a conspiracy regardless of the fact that a negative proposition can never be proven and that the investigation had barely begun."

Sutton believes that the “unseen hands” or the Order manipulate history itself through the control of the Hegelian dialectic process.

“The current world situation has been deliberately created by the order of financial elites who manipulate both the conservative thesis "right" and the liberal antithesis "left." A New World Order is produced by synthesizing the left and right .

"College textbooks present war and revolution as more or less accidental results of conflicting forces," writes Sutton. "The decay of political negotiation into physical conflict comes about, according to these books, after valiant efforts to avoid war. Unfortunately, this is nonsense. War is always a deliberate creative act by individuals." "Revolution is always recorded as a spontaneous event by the politically or economically deprived against an autocratic state," he continues. "Never in Western textbooks will you find the evidence that revolutions need finance and the source of finance in many cases traces back to *Wall Street*.."

...in politics nothing is accidental. If something happens, be assured it was planned this way" - Franklin D. Roosevelt .

"The governments of the present day have to deal not merely with other governments, with emperors, kings and ministers, but also with the secret societies which have everywhere their unscrupulous agents, and can at the last moment upset all the governments' plans." - British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli, 1876.

"Since I entered politics, I have chiefly had men's views confided to me privately. Some of the biggest men in the United States, in the Field of commerce and manufacture, are afraid of something. They know that there is a power somewhere so organized, so subtle, so watchful, so interlocked, so complete, so pervasive, that they better not speak above their breath when they speak in condemnation of it."- Woodrow Wilson, The New Freedom (1913)

In 1968, Sutton's Western Technology and Soviet Economic Development was published by The Hoover Institute at Stanford University. Sutton showed how the Soviet state's technological and manufacturing base, which was then engaged in supplying the North Vietnamese the armaments and supplies to kill and wound American soldiers, was built by U.S. firms and mostly paid for by the US taxpayers.

In his book, Wall Street and the Rise of Hitler, Sutton follows the evidence trail linking Wall Street with the rise of Hitler and Naziism. In his conclusion, Sutton writes,

"We have demonstrated with documentary evidence a number of critical associations between Wall Street international bankers and the rise of Hitler and Naziism in Germany. First: that Wall Street financed the German cartels in the mid-1920s which in turn proceeded to bring Hitler to power. Second: that the financing for Hitler and his S.S. street thugs came in part from affiliates or subsidiaries of U.S. firms, including Henry Ford in 1922, payments by I.G. Farben and General Electric in 1933, followed by the Standard Oil of New Jersey and I.T.T. subsidiary payments to Heinrich Himmler up to 1944. Third: that U.S. multi-nationals under the control of Wall Street profited handsomely from Hitler's military construction program in the 1930s and at least until 1942. Finally, in Chapter Eleven we examined the roles of the Morgan and Chase Banks in World War II, specifically their collaboration with the Nazis in France while a major war was raging. Looking at the broad array of facts presented in the three volumes of the Wall Street series, we find persistent recurrence of the same names: Owen Young, Gerard Swope, Hjalmar Schacht, Bernard Baruch, etc.; the same international banks: J.P. Morgan, Guaranty Trust, Chase Bank; and the same location in New York: usually 120 Broadway. This group of international bankers backed the Bolshevik Revolution and subsequently profited from the establishment of a Soviet Russia. This group backed Roosevelt and profited from New Deal socialism. This group also backed Hitler and certainly profited from German armament in the 1930s. "When Big Business should have been running its business operations at Ford Motor, Standard of New Jersey, and so on, we find it actively and deeply involved in political upheavals, war, and revolutions in three major countries. The version of history presented here is that the financial elite knowingly and with premeditation assisted the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917 in concert with German bankers. After profiting handsomely from the German hyper-inflationary distress of 1923, and planning to place the German reparations burden onto the backs of American investors, Wall Street found it had brought about the 1929 financial crisis. Two men were then backed as leaders for major Western countries: Franklin D. Roosevelt in the United States and Adolf Hitler in Germany. The Roosevelt New Deal and Hitler's Four Year Plan had great similarities. The Roosevelt and Hitler plans were plans for fascist takeovers of their respective countries. While Roosevelt's NRA failed, due to then-operating constitutional constraints, Hitler's Plan succeeded. Why did the Wall Street elite, the international bankers, want Roosevelt and

Hitler in power? This is an aspect we have not explored. According to the "myth of 'Sidney Warburg,'" Wall Street wanted a policy of revenge; that is, it wanted war in Europe between France and Germany. We know even from Establishment history that both Hitler and Roosevelt acted out policies leading to war.

Sutton writes,

"A substantive and often-cited source of information is Carroll Quigley, Professor of International Relations at Georgetown University, who in 1966 had published a monumental modern history entitled *Tragedy and Hope*. Quigley's book ... was based on a two-year study of the internal documents of one of the power centers. Quigley traces the history of the power elite...

the powers of financial capitalism had another far reaching aim, nothing less than to create a world system of financial control in private hands able to dominate the political system of each country and the economy of the world as a whole.

Quigley also demonstrates that the Council on Foreign Relations, the National Planning Association, and other groups are "semi-secret" policy-making bodies under the control of this power elite. Since World War II we have seen the Korean War and the Vietnamese War — meaningless, meandering no-win wars costly in dollars and lives, with no other major purpose but to generate multibillion-dollar armaments contracts. Certainly these wars were not fought to restrain communism, because for fifty years the Establishment has been nurturing and subsidizing the Soviet Union which supplied armaments to the other sides in both wars — Korea and Vietnam. So our revisionist history will show that the U.S. directly or indirectly armed both sides in at least Korea and Vietnam".

"Give me the power of the money and it will not matter any more who is commanding."- M. A. Rothschild

Does world trade still fuel wars?

Since 1990, the U.S. has exported over \$150 billion or about 5% of its export trade dollars in weapons.

William Blum in the 4/98 issue of Progressive magazine reports that the U.S supplied Iraq with raw material for creating a chemical and biological warfare program. U. S. companies sold Iraq over \$1 billion worth of components to build weapons and missiles.

Noam Chomsky suggests that this strategy is a way for America to keep control of its oil supply. He writes,

"It's been a leading, driving doctrine of U.S. foreign policy since the 1940s that the vast and unparalleled energy resources of the Gulf region will be effectively dominated by the United States and its clients, and, crucially, that no independent indigenous force will be permitted to have a substantial influence on the administration of oil production and price."

Michael Dobbs Washington Post on December 30, 2002 writes,

“A review of thousands of declassified government documents and interviews with former policymakers shows that U.S. intelligence and logistical support played a crucial role in shoring up Iraqi defenses against the "human wave" attacks by suicidal Iranian troops. The administrations of Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush authorized the sale to Iraq of numerous items that had both military and civilian applications, including poisonous chemicals and deadly biological viruses, such as anthrax and bubonic plague. “ Throughout the 1980-88 Iraq -Iran war, the U. S. provided military aid and intelligence information to both sides.

The Asian Times 11/20/2001 reports of the alleged role greed for oil trade played in America’s 2001 attack on Afghanistan.

“Under the influence of United States oil companies, the government of President George W Bush initially blocked intelligence agencies' investigations on terrorism while it bargained with the Taliban on the delivery of Osama bin Laden in exchange for political recognition and economic aid, two French intelligence analysts claim. In the book *Bin Laden, la verite interdite* (Bin Laden, the forbidden truth), that was released recently, the authors, Jean-Charles Brisard and Guillaume Dasquie, reveal that the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) deputy director John O'Neill resigned in July in protest over the obstruction. The authors claim that O'Neill told them that "the main obstacles to investigate Islamic terrorism were US oil corporate interests and the role played by Saudi Arabia in it". The two claim that the US government's main objective in Afghanistan was to consolidate the position of the Taliban regime to obtain access to the oil and gas reserves in Central Asia. They affirm that until August, the US government saw the Taliban regime "as a source of stability in Central Asia that would enable the construction of an oil pipeline across Central Asia" from the rich oilfields in Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Kazakhstan, through Afghanistan and Pakistan, to the Indian Ocean. Until now, says the book, "the oil and gas reserves of Central Asia have been controlled by Russia. The Bush government wanted to change all that. But, confronted with Taliban's refusal to accept US conditions, "this rationale of energy security changed into a military one", the authors claim."At one moment during the negotiations, the US representatives told the Taliban, 'either you accept our offer of a carpet of gold, or we bury you under a carpet of bombs,'" Brisard said in an interview in Paris.

On 6/2/97 Bombay’s Indian Express reports from Islamabad, June 1:

Even as the Taliban are still fighting to establish complete control over Afghanistan, three multinationals, including two American, are trying to woo the Islamic militia for its support to the proposed multi-billion dollar oil and gas pipelines to be laid through the country. The highly lucrative two pipelines one for oil and another for natural gas would be laid from Turkmenistan to Pakistan via Afghanistan at a combined cost of \$4.5 billion and the multinationals are leaving no stone unturned to win the coveted contract. US multinational, Unocol and Argentinian Bidas, fought a bitter fight over the \$2 billion gas pipeline and according to media reports here Unocol has already established an edge over its rival for the 1,300 km-long pipeline which would be up to the Pakistani city of Multan. But Bidas has reportedly entered into a 'deal' with the Taliban thus making it difficult for Unocol to implement the project as a major portion of it would pass through Afghanistan and hence Bidas has to be made a party to the contract. The fate of the more attractive \$2.5 billion oil pipeline, however, is yet to be decided and the latest entrant into this cut-throat competition is Global Data Communication (GDC), another US multinational.

To sum up this chapter we have seen that the scripture and history both teach that greed causes war. The scripture prophecies in Revelation 17:2:

“the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been

made drunk with the wine of her fornication.”

The meaning of this prophecy is summarized below based upon the study contained in this chapter.

The force of the woman’s economic and military power, the “wine of the wrath of her fornication that all nations have drunk“, keeps uncooperative or renegade nations from endangering either the global free trade system itself and or the woman’s top leadership position within that system.

CHAPTER 9

Why is the woman called The Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth?

“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: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. “ (Revelation 17:4-5)

This chapter will consider why the forehead of the woman or superpower is labeled the Mother of Harlots. In order to answer this question, it's first necessary to answer three additional questions. Those questions are as follows:

- In the 1st century historical context, who was the Mother Of Harlots?
- Is the Mother of Harlots mysteriously connected to the superpower today?
- What is the significance of the labeling of the forehead in scripture?

The first question to be analyzed is the historical context of the passage.

The Mother of Harlots

The audience of the writer of Revelation, John, would have understood the label “Mother of Harlots” as a reference to the Babylonian Goddess Ishtar. Ishtar, or “star”, was the chief goddess of ancient Mesopotamia including Babylonia and Assyria. She was known as “Light-bringer” in Babylonia and was worshipped under various names as the most important Goddess of the Near-East and Western Asia.

(<http://inanna.virtualave.net/ishtar.html>)

Ishtar of Erech in Babylonia was worshipped in connection with the evening star. Ishtar of Akkad in Babylonia was identified with the morning star. Ishtar was known as Inanna in Sumeria, meaning “Lady of Heaven” or “Queen of Heaven”.

(<http://home.comcast.net/~chris.s/assyrbabyl-faq.html>)

Below is an excerpt of a prayer to Ishtar, the Mother of the gods.

To Ishtar, Begetress of All.
O fulfiller of the commands of Bel...
Mother of the gods, fulfiller of the commands of Bel
You who brings forth verdure, you O lady of mankind,—
Begetress of all, who makes all offspring thrive
Mother Ishtar, whose might no god approaches,
Majestic lady, whose commands are powerful
A request I will proffer, which—may it bring good to me!...

(source: George A. Barton, *Archaeology and The Bible*, 3rd Ed., (Philadelphia: American Sunday School, 1920), pp. 398401 found at <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/ancient/1600babylonianprayers.html>)

Queen of Heaven was a general title for the Great Goddess Ishtar. The Egyptians called Ishtar Isis; the Canaanites Ashtaroth; the Greeks Astarte, Aphrodite and possibly Athena; the Romans Libertas; Juno or Venus. She was also named the Great Whore, the passionate prostitute, the Goddess Har, or Hora. Hora and Har originated the words harlot and whore.

(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Queen_of_Heaven)(<http://www.bpassion.com/goddess-ishtar.html>) (Richard Knight, *the Symbolical Language of Ancient Art and Mythology*. New York: J.W. Bouton, 1892.) <http://www.sacred-texts.com/bos/bos564.htm>



Ishtar's been known by many other names such as the Great Mother, Mother of All Life, Mother of Harlots, Mother of Exiles, Mother of Immigrants and Bringer of Death. She's a complex false goddess of fertility, war, storms, sex, Venus, personal freedom and liberty. (http://www.rahoorkhuit.net/goddess/goddess_quest/ishtar.html)

Interestingly, Ishtar was considered to be often accompanied by a lion and sometimes riding it as the picture of the cylinder seal of Ishtar taken from the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago reveals below. This sounds mysteriously similar to the woman riding a beast as written in Revelation 17:3.

“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.”



Source: <http://home.comcast.net/~chris.s/assyrbabyl-faq.html#Ishtar>

Ishtar was often depicted holding a cup. The woman of Revelation 17:4 is also described as having a cup in her hand. This was representative of the Goddess' eternal nourishing nectar and ever flowing cleansing waters and considered by some to be symbolic of the Holy Grail cup. Ishtar is also sometimes pictured as a winged woman standing on a lioness or riding a chariot led by seven lions holding a shield adorned with her star symbol. She is also considered the fierce Goddess of Victory.



Courtesy of H. Daniel Smith, Ask Asia Art credit by R. Hanumantha Rao
(Source: <http://www.thewhitemoon.com/gallery/Ishtar.html>)

In Mesopotamia ruling kings 'married' Ishtar during great celebrations of the New Year held during the spring equinox. This sacred marriage promised Ishtar's blessing on the king and his land. Ishtar invented prostitution through which she became known as the Whore of Babylon and the Mother of Harlots by those who hated her practices. A pre-3000 B.C. Sumerian bronze coin shows Ishtar; the goddess of fertility, on one side, along with a sheaf of wheat on the opposite side.

These shekels were used to pay for sacred prostitution at the temple of Ishtar. The temple was both a ritual center and the place farmers contributed wheat for the reserves that supported both the priesthood and the community in their times of

need. In exchange for their contribution to the temple wheat reserves, farmers received a shekel coin. The shekel entitled them to visit temple prostitutes who believed themselves to be Ishtar incarnate. Sexual intercourse with the temple prostitute was believed to be intercourse with the goddess of fertility, Ishtar. The farmer believed that intercourse with Ishtar through the prostitute guaranteed them prosperity. (Sources: Chapter 4: Mesopotamian Holy Harlot from "Sacred Sexuality" by A. T. Mann and Jane Lyle; www.ishtar temple.org)

The following verses are excerpts from a prayer to Ishtar thought to be the property of the temple Esagila in Babylon:

"To thine awesome name mankind must pay heed. For thou art great and thou art exalted. All the black-headed (people Persians and) the masses of mankind pay homage to thy might. The judgment of the people in truth and righteousness thou indeed dost decide. Thou regardest the oppressed and mistreated; daily thou causest them to prosper. Thy mercy! O Lady of heaven and earth, shepherdess of the weary people. Thy mercy! O Lady of holy Eanna the pure storehouse. Thy mercy! O Lady of conflict and of all battles. O most powerful of all princes, who holdest the reins (over) kings, Who art exalted and firmly fixed, O valiant Ishtar, great is thy might. O brilliant one, torch of heaven and earth, light of all peoples, O unequaled angry one of the fight, strong one of the battle, O firebrand which is kindled against the enemy, which brings about the destruction of the furious, O gleaming one, Ishtar..." (From <http://www.piney.com/LamIsht.html>)

Roman historian and senator Cicero writes of Ishtar as Libertas, the Mother of Harlots. Cicero mentions her temple in Rome and writes that she originated from empires of the past in Mesopotamia, Egypt and Greece.

The link between the Mother of Harlots and the woman or superpower

French Freemason Edouard Rene Lefebure de Laboulaye said he intended to replicate the goddess Libertas in the Statue of Liberty. Laboulaye raised money and paid Frederick Auguste Bartholdi, a French sculptor and Freemason, to create the "Statue of Liberty".

Bartholdi's design resulted from a vision he had while sailing into N.Y. He saw a woman standing on a pedestal, holding a torch and welcoming immigrants to a new life in a free land. (Museum Home Page Phoenixmasonry Home Page Copyrighted © 1999 - 2003) When he sailed into the busy harbor of New York City, crowded with steamships and trading vessels, Bartholdi was immediately convinced that he had found Liberty's home. He wrote Laboulaye:

"It is certainly here that my statue must rise where people get their first view of the New World, and where liberty casts her rays on both worlds. The island belongs to the government; it's on national territory, belongs to all the States, just opposite the Narrows, which are, so to speak, the gateway to America. There could be no better situation than this busy harbor for Liberty, for nowhere else could it be seen by so many people". (Quoted in Blanchet and Dard, Statue of Liberty, p. 36; Shapiro, Gateway to Liberty, p. 13; Handlin, Statue of Liberty, pp. 22-23.)

On page 103 of "Beyond Babylon" by James Lloyd are the following words from page 30 of Historian Bernard Weisberg's book, "Statue of Liberty: 1st Hundred Years":

"The world at large is totally ignorant of the occult symbolism which lies behind the famed statue of liberty which sits astride the harbor of New York, symbolizing its true inner character and purpose. The sculptor who made the great statue was Italian. His name was Auguste Bartholdi. His work was greatly influenced by the ancient sculptor Phidias who made gigantic statues of the ancient goddesses, particularly Athena, the "goddess of wisdom" and Nemesis (another name for Venus), a goddess who held a cup in her right hand. Before beginning the Statue of Liberty project, Bartholdi was seeking a commission to construct a giant statue of the goddess "Isis," the Egyptian Queen of Heaven, to overlook the Suez canal. The statue of Isis was to be of "a robed woman holding aloft a torch".

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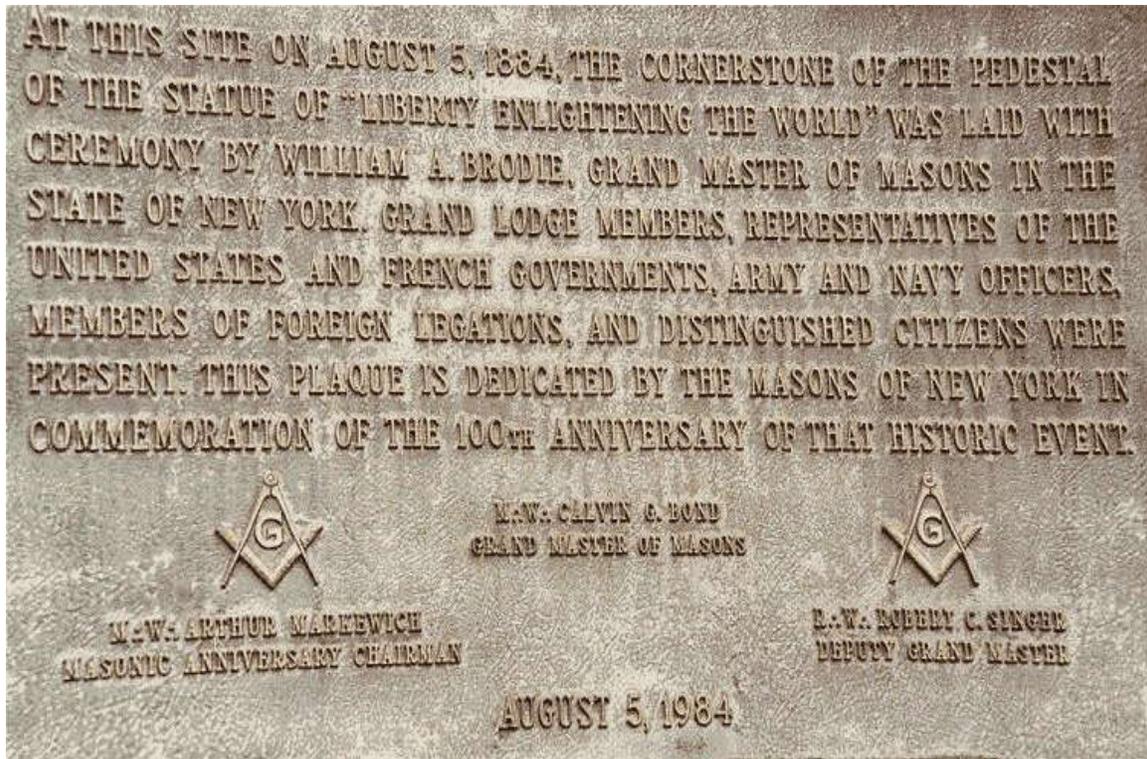
At a celebration of the Statue's 50th Anniversary, ex-President and high ranking 32nd degree Mason Franklin D. Roosevelt said:

"It was the hope of those who gave us this statue and the hope of the American people in receiving it that the Goddess of Liberty and the Goddess of Peace were the same."

(F.D.R. quoted by Bro. William E. Parke MPS Copyright © April 1998 [The Philaethes Magazine](#))

An article entitled "MASONRY AND THE STATUE OF LIBERTY" written by M. W. Robert C. Singer Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., New York presents evidence of the involvement of Freemasonry in the origin of the Statue of Liberty.

On August 5, 1984, the Grand Lodge of New York observed the Centenary of the cornerstone laying in appropriate ceremonies at Liberty Island, which were attended by Masonic and governmental dignitaries. A bronze plaque commemorating the original event was dedicated and affixed to the pedestal. Mr. Singer's name is on that plaque.



This article is partly based on two seminal works, one by Brother William C. Kiessel, Jr., which appeared in the September, 1983 issue of *The Masonic Philaloesist*, and the other by J.E. Bebens, from the October, 1983 *Knight Templar* magazine. Material for these articles, as well as additional information for this Short Talk Bulletin was gathered from the files of the Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library of the Grand Lodge of New York, and the Spring 1984 issue of *The Empire State Mason*.

In the summer of 1865, a group of Frenchmen were gathered together one evening at the home of the well-known author, Edouard Rene de Laboulaye, in the village of Glavingny, a suburb of Paris. Among those present were Oscar and Edmond de Lafayette, grandsons of the Marquis d' Lafayette, Masonic brother of George Washington; Henri Martin, the noted historian and French Mason; and a young artist from Colmar in French (later German) Alsace by the name of Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, who at the time was engaged in making a bust of Laboulaye, called by one biographer "America's most ardent admirer in France." In 1871, Laboulaye, the Brother Lafayette with their cousin, the Marquis de Noailles, and the Marquis de Rochambeau, along with Henri Martin, revived the plan for the as yet unnamed memorial. They suggested that Bartholdi visit America and make arrangements for the presentation of the monument on July 4, 1876, the Centenary of the Declaration of Independence. Armed with letters of introduction and full of high hopes, Bartholdi sailed for America, although it is said that he did not have even a rough drawing of the proposed monument. Two weeks later, while standing on the deck of the ship *Pereire* steaming up Lower New York Bay, he caught a vision of a magnificent

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Quickly obtaining paper and brush, Bartholdi sketched in watercolor the idea of the Statue of Liberty substantially as it appears to day. It was his thought to have this symbolic structure tower over the steeple of Trinity Church, then the tallest building on the New York skyline. He wrote to Laboulaye,

"these outlines may well aim beyond the mere monument at a work of great moral value."

Bartholdi returned to France in 1874 and soon thereafter the Franco-American Union was established in Paris to raise funds for the Statue of "Liberty Enlightening the World."

Under the leadership of Henri Martin, and inspired perhaps by the fact that so many of the sponsors of the Franco-American Union were members of the Masonic Fraternity, a campaign netting one million francs was completed by 1880. The statue was finished on May 21, 1884, and formally presented to Ambassador Morton by Ferdinand de Lesseps, head of the Franco-American Union and builder of the Suez Canal, at a friendship dinner on July 4, 1884.

Around this time, Bartholdi, who was a member of Lodge *Alsace Lorraine* in Paris, which was composed of intellectuals, writers and government representatives, invited his brothers to view his masterpiece prior to its leaving their native land for America. It is also reported that in November of that year, he delivered a lecture and gave the Lodge a report on the history and various methods used in the creation of the statue. Meanwhile, in America plans were being made for the laying of the cornerstone of the pedestal. Chairman William M. Evarts of the American Committee contacted the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, and requested a Masonic ceremony "appropriate to the occasion." It had been a tradition in America to have the cornerstone of major public and private buildings and monuments consecrated with full Masonic rites, ever since President George Washington, on September 18, 1793, had personally laid the cornerstone of the United States Capital, with the assistance of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. Similarly, the cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid in a Masonic ceremony.

The date set for the ceremony was August 5, 1884. By traditional ceremony, the cornerstone was then tested and being found, square, level and plumb, the Deputy

Grand Master completed the work by applying the mortar and by having the stone lowered firmly into place. The Grand Master then struck three blows with the gavel and declared the stone duly laid. The elements of consecration, corn, wine and oil, were next presented by R. W. Brothers Lawrence, Vrooman and Ten Eyck. The most Worshipful Grand Master then gave a brief but pointed talk. He posed a question:

"Why call upon the Masonic Fraternity to lay the cornerstone of such a structure as is here to be erected?" His answer, which is as true today as it was then, was: "No institution has done more to promote liberty and to free men from the trammels and chains of ignorance and tyranny than has Freemasonry."

The principal address was given by the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Brother Lawrence, who said in part:

"Massive as this statue is, its physical proportions sink into comparative obscurity when contrasted with the nobility of its concept. Liberty Enlightening the World! How lofty the thought! To be free, is the first, the noblest aspiration of the human breast. And it is now a universally admitted truth that only in proportion as men become possessed of liberty, do they become civilized, enlightened, and useful. . . . As Masons, we cannot appropriate to ourselves alone the lessons which this monument will teach. Not only to us, but to all men will it appeal . . . the gigantic figure which is here to stand in unapproachable grandeur while the centuries pass, will command: "Be noble, and the nobleness that lies in other men, sleeping, but never dead, Will rise in majesty to meet thine own."

Bartholdi envisioned growth of America through the presence of the Statue in the NY harbor was fulfilled. America entered a period of immigration of unprecedented scale in the 1880s. In the first half of the nineteenth century, five million Europeans came to America, mostly from Ireland and Germany. After the Civil War those numbers expanded, and the ethnicity changed as well. The new immigrant of the 1880s and 1890s was more likely to be from Southern Europe, of various foreign nationality groups speaking their native languages. Italian, Jewish, or Slavic descent. In 1881 the numbers entering the U.S. reached 669,000; in 1882 the numbers climbed to 788,000. By 1905, the yearly influx passed the one million mark. Of the millions of new Americans, most of them entered the U.S. through that busy New York harbor. (Statistics found in Blanchet and Dard, Statue of Liberty, p. 110)

In an attempt to accommodate the vast numbers, the federal government turned Liberty's neighbor, Ellis Island, into the official immigration inspection station in 1892. New York had long been the most common site of arrival. Its enlarging industrial endeavors promised jobs. Relatives and friends began seeking each other out to settle among familiar faces. For the millions of immigrants entering the U.S. via Ellis Island, their first sight of America, and all that it promised, was Liberty. Standing 305 feet high at the mouth of the harbor, she could be seen for miles. For ocean-weary travelers, and especially those in steerage, Liberty meant a long-awaited end to a difficult and sometimes dangerous crossing. For millions of immigrants, the sight of Liberty meant a new land, a new home, a new opportunity. For such people,

wrote Oscar Handlin, Liberty was not an abstraction, it was the lifegiving shelter that gave them air to breathe. (Handlin, Statue of Liberty, p. 58.)

After looking at the historical background surrounding the Statue of Liberty and Ishtar, let's look back at the original question regarding Revelation 17:5 posed at the beginning of this section: why is the woman called the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth?

The Whore of Babylon, Mother of Harlots and Goddess of Liberty, Ishtar, was believed to provide the Mesopotamian farmers with prosperity as they had sexual intercourse with her temple's prostitutes. Likewise, since the 19th century, the Goddess of Liberty or Ishtar in the form of the Statue of Liberty idol is believed to be a source of prosperity to the pre-eminent world superpower nation-state, the U.S., and the world.

To continue answering this question it will be helpful to look at a summary of conclusions reached up to this point concerning BABYLON THE GREAT.

1. BABYLON THE GREAT will be the #1 military and economic superpower nation-state of the future. It will be built through immigration of various foreign nationality groups speaking their own native languages.

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)

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)

And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth. (Revelation 17:18)

2. The future superpower is greedy and financially discontented. She's motivated by the strong desire to increase her standard of living in service to the false god of mammon or wealth.

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)

For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. (Revelation 18:3)

3. The superpower's fornication is her greedy and prideful desire for more wealth and luxurious growth. Her fornication causes her to pursue aggressive free trade policies with foreign nations. These policies result in military conflicts considered necessary to preserve the peace required for her pursuit of economic prosperity through free

global trade to every corner of the world.

And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. (Revelation 17:2-3)

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How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. (Revelation 18: 7)

And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. 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, And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. (Revelation 18:9-19)

4. The extraordinary power and influence of her prideful desire for luxurious growth accomplished through free global trade before her destruction makes both her and foreign nations rich. (Revelation 18:7-19 above)

5. Although the superpower sits in a position of powerful influence over foreign nations, the superpower is ultimately in bondage to foreign nations.

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)

And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. (Revelation 17:7)

Although preeminent in economic and military power, the superpower is controlled by foreign nations. Please note that the U.S. is controlled through the privately

owned Federal Reserve System. The Federal Reserve System finances the U.S.'s negative foreign trade balances and the greedy consumer lifestyle.

6. The force of the superpower's economic and military power described as "the wine of the wrath of her fornication" that all nations have drunk, keeps uncooperative or renegade nations from endangering either the global free trade system itself and or the woman's top leadership position amongst the nations.

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)

For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. (Revelation 18:3)

7. Global One World Government under the leadership of the 8th world ruler, the beast, doesn't exist before the superpower is destroyed.

And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth in to perdition. And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. (Revelation 17:11-12)

And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. (Revelation 17:16-17)

8. After the superpower's destruction, foreign leaders led by the 7th world ruler, willingly deliver over to the beast the authority to rule over them.

⁹And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. ¹⁰And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. ¹¹And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. ¹²And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. ¹³These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. ¹⁴And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. ¹⁵For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. (Revelation 17:9-10, 12-13, 16-17)

9. These nations, comprising the New World Order of the Beast, will be destroyed in war with the Lord Jesus Christ when he returns in power and glory to Jerusalem.

These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful. (Revelation 17:14)

Let's continue on to see why is the woman called the Mother of Harlots and

abominations of the earth.

Is the Mother of Harlots mysteriously connected to the superpower today?

An idol (eidolon) is primarily a visible phantom or likeness or an idea or fancy. The idea is that of a reflection of a false god. The image may be one of the false god which is worshipped. (Acts 15:20; Romans 2:22, 1 Corinthians 8:4,7; 10:19; 2 Corinthians 6:16; 1 Thessalonians 1:9.)

Mammon or wealth is an idol which is often served instead of God.

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. (Matthew 6:24)

Covetousness, the greedy desire for more wealth, is idolatry.

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience (Colossians 3:5-6)

For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. (Ephesians 5:5-6)

Demons lie behind idols as the scriptures below reveal the reality of the mystery occultists beliefs.

What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he? (1 Corinthians 10:19-22)

They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not. (Deuteronomy 32:17)

The Statue of Liberty is an idol. It's an image representing Ishtar. She's also been called Isis, Ianna, Lady of Heaven, Queen of Heaven, Ashtaroth, Astarte, Aphrodite, Libertas, Goddess of Liberty, Juno, Mother of Harlots, Mother of Prostitutes and Mother of Exiles. She is primarily a goddess of liberty, prosperity, war and sexual freedom.

If you doubt the truth of these allegations, consider this evidence from the dark realm of those who know that the Statue is the place where the demon called Goddess of Liberty is focused: (source: <http://www.empyreanquest.com/liberty.htm>)

"THE ASCENDED MASTERS ARE ALIVE AND WELL IN THE EARTH!

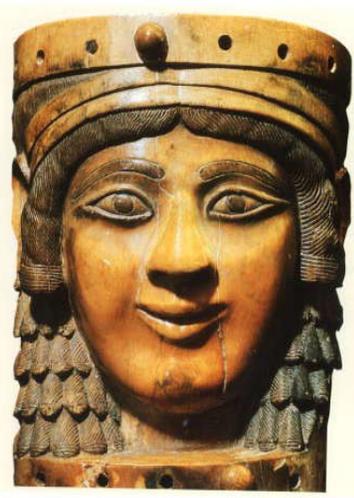
And I, the Goddess of Liberty, stand to proclaim it! Not only am I focused through My Statue in New York Harbor, but also I stand here tonight in the upper atmosphere to release the Light of Liberty around the World! You shall have the Liberty to make the right choices for your life, because ultimately what is right for your life is right for the planet and will help to bring about the Golden Age! "The time and cycle for America to awaken and for all the Lightbearers of Earth to awaken to their own God Presence is now! I have spoken strongly this night, but I speak as the unanimous Voice of the entire Karmic Board, that the gravity of My message shall be mightily impressed upon the Earth and most especially on the consciousness of those Lightbearers whom We are challenging to respond to Our call. . . ." (Beloved Goddess of Liberty, through the Messenger, Carolyn Shearer, September 11, 2001, Tucson, Arizona U.S.A.)



The Goddess of Liberty



Athena



Ishtar

The Goddess of Liberty is an ascended master, chairwoman of the Great Karmic Board. This Board cooperates with souls to work out their karma and dharma. Under hypnotic regression, many recall her as the woman 'angel' who assists them in choosing their parents and birth circumstances prior to descending into the womb (which begins to happen at conception).

The other members of the Great Karmic Board are Kwan Yin (Goddess of Mercy), Pallas Athena (Goddess of Truth), The Great Divine Director (St. Germain's guru, and master of the Divine Plan), Cyclopea (Elohim of music, science, healing--the all-seeing eye), Nada (Chohan of the sixth ray of service and ministration), and Portia (St. Germain's twin flame, and Goddess of Opportunity).

The Goddess of Liberty appears in history not only as the guiding goddess of France and in their statue-gift to the infant US, but also as the angelic being who provides George Washington with a vision of the future of America: three great tribulations--including the Civil War, and the greatest tribulation to come. Her two retreats on the etheric plane are The Temple of the Sun over Grand Central Station in New York City and in the south of France with the artist, Paul the Venetian, Chohan of the third ray of love. You may ask your Christ-Self to take you to these retreats at night to learn the mysteries of Karma, wisdom, and fine art.

Bartholdi, the designer of the statue, received a "pre-production" vision of the future statue. Since the Lord would not inspire a person to create an idol, we can conclude

that this vision was originated by Satan.

Bartholdi, a Freemason, incorporated Masonic symbols into the statue.

Albert Pike in *Morals And Dogma* pg 103-105 states:

“Masonry conceals its secrets from all except the Adepts and Sages, or the Elect, and uses false misinterpretations of its symbols to mislead those who deserve only to be misled; to conceal the truth, which it calls light, from them, and to draw them away from it”. “Masonry jealously conceals its secrets, and intentionally leads conceited interpreters astray.”

In the case of the statue, those symbols include the torch representing enlightenment and the 7 rays of the diadem representing the 7 continents and or the 7 oceans or seas of the world. Thus, the statue is named “Liberty Enlightening the World” as the historic picture on the cover of this book proves.

What is meant of enlightenment and 7 rays?

But what is meant of enlightenment and 7 rays to the initiated mind of the Freemason?

The 7 rays are considered in the occult realm of mystery religion to be the primeval Seven Rays found in religion. They are believed to emanate from the Hierarchy of Light at Planetary, Cosmic, Supracosmic and Transcendental octaves of the Great Continuum of Consciousness. They exist in many different expressions. The classical names for these 7 Rays are:

- 1st The Ray of Divine Will
 - 2nd The Ray of Love Wisdom
 - 3rd The Ray of Active Intelligence
 - 4th The Ray of the Harmony of Opposites
 - 5th The Ray of Concrete Knowledge
 - 6th The Ray of Devotion
 - 7th The Ray of Ceremonial Magic
- (source: <http://www.mudrashram.com/sevenrays1.html>)

Henry C. Clausen, 33 degree Sovereign Grand Commander within the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, writes in Clausen's Commentaries on Morals and Dogma:

“Masonry...is the apostle of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity “(pg 45) ...no human being can validly say that he or she alone knows the truth. Whatever a person sincerely believes is to him or her truth, and he or she knows only education and **enlightenment** can conquer intolerance and fanaticism. Masonry, while religious, is not a religion, but within its precepts and professions there are contained the truths and the universal morality of all recognized creeds and religions.” (pg 49)

Albert Pike was Grand Commander of Scottish Rite Freemasonry from 1859-1891. A 33rd degree Mason, a bronze bust of Pike is found in the staircase leading to the Temple Room in the nerve center of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, the House of the Temple in Washington D.C. According to Pike, to the Freemason initiated in degrees 30 and above, LUCIFER is the Light-bearer!

"Strange and mysterious name to give to the Spirit of darkness! Lucifer, the Son of the Morning! Is it he who bears the light, and with its splendors intolerable blinds feeble, sensual, or selfish souls? Doubt it not!" (Morals and Dogma, pg. 321. Albert Pike. 1871)

"That which we must say to the crowd is: We worship a god, but it is the god one adores without superstition. To you Sovereign Grand Instructors General (a 33rd degree Mason), we say this...you may repeat it to the Brethren of the 32nd, 31st, and 30th degrees ...The Masonic religion should be, by all of the initiates of the high degrees, maintained in the purity of the Luciferian doctrine." (Dated 4/14/1889, Letter sent from Albert Pike to Giuseppe Mazzini; kept in the London British Museum).

What does Pike mean by Luciferian doctrine?

Rev. Deamon Blackrose of the Ordo Templi Luciferi 2003 says,

"Lucifer is the light bringer, meaning also enlightenment. Thus making Luciferianism, more or less, a Gnostic religion. In other words it's not by faith or good deeds that we find "salvation, but rather through spiritual knowledge and experience, (gnosis), that we are "saved"...and awakened from the slumber of ignorance to the realization of our own inner divinity.

Lucifer, as has been said, is the light bringer. We get our light from the Sun, without which there would be no life. Therefore, Lucifer is also the life force. The 6th core belief is that "Satan/Lucifer is the real creator of this world, and truly the Lord of this World. Gnostic Luciferian Theology teaches that "as the Principle which governs all things, Leviathan is Beelzebul, Lord of the Universe.

As the Force and energy which motivates all things, Leviathan is Ashtaroth, Queen of Heaven and the Abyss, Mother of Creation. Beelzebul is Lord, and Ashtaroth Queen, but they are ONE, inseparable, two aspects of the same ultimate. When Leviathan awakes, and Principle and Force are united, Lucifer is born. Lucifer is the ultimate made manifest, as Void becomes Being, and Eternity becomes time. Lucifer is the Bearer of Light, the Firebringer, the angel of creation. Lucifer has given us our sentence and intelligence. Our spirits and our souls are His gifts to us -for self-awareness and Chaos, so that truly we each within ourselves contain a spark of the Almighty, of the Divine, of the Serpent Leviathan manifest as Lucifer. (from Core Beliefs www.ordo templi luciferi)

New Age Luciferian teacher David Spangler teaches in his 1977 book, *Reflections on the Christ*;

"the true birth of the human being, of this greater self, occurs occult in what is called the 'first initiation', the birth the Christ within. (Pg 25)

The New Age is essentially a time in history when the fruits of revelation given and anchored by Jesus come into being. In human terms, this means it is a time when we learn to be at one with God ourselves, to be Christ ourselves. This is the revelation of esoteric disciplines, which have always been esoteric because they dealt with the reality of man's inner divinity and how to actualize it,

rather than with the forms and doctrines relating to forming relationships with an external deity or Christ. It is not doctrinal brotherhood we see, but a brotherhood of illuminated and cooperative action. We must follow Jesus fully, not in worship but in shared realization of the human heritage of divinity. That is basic esoteric doctrine, by the way. One does not walk the path; one is the path. (Pg 29)

When man entered upon the pathway of self, he entered into a great creative adventure in which he took on the responsibility of a microcosmic world unto whom he is god. The being that helps man to reach this point is Lucifer. That is his role. He is the angel of man's evolution. He is the angel of man's inner light. Lucifer is the spirit of light in the microcosmic world. Lucifer is the embodiment of that energy. He is the embodiment of all those qualities which builds up the self: pride, selfishness, awareness of identity, love of self. Lucifer was just what his name implies - the bringer of light. It is important to see that Lucifer, as I am using this term, describes an angel, a being, a great and mighty planetary consciousness. (pg 37-38)

Christ is ...that which enables an individual to transcend his present state in the moment. It is that energy which leads out from the inner light that is there and provides creative release and creative transcendency. (pg 39)

In this sense the Christ can be a great and mighty inspiration such as what manifested through Jesus... . Christ is the same force as Lucifer but moving in seemingly the opposite direction. Lucifer moves in to create the light within through the pressure of experience. Christ moves out to release the light, that wisdom... . (pg 40).

Lucifer, then is neither good nor bad in his true essence. The energies he provides for our use are neutral. Christ comes to us from the outside...simply to make us aware of the Christ force and consciousness that is always within us. Lucifer does the same thing. He comes to make us aware of our power within, to draw to ourselves experience. He comes to make us aware of the creative manifestation which we wield. (pg 41)... Lucifer.

He is the light giver. He is aptly named the Morning Star because it is his light that heralds for man the dawn of a greater consciousness. (pg 44)

Lucifer comes to give us the final gift of wholeness. If we accept it then he is free and we are free. That is the Luciferic initiation. It is the one that many people now, and in the days ahead, will be facing, for it is an initiation into the New Age. (pg 45)

To summarize, this is what enlightenment means at the higher esoteric levels to the occult Masonic mind:

Lucifer is the "light bearer " or enlightenment. He is the life force; the light of creative intelligence and accomplishment; the Lord and Creator of this world and inseparably one with Ashtaroth, or Ishtar, the GODDESS OF LIBERTY & QUEEN OF HEAVEN.

In "Morals and Dogmas", Albert Pike writes,

"Symbolic instruction is recommended by the constant and uniform usage of antiquity; and it has retained its influence throughout all ages, as a system of mysterious communication.

Taliesin, describing his initiation, says:

“The secrets were imparted to me by the old giantess Ceridwen, or Isis (**Isis is one of Ishtar’s names and was behind the vision of the Statue of Liberty. Note and boldface print mine**), without the use of audible language.” “(pg. 372)

Freemasonry incorporates symbols to reveal it’s message to the initiated members and hide it from the uninformed. Freemasons believe the use of symbols, the language of ancient theology, are an essential vehicle of mysterious communication. They believe the knowledge imparted to initiated Freemasons invests them with a leadership advantage over others. As a result of this knowledge the Freemason is taught they have a special responsibility for leadership toward true liberty, dignity and brotherhood among all mankind. (Clausen’s Commentaries on Morals and Dogma, pgs 131-133)

Clausen explains that it’s because of Masonic minds directing Masonic hands to mold and rivet down Masonic concepts in the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights that causes Masons to say with fellow Mason ex-President Theodore Roosevelt,

“We here in America hold in our hands the future of the world, the faith of our coming years, and shame and disgrace will be ours if in our eyes the light of high resolve be dimmed or if we trail in the dust the golden hopes of men.” (Clausen’s Commentaries on Morals and Dogma pg 48)

That attitude of what Clausen calls “**Masonic-minded Americanism**” lives on in today’s pro-U.S. bumper sticker motto, “The Power of Pride” and in President Bush’s statements such as:

“We will actively work to bring the hope of democracy, development, free markets, and free trade to every corner of the world.”

“ The United States welcomes our responsibility to lead in this great mission.”

(Excerpts from The National Security Strategy of the United States of America by President George W. Bush dated 9/17/2002.)

Symbolism of the name written on the forehead

In conclusion, in the Book of Revelation the name written on a forehead represents **the name of the god which the person worships and serves.**

Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. (Revelation 7:3)

And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. (Revelation 9:4)

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or

the name of the beast, or the number of his name. (Revelation 13:16)

And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. (Revelation 14:1)

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, (Revelation 14:9)

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (Revelation 20:4)

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. (Revelation 22:3-4)

The name written on the forehead of the women or the world's #1 superpower nation-state representing the god that the superpower serves is found in Revelation 17:5: **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**

Please note that this god is feminine. She's the Mother of Harlots or the Goddess of Liberty known as ancient Babylonia's Ishtar. She's one with Lucifer, the "light bearer" or enlightenment; the life force; the light of creative intelligence and accomplishment. Today, however, she's found within the borders of the woman of the world's preeminent superpower nation-state where she's mysteriously and Masonically disguised as Freemason Bartholdi's "Statue of Liberty".

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



Chapter 10

How can the woman be drunken with the blood of the saints and martyrs of Jesus?

And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. (Revelation 17:6)

From a deserted rocky island cave on the Turkish island of Patmos, the prophet John's spirit was transported into a vision of the 21st century. In his vision of Babylon the Great, he visualized a global superpower's prosperity, pride, idolatry, impending judgment and the blasphemous nature of the nations supporting 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: 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. 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. 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: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. (Revelation 17:1-5)

Quickly after envisioning the superpower in her glory, John was unexpectedly confronted with the stark reality of the depth of her abominable idolatry and her ultimate judgment because of it. Revelation 17:6-7 tells us that John wondered with amazement after the angel revealed to him that Babylon the Great had become responsible for the violent murder of faithful followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. (Revelation 17:6-7)

The same superpower which promised to be the source and maintenance of the world's peace and prosperity was suddenly seen by John bringing global death to God's people. John was witnessing the superpower leading the nations of the world into a yet future Orwellian-like New World Order stemming from her self-glorifying prosperity. The nations of the abominable New World Order, soon to be formally led by the antichrist the beast 666, would someday destroy the superpower. Prior to her destruction, the proud superpower had been used by Satan to lead the nations into this final abominable form of global government through her economic, military and technological achievements.

How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. (Revelation 18:7)

Call together the archers against Babylon: all ye that bend the bow, camp against it round about; let none thereof escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her: for she hath been proud against the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel. Therefore shall her young men fall in the streets, and all her men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD. Behold, I am against thee, O thou most proud, saith the Lord GOD of hosts: for thy day is come, the time that I will visit thee. And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him. (Jeremiah 50:29-32)

And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. (Revelation 17:16-17)

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. (Revelation 17:12-13)

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six. (Revelation 13:16-18)

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (Revelation 20: 4)

The superpower had amassed her fortune through the promotion of Satan's antichristian world value system appealing to the human ego and feeding off the sensual and material lusts of man's sinful nature.

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. (1 John 2:16-17)

Her overflowing cup of filthiness full of abominations was even corrupting the youth of the nations outside her own borders.

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: (Revelation 17:4)

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)

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American pop culture has prompted teenagers in countries with close ties to the United States, as well as countries lacking close ties, to view Americans negatively, says a book to be published in October. The book, "Learning to Hate Americans: How the U.S. Media Shape Negative Opinions Among Teen-Agers in Twelve Countries", contends that though teenagers embrace American movies, TV and music, they believe that the violence, crime and sex portrayed in pop culture accurately depict ordinary life in the United States. "These kids love our popular culture," said Boston University communications professor Marvin L. DeFleur, who wrote the book with his wife, Margaret, a communications associate professor at the school, based on a study they did last year. "Using the lessons of the media product, they learn to hate Americans because they seem like despicable people," he said... Ted Baehr, who studies family values and popular culture, said the work of Mr. and Mrs. DeFleur shows how bad impressions created by pop entertainment in the United States are spilling over into other countries and having international ramifications. To do the initial study, surveys in native languages were submitted to about 1,200 middle and high school students in 12 countries: Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, South Korea, Mexico, China, Spain, Taiwan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Nigeria, Italy and Argentina.... The surveys registered the responses of teens to statements such as "Americans are very materialistic," "Americans are a generous people" and "Americans are generally a violent people."... Many countries in the survey lack the facilities for producing sophisticated films and TV, but they do have cinemas, TVs and VCRs capable of showing Hollywood entertainment. Thus, many young people gravitate toward the high-budget thrillers produced by American entertainment companies, Mr. DeFleur said. He said teenagers in Tehran like buying rugs imprinted with Elvis Presley's face, and that Madonna's albums are best sellers in Riyadh. But with increasing levels of violence and sex in films and TV shows such as "The Sopranos" and "Sex and the City," coupled with foreign discontent with the world's sole superpower, teenagers have developed these negative views, he said.

"We can use TV as a potent propaganda machine. The stage is set for the infusion of true satanic philosophy and potent (emotionally inspiring) music to accompany the inverted crosses and pentagrams."

(Source: Anton LaVey, The Devil's Notebook (Portland, Oregon, Feral House, 1992) p.85)

Like the Romans of old, however, she had disposed of the true God and replaced him with one made in the image of man and other things.

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the

woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. (Romans 1:18-32)

Her abominable idolatry, occult power, greedy trade policies, intimidation and threats upon non-integrating nations backed by her incomparable military strength were mysteriously disguised and whitewashed over by her institutions and media corporations.

And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. **FOR THE VISION IS YET FOR AN APPOINTED TIME, BUT AT THE END IT SHALL SPEAK, AND NOT LIE: THOUGH IT TARRY, WAIT FOR IT; BECAUSE IT WILL SURELY COME, IT WILL NOT TARRY.** Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith. Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, he is a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire as hell, and is as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people: Shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say, Woe to him that increaseth that which is not his! how long? and to him that ladeth himself with thick clay! Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee, and awake that shall vex thee, and thou shalt be for booties unto them? Because thou hast spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall spoil thee; because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein. Woe to him that coveteth an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil! Thou hast consulted shame to thy house by cutting off many people, and hast sinned against thy soul. For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it. Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and stablisheth a city by iniquity! Behold, is it not of the LORD of hosts that the people shall labour in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves for very vanity? For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. (Habakkuk 2:2-14)

And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. (Revelation 18:2-3)

Nearly all of her churches were to varying degrees hypnotized by her colored lights, deceived by her sparkling riches and blinded by her Luciferic shine. These living organisms were silenced in part because of their fraudulent incorporation under the antichristian state as 501-c3 organizations. The superpower's politicians used the church to further their antichristian new world order agendas.

For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. (Matthew 24:24)

As in the days of Hitler's rise to power, church leaders; some naïve, some uninformed, some undiscerning and some simply stiff-necked in order to preserve their living, had failed to identify the false prophets and wolves in sheep's clothing.

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come. The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household? Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops. And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. (Matthew 10:16-39)

For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. (Acts 20:27-30)

Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jude 3-4)

We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised. Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace; And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it: Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day. I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you. For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me. For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of

my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church. (1 Corinthians 4:10-17)

Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:1)

Because of their own spiritual lukewarmness, church leaders willingly accepted the counterfeit profession of Christianity by greedy, capitalistic, politicians deceitfully promoting secular values.

Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. (1 Timothy 6:5)

For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. (Matthew 24:24)

Church leadership had become spiritually numb by a destructive pattern of faithless self-indulgence resulting from the bondage of her members to her greedy capitalistic, competitive spirit and it's accompanying antichristian materialistic values.

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. (2 Timothy 2:1-4)

This spirit originated in the hearts of her wealthier, more educated and influential church members who, left to themselves, became brainwashed by her network of antichristian corporations, institutions and her media monopoly.

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. (1 Timothy 6:17-19)

These faithless values were accepted by church leaders. This happened because the same intellectual knowledge, disciplined work ethic, strong interpersonal skills and organizational savvy which made these members successful professionally also made them successful in church leadership roles. They became the big organizational contributors; deceiving the church in spite of their biblical ignorance, prayerlessness, and covetous spirits.

But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the

unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. (Ephesians 5:3-11)

The woman of her church became brainwashed by the same evil spirit. They increasingly abandoned their God ordained role as homemaking mothers and submissive, helpful wives. Instead they gratified themselves by choosing to compete in the corporate world.

The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. (Titus 2:3-5)

They became great apostles of the greedy, capitalistic spirit within their homes and churches driving others to spend their earnings in order to fulfill spiritual emptiness and pacify emotionally starved children. Rather than biblically teaching younger woman to raise their young children, older woman now increased their own materialistic standard of living tempting the younger woman to do the same. This spirit spread through her membership like yeast working through a batch of dough. Sadly, most of her woman refusing to compete in her humanistic institutions failed to redeem the time at home. These were increasingly led astray to the same lusts and antichristian philosophies by the nation's electronic idols.

Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person. (1 Corinthians 5:7-13)

Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry. I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread. Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar? What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink

the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he? All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not. (1 Corinthians 10:4-23)

"The birth of TV was a magical event foreshadowing its satanic significance. The first commercial broadcast was aired on Walpurgisnacht, April 30th, 1939, at the New York World's Fair. Since then, TV's infiltration has been so gradual, so complete that no one even noticed".

"There are television sets in every home, every restaurant, every hotel room, and every shopping mall— now they're even small enough to carry in your pocket like electronic rosaries. It is an unquestioned part of everyday life. Kneeling before the cathode-ray god, with our TV Guide concordance in hand, we maintain the illusion of choice by flipping channels (chapters and verses)".

(source: Anton LaVey, The Devil's Notebook (Portland, Oregon, Feral House, 1992), p.84, 86)

The church was unable to recognize her true spiritual nakedness for a number of reasons.

First, she became intellectually proud as her acquisition of general Bible knowledge increased. Though her vast nationwide network of professional teaching ministries pleased the ears with interesting information, they failed to address the practical moral and ethical issues facing her members daily.

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. (1 Timothy 4:1-4)

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. (2 Timothy 3:1-7)

Second, her leaders accepted the counterfeit cultural Christianity of the superpower as real.

For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. (2 Corinthians 10:12)

Distracted by the pressures and toys of the 21st century, church leaders found it easier to take messages from the vast array of biblically based information at their

fingertips. Their busy minds and undisciplined spirits were unable to diligently study the scriptures in order to determine the one intended meaning of a biblical passage and it's clear, uncompromising application(s) to daily life.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works. (2 Timothy 3:16)

They failed to believe that the love of money is the root of all evil. They compromised this truth in lusting after the temporal benefits promised by the superpower. Church leaders, like supporting church members, accepted the superpower's standard of living as normal. This was done in spite of the fact that in compared to the majority of today's world, the biblical standard, and world history, the superpower's standard of living was quite luxurious. As a result of this deception, their idea of providing for themselves and their families what they believed God expected and promised to provide for them, was false. Deceived to believe the superpower was still a Christian nation because of it's historic christian roots, they were deceived into accepting their greed as God's standard. In doing so they could no longer accept the hard truth that God had never promised them more than their daily food and clothes.

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. (1 Timothy 6:6-12)

Leaders failed to sense the urgency of protecting their flocks from the deceitful daily call of Satan's greedy capitalistic philosophy in her corporate world. As a result, the majority of the church's professing members continued to love the world's system and attempted to serve both God and money. This occurred in spite of the many warnings in the scripture concerning the deceitful dangers of the love of money, greed and covetousness.

And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. (Luke 21:34-36)

The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. (1 Peter 5:1-4)

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. (Hebrews 13:5-6)

Third, forgetting she was by divine birth a living organism and not a human organization, the church integrated knowledge proven to improve the performance of her corporations and institutions to help her grow as an organization.

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: (Colossians 2:8-10)

And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. (Acts 2:42-47)

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. (Ephesians 4:4-16)

O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen. (1 Timothy 6:20)

In pride they exchanged the biblical model of church for an organizational model more fitting to those accustomed to being employed in secular positions of authority.

But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. (Mark 10:42-45)

Church leaders misused their authority to lead by example as trusted servants of the flock through teaching and obeying the whole council of God. Instead, they backed the organizational agenda of the power brokers behind the scenes by craftily manipulating the undiscerning through manipulative, guilt provoking cultish pressure tactics. They used the scriptures to cleverly design topical messages supporting and or justifying their selfish visions while publicly embarrassing and or driving away those hesitating to integrate with their plans.

If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: (Philippians 2:1-7)

Because her leaders failed to teach and hold members accountable to obey all truth, her intellectual pride blinded her to her lack of faith in the word of God.

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (Matthew 28:20)

Fourth, in order to market their faith, her musicians adopted the world's popular music styles to attractively package their songs. The instrumental music, however, was often patterned after secular music designed by Satan's secret occult disciples. This carnal music was intended by Satan to deliver strategically designed emotional messages and occult symbols created by his demons to bind them to his will. Now, Satan's demons could secretly deposit their evil influence behind the lyrics and in the occult symbols in order to change the attitude of the church through music disguised as being from Jesus Christ.

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. (2 Corinthians 11:14)

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (Romans 12:2)

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (Ephesians 6:11-12)

Fifth, she became tolerant of occult activity through her failure to separate herself from a corrupt television and film industry also infiltrated by Satan's demonic forces. Once again, her leaders were either too naïve, too uninformed, too lukewarm, too

lazy or too compromising to identify and expose this influence.

Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily. (Colossians 1:28-29)

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. (Ephesians 5:11)

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5:21-23)

Anton LaVey, founder of The Church of Satan, says, "Many of you have already read my writings identifying TV as the new God. There is a little thing I neglected to mention up until now - television is the major mainstream infiltration of the New Satanic religion."

(Source: Anton LaVey, The Devil's Notebook (Portland, Oregon, Feral House, 1992) p.85)

Illuminati Films

Since our infiltration into the Film industry, we have begun a covert operation to free minds through this medium.

Here is a list of films that were made for the purpose of counter conditioning:

(Source: http://invisibleilluminati.chaosmagic.com/whats_new.html)

Sixth, in this tolerant environment, church membership and financial giving grew, resulting in measurable improvements in membership, giving and facility improvements. Church leadership was satisfied by the positive growth indicators because of their double-minded corporate mentality and their increased popularity and prosperity. They failed to recognize their spiritual nakedness, however, in part because they maintained sound doctrinal stands on the basic essentials of the faith. In spite of their doctrinal orthodoxy, however, there was little hunger for practical truth and righteousness and little desire to become like the biblical Jesus Christ.

According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness

with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. (1 Corinthians 3:10-20)

And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. (Revelation 3:14-22)

Finally, a hunger for practical holiness in individual lives and the powerful presence of God in prayer and worship was replaced by a contentment with an attractively packaged lip service to the truth that fed the organization, but starved the organism. Tares, not converts, were added to their army, reducing the overall effectiveness of their spiritual warfare. Non-compromising members were labeled inappropriately and discarded unless they integrated. True messages were rejected and true messengers identified and shot for being a financial curse on the church. Little did they realize that the same spirit leading them to subtly persecute their fellow professing brothers and sisters in Christ would someday soon lead some of them to turn these same members over to legal authorities for their unwillingness to align themselves with the superpower's public policy.

Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. (Matthew 24:8-12)

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. (Revelation 18:4-5)

And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass; I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with

a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the morning star. ²⁹He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. (Revelation 2:18-29)

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD. They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you. For who hath stood in the counsel of the LORD, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it? Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: **IN THE LATTER DAYS YE SHALL CONSIDER IT PERFECTLY.** I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD. I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart; Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal. The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD. Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour. Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that use their tongues, and say, He saith. Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD. (Jeremiah 23:16-32)

John saw that all of Babylon the Great's prideful accomplishments ultimately resulted in the mass worldwide slaughter of all those refusing to integrate with her because of their love and faith commitment to the biblical truth of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. (Matthew 24:9)

And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled... After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which

came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. (Revelation 6:9-11, 7:9-17)

Revelation 18:23 tells us that sorceries or the superpower's magical witchcraft had led the entire world astray. "For by thy sorceries were all nations deceived" writes John.

And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. (Revelation 18:23)

The verse to follow, Revelation 18:24, reveals that as a result of this deception brought upon the entire world through the occult work of the superpower, the superpower would be found guilty by God as the cause of this worldwide slaughter of the church.

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, And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. Rejoice over her, *thou* heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her. (Revelation 18:14-20)

And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth. (Revelation 18:24)

Concluding, the warning to come out of Babylon The Great recorded in Revelation 18:4 is addressed to God's people.

Many doubt that Babylon the Great could be the United States of America because of the large number of professing believers within the nation and its lead role in world evangelization. Yet, it's demonically empowered America leading its citizens through technological genius and mind controlling terrifying fear into a fascist police state monitored by e-borders and universal microchip ID implants. GOP ex-Bush cabinet member and former Wisconsin Governor and Freemason, Tommy Thompson, had even volunteered as a Board Member of Verichip Corp. to be one of the first humans to receive an identifying microchip implant and tout its social and economic benefits. This is in all probability a forerunner of the future Antichrist's 666 mark.

The cry to come out of Babylon The Great is written to God's people or followers of Jesus Christ. Wouldn't it make sense that this cry to come out of Babylon the Great would be written to a nation filled with God's people like America is?

How often we miss the obvious...especially when the light within has been darkened by the love of money.

To some the call to come out of Babylon is a call to literally leave the U.S. behind and preach the Everlasting Gospel elsewhere.

To others it's a cry to remain physically in and spiritually separated from the demonically inspired idolatry of the American led New World Order system and the lukewarm compromise of the American Evangelical Organizational System. These potential martyrs for Christ are called to be faithful alien witnesses for Christ; being in Babylon, but not of her.

Have you escaped Babylon's demons yet?