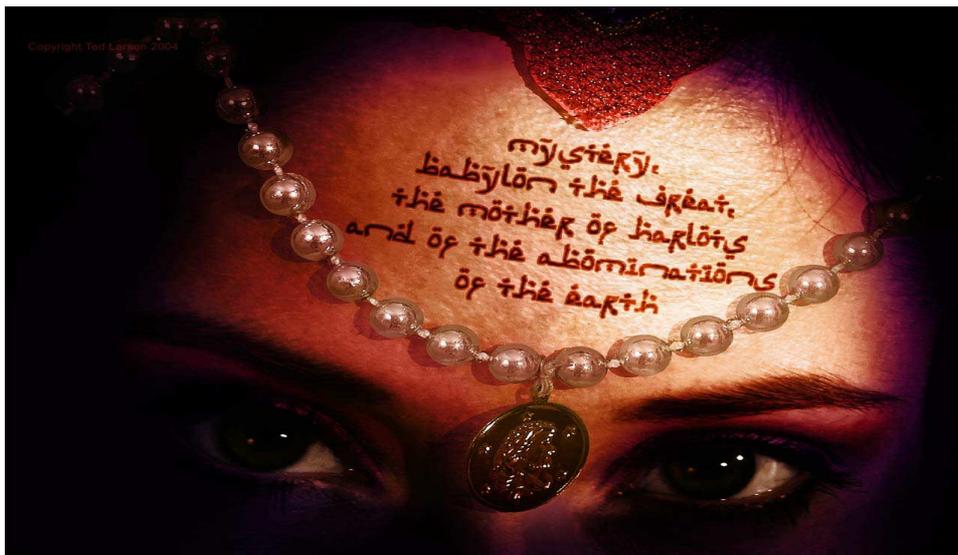


The false state church of the last days, a co-ordinate institution of Christian Churches in the end-time.



The great harlot of Revelation 17



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1. We generally have used the Amplified or King James Version of the Bible. One could, of course, when so desired, use any other Bible translation.
2. We have **frequently** added text between brackets in the Bible verses **to clarify the meaning of the Bible verses**.
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6. We write the word satan not with a capital, as it is not a name, but a word meaning opponent or adversary, accuser.

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The ecumenism of the end-time brought about by the pope.

Isa. 4:1 And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.

Already about 700 years before Christ Isaiah predicted of the ecumenism¹, that will be brought about by the pope not before the end-time. In this Bible verse a picture is given of the endeavour of the Christian community of faith, here pictured by 7 women, to strengthen itself by an **external** union. With this external union they will “eat their own bread”, this is: each will keep their own teachings, and “wear their own apparel”, this is: each will keep their own ceremonial customs, but so nevertheless are able to call themselves the “the Christian Church”

Here follows a vision got by “Muter Deebe” (from Germany) in 1924. In that year she was 23 of age and a witness of God. The following passage was taken and translated out of the German magazine “Mitternachtsruf”, number 134 from the year 1964.

“In a vision I saw a long table in a room. Around the table sat 24 men. At the head of the table sat the pope. At his right hand the bishops (leaders) of the Evangelical Church, next to them several men out of Christian Churches. At the left side the bishops out of the Orthodox Church. Further some officers (out of “the Salvation Army”?). The pope spoke: We have come in a time that we have to become united, for Jesus had prayed, that we should be one, shouldn't we? As men of the Church it is our mission that we should become one. Therefore we have to found an ecumenism. We have to be a **Church-union**, not several kinds of churches. So we are able to keep our God and our religion, because in the Bible it is written, that there is only one faith and one salvation. **Anyone thereby is able to have his own religious conviction; our Church will bind nobody**, but that we are members of one and the same Church. This is an advantage for us in this present world. We all are Christians, we want to be Christians, that's why we want to have a union-Church. The pope spoke much more. The Evangelical bishops then shook hands with him and embraced each other and said: It is well, what the holy father (the pope) said. Also the orthodox bishops did the same. Then they sat down.”

Here an **extern** unity has been formed, while the Lord Jesus wanted a unity **as a result of a divine and glorious inhabitation of our almighty God and His precious Word**.

John 17:21-23 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Paul taught us in Eph. 2:19-22, that the Christian Church should be build on the foundation (the teachings) of the apostles and prophets, on the Old and the New Testaments, on the **Biblical teachings**.

Eph. 2:19-22 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: 22 In whom ye also are build together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

The forming – by satan – of the false prophet of the end-time

Revelation 8:10-11 predicted that **after** the casting down in the sea of the burning meteorite **as large as a mountain** in Revelation 8:8-9, a great star was cast down from heaven burning as it were a lamp, by which one third of the rivers and the fountains of waters became **bitter**.

Rev. 8:10-11 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; 11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

Clearly not the fall of a natural star here is mentioned and not a natural disaster, but of the fall of a **spiritual star** is here the question, **a great spiritual leader**. It is the last pope, who shall fall in the snare of satan, and who then shall teach a false doctrine, by which one third of the believers will become **apostate**, will become bitter.

Rev. 12:3-4 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. 4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven (image of the believers who are misled by the false prophet), and did cast them to the earth (i.e. out of the kingdom of

¹ Ecumenism (or oecumenism) = A movement which pursues “the brotherhood”, the fraternization between the different Christian churches.

heaven – out of the true Church): and the dragon stood before the woman (the Bride of the Lamb)² which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child³ as soon as it was born.

Isa. 9:15 *The ancient and honourable, he is the head (image of the antichrist); and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail (image of the false prophets, teachers and shepherds, who by their false teachings create apostasy).*

The waters, which are of the question in Revelation 8:11, are a picture of the peoples, nations and tongues.

Rev. 17:15 *And he (one of the seven angels which had the seven vials – see verse 1) saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.*

So here is predicted, that the fallen spiritual leader, the last pope, then is in satan's power, and that he in his power then will transform him into the later **false prophet of Revelation 13:11-18**, the leader of **the great harlot of Revelation 17**, the false Christian state Church of the end-time. This false church of the last days is called here "Mystery, Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth" (Rev. 17:5b), because she teaches **idolatrous** doctrines next to Jesus Christ as Saviour, namely the Babylonian mysteries, among others the "mother and child mystery", pronounced by the Roman and orthodox Churches, of which the Church of Thyatira of Revelation 2:18-29 is a picture and where this doctrine is called "the depths of satan".

After this, satan shall bring to fall in his snare a European **political leader** and transform him into the **antichrist**, giving him all his satanic power (see Rev. 9:1-11 and Rev. 13:1-9).

The great harlot of revelation 17 and the red antichristian state-beast

Rev. 17:1-5 *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 (a picture of the peoples, nations and tongues): 2 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. 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. 4 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: 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.*

This false church of the last days is under judgment of the almighty God (see verse 1). The government officials are drunken by their committing fornication with her idolatrous teachings (see verse 2). To her is given **political power**, because she is sitting on the scarlet state beast, a picture of the by satan led government of the end-time (see verse 3).

1 John 5:19 **And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.**

She is arrayed in purple and scarlet, adored with gold and precious stones. Here we have a picture of the Roman and orthodox Churches, concerning their festival robes and ceremonial adorations. The golden cup with abominations and filthiness of her fornication points to her idolatrous teachings (see verse 4). Verse 5 says us, that she is dominated by the spirit of the idolatrous, Babylonian mystery-religion, of which Revelation 2:24 says, that it forms "the depths of satan".

Rev. 17:6 *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.*

This state-church persecutes the Churches, which **not** have joined themselves with her and brings their members, who are no members of the Bride of God's Lamb, to death. They, who are members of the Bride of God's Lamb stay under the protection of the Spirit of the almighty God and are safely kept for her political, hostile power (see verse 6).

Isa. 4:5-6 *And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence. 6 And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.*

Once again, they who are no members of the Bride of God's lamb will be brought to death by this hostile Church, this she is able to bring about by her given political power. John was very surprised about the **external** splend(u)r and about this idolatrous state-Church of the end-time.

² Named: **the Bride** BEFORE the Marriage of the Lamb. Named: **the Woman** AFTER the Marriage of the Lamb.

Read more about this woman of Revelation 12, in the studies: "Soon there shall be a divine wedding on earth" and "The New Jerusalem, the Bride of the Lamb of God". These studies can be downloaded free from www.endtime-messenger.com

³ This child is not Christ, as many teach wrongly, but the 144.000 from the people of Israel. For more information on these 144.000 see the study: "Thou, people of Israel, wake up!" on our website www.endtime-messenger.com

The red, antichristian state-beast of the end-time.

Rev. 17:7-14 *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. 8 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. 9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. 10 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. 11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. 12 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. 13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. 14 These shall make war with (Jesus) the Lamb (of God), **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.***

Verse 8 says to us, that this state-beast will come forth in the **end-time**, and that this beast is **satanic**, also that this beast will be doomed by the almighty God. Mankind, that will get lost, will be astonished at the power of this state-beast. We see here too, that mankind, that will get saved, already is written in the book of life **from the foundation of the world**. This is no matter of predestination, but of **pre-knowledge** of our almighty God. Because of this pre-knowledge of our almighty God the anti-picture of this red satanic beast is then already known with God in heaven.

Verse 9 says that the 7 heads are also 7 mountains on which the woman sits. This points to the Roman Church, Rome namely has been built on 7 hills.

Verse 10 and 11 make us known, that these verses has to be seen in a historic perspective. In John's time the 6th kingdom still existed. That kingdom must be the Roman empire that now still manifests itself in a divided state as post-Roman realms, because of the in them dominating spirit of Rome. The 7th kingdom is the post-Roman confederation of 10 states that will be established in the end-time, while the antichrist himself is the 8th king, who will come. His government will be short in time (see Rev. 13:7).

Daniel saw in his vision 4 dominions acting in the world:

1. The Babylonian kingdom,
2. The Medo-Persian kingdom,
3. The Greek kingdom and as last:
4. The Roman empire (see Dan. 7:7-11, 8:9-27), by John in Revelation 17 called the 6th king.

Daniel saw this last dominion lasting to the end of time; although in fact this dominion will crumble more the more by the marching up of the Germans and other peoples to the west and will fall asunder into many dominions. This Roman realm a short time will exist as the East-Roman empire and will totally disappear from the map in 1453 by the fall of Constantinople (later on Byzantium and again later on called: Istanbul), it yet still will exist in Daniel's vision to the end of time as the Roman empire, because the Roman spirit is still living on in this divided Europe. In the revelation of John it will manifest itself in the end-time as the red antichristian state-beast with its 10 horns, its 10 kings (government leaders). John called this European confederation of 10 states the 7th king. This confederation at last will carry over their power to the antichrist (the 8th king, see Rev. 17:11-13), who then in a short time will exist as world ruler (see Rev. 13:7).

The 10 horns (picture of the government leaders of the united Europe). These leaders at last will hate the great harlot and will burn her up with fire. Then they will surrender their power to the antichrist.

Rev. 17:16-18 *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. 17 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. 18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.*