

DOES THE BIBLE CONDEMNATION OF THE WHORE OF BABYLON SAY SHE USES SACRAMENTS?

The Book of Revelation warns about the coming of a religion based in Rome. It regards this religion as a new paganism based on Christianity. It calls this religion the Whore of Babylon. If you believe the Bible you have to apply its statements to the Roman Catholic Church.

WHORE CLAIMS TO BE BRIDE OF CHRIST

The whore is called a whore for she should be the bride of Christ and she has turned away from him though she pretends to be the dutiful wife. To become the whore, the whore needs to replace the Christian faith with a counterfeit Christian faith without anybody noticing that the truth of God is gone. She has to block grace. Catholicism does that with its seven sacraments that can't really work.

Revelation 17 says the whore rides on a scarlet beast with blasphemous names written all over it. If you think the whore is not a religion, her dependence on a blasphemous anti-god beast indicates that she enables false and evil religion.

Pagan Rome did not indulge in specific blasphemy against Christianity for it did not take it seriously. The Catholic Church detested true Christianity and today it tries to pollute it.

Revelation says the whore got the world drunk on the wine of her adulteries - the communion cup of the Catholic Church which it worships as a counterfeit of Jesus Christ.

The beast covered in blasphemy has seven heads. The seven heads then are covered in blasphemies. These heads used to be thought to be kingdoms. Blasphemies are religious. The beast has seven religious heads. The seven heads are the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church. The sacraments are central to the faith which is why they are represented as heads. The identification fits because this stuff about the seven heads is sandwiched between references to the chalice of the whore. Her cup is gold to indicate that it is beautiful and good on the outside and full of shit and what is detestable inside. Early Christians knew that Pagan Rome made no effort to be hypocritical. The description fits Catholic Rome.

After her downfall, the "voice of the bridegroom" and of the "bride" was to be heard no more in her (Revelation 18:23). The bridegroom is taken to be Jesus and the bride the Church. This is clearly a reference to the city being a totally apostate Christian religion for it is clear that Jerusalem and Rome always had Christians.

The whore disguises her true nature. Pagan Rome didn't do that. Thus we are talking about a religion that is the monstrous prostitute but pretends to be a kindly virgin.

WHORE HAS A PRIESTHOOD

The Bible says that God only lets those who want to be deceived be deceived by Satan so that they end up in Hell forever. Revelation says that the whore and the Devil deceive the whole world so the whore is an insincere religion that knows the truth and presents lies as the truth in order to destroy the truth. A fake Christian Church would be the best and easiest way to do this. Therefore the whore is the Roman Catholic Church.

The whore dresses in purple and red. Catholic bishops wear purple and cardinals wear red.

Catholic apologists say that the red and purple dress means that the colours do not refer to clothes. They say the red is the blood of the martyrs of Christ killed by the whore and the purple refers to her claim to royalty. There is not a single hint of such an interpretation. It is plainer if you agree her dress was indeed red and purple. Revelation seeks to give clues about what the whore is.

It is no answer to say that white is more the colour of the Catholic Church. The red and the purple are the main colours of the whore because they signify her authority. The authorities in the Catholic Church the cardinals wear red and they choose the pope so they have great power. The bishops rule the Church and purple is their colour.

Here is what the Jewish law says about the colour of the priestly robes.

Exodus28:3 And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

Exodus28:4 And these are the garments which they shall make; a breastplate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a broidered coat, a mitre, and a girdle: and they shall make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

Exodus28:5 And they shall take gold, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.

Exodus28:6 And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue, and of purple, of scarlet, and fine twined linen, with cunning work.

Exodus28:7 It shall have the two shoulder pieces thereof joined at the two edges thereof; and so it shall be joined together.

Exodus28:8 And the curious girdle of the ephod, which is upon it, shall be of the same, according to the work thereof; even of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

The whore wears all these colours. She is led by a priesthood. The colour blue alone is missing.

Again when John was making his symbolism he was thinking of Number 15:38 Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue:

Num 15:39 And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring.

The whore doesn't wear blue because she refuses to obey the commandments of God. Her priesthood is made up of hypocrites who look like priests but who despise the commandments of God. The priests claim to be priests of God. They have the Bible and claim to preach it. They should wear the blue ribband but they don't. If they don't claim to be priests of God then there is no point in remarking their not having the blue ribbands or not using blue. Blue isn't used in the Catholic liturgy at all.

The priesthood of the whore in using the colours and powers of the Old Testament priesthood is claiming to be the priesthood of God. It is not a thoroughly pagan priesthood. It is nominally Christian at least.

THE SACRAMENTS - MARKS OF THE BEAST

The sacraments of Catholicism are paralleled in Revelation 6.

During a heavenly liturgy, the Lamb representing Jesus opens seven seals that give out seven curses.

The first seal is associated with a rider of a white horse who goes on a conquest.

Baptism is the first sacrament and associated with white and purity from sin which it purports to forgive.

The second seal brings out a rider of red horse who removes peace from the earth. Red for the blood of Christ. This is the evil sacrament of the Eucharist which has caused the most bloodshed in Christendom and turned each Church into a communion of bigots. The Eucharist is supposed to provide one with the body and blood of Christ in the form of bread and wine.

The third seal brings out the rider of a black horse carrying scales - the sacrament of forgiveness of sins. This sacrament is associated with getting rid of the blackness of sin and getting a person judged or weighed by God.

The fourth seal is a pale horse ridden by death and which is followed by Hell. This is the sacrament of extreme unction or the anointing of the sick which damns its victims in Hades forever though they think it prepares them for death.

The fifth seal is linked to the sacrament of ordination. Instead of priests at the altar, we are told we have saints crushed under the altar who howl for revenge. They are given white robes to indicate that they are the real ministers of God.

The sixth seal speaks of God crushing those who stand against him. This relates to the sacrament of confirmation where people profess to stand for God. They do not in reality and will suffer.

The seventh seal is responded to by a silence in Heaven that lasts a half an hour. This implies that it is the least of the seven in badness. This fits marriage. Whereas marriage understood as a contract is fine, God has a problem with it being said to be a sacrament. It is as good as it is bad hence the silence. God doesn't want to comment. But seven angels appear with seven trumpets to inflict retribution for the sacraments and they do that. Confirming that the last has to do with marriage, we read later in Revelation that when the seventh trumpet was sounded it was revealed that God was going to marry his Church.

The sacrament of priests forgiving sins is the most obvious block to divine grace. When the whore is going to pretend to be the bride of Christ she has to give out a counterfeit of God's forgiveness. There is no way she can do that except by saying you have to go to man for God's forgiveness or perhaps some angel or saint. The sacrament of reconciliation in which the priest allegedly forgives sins is a clear mark of the whore of Babylon. There the priest is told to forgive sins. If priests forgive sins they do it on their own authority. The view that they do it on God's authority makes no sense. If God agrees to pardon the sins of somebody to whom I say, "I pardon you", it is God forgiving the sins. I am not taking away the sins. I am not forgiving sins. God's agreeing to forgive and making it coincide with some act of mine does not mean I have power to forgive sins. It means the contrary. The priest is taking the place of God and counterfeiting the forgiving power of God. Because people only imagine that God has forgiven then they will get a shock on judgement day!

Some people say they get grace from the sacraments. If Satan exists he can fake the effects of grace to delude Catholics more and more.

THE MARK OF THE WHORE

The prophecies about the whore refer to a religion because it rides on the beast that did miracles (13:13, 14) and enjoined the adoration of false gods (13:14). The beast put a mark on his servants without which they couldn't buy or sell - 13:16,17. The beast is a symbol for a spiritual entity and the mark is a spiritual mark. Roman Catholicism claims that once a person is baptised that person gets a spiritual mark that cannot be effaced. Without that mark one cannot buy Heaven or sell it. It is very unlikely that the mark would be a physical mark. Revelation is about evil spiritual forces after all. Catholic baptism administers the mark of the beast. Some think the mark is the invisible spiritual mark put on priests at their ordination. They think the priests are a better fit than the merely baptised. They buy and sell souls to the Devil. But Revelation says the mark is forced on all people, slaves and free so baptism would fit this better. Priests are not forced into ordination. Babies are forced to take the mark of baptism. Also, adults take baptism to avoid the everlasting torture of Hell so they are forced too.

The Book of Revelation says the brand mark is stamped onto the victim's right hand or their forehead (13:16). This reference to the right hand and forehead is a quotation from Exodus 13. This chapter is about the passover meal regulations for the Jews. It says that the Passover will be a mark on the hand and forehead. So the mark in Revelation is a religious mark. In Deuteronomy 6:8 we read that God wants the command to love him totally to be on the wrist as a sign and as a pendant on the forehead. 11:18 has God saying the whole thing about the Book of Deuteronomy's entire body of teachings and commandments. This is telling us that the mark is the mark of a religion that pretends to serve the God of the Bible. Pagan Rome never pretended to do that. The text must mean counterfeit Christianity. Roman Catholicism is the only possible candidate. The text follows Exodus 13 better than the others so that was Revelation's prime focus. It turns up in the context of the Passover. The Catholic Church's Mass is the Church's Passover. The Mass is only for those who have been marked in baptism. Considering all this, the mark of the beast is baptism as the gateway to the Catholic passover. The mark is evil and the Mass is an abomination. Revelation 16:2 states that the punishment of terrible boils will befall all who bear the mark and those that worship the beast. The two categories show that merely having the mark will attract plague from Heaven.

The mention of buying and selling seems hard to fit with the Catholic Church. It can sound like the book is describing a political and trading empire. Now the Vatican does not buy and sell all over the world. But the ordinary Catholics do. These Catholics form countries that make laws. The Church as distinct from the Vatican is responsible for this. People buy and sell ultimately because they are permitted by the Catholic Church through the laws made by Catholic states.

THE WHORE DRUNK ON BLOOD

The whore sits upon many waters (Rev 17:1-5)- baptism in water is necessary to become Catholic. The Catholic Church sits on the waters of baptism. The many waters indicates all the waters on earth. This indicates that the whore is everywhere. Everywhere is her throne. All the water on earth is the baptismal water. This matches the Catholic Church's claim to be universal or Catholic - that the Church belongs to all nations and is all over the world.

The whore rode on a scarlet beast that was covered in blasphemous titles (Revelation 7:3). The Roman Catholic Church has been famous for blasphemy, making the saints better than God, worshipping bread as Jesus, calling the pope the Holy Father, infallible, and His Holiness and so on. The scarlet is probably for blood. Rome has spilled plenty of that. And despite the reputation Islam has for being thirsty for war against heretics and unbelievers the fact remains that Roman Catholicism alone of the biggest world faiths has statements calling for such murdering in its infallible statements. You can find these calls to war and violence on the ETWN website. Papal tradition and the whole Church approved of torture and the killing of heretics and modern Rome still teaches that whatever papal tradition says is infallible.

Lateran IV, 1215 AD, an infallible council of the Church stated:

We excommunicate and anathematize every heresy raising itself up against this holy, orthodox and catholic faith which we have expounded above. We condemn all heretics, whatever names they may go under. They have different faces indeed but their tails are tied together inasmuch as they are alike in their pride. Let those condemned be handed over to the secular authorities present, or to their bailiffs, for due punishment. Clerics are first to be degraded from their orders. The goods of the condemned are to be confiscated, if they are lay persons, and if clerics they are to be applied to the churches from which they received their stipends. Those who are only found suspect of heresy are to be struck with the sword of anathema, unless they prove their innocence by an appropriate purgation, having regard to the reasons for suspicion and the character of the person. Let such persons be avoided by all until they have made adequate satisfaction. If they persist in the excommunication for a year, they are to be condemned as heretics. Let secular authorities, whatever offices they may be discharging, be advised and urged and if necessary be compelled by ecclesiastical censure, if they wish to be reputed and held to be faithful, to take publicly an oath for the defence of the faith to the effect that they will seek, in so far as they can, to expel from the lands subject to their jurisdiction all heretics designated by the church in good faith. Thus whenever anyone is promoted to spiritual or temporal authority, he shall be obliged to confirm this article with an oath. If however a temporal lord, required and instructed by the church, neglects to cleanse his territory of this heretical filth, he shall be bound with the bond of excommunication by the metropolitan and other bishops of the province. If he refuses to give satisfaction within a year, this shall be reported to the supreme pontiff so that he may then declare his vassals absolved from their fealty to him and make the land available for occupation by Catholics so that these may, after they have expelled the heretics, possess it unopposed and preserve it in the purity of the faith — saving the right of the suzerain provided that he makes no difficulty in the matter and puts no impediment in the way. The same law is to be observed no less as regards those who do not have a suzerain.

The whore carries a gold chalice.

The chalice is a major emblem in the Church. For most its history the Church has required that chalices should if possible be gilded with gold in the inside. So the Mass is being designated as a tool of the whore.

Catholics say this cannot be correct because it was said that God gave her the chalice of the wine of his wrath (Revelation 16:19). This was a different chalice for the next chapter says she is enjoying herself with a cup and she is drunk on the blood of the people of God.

It is blood she has in the chalice for we are told a few verses later that she is drunk on blood. The whore is blamed for all the murders of prophets and presumably Jesus himself – she is the manifestation of the occult power that was behind this evil so her coming centuries after the death of a prophet doesn't mean she was innocent of his death. So she has a chalice of Jesus' blood! The Church says that the blood of Jesus in the Mass is linked to the blood of the saints for Jesus and the Church are like one body with Jesus as the head and the members of the Church like his limbs and parts. Paul taught that we are parts of the body of Christ. The whore then in a sense, when she drinks the chalice, drinks the blood of all the saints of God. She gets drunk because the chalice contains the blood in the form of wine.

The Church used to kill Christians who refused to partake of her communion as she took that refusal as proof that they did not believe the communion was Jesus in the form of bread and wine.

The whore is drunk with the blood of the saints. The Roman Church killed more believers in Jesus than any other organisation even the Roman Empire.

HER POWER TO FOOL ALL NATIONS

Revelation 18:23 speaks to the Whore as follows "And the light of the lamp shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth, for all nations have been deceived by thy enchantments."

φαρμάκων pharmakōn is the word used for the sorcery which she used to trick all nations into following her. See Revelation 18:23. It literally means magic potion or charm. Since she carries a cup of abominations magic potion would be the most natural meaning. The wine of the Catholic Eucharist is this evil occultic potion. She is clearly a religion. Occultism is a crude form of religion. No religion is less occult than Judaism so the sorcery is proof that the whore is not Jerusalem. Catholicism is more occult even than pagan Rome.

The lamp speaks of the truth revealed by God. The religion will quench God's truth. Revelation speaks of Jesus being the groom and the real Church his bride. The prophecy says that the whore will be so far from being the bride that the voice of the bridegroom and the bride will never be heard in her anymore. It is a poetic way of saying that she is not the bride of Jesus. And he writes that the voice of the bride and groom will be silenced because her merchants were the great men of the

earth. But there is no obvious logical reason why there should be no marriage just because she has powerful friends. But if it is a poetic way of saying she is not the bride and has no groom because she is worldly then it makes perfect sense. The whore should be the bride of Christ but is not. The whore is a religion pretending to be Christian.

CONCLUSION

To the believer, the Bible identifies the Roman Church if not the priesthood only as the apostate whore of Babylon and the pope as the Antichrist. This warns that their doctrines are dangerous. Protestants must be persuaded of this so that their efforts to ruin the credibility of the Roman Catholic faith may have greater success. Protestantism is more open to sceptical influence than Catholicism which is why it is better to promote it as the lesser evil.