



Two: War Declared on Feminism (Rev. 18)

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Let's take a look at the Middle East and European political arenas. By the time Revelation 18 rolls around, over 90% of the Middle East will be Muslim. Muslims have a very strong stand against women being empowered. The 10% of the Middle East that is not rooted in Islam is supportive of empowering females politically and religiously. An example is Israel, who happens to be sitting on land that the Muslims believe is theirs. Now look at the European Union, who represents the lion's share of the world's populous. The EU, along with the UN, work diligently to empower women and children with "human rights." Keep in mind that anytime one division of a race or people is empowered, another has to pay the price. When a certain sect of people are empowered (i.e. women), particularly for the first time, continuous history shows us the pendulum swings to the other extreme. This extreme is what is being addressed in the Revelation chapter two passages.

With that being said, it is easy to see the standoff the book of Revelation is talking about. Do you think that Satan went after the woman in the garden by accident? I can assure you the answer is NO. Satan causing the woman to fall first was a strategic part of his global plan to take the world through her. That is exactly what we see being communicated in our passage. Why do you think God warned His true followers hundreds of times in the Old and New Testaments about the tendency of women wanting to exercise authority over men? You see, the witch was right (in the prior blog); she just wasn't in tune with the "rest of the story," which is typical demonic insight.

"For rebellion is as the sin of divination (witchcraft), and insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from being king" (1 Samuel 15:23, NASB parentheses mine).

In order for Satan to use his witchcraft effectively, he needs rebellion. What better place to start than with someone (Eve) who was designed to be a subordinate to a representative of Jesus Christ (Adam). Not only did Satan kick-start his witchcraft through Eve, he also started iniquity and idolatry – the three primary components of Babylon, whom God refers to as a "she."

It also needs to be understood that Satan was well aware of God's plan of forming a Bride for His Son – it is Hebrew law for the firstborn male to be married. Satan probably had a pretty good idea this Bride was going to be birthed through the creation of Adam and Eve. He also knew that Eve was designed to be the earthly symbol of the Bride of Jesus Christ. Therefore, by dropping Eve, he would essentially be dropping the future Bride of Jesus Christ, which is

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exactly what we see attempted in the New Testament. How do we know this? Read the Scriptures. It is literally everywhere.

With this in mind, we can now look into the window of this passage more clearly. Our passage goes on to show us that every nation in the entire world will have bought into the deceptions of Babylon's witchcraft, immorality, and idolatry. The leaders of these nations will commit acts of immorality with Babylon. All of the businesses (small and large) in the world will become rich by her seductive lure for the love of prosperity. We learn from the Scriptures that a man's heart is where his treasure is and has been invested (see Matt 6:21; Luke 6:45). All of those centuries of men abusing women sexually, relationally, ritualistically, religiously, and just because they could – is going to come back on them with a vengeance. Only the hand of God will be able to restrain it. During this time, God will take Babylon's place out of the international structure of supremacy, by tearing her into pieces and making use of her own acts of revenge upon the representatives of Jesus Christ. All those years of Satan working on empowering the women of the earth, just so he could use them like some kind of global "pimp," will be reduced to a state of desolation and nothingness. The prophet Isaiah gives us a word picture of this devastation.

"And Babylon, the beauty of kingdoms, the glory of the Chaldeans' pride, will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. It will never be inhabited or lived in from generation to generation; nor will the Arab (Muslim) pitch his tent there, nor will shepherds make their flocks lie down there. But desert creatures will lie down there, and their houses will be full of owls; Ostriches also will live there, and shaggy goats will frolic there. Hyenas will howl in their fortified towers and jackals in their luxurious palaces. Her fateful time also will soon come and her days will not be prolonged" (Isaiah 13:19-22, NASB, parentheses mine).

Can you imagine every nation and people (except the few immovable Jews and Christians) drinking willingly from this whore's cup of deception and abominations? She uses every ounce of seduction she has to lure the nations (who say they are, or have been, Christian or Jewish) into aligning their allegiance to her master – Satan. In those days, countries that were "known" for being Christian or Jewish will be as secular as a witch's wand. Every religion of the day will be captivated by her religious pluralism.

What will this global religion be called? Well, let's take a look at some simple facts. The New Testament calls this figure that heads Babylon, the Antichrist. Other passages tell us that this Antichrist will come in as a replica of Jesus Christ and actually say he IS the Christ. Knowing this, wouldn't it be plausible to call the followers of this global religion "Christ followers" – Christianity? Of course it would! This is why those who track global religion statistics place over 3,000 religious branches under the title of "Christianity." Every religion that merely mentions "Christ" in their doctrines are placed in this melting pot. This is why modern statistics show that over 35% of the entire world's population is "Christian."

Now knowing that, wouldn't it be "wise" for the enemy to form a movement within the "Christian church" to accept all faiths as respectable pathways to the same God? Again, of course it would! This is what is presently called the Emergent church movement. Satan is reinventing "Christianity" for the sake of the Babylonian whore to manage in just a few short years. Could I be wrong? Of course I could; but after almost 17,000 hours of research and study on the topic of Revelation, I am pretty convinced this is what is happening.

By the time this revised Babylon rules the world, “preachers” in local “Christian” churches will be allowing homosexuals, mystics, women, Satanists, Muslims, and many other cult and occult leaders to teach from their pulpits. The average “church” will make our “love dens” from the 1970’s look like child’s play. In these days, the “Christian” leaders of the state approved “churches” will be the ones bringing persecution down upon the true indwelt Christians. If you’re like most, you are probably thinking that the state will be the first to come against the true Believers; but that simply will NOT be the case. The Emergent Christians will get to the point of hating the “conservative” believers; those who actually believe the Word of God to be the absolute infallible words of God. It is my belief that the Emergent Christians will be the ones calling the state on the true Christians. Am I saying that this Emergent church is the church of the Antichrist? Yes, I am! It may not be called “The Emergent church of the Antichrist.” But it will look, act, and walk like the postmodern movement many of our leaders are calling the Emergent church. All of what is happening to the true church today is God’s ordained way of separating the goats from the sheep.

"All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left" (Matthew 25:32-33, NASB).

Many people believe that Jesus wants world unity. If you believe this, you are pleading guilty to not knowing the Word of God. Jesus does NOT want his Bridal members (indwelt Christians) blended into the sea of emergent pluralistic self-proclaimed “believers” or followers of a Christ. He wants to separate! Jesus does not want unity – not at all! He does want unity between each of His Bridal members. But, He does NOT want unity in the world.

God, through Jesus Christ, is the only one who can bring real and lasting unity, which is not going to happen on this side of the Rapture. Yes, I said Rapture. After the Rapture, those who have heard the Truth and rejected it will be caught up in what the second book of Thessalonians calls “strong delusions.” This is why it will take the hand of God alone to deliver in those days.

“For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of this mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness” (2 Thessalonians 2:7-12, KJV).

True church growth is slowing down at an alarming rate. Wait – I thought the church was on the rise again? It is – the Emergent church. True ministers of the Gospel who preach repentance, hellfire, damnation, reconciliation, separation, and freedom through the blood of Jesus Christ, will see less growth than ever before. People in our postmodern church want to have their ears tickled with the fine feathers of mushy love doctrines.

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires” (2 Timothy 4:3, NASB).

What is the real motive behind the Emergent church? It is none other than people seeking to find teachers that support, match, or won't make a big deal about their immorality and lust issues. Most "Christ followers" today are not hunting for leaders to tell and show them how to stop sinning. But rather, they want to locate a "pastor" who "has been there, done that" and has an overwhelming desire to accept them "just as they are." If my grandson was about to run into a busy street, I can tell you right now – I would care less about loving him according to his own needs. I will do what most responsible leaders would do; I'm going to save him from his demise, in order to be able to love on him in the future. This Emergent form of love is sending more people to hell than you or I could fathom.

Recently, my son bought several goats for his little farm. As he was describing to me the characteristics of a goat, I was reminded of just how much our flesh is like that of a goat. Goats are independent, love junk food, will devour anything in sight, are stubborn, and are demanding of other animals to follow them. Hummm – who does that sound like? Personally, I believe God gave us goats to understand two primary things: the role and function of Satan and what we look like when we walk after our flesh.

If Jesus is coming to separate the goats from the sheep, there must be a good reason. Did you know that a sheep will follow a goat anywhere? It's true – they will follow a goat right into a slaughterhouse. Another interesting fact is goats do not like flocks; they don't like being in one and they certainly don't like sheep to herd as one. In fact, I was told that you can't flock a group of goats – unless you offer them food in a given area. One of the more interesting facts about studying the end-times is that this is exactly the way God gathers all of Satan's goats into one area in the final days – junk food, gold, and silver.

So why is it that this Emergent apostate church is so quick to support the Antichrist and his whore? The apostate church loves the world, the flesh, and the devil (their Christ) because of what wealth and prosperity the "church" can obtain from the riches of Satan's empire. Of course, the Antichrist gladly welcomes the offerings and dues of the apostate church; some theologians call it "taxing the church." The fact remains that well over 70% of the world's population will be members of this apostate church. By this time, the church will be under taxation, which will make a bunch of cash for Satan's empire. But, it is all for a trade. The apostate church pays its dues and the empire will protect it from the "radical hate groups," like the Muslims (who will most likely make up 60% of the world's population).

The third group mentioned in this passage, the merchants, have become rich by the seduction of prosperity. If we don't receive her mark, we will not be able to buy, sell, or trade. Because of this, we will have two primary social groupings in the world: the rich and the poor. No more middle class! Middle class folks are always the loudest and most demanding. That is exactly why they have to go. This is not a new form of government! Kings of long ago have been creating poverty for dependence and granting wealth to those who will kiss their rings. The technique is as old as the earth. Moderates (people in the middle) will not be tolerated in the final days. The reason is that a moderate's loyalty can be tipped either way. Satan cannot take this risk if he is to have complete rule over the entire world.

Wow – that pretty much describes the destiny of this city. By this point, Babylon will become inhabited by devils, spirits that follow devils, and female “birds” (witches) from the abyss (see Matt. 13:4-32, Jeremiah 5:27, Isaiah 34:11-15). Every nation will kiss her ring and be drunk with her mushy love doctrines, which will openly allow passion, prosperity, immorality, and independence.