THE BEGINNING OF THE END
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THE HARLOT CHURCH

Revelation 17:1-18

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: [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. [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. [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. [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 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. [15] And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. [16] 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.

In the seven-year Tribulation period, God's wrath will be poured out in various segments – primarily:

- The Seal Judgments
- The Trumpet Judgments
- The Vial Judgments

As the seven years progress, the CHURCH grows more and more vile on the earth. Instead of being an instrument of salvation, it becomes a deadly trap of Satan, enticing millions to their eternal doom.

I believe we are seeing the formation of the harlot church right before our very eyes.

We see it happen with married couples. Boredom with each other. Infatuation with someone outside. Carelessness behavior. Disaster. The church is in peril for some of the same reasons.
THIS PAST WEEKEND, WE SAW A HUGE CROWD HERE ON LINE. ACCORDING TO THE ONLINE AND FACEBOOK PEOPLE, WE HAD 12,939 PERSONS WATCH OUR WEEKEND SERVICES.

MUCH THE SAME THING HAPPENED ON 9/11 - WITH HUGE CROWDS COMING TO AN UNANNOUNCED SERVICE FOR PRAYER. THE NEXT WEEK - THE NORMAL SMALL GROUP WERE HERE.

WHY? Because to most of them, God is an ever-present help in time of trouble. Nothing more.

Matthew 24:12
And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

They want God's help… healing… prosperity… etc. But, when everything is going right, they don't feel they need God. THEY ARE NOT SO MUCH IN LOVE WITH GOD - AS THEY ARE WHAT THEY THINK GOD CAN DO FOR THEM.

The Apostle Paul prophesied in writing what would happen in the church universal:

1 Timothy 4:1-5
Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; [2] Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; [3] Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. [4] For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: [5] For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.
Some professing Pentecostal churches have printed lists of activities that their people are forbidden to do - but they never send money for missionaries, never have outreaches to win the lost. Read Paul's warning again!

I have been approached on occasion by folks who don't believe in eating meat. The Bible says, "It's fine… it's why God created those edibles. “Every creature of God is good and nothing to be refused.”

**MOTIVATION: What would cause believers to get involved in this “no meat” idea? BECAUSE WE SOMEHOW WANT TO EARN OUR SALVATION. It is "salvation by faith… not by works.”**

But salvation by works appeals to us, doesn't it? It gives us a sense of accomplishment. BUT IF WE COULD SOMEHOW EARN OUR SALVATION, WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO GO THE CROSS? ONLY HE CAN PURCHASE OUR REDEMPTION.

I hear often that the world will get better and better and then Jesus will come. But what does the Bible tell us will happen?

2 Timothy 3:1
*This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.*

The fact is: we ain't seen nuthin' yet!

2 Peter 2:1
*But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.*
HOW CAN A PERSON KNOW WHICH CHURCHES ARE PREACHING THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL?

Here are some of the bullet points of a true gospel:

1. The virgin birth of Jesus Christ
2. Salvation comes about only because of Jesus and the cross
3. Jesus died on the cross. Muslims deny that.
4. Jesus rose again the third day
5. Jesus is coming back- He is coming only for those who have made their personal commitments to make Jesus their Lord and Savior. He is going to leave on this earth all who may have professed to be believers in Jesus but have never been born again.
6. The claims of the Bible regarding Jesus are fact!

After the Rapture of the Church - and during the seven-year Tribulation period, there are going to be three leaders of religion on this whole planet:

* Satan
* Antichrist
* The unholy spirit - capable of miracles.

(People who run after miracles are going to be fooled into chasing after the false Messiah - anti-Christ.) THE FALSE CHURCH - THE HARLOT CHURCH WILL LOOK VERY GOOD TO THEM AND THEY WILL FOLLOW ONE WHO CANNOT SAVE THEM… BUT INSTEAD WILL DAMN THEIR SOULS.