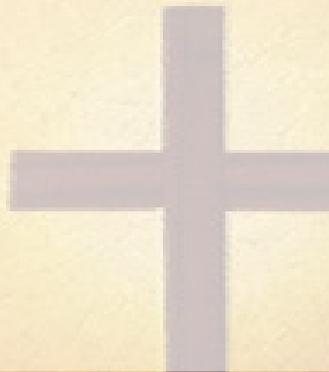
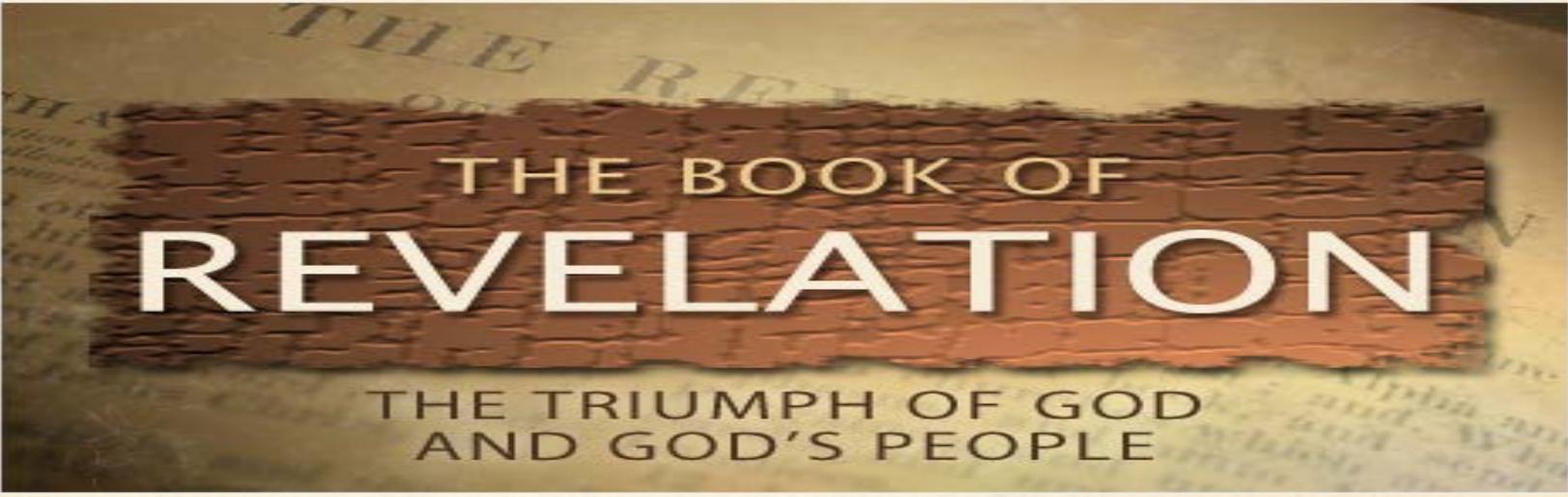


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Introduction

Chapters 17 and 18 are dedicated to the satanic false government/religion during the tribulation period that will have roots all the way back to ancient Babylon.

This is known as the beast government which has resulted from the joining of a one world government with a one world religion.

Chapter 17 deals with the religious part and gives us insight into the ancient Babylonian origins of this satanic pagan church of the beast that will arise while chapter 18 gives us insight into the financial system of this beast government.



Hear What God Is Telling Us

Revelation 17: 1-2

One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute, who sits by many waters. With her the kings of the earth committed adultery, and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries.”

Much of this is explained to us later in this chapter, however please note that this is talking about spiritual adultery.

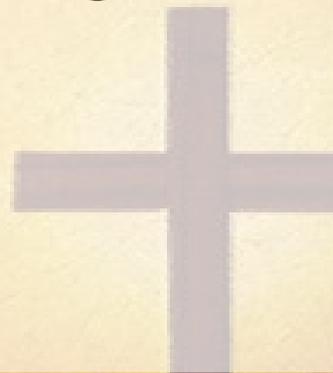


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Revelation 17: 3-4



Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns. The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries.



Hear What God Is Telling Us

Revelation 17: 5-6

The name written on her forehead was a mystery:

BABYLON THE GREAT

THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES

AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of God's holy people, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus.

Who's blood is this woman drinking?

The blood of the Christians and of the Tribulation Saints.

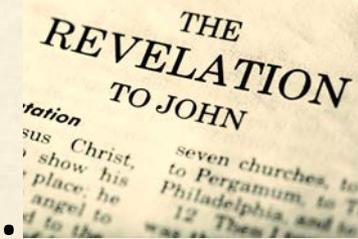
Question: I challenge you to research which religious organization has killed millions and millions of Christians for the crime of heresy within the last 2000 years.



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Who or what is Babylon?

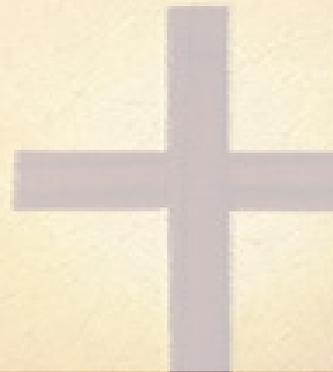
We will see it is a historical location that was destroyed and will be rebuilt as a financial center of export, It is an ancient pagan religion that still exists today and will be incorporated into the beast church/government and a future location of the world headquarters of this pagan government.

Do you know what city is mentioned most in the Bible?

Jerusalem

Do you know what city is second?

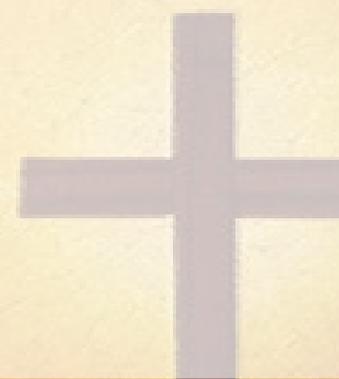
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BABYLON, THE RELIGION

The Babylonian pagan religion goes back over 5,000 years and is known in history and is found in all cultures worldwide.

Genesis 10:8-12:

Cush was the father of Nimrod, who became a mighty warrior on the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the Lord; that is why it is said, "Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before the Lord." The first centers of his kingdom were Babylon, Uruk, Akkad and Kalneh, in[d] Shinar. From that land he went to Assyria, where he built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah and Resen, which is between Nineveh and Calah—which is the great city.

Genesis 11:1-10:

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

*So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called **Babel**—because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth*

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The Babylonian Religion began with Nimrod who was a mighty archer and orchestrated the building of the tower of Babel. He wanted to reach heaven and shoot God out of the sky. The original term for "mighty hunter before the Lord" referred to a hunter of men's souls. He wanted to create a gateway to heaven and men would have to go through him to get to God and heaven.

Note Babel originated from the word bab-ilu in the ancient and now extinct Akkadian language. Bab-ilu means the "Gate of God", (from bab "gate" + ilu "god")."

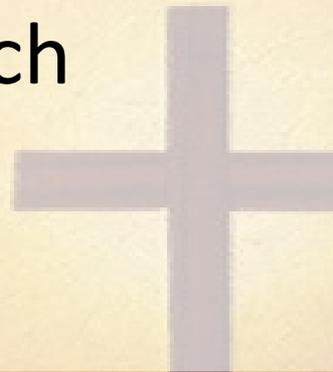
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The Babylonian pagan religion originated with Nimrod and the tower of Babel, which explains why this pagan belief system is found throughout the world as it originated during a time shortly preceding the great flood where the entire world was located in one area and spoke the same language.

Note: Nimrod was a grandson of Ham, which makes him a great grandson of Noah.





BABYLON, THE RELIGION



According to history, Semiramis became pregnant after engaging in an adulterous affair while married to Nimrod. Around this same time, Nimrod dies a violent and untimely death. In an effort to retain power and to hide her misdeeds, Semiramis declares that upon Nimrod's death he had been resurrected as the god of the Sun. As the Sun god, Nimrod used his sun rays to miraculously inseminate Semiramis with a child. This child was thus considered to be divinely conceived. The child's name was Tammuz, which she claimed was the reincarnated Nimrod.

BABYLON, THE RELIGION

When Tammuz was 40 he was hunting in the woods and was attacked and killed by a wild boar. His mother Semiramis wept for forty days and the people were commanded to fast and pray for 40 days asking the god to release Tammuz from the underworld, which represented one day in prayer for each year of his life. Tammuz was then brought back to life after being prayed out of the underworld. This started a tradition of fasting and prayer for 40 days of lament or lent and the underworld became known as purgatory and Semiramis becomes known as the Queen mother or the Queen of heaven and idols were made of her holding her baby, Tammuz.

Jeremiah 44: 1-5

This word came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews living in Lower Egypt—in Migdol, Tahpanhes and Memphis—and in Upper Egypt: “This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: You saw the great disaster I brought on Jerusalem and on all the towns of Judah. Today they lie deserted and in ruins because of the evil they have done. They aroused my anger by burning incense to and worshiping other gods that neither they nor you nor your ancestors ever knew. Again and again I sent my servants the prophets, who said, ‘Do not do this detestable thing that I hate!’ But they did not listen or pay attention; they did not turn from their wickedness or stop burning incense to other gods.

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Jeremiah 44: 15-18

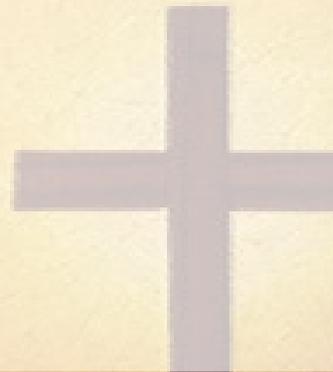
Then all the men who knew that their wives were burning incense to other gods, along with all the women who were present—a large assembly—and all the people living in Lower and Upper Egypt, said to Jeremiah, “We will not listen to the message you have spoken to us in the name of the Lord! We will certainly do everything we said we would: We will burn incense to the Queen of Heaven and will pour out drink offerings to her just as we and our ancestors, our kings and our officials did in the towns of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. At that time we had plenty of food and were well off and suffered no harm. But ever since we stopped burning incense to the Queen of Heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have had nothing and have been perishing by sword and famine.”

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The women added, “When we burned incense to the Queen of Heaven and poured out drink offerings to her, did not our husbands know that we were making cakes impressed with her image and pouring out drink offerings to her?”



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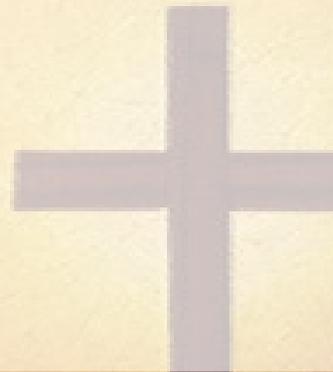
And He said to me, "Yet you will see still greater abominations which they are committing." Then He brought me to the entrance of the gate of the LORD'S house which was toward the north; and behold, women were sitting there weeping for Tammuz.



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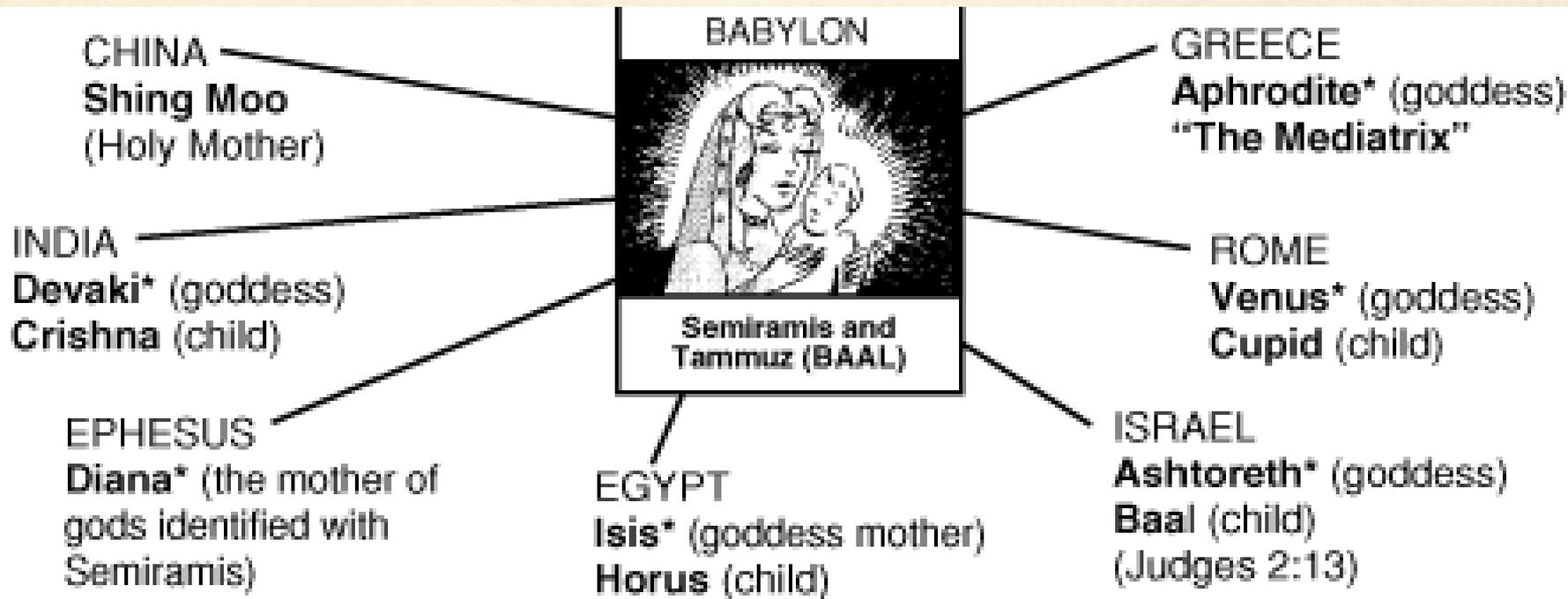
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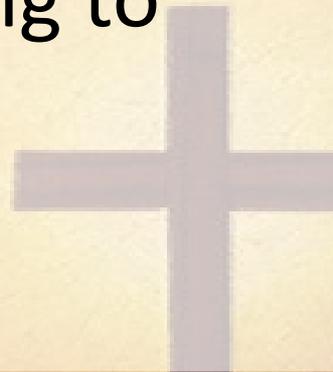
Note: In every case, the worship of these gods and goddesses was associated with all kinds of perverted sexual immorality. All pagan religions can be traced back to Nimrod and ancient Babylon.

Hear What God Is Telling Us

Revelation 17: 6-7

When I saw her, I was greatly astonished. Then the angel said to me: "Why are you astonished? I will explain to you the mystery of the woman and of the beast she rides, which has the seven heads and ten horns.

Now that we are all confused or greatly astonished like John was, we are now going to have all this explained to us!

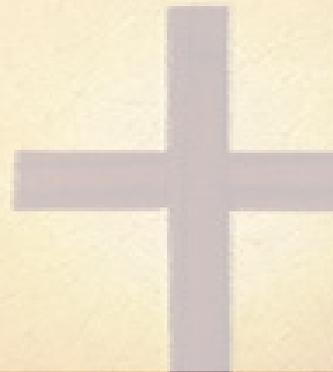


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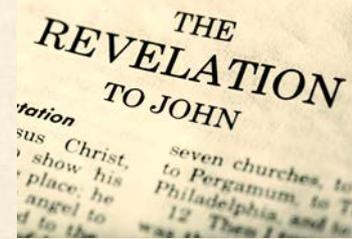
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This beast is the system or government of the antichrist which once was, now is not and yet will come. Most scholars agree this is the Roman empire which once was the world leader, was not or lost it's position as world leader, and then will again rise up as the world leader in the role as the headquarters of the beast government.



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Who does not have their names written in the book of life?

Those who are not Christians.

What are they astonished by?

This new government which will be a beautiful and powerful organization/religion.

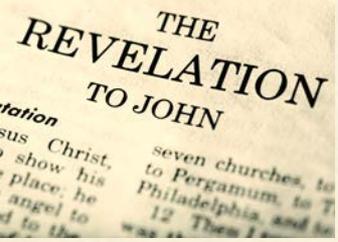


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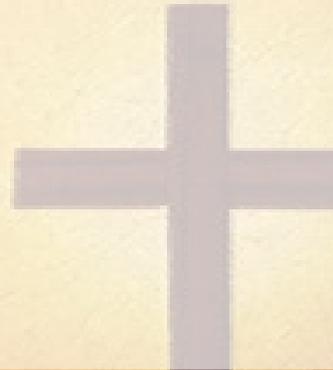




Revelation 17: 9-10



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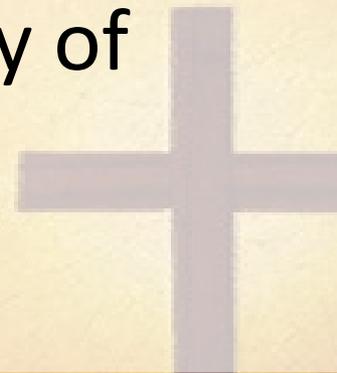
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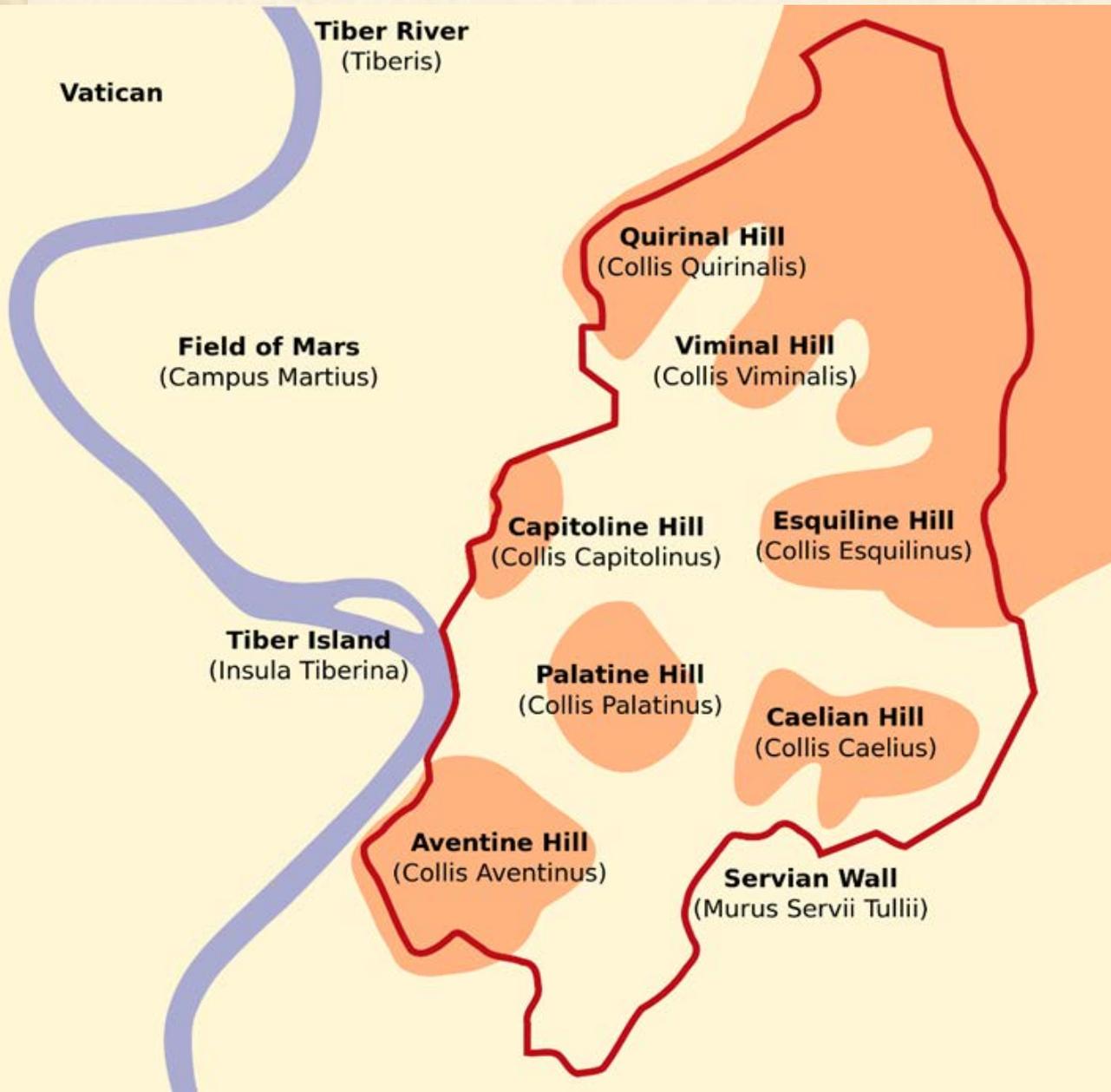
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Note: We will see a little later that this woman represents a city where the center of this false religion/government is located.

Any guess to what city is known as the city of seven hills?



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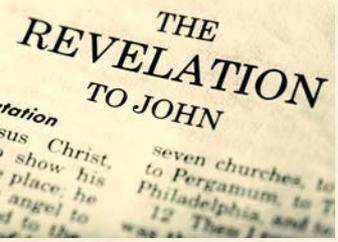
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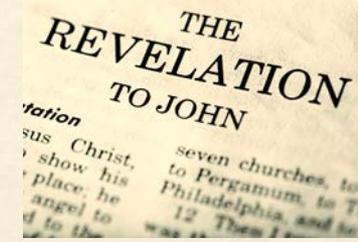
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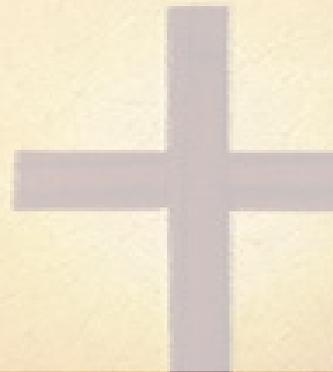


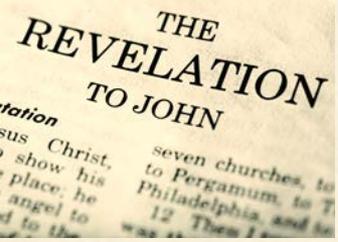
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Let's walk through this one step at a time.





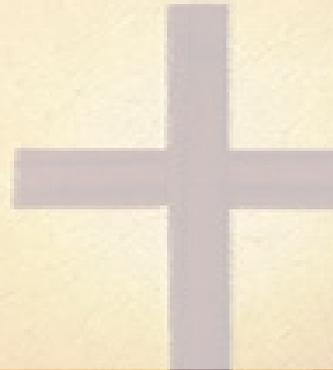
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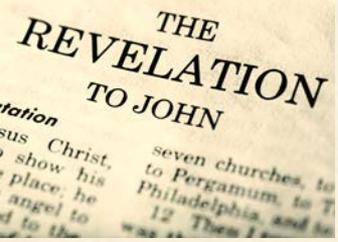


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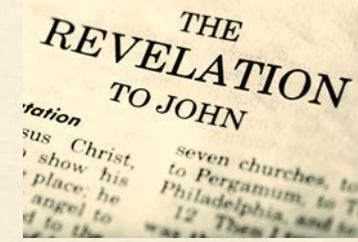
When John wrote this five great world empires had fallen:

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3. Babylonian
4. Medo-Persian
5. Greek



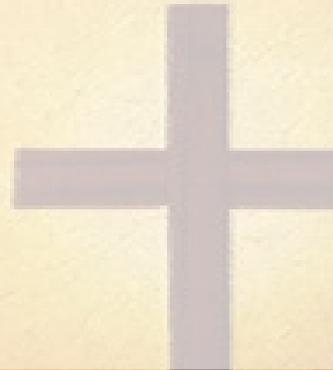


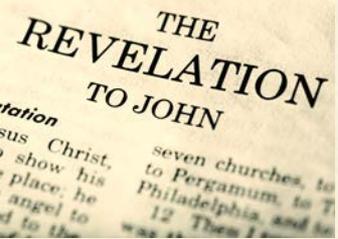
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When John wrote this the Roman empire was in power.





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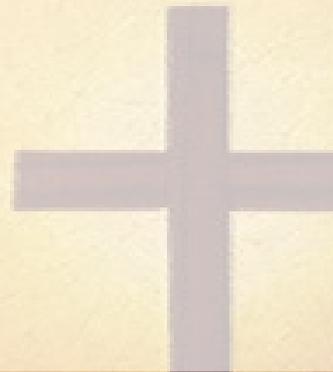
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The Roman empire will disappear and Europe will unite in a new European/Roman empire, the seventh empire, which will only remain a short period and from this empire will arise the antichrist who will transform the seventh empire into the new satanic beast world government or the eighth empire.

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Revelation 17: 12-13



“The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast. They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast.

This is telling us that there will be ten leaders or kings who will be sub-rulers under the antichrist over ten districts, not kingdoms. This will be a one world kingdom. The one hour means for a short time or as we know for 3 ½ years.



Revelation 17: 12-13



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The single purpose of this government is to force the world into this satanic pagan religion previously described as Babylon or the beast.

Interesting fact. There is an example in our history of the government joining powers with a religious organization. Do you know what it is?

A Little History Lesson

In 311 AD, the dying Emperor Galerius ended the Persecution of the Church by the Roman empire.

In 313 AD, Emperor Constantine issued the Edict of Milan, granting Christians "the right of open and free observance of their worship".

Constantine then began to utilize Christian symbols in his reign but still encouraged traditional Roman religious practices including sun worship and melded together Christianity, Roman rituals and pagan rituals into one organization.

Question?-What is the origin of sun worship?

Pagan Babylonian worship of Nimrod which included idols of Semiramis holding a baby with a halo or a sun over her head.



A Little History Lesson



The title of the Roman emperor during Constantine's rule was Pontifex Maximus.

Today Roman Emperor Constantine is known as Saint Constantine.

In 440 AD Leo I became leader of this new Roman religious organization and he was called Pontifex Maximus or Pope Leo.

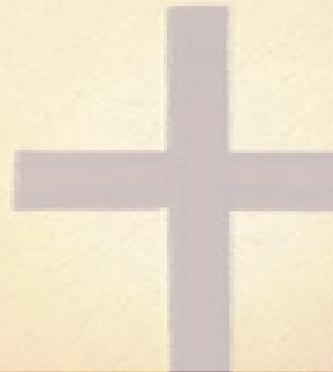
Many historians suggest that Pope Leo is the first to claim universal jurisdiction over the worldwide Church, thus initiating the rise of the papacy, a uniquely Roman Catholic structure.

We can clearly see this government melding with religion to form this unique organization, just as John is describing will happen with the beast government and world religion.

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Revelation 17: 14



They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.”

This is describing the battle of Armageddon, also previously described as the tramping of the grapes in the wine press.

Any guesses to who will be riding into this battle with the Lamb?

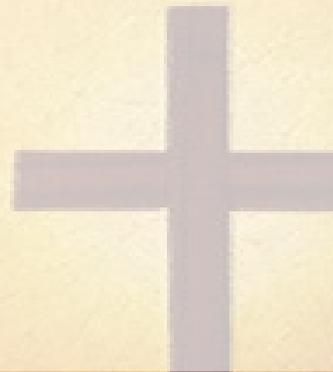
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They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.”





Revelation 17: 15-16



Then the angel said to me, “The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages. The beast and the ten horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire.

What is happening here?

In the end, when the world realizes they are losing the battle they will mutiny and turn against satan, the antichrist and the false prophet in the very end.

Although it will be too late for repentance, the people of the world will realize they have been eternally duped.

Note: The waters are the people of the world that the antichrist is ruling over or sitting on.

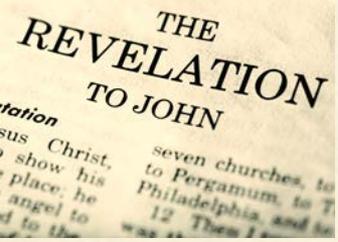
Isaiah 14: 9-17 (NLT)

“In the place of the dead there is excitement over your arrival. The spirits of world leaders and mighty kings long dead stand up to see you. With one voice they all cry out, ‘Now you are as weak as we are! Your might and power were buried with you. The sound of the harp in your palace has ceased. Now maggots are your sheet, and worms your blanket.’

“How you are fallen from heaven, O shining star, son of the morning! You have been thrown down to the earth, you who destroyed the nations of the world. For you said to yourself, ‘I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God’s stars. I will preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north. I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.’

Instead, you will be brought down to the place of the dead, down to its lowest depths.

Everyone there will stare at you and ask, ‘Can this be the one who shook the earth and made the kingdoms of the world tremble? Is this the one who destroyed the world and made it into a wasteland? Is this the king who demolished the world’s greatest cities and had no mercy on his prisoners?’



Hear What God Is Telling Us

Revelation 17: 15-16



Then the angel said to me, “The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages. The beast and the ten horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire.



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Revelation 17: 17

For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose by agreeing to hand over to the beast their royal authority, until God's words are fulfilled.

Why did the people turn against the beast?

Because God is in control and has put it in their hearts to accomplish HIS purpose.



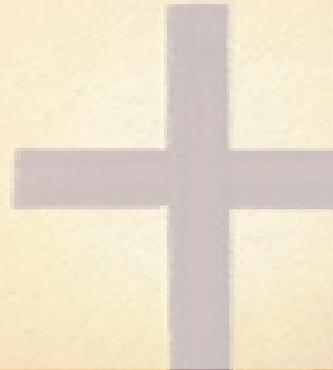
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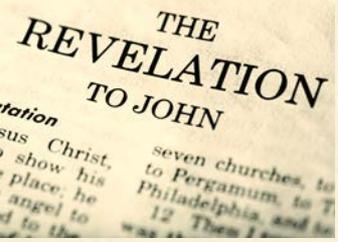
Revelation 17: 18

The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth.”

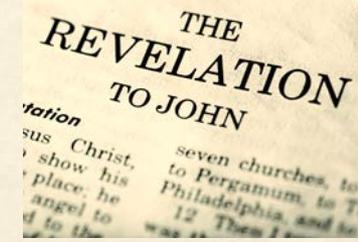
Note this is present tense in John’s time. Can you guess what world empire or great city ruled over the earth during this time (95 AD)?

Rome



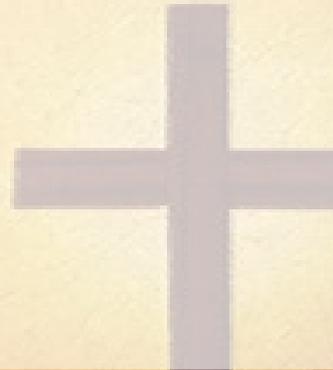


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On October 24, 2004 the constitution establishing the European Union was signed, the European Union was born and the stage is now set for the rise of the new Roman empire.

Do you know where they signed this new constitution establishing the united states of Europe?



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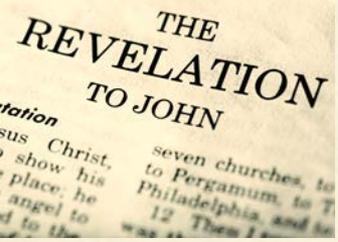
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European Constitution to be signed in Rome today



The signature will take place in the same room that hosted the signature of the founding Treaty of Rome in 1957
(Photo: European Commission)

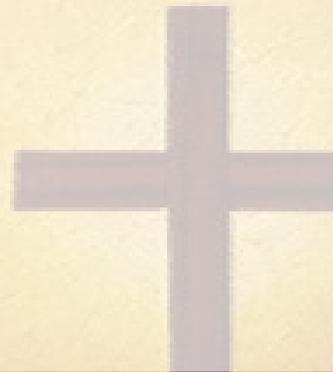
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Do you know what the currency of the European Union is?

The Euro.

Here are some interesting pictures of some Euro coins.



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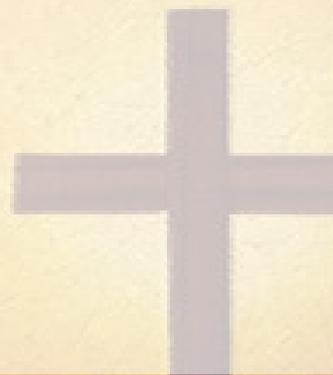


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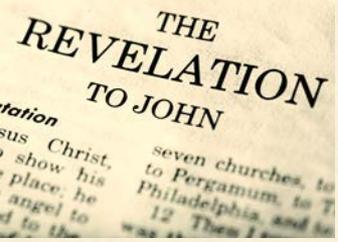
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Luther taught that salvation and subsequently eternal life is not earned by good deeds but is received only as a free gift of God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ as redeemer from sin. His theology challenged the authority and office of the Pope by teaching that the Bible is the only source of divinely revealed knowledge from God and opposed the catholic church by considering all baptized Christians to be a holy priesthood. Luther insisted on Christian or Evangelical as the only acceptable names for individuals who professed Christ.



Martin Luther

He was a Bible scholar who believed everyone should have access to the Bible and not just the leaders in the Catholic church so he translated the Bible into the vernacular (instead of Latin) and made it more accessible, which had a tremendous impact on the church and German culture.

Luther wrote a list of 95 propositions that he wished to discuss and, according to most accounts, nailed it to the door of the Wittenberg Cathedral.

Because of this he became an outlaw in Rome and was persecuted by the Catholic church.

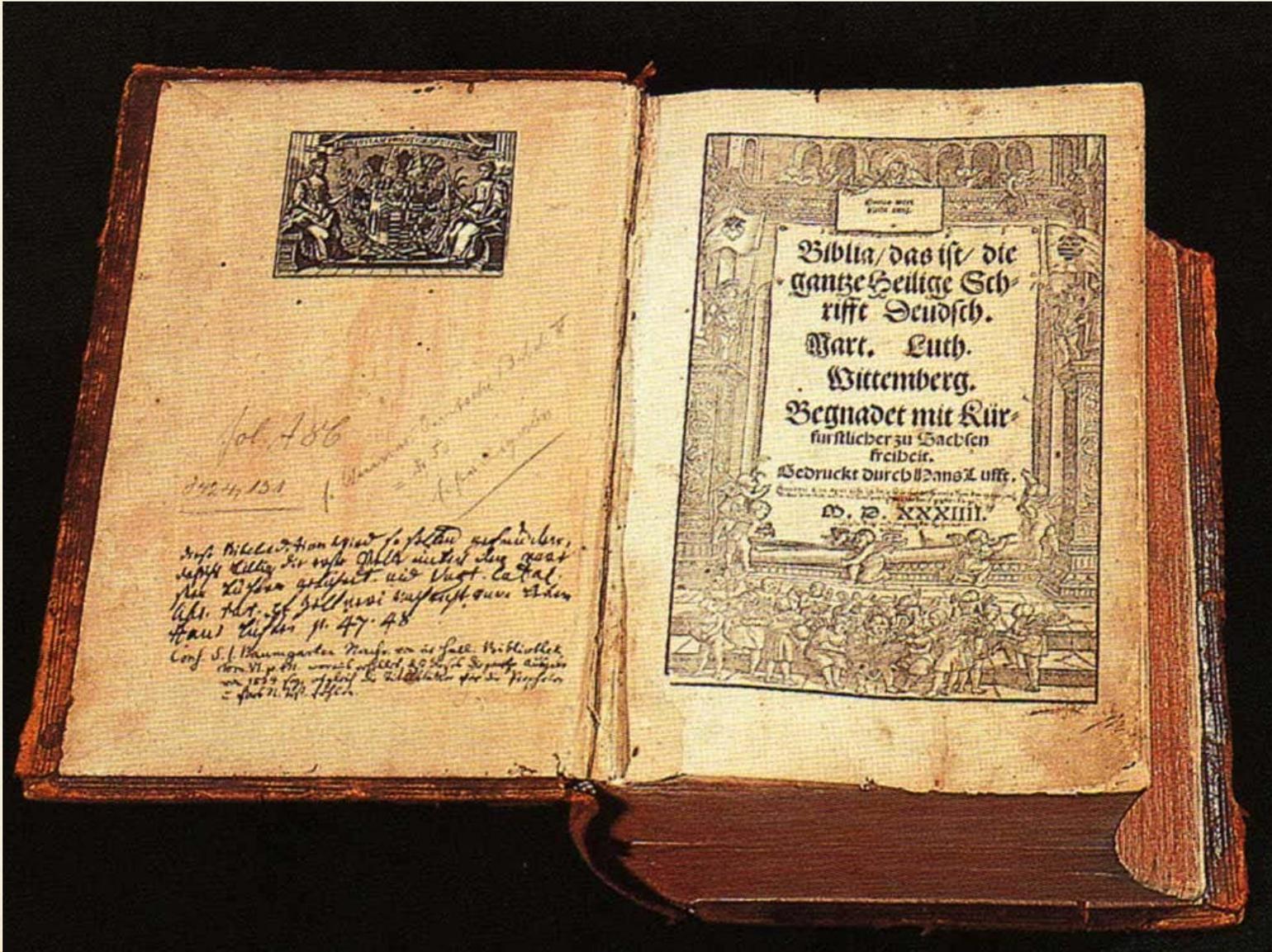
Martin Luther's 1534 Bible

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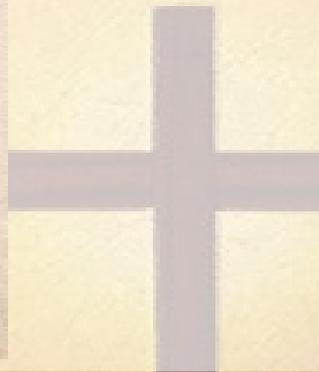
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Martin Luther's Drawing of The "Whore of Babylon"

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Another Drawing of The "Whore of Babylon" from the 1500s

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Pope Alexander VI (1431-1504)



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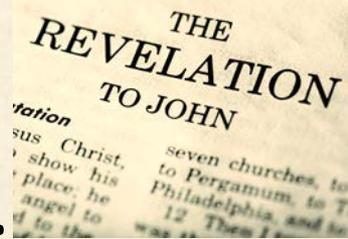




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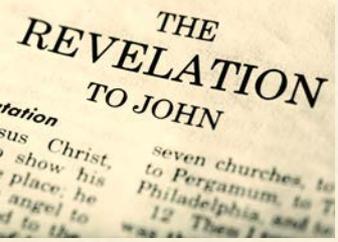
Where was 1 Peter written?

Scholars agree that Peter, being the overseer or Elder of the Church in Rome, wrote 1 Peter in Rome.

1 Peter 5:13 (NLT): *Your sister church here in Babylon sends you greetings, and so does my son Mark. Greet each other with Christian love. Peace be with all of you who are in Christ.*

Here we see the early church referred to Rome as Babylon.





Still Present in our Lifetime



In the 1970s Iraq began construction of a 40-megawatt light-water nuclear reactor at the Al Tuwaitha Nuclear Center which was destroyed by the Israel Air Force because they had proof it was being used to generate weapons grade plutonium.

The religion in Iraq is Muslim, which is symbolized as a crescent moon.

Do you remember where the worship of the moon god originated?

Babylon.

Any guesses to what the Iraqis named their nuclear reactor?

“Tammuz”

