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## SHALOM

As I advise at the beginning of each year to redeem your time wisely, that suggestion is even more important now than ever before! It's so easy to get caught up in the cares of this life that seem to bombard us at a faster rate. As a result, we set aside our personal Bible study time. That is a dangerous error in these wicked days, for only His Word can give us the power to discern between good and evil due to the line constantly getting thinner and harder to recognize. With the world very accepting of all immorality, the church tends to compromise on the truth. Don't let that happen to you.

Let me ask you: when is the last time you took your Bible, sat at the table with your supplies (bible dictionary, interlinear, etc.), and studied the Word of God, verse by verse? If it's more than a week, you had better remedy that, if it's more than a month or two, you are in danger. Not just spiritually or mentally, but in some instances physically as well. In spite of what some may say, it's the Word of God that maintains your armor apparel. Don't chance it, saints.

A few years ago a famous Israeli, Rabbi Kaduri, died at 108 and left a letter saying that he had a divine encounter and knows that Yeshua is the Messiah, who would come after the death of the current Prime Minister Sharon. Soon after Sharon forced the Jews out of Gaza in 2006, he incurred a brain aneurism and had been in a coma for 7 years till he officially died two weeks ago. Naturally, many are wondering just how soon that prophecy will come true. Some say the rapture is this year. What do you think?

As the love for others waxes colder and evil continues to increase like the Bible predicted, people are focusing much more on their own problems, rather than caring much about what others might be going through. I am reminded this has a name, a false god called 'humanism'. Actually, it's not new and has been here since the days of Nimrod, who wanted to be like God and tried to make a stairway to the heavenlies, calling it a tower.

As you recall, after God judged the wicked the first time with the flood of Noah, his prideful great – grandson, Nimrod, actually thought he could be like God. God, of course, frowns on this and confused their language so it sounded like Babel talk. Hence, the area became known as Babylon, where again, Satan's seed of spiritual adultery was planted, setting up his throne or headquarters, so to speak. Later when Persia conquered the Babylonian empire in 539BC, Babylonialism (or Paganism) with its Pagan priests, moved to Pergamum, for King Cyrus wanted *Zoroastrianism* to be the primary religion of Babylon who believed in a heaven and hell and even a resurrection. So the Pagans with their many false deities and sun worship were not welcomed.

Knowing this history, what Jesus said to the church at Pergamous now makes total sense: "I know your works and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is..." (Rev.2:13) And indeed, demon activity flourished there. The Pagans erected a statue to the goddess Diana who duplicated the title Queen of Heaven from its original owner, Semaramis, (Nimrod's wife when widowed claimed to have a virgin birth, a child named Tammuz who was born on Dec.25th) Read Ezek. 8-9.

As time went on, after the Greek Empire when the Romans were in power, the emperor Constantine had a vision of a cross that he credits for the victory he won at the battle against his brother-in-law Maxentius at the Milvian Bridge. As a result, Constantine, with the 'edict of Milan' in 313 AD, ruled for tolerance of <u>all</u> religions, especially Christianity, which up until then had been severely persecuted, as represented by the Church at Smyrna. (Rev.2) However, Constantine held on to his paganistic ideals and compromised by incorporating it with Christianity. This, of course, is not true Biblical Christianity but rather what Satan purposely coordinated. Why, you might ask? Because he saw that trying to kill all the Christians wasn't working. In fact, Christianity was getting stronger. So, he decided if you can't beat them, join them. And this combo of paganism or Babylonialism is still here today, like the yeast in the parable of the leaven. Matt.13:33.

The names of Christian holidays were modified, such as the day of Christ's resurrection, which was changed to Easter after the goddess Ishtar. Many pagan holidays were still honored, like Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, originally the birthday of Tammuz during the winter solstice. Instead, they called it the birthday of Jesus, even though most of us know He was not born in the winter but rather in the fall, on The Feast of Tabernacles. This time period was the foundation for the Dark Ages and is represented in Revelation as the church at *Pergamous*, whose name means 'mixed marriage'. Constantine's throne, later called *Constantinople*, was a thriving idol worshipping <u>fake</u> Christian city. It would eventually be sacked by the Ottoman Turks in 1517, who would change the name again to *Istanbul*, but by now the one world church's throne had been moved to Rome.

For after the era of *Pargamous*, (Rev.2) came the era of Thyatira. In 607 AD, Emperor Phocus made the Bishop of Rome, Boniface, the leader of the entire church, hence, technically the first Pope and over all the other Bishops, even over the Bishop in Constantinople. Now, both in Rome, political decisions would be easier to make, after all there were no phones then.. Although it was not all that unusual for the papal court to leave Rome for <u>short periods of time</u> in order to escape the political turmoil there, the main headquarters for both religion and government were joined at the hip now <u>out of Rome</u>, the new Babylon, and still remains there today. Rev.17.

The Roman empire would never be conquered but would eventually lose its temporal power (for a while). But still, the one world church remained, which ruled over most of the kings, with the exception of England, for approximately a thousand years until the reformation of 1517, as prophetically (Rev.3) represented by the church at Sardis, whose name means *remnant*.

Since history repeats itself until we finally get back to how it was in the Garden of Eden, [MK] I wanted to give you some important past events so you could follow what is taking place today as the one world religion is converging right now before our eyes. It's absolutely amazing to watch this typology unfold. What has happened before will happen again, this time on a larger scale with different players because there is nothing new under the sun. It's all been here before.(Eccl.1:9-10). We are so fortunate to be alive at such a time as this!! Believers, do you know what I am trying to convey to you? Don't you just want to jump out of your skin, even literally? Soon we will!

Okay, so the church at Pergamous set the stage for the one world church, as represented by Thyatira, to enhance its pagan ideals while increasing the deeds of the Nicolaitans (the elevation of the churches hierarchy) and the false doctrines of paganism stemming from Babylon. Rome is Mystery Babylon which is the headquarters of Vatican City. And yes, the Roman Catholic Church, after the true believers are raptured, will head the world's false religion of tolerance as the Harlot for all. Her motto: Let's commune together for we worship the same god. Yes, they will, his name is Lucifer, the god with many aliases.

As I have told you before, I was raised Catholic, went to Catholic school, and practically memorized their catechism. I loved God with all my heart, but they never introduced me to the real Jesus of the Bible who died for all my sins, completely with no penance on my part, a done deal once and for all. I was taught that when I die I could not go to heaven unless I stayed a Catholic (that "truth" has now changed, for even atheists can have eternal life), and I must go to purgatory to finish paying for the sins that Christ did not accomplish. This is pure heresy, and most Catholics are not aware of it because they don't study the Word for themselves. In fact, I was commanded not to because only the hierarchy knows what is true and what is not (more heresy). The papacy would pick out the Scriptures for the priests to read each Sunday..

Believers, we need to woo our Catholic friends with the Truth in love. And with the help of the Holy Spirit, save even one from the soon judgment coming on the world for the main reason of unbelief and idolatry. Idolatry is the worship of anything over Jesus and that includes sharing our worship with anything other than Our Lord. Catholics get a trophy for this and they don't even know it's an abomination! I didn't.

Shouldn't this be the born-again disciples calling: to expose error? (Eph.5:11) I was conditioned at an early age to believe that I must pray to a sinless Mary daily and kneel at her statue as comediatrix to God. She was called the *Queen of Heaven* for they thought of her as the mother of God the Father, not just the man Jesus. This is totally against God's Word. (I Tim 2:5-" For [there is] one God and one **Mediator** between God and men, [the] Man Christ Jesus"...)

Also in Catholic school, they encouraged us to bring a homemade gift and lay it at Mary's feet during the month of May. My mom usually helped me make a little cake with flowers and a candle in the middle. Later in life after learning the truth, I read God's rebuke in Jer. 7:18: "The children gather wood, the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes for the queen of heaven...that they may provoke me to anger." Wow! I was into idolatry, which is spiritual adultery that God addresses in Rev. 17 as a harlot. I've known some of this for a while but like others, justified it by saying, "Well, at least they believe in Jesus"... Yes, but it's a different Jesus with a perverted gospel [faith plus works] than what the Bible teaches.(Gal.1:6-8, &2Cor.11:4 rebukes for tolerance)

When I recited the Ten Commandments that I memorized from my catechism, they eliminated the second one, which says not to make any graven image or likeness from above or under the earth or bow down or serve them. Then to make it number ten, they separated the last commandment into nine and ten. With the Bible actually being read today they have to address this. So when asked about the statues, they either say it was before Jesus and doesn't apply now, or the statues are not hewn or carved as in the Old Testament times but are now cast, or they simply say they aren't really worshipping them. Actually, I remember saying that myself. Wow, how blinded we can be! I suppose it's one thing having a statue but it's another thing entirely when we bow down in front of it. How easily influenced we can be by men who we think are above reproach and surely wouldn't lie to us. Mary would be sad over this because she recognized her need for a Savior [Lk.1:47] and would not want anyone lifting her up except as being blessed to have borne Him.

Besides the "Queen of Heaven", the pagans prayed to many other gods, and this also infiltrated the Catholic church, but instead of calling them gods, they call them saints, making statues of them as well. This is a form of necromancy and forbidden by God in Deut.18. There have been many cases where demons will speak as if a saint or even a loved one that has died, and you will think it is that person. This is divination and an abomination unto the Lord. In fact, one would be unclean if they even touched the body of a dead person, let alone talk to one. This brings me to another abomination.

I did not know this until recently, but every Catholic church must have a bone of a dead saint in the sanctuary under what they call the altar in order for the transubstantiation of Jesus into his real body to occur for communion. I almost couldn't believe that until I realized they really do have a fetish with the dead and have processions of adorations to dead human remains like skulls and bones. (See picture from France)



Skull & bones artwork in Catholic Church in Czech Republic



But nothing takes the cake like what I recently saw. Since they have declared **Pope John Paul II** a saint, not only have they made a statue to him, but they also parade his blood kept in a covered chalice for all to venerate and adore. Pope Benedict is kissing this chalice. No, I am not kidding.







So, these poor souls venerate a dead pope who embraced all religions at an interfaith conference and allowed photographs of himself kissing a Koran. Of course they would because now, contrary to what I was taught (that you had to be baptized a Catholic to go to heaven), as long as they are good, everyone, even atheists ,can go after their stint in purgatory. This is the dogma of the Woman who rides the Beast, the whore of Babylon. All it takes now is for the real believers to leave the earth; in fact, we have to, in order for there to be absolute unity. Naturally, real believers would never adhere to this, would you? So let's get out there and tell them as the Scriptures say: "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plaques." (Rev.18:4)

Don't they say Popes are infallible, especially when it comes to doctrine, and yet everyone can now enter heaven? {paragraph 841 Catholic Catechism} It is perplexing but then add all the tens of thousands of murders [inquisitions] of those they said were heretics, then confiscated their lands to get rich, having their own slaughtering army called the "Jesuits or Crusaders". The immorality was staggering with bishops, priests and past popes having many illegitimate babies and still today engaging in sodomy and pedophilia. There is something wrong with this picture and we must help who we can. Most are just ignorant and some might choose to be; I don't know, but we must try. I was close to thirty years old before anyone gave me the proper gospel, and although it didn't happen immediately, he wouldn't stop trying, and the Truth finally took root.. I know everyone reading this very heartfelt letter knows at least one Catholic who thinks their religion will save them. Come on, let's be aggressive! Time is running out, you know it is. May God be with you.

As the Feast of Purim is remembered on Mar.16<sup>th</sup>, I pray all of Israel has it cemented in their hearts that God would never let them totally perish. EVER! And as so often, their bordering demonic Islamic factions are once again shaking the lots [pur] getting ready to throw. Missile rockets have begun and they say will increase. Like Ps.2, ya gotta laugh. I say, "Bring it on... we need Ps. 83 fulfilled". There was a war at the time of the last blood moon tetrads in 1967 when Jerusalem was returned to the Jews. Will there be a war again surrounding the next blood moon tetrads to begin this Passover? After all, Israel's borders need to be expanded for the war of Ezek.38 to happen(v.11) in the first half of the Tribulation. So Close!

Shofar Assembly at Chester Christian Center is on the first Friday of every month at 7pm for Messianic Worship and a deep study of God's Word. Also in Mentor at Lakeshore A/G on Feb.27th on the *Jesuits Counter Reformation*. Please join us and bring a friend. If you've been on milk, it's time to progress to some meat! Bring your end-time questions! Tune in to: <a href="https://www.whkwradio.com">www.whkwradio.com</a> every Tues. at 8pm/ or 1220 am locally. And thanks to Lew Buckles, all programs are archived on <a href="https://www.shofarministries.net">www.shofarministries.net</a>

The Roman Catholic Church instituted the Sacrament of Penance so you, yourself, could pay for your sins through prayer and later, time in purgatory. Indulgences (time off in purgatory) would be granted for money donated to the church with which masses were said in the deceased's honor. For those men who fought with the Crusaders; they could go right to heaven upon death.

Isn't that interesting that the Muslims believe that too? Fighting in a war called Jihad would assure—direct entry into heaven. Does a red flag go up in your mind here? Could there have been a 'behind the scenes' instigator of Islam? Don't they pray on beads too and highly esteem Mary? There are a few very reliable whistleblowers and ex-Jesuit priests that emphatically have shared that the Vatican actually did create Islam, as an undercover army to conquer Jerusalem for the Pope. Maybe that is why they kiss the Koran?

That, however, backfired, for the Muslims increased quickly and wanted Jerusalem for themselves. Hence, the Crusaders were formed by the Pope to fight Islam. Many battles incurred until finally the Turks conquered Jerusalem in 1517. In 1540, the Jesuits were created to also fight for the Pope, not overtly, but rather covertly. Have you ever heard of wolves in sheep's clothing?

After Luther's Reformation in 1517, the Vatican used the Jesuits to infiltrate Protestantism and all walks of life in hopes of reversing the Reformation and are still trying to accomplish that today. Conveniently, there is now a high level Jesuit ruling as pope. Chick.com has documented this by authentic testimonies, particularly from the ex-Jesuit Priest Dr. Alberto Rivera. Other sites like RedIceCreations.com, Remnantof God.org and Wikipedia report on this as well. That is the upcoming topic for our assemblies next month. Much research has been done with many pictures for you to see. Bring a Catholic. This Power Point presentation will open their eyes, I promise. Next newsletter will contain more info on the Jesuits.

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