

THE SCARLET WOMAN

In the seventeenth chapter of Revelation there is a description of a woman who is seated upon a scarlet colored beast, full of BLASPHEMY. Who is this strange woman? Of what is she a figure? The Bible tells us that a woman represents a church, and the particular kind of church is determined by the character of the woman used as a symbol.

Let us read the description of this strange woman in Rev. 17:3: "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."

The prophet, John, then continues his description in Rev. 17:4: "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."

The Revelator concludes his description thus: "And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." Rev. 17:5. The Book of Revelation refers to Babylon many times, and here it tells us that the Woman in Scarlet represents Babylon, or the fallen churches.

In Rev. 12:1 we have pictured a pure, virtuous woman, with a crown of twelve stars upon her head, clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet. We have previously learned from the Scriptures that this pure, virtuous woman represents the true, pure church of Jesus Christ. The scarlet woman is not pure and virtuous, but is impure, a harlot. Since the pure woman represents the Lord's true system of worship, the harlot woman must represent Satan's counterfeit system of worship.

There have always been just two church systems in the world, the TRUE and the FALSE. While there are hundreds of denominations and sects today, each denomination is either a part of the true system on the side of God's faithful saints, or a part of the false system of worship on the side of the fallen churches. Prophecy reveals that nearly all the world will be numbered with the false system of worship. Whichever side we choose to be on will settle our destiny for all eternity.

In Rev. 17:2 it declares: "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." Have you ever tried to teach a drunken man? It is just as hard to preach the truth to the people of the world today, because their minds have become confused with the wine of the false doctrines of the Woman in Scarlet. She has filled the world with her abominable heresies, and millions have been deceived by this false system with its erroneous teachings.

There is a great significance in the name of this woman. Let us read Rev. 17:5: "And upon

her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT." This woman's name is Babylon. It is very important to understand the significance of the word BABYLON, as it is used in Revelation. The last warning message that God has for the world in these closing days of the earth's history before the seven last plagues are to be poured out, calls God's true followers OUT OF BABYLON.

In Rev. 18:2 it says: "And he cried mightily with a strong voice saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen . . ." Then notice what God will do in the last days, as set forth in verse 4: "And I heard another VOICE FROM HEAVEN, saying, COME OUT OF HER, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." God has His true children in all the churches, but how can they come out of Babylon if they do not know what Babylon is? Hence this matter of Babylon is something that we do need to understand.

In Revelation 14:6-14, the special message for these last days is symbolized as being carried by three angels in mid-air. This great three-fold message is God's last warning to the world. It is called the everlasting gospel, and the Bible says that it must be carried to every nation, tongue, and people. This message is not carried to the ends of the earth by angels literally, but angels are surely helping God's messengers from day to day as they give this message to the world.

John the Revelator saw the first angel flying through the air over the earth, sounding the keynote message: ". . . Fear God, and give glory to Him for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth . . . and the fountains of water." Rev. 14:7. This is the message that God's ministers should be preaching today. The hour of God's judgment has come, and we should realize the seriousness of the times and worship God the Creator.

Then John saw a second angel following the first, with the message: ". . . BABYLON IS FALLEN . . ." God is calling TODAY to His people in fallen Babylon, "COME OUT OF HER, my people." If you are in a church where the traditions of men are considered more important than the Word of God, the message of this angel is for you — "Come out of her!"

The Revelator then saw a third angel following with a warning message against the Mark of the Beast, calling out a people to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. The very next thing the prophet saw was the coming of Christ on a cloud. Now isn't that plain? This great three-fold message is to go to the ends of the earth, and then Christ will come again. Without a doubt this is our Lord's special message for the world in these last days.

In Rev. 17:18 we read: "And the woman which thou sawest is that GREAT CITY, which reigneth over the kings of the earth." Here it declares in so many words that the harlot woman,

BABYLON, is that "GREAT CITY," a great spiritual and religious city. Rev. 16:19 says: "And the GREAT CITY was divided into three parts . . ." So there are three leading parts to this false, religious system.

These three parts correspond to that triumvirate of error, that false trinity, the DRAGON, the BEAST, and FALSE PROPHET, mentioned in Rev. 16:13. The dragon power is PAGANISM, or the heathen countries. The Beast represents CATHOLICISM, or the Catholic countries. The FALSE PROPHET is a symbol of APOSTATE PROTESTANTISM, or the Protestant countries.

The Bible declares that this woman's name is "BABYLON THE GREAT, the MOTHER OF HARLOTS." The founder of the Christian Church, Alexander Campbell, says: "The denominations now in operation throughout Christendom, are the legitimate daughters of that MOTHER OF HARLOTS, the Church of Rome." **Baptism**, p. 15. This shows that Babylon embraces the entire false system of worship, with all its ramifications. It takes in every false doctrine in the whole world.

The significance of Babylon, as described in Revelation, the last book of the Bible, may be found in the first book of the Bible — Genesis. After the flood men built a tower. Their idea was to build a tower so high that in the event of another flood they could save themselves. But God was not pleased with this, and while they were building the tower He confused their language. We call this the TOWER OF BABEL, which means TOWER OF CONFUSION."

According to Gen. 10, the word BABYLON means CONFUSION, and comes from the word BABEL. When we think of the hundreds of discordant and contradictory religions, creeds, and doctrines in the world today, what better name could describe this situation than BABYLON or CONFUSION? This is an outstanding characteristic of Babylon. In **The Worship of Nature** by Frazer, Vol. 1, p. 529, we read: "In ancient Babylonia the SUN WAS WORSHIPPED from immemorial antiquity." So the worship of the sun originated in Babylon, and most of the churches today have adopted the day of the sun, or Sunday, as their day of worship instead of God's true Sabbath.

Now let us notice the confusion in the teachings of the modern churches today. Some teach that there is to be a great Judgment Day when everybody will be judged. Yet at the same time they say that when the wicked die, they go immediately into hell fire to suffer terrible punishment, and that the righteous go straight to heaven at their parting breath. What is the use of a judgment at the end of time when everybody is already in heaven or hell, receiving his reward or punishment? Such a doctrine is CONFUSION, is it not?

The Bible teaches us that there will be a resurrection of the dead at the end of the world, but if the wicked go into hell fire and the righteous go to heaven as soon as they die, what is the use of a resurrection at the end of time: for all have already been rewarded or punished. What

are such doctrines but CONFUSION or BABYLON?

Another bit of confusion is regarding the second coming of Christ. Many churches teach that Christ will come a second time to gather all the saints and take them back with Him. But at the same time they teach that the saints are already in heaven, for they went immediately at death. So why would Jesus come to this earth a second time to gather His saints when they are not here but in heaven? Such a doctrine is CONFUSION, BABYLON.

In the early days of Protestantism the churches were pure and separate from the world, and the church members were earnest, Godly Christians, walking in the light of God's Word. Prophecy indicates that in the last days the Protestant churches will become worldly and will fail to walk in the light of God's Word. Is this fulfilled today? Look at the decline of piety on every hand and you have the answer. Let us read from the **True Wesleyan**, Nov. 15, 1951: "Falsehood is unblemishingly uttered in the forum and in the pulpit; and sins that would shock the moral sensibilities of the heathen go unrebuked in all the great denominations of our land."

Paul says in II Tim. 3:1-5: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." In these verses Paul has mentioned eighteen different sins of which the church members will be guilty in the last days.

Dear Friends, you know as well as I do that the vast majority of church members have only a form of godliness. In the **Commentary** by Jamieson-Faussett and Brown, we find this quotation: "Corrupt, lifeless Christendom is the HARLOT, whose great aim is the pleasure of the flesh, and which is governed by the spirit of nature and the world." (Hahn in Auberlen). There is little difference, if any, between church members and non-church members today. Many church members drink everything the world drinks, go everywhere the world goes, play cards, dance, and gamble. Truly, Babylon is fallen.

But I am glad that the picture is not all dark. Quoting again from the **Jamieson Faussett-Brown Commentary**, p. 593: "In every apostate or world-conforming Church, there are some of God's invisible and true Church, who, if they would be safe, MUST COME OUT." God has many true Christians in every church who do not partake of these sinful, worldly ways. His eye is upon them and He is calling them out: "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Rev. 18:4.

Notice the two colors that this woman of Rev. 17 uses for her attire, PURPLE and SCARLET. On Feb. 11, 1939, describing the funeral proces-

sion of the Pope who was buried at that time, the Associated Press said: "RED ROBED cardinals and PURPLE ROBED bishops marched in solemn procession." The scarlet colored hat is inseparably connected with the office of a cardinal, given when he is elevated to his official position. This is not just coincidental. The Bible definitely points out the very colors that the officials of the fallen church would use.

The Papal Church has actually taken the symbol of a woman with a golden cup in her hand as their own chosen emblem. In 1825, on the occasion of the Jubilee of Pope Leo XII, he struck a medal to commemorate the occasion. On one side of that medal is his own image, and on the other side that of the Church of Rome symbolized by a woman holding in her left hand a cross, and in her right hand a cup, with the legend around her: "Sedet super universam," which means in English, "The whole world is at her feet."

The evidences that the Woman in Scarlet of Rev. 17, or Babylon the Great, is primarily the Church of Rome are unmistakable:

She makes the inhabitants drunk with the wine of her fornication, or false doctrines.

She is arrayed in the official colors of the Church of Rome, purple and scarlet.

She is guilty of being drunk with the blood of the saints and martyrs.

Furthermore, the headquarters of this church system is to be located upon seven mountains, and Rome is called the "City of the Seven Hills."

Now let us consider the golden cup in her hand that is full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication. (Rev. 17:4.) The filthiness of her fornication that is contained in the cup represents the false doctrines of this church system. The world has been made drunk with these things, and we will take a few sips from the cup ourselves and see how easy it is to become confused by these false doctrines.

Sip No. 1: THE CHURCH OF ROME CONSIDERS TRADITION equal to THE BIBLE. The Catholic Church has declared over and over again that tradition is every bit as important as the Bible. Many of the practices of the Church of Rome are based upon tradition, and not on the Bible. The most notable example of accepting tradition instead of the Bible is found in the acceptance of the Sunday Sabbath, which is not contained in the Bible but based on tradition alone.

Let us read from *Catholic Belief*, by Rev. Joseph Faa di Bruno, p. 45: "Like two sacred rivers flowing from Paradise, the Bible and divine tradition contain the Word of God, the precious gems of revealed truths. Though these two divine streams are . . . of equal sacredness . . . still, of the two, TRADITION is to us more clear and safe." So the Catholic Church considers TRADITION more important than the Bible.

But I believe that the true Church of God will agree with the famous statement of Chillingworth: "THE BIBLE, I SAY, THE BIBLE ONLY, IS THE RELIGION OF PROTESTANTS." *The Religion of Protestants*, p. 463. And the Bible

says that we ought to obey God rather than men. Each one must decide for himself whom he will serve.

Sip No. 2. THE CHURCH OF ROME HAS MADE THE POPE equal to GOD. As we take the second sip out of this cup of abominations, we find that the church has made their leader, the pope, a god. When the pope is crowned, he is reminded that he is "the Supreme Judge of the Universe, and on earth the Vicar of Jesus Christ our Saviour . . . the Governor of the world." (*Ferraris' Ecclesiastical Dictionary*.)

In the fifth Lateran Council, addressing the Pope, Christopher Marcellus said: "For thou art the shepherd, thou art the physician, thou art the director, thou art the husbandman; finally thou art ANOTHER GOD ON EARTH." *History of the Councils*, Labbe and Cossart, Vol. XIV, col. 109, Ed. 1692. In Rev. 17:3 the scarlet colored beast is said to be full of names of blasphemy. The Bible tells us that it is blasphemy to claim to be God.

The Catholic Church not only claims that the pope is as it were God on earth but the priests are also considered as divine. The priest Liguori, in *Dignity and Duties of the Priest*, Vol. 12, pp. 23, 33, has this to say: "St. Dennis calls the priest A DIVINE MAN." "The power of the priest is the power of THE DIVINE PERSON." The Lord is not pleased when a mere man makes the claim of being God, for in Ex 20, verse 3, God says: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

Sip No. 3. THE CHURCH OF ROME TEACHES CONFESSION OF SIN TO A PRIEST—NOT TO GOD. As we take the third sip from the cup of abominations, we find that CONFESSION, which is based on tradition alone, is a very important phase of the belief of the woman in scarlet.

God says in Luke 5:21: "Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?" The Catholic Church says that God alone cannot forgive sins, but must have help from the Catholic priest.

From the *Dignity and Duties of the Priest*, by Liguori, Vol. 12, p. 27, we read: "God himself is obliged to abide by the judgment of His priests, and either not to pardon or to pardon, according as they refuse or give absolution, . . . The sentence of the priest precedes, and God subscribes to it." Not only does the Catholic Church claim that the priest is equal to God, but that he is greater than God. Such blasphemy!

From page 34 of the same book we read: "When He ascended into heaven, Jesus left His priests after Him to hold on earth His place of MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MEN." It is plain to be seen that this Woman in Scarlet of Rev. 17 has filled the world with abominations that are an insult to God. God gave His Son to die for sinners, and because of His sinless life He is now the only Mediator between God and sinful man.

Sip No. 4. THE CHURCH OF ROME TEACHES AND PREACHES THAT THERE IS A PURGATORY. Friends, we all know that purgatory is not a place, it is a BUSINESS. Those who

have sufficient funds may buy their loved ones out of purgatory. Those who are not so fortunate as to have rich relatives must remain in purgatory. Do you believe that a just God would be partial to the rich?

From a Catholic magazine we quote: "Purgatory is Real: a Suburb of Hell . . . The sense pains of Purgatory equal those of hell, which means that the temperature is the same in both regions." "Our Sunday Visitor," Nov. 26, 1945. We know that the Bible teaches that the wicked dead "know not anything," but are reserved until the second resurrection to be punished.

Again, quoting from "Our Sunday Visitor," Aug. 11, 1946: "ARE YOU INSURED? Write and ask about our plan to offer the Gregorian Masses after your death. This is real insurance for your soul." The idea seems to be that you can live as wickedly as you please, if you pay in enough money to the church treasury before you die.

Commenting on this ad the editor of the "Converted Catholic," in the Nov., 1946, issue says: "Gregorian Masses for a soul in Purgatory are 30 in number and are said consecutively. Minimum price is \$30.00. It is believed that Christ appeared to St. Gregory and promised that He would release souls from Purgatory on payment of the money **EVEN BEFORE THE MASSES ARE SAID.**" So it does not seem to be the masses but the money that is supposed to release from purgatory.

Sip No. 5. **THE CHURCH OF ROME INSTITUTED THE SO-CALLED HOLY SEASON OF LENT.** The forty day period known as Lent, was a period that was anciently given over to mourning the death of the sun god. Lent was a time when the pagans joined in all manner of abominable and adulterous practices. The Catholic Church adopted this forty day period of mourning, and today they do it supposedly for Christ.

Rev. Alexander Hislop says: "Let anyone only read the atrocities that were commemorated during the 'SACRED FAST' of pagan Lent, . . . and surely he must blush for the Christianity of those who . . . went down to Egypt for help to stir up the languid devotion of the degenerate Church, and who could find no more excellent way to 'REVIVE' it, than by **BORROWING FROM SO POLLUTED A SOURCE.**" **The Two Babylons**, p. 106. Although supposedly a time of mourning, it soon became a period of polluted degeneracies. How sad that the Christian churches of today have adopted this period of Lent.

Sip No. 6. **THE CHURCH OF ROME BELIEVES AND TEACHES THAT PEOPLE SHOULD REPEAT PRINTED PRAYERS.** As we sip of number six from the cup of abominations, we find that this, along with Lent and other things, is borrowed from the Papacy by Protestantism. Printed prayers are used more and more in religious services, but this practice is not upheld in the Scriptures.

In Matt. 6:6 God says: "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

Matt. 6, verse 7, continues: "But when ye pray, use not **VAIN REPETITIONS** as the heathen do; for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking." The Church of Rome is noted for its repetitious prayers and prayer beads. This is another pagan practice of which God disapproves.

Sip No. 7. **THE CHURCH OF ROME SAYS THAT YOU SHOULD CALL THE PRIEST REVEREND AND FATHER.** As we take sip number 7 from the cup of abominations we recognize that the practice of addressing ministers and priests as Reverend and Father has come down from the Papacy. The Bible tells us that only God is Reverend.

In Ps. 111:9 we read: "He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant forever: **HOLY AND REVEREND** is his name." No minister or priest has the right to call himself reverend. That term means something reverend, something holy. God only is Reverend and Holy. Whatever holiness we human beings may have is not our own but is of Jesus Christ.

In Matt. 23:9 Jesus said: "And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your father, which is in heaven." This, of course, is not referring to one's earthly parent, but it refers to calling a spiritual leader **FATHER**. Our God is our true spiritual Father.

Sip No. 8. **THE CHURCH OF ROME HAS SLAUGHTERED THOUSANDS OF CHRISTIANS.** This is a well known fact, and it has been recorded in history. The Church of Rome has been guilty of the slaughter of thousands of Christians through the centuries who were in opposition to the creeds and traditions of the Papacy. Those who were unwilling to follow the false teachings of the Catholic Church were tortured and killed.

Let us notice several quotations from the book **Institutes of Public Ecclesiastical Law**, Vol. 2, p. 142, by P. Marianus de Luca. The first one reads thus: "The Church may, by divine right, confiscate the property of heretics, imprison their persons and condemn them to the flames." This means that anyone who differs in religious belief with the Roman Catholic Church should be persecuted!

Let us again notice what this Catholic author says: "In this age, the right to inflict the severest penalties, even death, belongs to the Church . . . Since experience teaches us that there is no other remedy, . . . the last recourse is the **DEATH SENTENCE.**" This book was published in 1901, so "In this age" must mean that **TODAY** the Church of Rome has the right to persecute and slaughter.

De Luca says further: "There is no graver offence than heresy." "It must be rooted out with fire and with the sword." How can this doctrine fit in with the religious liberty that the citizens of the United States, and many other countries, have so long struggled to maintain?

Just one more quotation on this subject: "It is a Catholic tenet which must be faithfully held, that the extreme penalty **NOT ONLY MAY, BUT MUST** be inflicted in obstinate heretics." In other words, the Catholic Church allows for no religious liberty or freedom of thought or action unless it is in accord with Catholic principles.

In the official organ of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Father Phelan says: "PROTESTANTISM — we would draw and quarter it. We would impale it and hang it up for crows to eat. We would tear it with pincers, and fire it with hot irons. We would fill it with molten lead, and sink it in a hundred fathoms of hell fire." "Western Watchman," Dec. 4, 1908. Does this sound like the spirit of Christ? Is it the spirit of love that the Bible teaches? This desire to persecute, to kill, and to torture is surely another of the abominations done by the Woman in Scarlet.

Sip No. 9. **THE CHURCH OF ROME TEACHES THE WORSHIP OF IMAGES.** As we sip number 9 from the cup of abominations, we find the very well recognized fact that the Church of Rome is an image-worshipping church. God has said in the second of the ten commandments: "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image." Ex. 20:4. This commandment has been left completely out of the Catholic catechism. This is another of the changes that the church has made in God's Holy Law.

Sip No. 10. **THE CHURCH OF ROME THINKS TO "CHANGE TIMES AND LAWS."** As we sip from the cup of abominations again, we find something that has literally made millions of people drunk with confusion. This is the change of God's Holy Sabbath by the false church system. God tells us in Ex. 20:10: "But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work . . ." But the Woman in Scarlet, or Babylon the Great, as God calls her, has substituted the first day of the week, Sunday, for the Sabbath.

Sunday worship began back in ancient Babylon, so is it any wonder that God calls the Scarlet Woman BABYLON. A great Sunday-keeping and worshipping system is the Papacy today, and a truly fitting name for this church is BABYLON. God tells us that the Sabbath begins at sunset and ends at sunset. But the Church of Rome has commanded to keep the first day, Sunday, instead of Sabbath, the seventh day, and to keep in from midnight to midnight. Has this church thought to change the time and the law, as God said it would? Surely we can see that it has.

On page 50 of "The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine," which on Jan. 25, 1910, received the "apostolic blessing" of Pope Pius X, Peter Geierman has this to say on the subject:

"Ques. Which is the Sabbath day?"

Ans. Saturday is the Sabbath day.

Ques. Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?"

Ans. We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church, in the Council of Laodicea (A. D. 336), transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday."

It is bad enough that the Church of Rome has changed God's law, and violated His holy Sabbath Day, but what a pity that almost the entire world is bowing down in obedience to a man who claims to be God! Accepting his commandment, his holy day, instead of God's commandment and God's Holy Day, the whole world has been made drunk

by this sip from the cup. It isn't easy for those who are drunk with these erroneous theories to learn the real truths set forth in the Bible.

Sip No. 11. **THE CHURCH OF ROME HAS POWER OVER KINGS AND NATIONS.** As we sip number 11, we discover that another abomination is contained in the cup in the hand of the Woman. We are told that the Woman or Beast power will have great authority, and will rule over the nations of men. In Rev. 13:3 it says: "All the world wondered after the Beast."

And in Rev. 13:8 it says: "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life." So all the world not only MARVELS at this great power, but all whose names are not in the Book of Life will WORSHIP it as well. The Church of Rome does wield great power over the nations of men. From an official Catholic weekly, "The Western Watchman," April 2, 1914, we quote: "Kings and subjects are alike subjects of the Church; and the highest duty and glory of the state is to act as the handmaid of the church."

Continuing from the same magazine we read: "The state has power from God, but it is a moral power, and the church has the right to say how it shall be exercised. The church's laws must be respected by individuals and nations." Yes, the Church of Rome demands obedience from even the highest authorities on earth, and strange though it may seem, the powers that be in the world bow and scrape to the authority of the Church of Rome!

From the **Jamieson-Faussett-Brown Commentary** we read: "State and Church are precious gifts of God. But the State being desecrated . . . becomes BEAST-LIKE; the Church apostatizing becomes THE HARLOT." How sad it is to think that A CHURCH professing to be a representative of Christ would fall so low into abominations and false doctrines. But it is even sadder that so many of the Protestant Churches of our day have accepted the abominable teachings of this church, the Papacy.

Prophecy tells us that the Harlot Woman has harlot daughters. Of these harlot daughters, existing denominations, Alexander Campbell says: "All of them retain in their bosom, . . . various relics of popery. They are at best a reformation of popery, and only reformations in part. The doctrines of men yet impair the gospel." **Baptism**, p. 15. Dear Friends, "Babylon is fallen" and there is a voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her."

Is this call to come out of Babylon the one made by Martin Luther? I do not think so, because the voice says: "Come out . . . that ye receive not of her plagues." This is a plain reference to the seven last plagues which are about to fall upon the earth. This is a call for the world today, and God says to come out "THAT YE BE NOT PARTAKERS OF HER SINS." Sin is the transgression of the law, so He is referring to the breaking of the ten commandments. Christ is calling His true followers out of the fallen Protestant churches, and from their false doctrines, to KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS.

Does this call mean you? Dear Friend, if the

religion you profess is not one that keeps ALL the commandments of God, then GOD IS CALLING YOU. If your church does not keep all the commandments, that means that Christ wants you to COME OUT of that church. You dare not say, "No, I will not come out," or "No, I cannot come out." For every one of Christ's true followers will come out. If your heart is right with God, you will want to do whatever God bids you to do.

In their **Commentary on the Bible**, the learned Drs. Jamieson, Fawcett, and Brown declare plainly that we must heed God's call. Here is what they say: "Even in the Romish Church God has a people: but they are in great danger; their only safety is in coming out of her at once." So any honest in heart in that church should heed the voice from heaven and "COME OUT OF HER."

This **Commentary** also quotes from Hahn in Auberlan: "The harlot is not Rome alone (though she is pre-eminently so), but every Church that has not Christ's mind and spirit. False Christendom, divided into very many sects, is truly Babylon, i.e., CONFUSION." Page 593. Jesus says: "COME OUT OF HER," and that means you, every one of you who loves Jesus and wants to follow Him.

Jesus says: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me." I believe that you are sincerely in love with Jesus and that you want to follow Him all the way. Remember when Saul of Tarsus was converted, he said: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Saul was ready to do whatever God wanted him to do. Let us each one join with the apostle in asking, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

One more quotation from the **Commentary**: "The first justification of the woman is in her being called out of Babylon the harlot, . . . when judgment is about to fall: for apostate Christendom, Babylon, is NOT TO BE CONVERTED, but to be DESTROYED." Dear Friends, Babylon is soon to be destroyed and wasted by the seven last plagues, and by fire that will destroy all the wickedness on this earth.

God in His mercy is making a last call to this world. How many of you will stand up and say, "By the help of God, I will come out of Babylon, and take my stand to keep all of God's commandments?" The call is not from me, but it is from Jesus.