

THE GREAT DECEPTION IT IS TAKING PLACE BEFORE OUR EYES NOW!

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FOREWORD: *In a few days a Pope of Rome will visit America! We have already seen in the news how that our Government and many of our great Protestant Leaders are ready to receive him with open arms! The doctrinal differences between Catholic and Protestants were once considered to be so great that millions died as Martyrs rather than compromise them! Have these differences been dissolved? What has happened to cause leading Protestants to join hands with Rome, which teaching our early reformers declared to be so far off from the Scriptures? No, our precious King James Bible has not changed. But, we are seeing Prophecy fulfilled before our eyes. The truth of the Word is being compromised in order to create a World Church, a huge coalition among the religions of the world. Message believers understand what is happening, but this sermon is for them to pass on to friends or even family, who do not understand. Please use it as a tool to open some blinded eyes! Amen*

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To the unsuspecting soul, a World church in which the peoples of the world come together in unity in spite of their doctrinal differences may seem to be a very good thing. But the cry for unity in this hour is overriding the sound and scriptural teaching that asks the question, **"Can two walk together except they be agreed?"** (Amos 3:3) The implied answer is a definite, "No" God, speaking through His Prophet, Amos, is rebuking His people for their disobedience in joining themselves to the worshippers of idols.

The great leaders of religion and government are crying out for peace (As the scriptures say they will do in the very end-time), and supposing that such peace can be found in *unity*

which compromises the truths. God has never, and will never, compromise His truths in order to bring a mixed up and confused group of people together, in what some are calling unity! God's plan is just exactly the opposite. Rather than sending His blessings on a group who is willing to compromise many of their known revelations, He says to us that in order to have His kind of unity, we must be **"Joined together in the same Mind."** 1 Cor. 1:9-10, **"God is faithful, by whom ye were CALLED UNTO THE FELLOWSHIP of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Now I beseech you brethren (speaking to the True church) by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, THAT YE ALL SPEAK THE SAME**

THING, AND THAT THERE BE NO DIVISIONS AMONG YOU, BUT THAT YE MAY BE PERFECTLY JOINED TOGETHER IN THE SAME MIND, AND IN THE SAME JUDGMENT." Many other scriptures could be given to show forth God's form of unity, but how could He say it any clearer than what we just read? God's Church must be agreed on God's revealed doctrine!

On March 29th, 1994, an amazing meeting took place. In the light of what we just read, this meeting and its results are incredible indeed. On this day, leading American Protestants signed an agreement called "Evangelicals and Catholics Together, the Christian Mission in the Third Millennium." The agreement was that Catholics

and Protestants would work together to bring 400 million Protestants together with the almost one billion Catholics and thereby produce a WORLD CHURCH.

Friends, if God will open our spiritual eyes, we will see that "compromise" is the main goal of the above agreement. It is an unthinkable admission by Protestants that the Great reformation produced in Europe by our Fifth Church Messenger, Martin Luther, was a mistake. It is to say that the thousands times thousands of martyrs killed by the Roman Church before and after The Great Reformation, was all in vain. The doctrinal differences between Protestants and Catholics were once thought to be so great that millions of Protestants died rather than agree with Catholicism!

May I say that these differences are still in existence today, and that the Catholic Church and its move for unity does not include the changing of their doctrine. The unity they seek is the forsaking of their beliefs by the Protestants. According to their teaching, the world must become Catholic, or pay the price for their unbelief. It is this spirit from the enemy that motivates the Catholic Church to destroy all who are in disagreement with their doctrine. They have done so in the past and will do so again as they enforce the Mark of the Beast.

I emphasize that it is the "SYSTEM" or the "SPIRIT" that is behind the Catholic Church that God is against, and not some precious Catholic people. It is our considered opinion that if the Catholic people would only

take time to study history concerning their Church, they would not continue in such a system! Such books as "Foxes Book of Martyrs", "A Woman Rides the Beast", and "Fifty Years in the Church of Rome" give accurate, historical events which prove the system to be against God's Word.

How could an honest person, who knows anything at all about the Holy Bible, study about history concerning the life of Martin Luther, and still remain a Catholic! Brother Luther was the man who stood almost single-handed against the powerful Pope of Rome in his day. He preached from the pulpit against their doctrine, and then in October of 1517, he wrote his famous "Ninety Five Theses" and nailed it to the door of Castle Church. In a short time all of Germany was lighted with Luther's true scriptural teaching, and the great Reformation of Europe was on.

Our readers, in what we term "The End-time Message" know these things, but this sermon is an effort to reach the many families of God's Bride, both Protestant and Catholic, who may still not understand what is happening in the world of religion today. Let it be said that our motive is not to condemn any person either in or out of the church, but rather to point out Bible prophecies that are now taking place before our eyes. It is written, **"My people die for lack of knowledge."** The knowledge spoken of is not scientific knowledge, the world is full of that, but it is the lack of spiritual knowledge that is producing death.

The Bible prophecies a great world Church, that is anti-Christ

in nature, and that it will be embraced by the nations of the world in the end-time. The scriptures also say that the God of Heaven will smite these nations with the sword of His Mouth. He will feed their dead bodies to the fowls that fly in the midst of Heaven. (Rev. 19:15-18) Current events of recent years show this church to be already formed and adding to itself more and more members as the final days arrive.

We speak of the church mentioned in Rev.17:1-9 called **"Mystery Babylon the Great, The Mother of Harlots"** (Verse 5), the Roman Catholic Church. What other church is drunk with the Blood of the Saints, shed throughout the past centuries? (Verse 6) What other church is built on seven mountains (hills)? (Verse 9) What other church is now taking back into herself harlot daughter, the Protestant denominational churches, who once protested Rome's doctrine, but who now are compromising truths to be joined to her again. What other church has as its universal colors purple and scarlet, and who has the gold of the world in its banks? (Verse 4) What other world church leader has held out his hand of fellowship to any and all religious beliefs of the world today?

The one powerful, and unrelenting aim of the Catholic Church through the centuries, has been to bring all religions under her spiritual wing. The God of Heaven, who saw the **"End from the beginning"** told us in His Book that this would come to pass in the end-time.

But the thing that is so disturbing to those who believe

the precious old King James Version of the Bible, is the effect this Pope's teaching has had on the leaders of our own Christian nation!

Bible prophesy has been fulfilled before our eyes, and though we have known it was coming, we are still shocked. Jesus warned us that the nearness of His return would bring deception in the churches such as the world has never known. (Matt. 24:4-5, 11, 24) We were warned that had God allowed it, even the Elect would be deceived by these false ones. They would be working signs and wonders, but would not at all be Christians.

The Apostle Paul foretold the terrible apostasy that would follow the establishment of the Roman Catholic Church power on Earth. 11 Thess. 2:3-4, "**Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition. Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; So that he, as God, sitteth in the Temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.**" Then in Verse 7 Paul warned "**The mystery of iniquity doth already work.**" Two thousand years ago Paul saw the spirit of anti Christ that was beginning to creep into the church.

What we are witnessing today did not start in recent years, but now we have seen the power of Rome take over the minds of men. Little by little it has increased in strength as it moved forward with its deceiving work. In the earlier years of our nation men of God,

including our 16th President Abraham Lincoln, warned against this tide of evil. In a statement made to a personal friend Charles Chinique, He said, "It is now evident to me that with very few exceptions, every priest, and every true Roman Catholic is a determined enemy of liberty...., It is very certain if the American people could learn what I know of the fierce hatred of the priests of Rome against our institutions, our schools, our most sacred rights, and our so dearly bought liberties, they would drive them away tomorrow from among us..." (End quote)

What then is Roman Catholicism? May we sum it up in a short statement? It is so-called "Christianity" that has reached out for *fellowship* and *partnership* with all kinds of people, with all kinds of ungodly beliefs. It is a mixture of the Knowledge of "The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil" as was seen in the Garden of Eden. (Gen. 2:9)

It is a religion whose leaders have forsaken God's Word that commands His People to "**Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness. And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part he that believeth with an infidel? and what agreement hath the Temple of God with idols?.....Wherefore come out from among them, AND BE YE SEPARATE, saith the Lord and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you.**" (1 Cor.6:14-18)

Compare what God said above with this statement by Pope Paul VI where he gives the status of "Christians" to all religions. QUOTE: "The Church (Catholic Church) has this exhortation (This advice) for her Sons and Daughters: Prudently and lovingly, through dialogue and collaboration with the followers of other religions, and in witness of Christian Faith and Life, acknowledge, preserve and PROMOTE the *spiritual* and *moral* good found among these people." (End quote)

This then is Catholicism; a Religion that embraces all beliefs, even those who deny Jesus Christ as Lord and King of all. And this is the system that is producing a WORLD Church that is so far removed from the word of God that He will be forced to destroy it. As the strength and power of this Church has increased, so has the darkness that is shadowing the world increased.

Where can we find scripture for the worship of Mary? Where is the scripture for praying the dead out of a place called Purgatory? What word of God tells us that in our partaking of The Lord's Supper, we have changed the simple bread and wine into the flesh and blood of Christ? (This is Catholic mass) Where does God require his ministers to remain unmarried? Where does the Bible say that any man or any church has the right to change his written Word? Where do we have any thought from God that says a Pope can claim to be infallible (Without error)? Where is the scriptural authority for a church to put to death those who are in disagreement with it? (Rome was mysteriously quite while

Hitler murdered over six million Jews) How can an intelligent person, who has a Bible, and who claims to believe it, belong to a church that denies so many of its foundational truths?

The present blindness of our renowned world leaders, as to the evils of the Catholic Church is a most astounding thing. If These anti-Word teachings had been held in secret, as in centuries past when the people

had no Bibles, it would be more understandable. But, now we not only have Bibles in every home, but the Catholic teachings have been broadcasted around the world by their leader. Besides all of this, God has provided this nation and the world with a mighty Sanctuary of Truth in the form of a Word Prophet.

Scattered around the world in this hour, in obscure places of

retreat, hidden away from the world, God's Bride watches with intent interest the moves of the Harlot Church and her denominational daughters. Her interest is twofold, she watches to see if one more can be pulled from the burning before it's eternally too late, and she watches so as to know the day and the hour in which we are living.