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DANIEL AND REVELATION

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THE JUDGMENT OF THE GREAT WHORE

Revelation 17:1–2

“**The woman [Babylon] of Revelation 17** is described as ‘arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness:...and upon her forehead was a name written, *‘Mystery, Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots.’* Says the prophet: ‘I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.’ Babylon is further declared to be ‘that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.’ Revelation 17:4–6, 18. **The power that for so many centuries maintained despotic sway over the monarchs of Christendom is Rome.**” *The Great Controversy*, 382.

BABYLON'S WINE

“The fallen denominational churches are Babylon. Babylon has been fostering poisonous doctrines, the wine of error. **This wine of error is made up of false doctrines.**” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 62.

“The great sin charged against Babylon is that she ‘made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.’ This cup of intoxication which she presents to the world represents **the false doctrines** that she has accepted as **the result of her unlawful connection with the great ones of the earth.**” *The Great Controversy*, 388.

THE WILDERNESS—REVELATION 17:3

Revelation 12:6, 14

DRUNKEN WITH BLOOD

Revelation 17:3–6

“He thus mentioned certain events to precede His coming, and fixed the time when the first of these should be witnessed: ‘In those days, **after that tribulation**, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light.’ Mark 13:24. The 1260 days, or years, terminated in 1798. **A quarter of a century earlier, persecution had almost wholly ceased.** Following this persecution, according to the words of Christ, the sun was to be darkened. On the 19th of May, 1780, this prophecy was fulfilled.” *The Great Controversy*, 306.

“**The persecution of the church did not continue throughout the entire period of the 1260 years.** God in mercy to His people cut short the time of their fiery trial. In foretelling the ‘great tribulation’ to befall the church, the Saviour said: ‘Except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.’ Matthew 24:22. Through the influence of the Reformation the persecution was brought to an end prior to 1798.” *The Great Controversy*, 266–267.

THE MYSTERY OF THE WOMAN, AND THE BEAST

Revelation 17:7

A MYSTERY—COLOSSIANS 1:26–27; 2 THESSALONIANS 2:7

THE BEAST THAT CARRIES HER—REVELATION 17:7

Daniel 7:17

THEY GIVE THEIR KINGDOM & RECEIVE POWER—REVELATION 17:16–17; 12

And **the woman** which thou sawest is **that great city**, which **reigneth over the kings** of the earth. Revelation 17:18.

“As we approach the last crisis, it is of vital moment that harmony and unity exist among the Lord’s instrumentalities. The world is filled with storm and war and variance. **Yet under one head—the papal power**—the people will unite to oppose God in the person of His witnesses. This union is cemented by the great apostate.” *Testimonies*, volume 7, 182.

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CITY/KINGDOM

Revelation 3:12; 11:8, 13; 14:8; 16:19; 18:10, 16, 18, 19, 21; 20:9; 21:2, 10, 14–16, 18, 19, 21, 23; 22:14, 19

PEOPLES, AND MULTITUDES, AND NATIONS, AND TONGUES

Revelation 17:1, 15

SEVEN HILLS

And here *is* the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are **seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth**. Revelation 17:9.

“At last he beheld in the distance **the seven-hilled city**. ‘With deep emotion he [Luther] prostrated himself upon the earth, exclaiming: ‘Holy Rome, I salute thee!’” *The Great Controversy*, 124.

THE BEAST THAT WAS AND IS NOT—REVELATION 17:8

SHALL ASCEND

Daniel 11:40.

AGAINST: 5921—to ascend, intrans. (be high) or act. (mount)—arise (up). (cause to) ascend up.

Isaiah 14:13–14

“In this time of prevailing iniquity, the Protestant churches that have rejected a ‘Thus saith the Lord,’ will reach a strange pass. They will be converted to the world. In their separation from God, they will seek to make falsehood and apostasy from God the law of the nation. They will work upon the rulers of the land to make laws **to restore the lost ascendancy of the man of sin, who sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God**. The Roman Catholic principles will be taken under the protection of the state. The protest of Bible truth will no longer be tolerated by those who have not made the law of God their rule of life.” *Review and Herald*, December 21, 1897.

OUT OF THE BOTTOMLESS PIT—REVELATION 9:2; 11:7; 20:1–3

“That the expression ‘**bottomless pit**’ represents the earth in **a state of confusion and darkness** is evident from other scriptures.” *The Great Controversy*, 658.

“‘When they shall have finished [are finishing] their testimony.’ The period when the two witnesses were to prophesy clothed in sackcloth ended in 1798. As they were approaching the termination of their work in obscurity, war was to be made upon them by the power represented as ‘**the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit**.’ In many of the nations of Europe the powers that ruled in Church and State had for centuries been controlled by Satan, through the medium of the papacy. But here is brought to view **a new manifestation of Satanic power**.” *The Great Controversy*, 268.

“I told him that the Lord had shown me in vision that **mesmerism** was **from the Devil, from the bottomless pit**, and that it would soon go there, with those who continued to use it.” *Review and Herald*, July 21, 1851.

PERDITION—2 THESSALONIANS 2:3

THE LAMB’S BOOK—REVELATION 13:3, 4, 8

THE BEAST THAT WAS, AND IS NOT, AND YET IS AND SHALL ASCEND WAS AND IS NOT

“The periods here mentioned—‘forty and two months,’ and ‘a thousand two hundred and threescore days’—are the same, alike representing the time in which the church of Christ was to suffer oppression from Rome. The 1260 years of papal supremacy began in A.D. 538, and would therefore terminate in 1798. At that time a French army entered Rome and made the pope a prisoner, and he died in exile. Though a new pope was soon afterward elected, the papal hierarchy has never since been able to wield the power which it before possessed.” *The Great Controversy*, 266.

SHALL ASCEND

“The prophecy of Revelation 13 declares that the power represented by the beast with lamblike horns shall cause ‘the earth and them which dwell therein’ to worship the papacy—there symbolized by the beast ‘like unto a leopard.’ The beast with two horns is also to say ‘to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast;’ and, furthermore, it is to command all, ‘both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond,’ to receive the mark of the beast. Revelation 13:11–16. It has been shown that the United States is the power represented by the beast with lamblike horns, and that this prophecy will be fulfilled when the United States shall enforce Sunday observance, which Rome claims as the special acknowledgment of her supremacy. But in this homage to the papacy the United States will not be alone. The influence of Rome in the countries that once acknowledged her dominion is still far from being destroyed. And **prophecy foretells a restoration of her power**. ‘I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.’ Verse 3. The infliction of the deadly wound points to the downfall of the papacy in 1798. After this, says the prophet, ‘his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.’ Paul states plainly that the ‘man of sin’ will continue until the second advent. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-8. To the very close of time he will carry forward the work of deception. And the revelator declares, also referring to the papacy: ‘All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life.’ Revelation 13:8. In both the Old and the New World, the papacy will receive homage in the honor paid to the Sunday institution, that rests solely upon the authority of the Roman Church.” *The Great Controversy*, 578.

THERE ARE SEVEN KINGS

REVELATION 17:10–11

“There is need of a much closer study of the word of God; especially should Daniel and the Revelation have attention as never before in the history of our work. We may have less to say in some lines, in regard to the Roman power and the papacy; but we should call attention to what the prophets and apostles have written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit has so shaped matters, both in the giving of the prophecy and in the events portrayed, as to teach that the human agent is to be kept out of sight, hid in Christ, and that the Lord God of heaven and His law are to be exalted. Read the book of Daniel. Call up, point by point, **the history of the kingdoms there represented.**” *Testimonies to Ministers*, 112.

BABYLON, MEDO-PERSIA, GREECE, AND ROME

“**The crown removed from Israel passed successively to the kingdoms of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome.** God says, ‘It shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him.’” *Education*, 179.

FIVE ARE FALLEN

BABYLON, MEDO-PERSIA, GREECE, PAGAN ROME, AND PAPAL ROME

Daniel 7: 7, 8, 11, 12

ONE IS

Isaiah 23

THE NEXT TO COME ON THE STAGE

“I saw that the two-horned beast had a dragon’s mouth, and that his power was in his head, and that the decree would go out of his mouth. Then I saw **the Mother of Harlots; that the mother was not the daughters**, but separate and distinct from them. She has had her day, and it is past, and **her daughters, the Protestant sects, were the next to come on the stage and act out the same mind that the mother had when she persecuted the saints.** I saw that as the mother has been declining in power, the daughters had been growing, and soon they will exercise the power once exercised by the mother.” *Spalding and Magan*, 1.

A NEW POWER

“At the time when the Papacy, robbed of its strength, was forced to desist from persecution, John beheld a new power coming up to echo the dragon’s voice, and carry forward the same cruel and blasphemous work. This power, **the last that is to wage war against the church and the law of God**, is represented by a beast with lamblike horns. The beasts preceding it had risen from the sea; but this came up out of the earth, representing the peaceful rise of the nation which it symbolized—the United States.” *Signs of the Times*, February 8, 1910.

ONLY ONE

“What nation of the New World was in 1798 rising into power, giving promise of strength and greatness, and attracting the attention of the world? The application of the symbol admits of no question. **One nation, and only one, meets the specifications of this prophecy; it points unmistakably to the United States of America.**” *The Great Controversy*, 440.

ONE IS YET TO COME

Revelation 17:12

WHEN HE COMETH, HE MUST CONTINUE A SHORT SPACE—REVELATION 17:10–11

ONE HOUR KINGS—REVELATION 17:12

RECEIVE POWER AND GIVE THEIR KINGDOM AND POWER TO THE BEAST—REVELATION 17:12, 13, 17

THE BEAST IS THE EIGHTH—REVELATION 17:11