

## **Study Guide: The Fall of the World and the Mystery Religion**

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This study guide provides a comprehensive review of the examination of end-times religious systems as presented in the lesson "The Fall of the World" - "The Mystery Religion." It explores the origins of false worship, the characteristics of the "Mystery Babylon" system, and the eventual unification of religious and political powers under the influence of SATAN.

### **Short-Answer Quiz**

1. According to the source, what is the historical and biblical origin of all systemized false religions in the world?
  2. How does the speaker define the human "disposition towards deity" and what happens when this disposition is not directed toward JESUS CHRIST?
  3. What are the specific names used in Revelation 17 to distinguish the true church from the false religious system of the end times?
  4. Identify the three primary concepts that various religious denominations and groups are currently uniting under instead of biblical doctrine.
  5. In the context of the false church's identity, what is the significance of the "branding" mentioned in relation to ancient history?
  6. Based on the statistics provided from Glock and Stack, what is the general consensus among major American denominations regarding the inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible?
  7. How is the physical appearance of the "woman" in Revelation 17 described, and what religious system does the speaker suggest this mirrors?
  8. Explain the symbolic meaning of the "many waters" upon which the great prostitute sits, according to Revelation 17:15.
  9. What is the predicted relationship between the religious "woman" and the "scarlet beast" (the Antichrist) during the end times?
  10. What is the ultimate goal of the unified political and religious system orchestrated by SATAN?
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## Answer Key

1. All false religions except Christianity find their source in Genesis 11 at the Tower of Babel. This site represents the beginning of systemized false religion, which subsequently scattered across the earth as people developed belief systems based on their environments and experiences.
2. GOD created mankind with an inherent anxiety and disposition toward deity, drawing humans to the idea of a creator. When this natural draw is not fulfilled through a relationship with JESUS CHRIST, individuals often pursue "religions of the self," which are described as being satanic in origin and centered on the worship of demons and self.
3. The true church of JESUS CHRIST is referred to as the "Bride," representing purity and faithfulness to GOD. Conversely, the end-times false religious system is identified as "Mystery Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth."
4. Churches that reject the truth of the Bible often seek commonality through social action (community involvement), subjective experience (existential living), and emotionalism. These three pillars allow diverse groups to unite without having to adhere to specific biblical doctrines or truth.
5. Historically, prostitutes were branded on their foreheads with specific figures so that their identity was known to all. This practice is reflected in Revelation 17, where the name of the mystery religion is written on the forehead of the harlot, signifying her status as the false church.
6. The statistics indicate a massive rejection of biblical authority, with "No" responses regarding the Bible being the inspired, inerrant Word of GOD reaching 77% for American Lutherans, 67% for American Baptists, 87% for Methodists, 88% for Presbyterians, and 95% for Episcopalians. Overall, only 20% of the general American population believes the Bible is inspired and inerrant.
7. The woman is described as being dressed in purple and scarlet, glittering with gold, precious stones, and pearls, and holding a golden cup of abominations. The speaker notes that these colors and the immense wealth are characteristic of the Roman Catholic Church, specifically the attire of the Pope and cardinals.
8. As explained in Revelation 17:15, the "many waters" represent the universal reach of the false religious system. They symbolize peoples, multitudes, nations, and various languages or tongues, indicating that the system will be a massive, worldwide ecumenical movement.
9. The woman (the false religion) sits upon the scarlet beast (the Antichrist), indicating that the Antichrist supports and props up the religious system. He utilizes the influence of religion to help consolidate his political and economic control over the inhabitants of the earth.

10. SATAN'S grand plan is to merge the worldwide religious system with a global political and economic engine. This unification is intended to give the Antichrist total control over the world's population in a final attempt to prevent JESUS CHRIST from taking HIS rightful place as ruler of the world.
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### Essay Questions for Review

1. **The Genesis of Falsehood:** Analyze the link between the Tower of Babel and the "Mystery Babylon" of Revelation. How does the "full circle" return to Babel support the argument that all false religions share a common satanic root?
  2. **The Erosion of Doctrine:** Discuss the three factors (social action, experience, and emotion) that the speaker claims are replacing biblical doctrine in modern churches. What are the long-term consequences of a church "losing its identity" in these activities?
  3. **The Symbiosis of Church and State:** Examine the predicted alliance between the Antichrist and the worldwide false church. Why is a religious system necessary for a political leader to achieve total global control?
  4. **Critique of the Roman System:** Evaluate the specific references to Rome and Catholicism within the lesson. How do the geographical references (seven hills) and historical descriptions (scarlet attire, wealth, and persecutions) factor into the speaker's identification of the "Mystery Religion"?
  5. **Modern Apostasy and Statistics:** Reflect on the statistics regarding American denominations and the Bible. How does the widespread rejection of biblical inerrancy facilitate the "massive great coalition" of religions described in the lesson?
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### Glossary of Key Terms

- **Antichrist (The Beast):** The end-times political leader, supported by SATAN, who props up the false religious system to gain world dominion.
- **Apostate Church:** A church or religious body that has abandoned its original faith or biblical principles; often used to describe the "harlot" system of the end times.
- **The Bride:** The symbolic name for the true followers of JESUS CHRIST who remain faithful to HIS Word.
- **Charismatic Movement:** A religious movement emphasizing spiritual experiences and "spirit-filled" worship, which the speaker notes can sometimes prioritize experience over biblical doctrine.

- **Ecumenical Council:** A movement or organization (such as the worldwide United Church) that seeks to unite different Christian denominations and other religions under a single umbrella, often bypassing doctrinal differences.
- **Eucharist:** A religious rite involving bread and wine; specifically, the Catholic doctrine of the "real presence" where the elements are believed to become the actual body and blood of JESUS CHRIST.
- **Existentialism:** In a religious context, a focus on personal experience and "leaps of faith" rather than objective, defined biblical truth.
- **Harlot (The Great Prostitute):** The symbolic representation in Revelation 17 of the false, worldwide religious system that commits "spiritual adultery" with the kings of the earth.
- **Inerrant:** The belief that the Scriptures are without error in their original manuscripts and serve as the absolute authority on all matters they address.
- **Mystery Babylon:** The name given to the final, systemized false religion of the end times, rooted in the ancient rebellion at the Tower of Babel.
- **Penance:** A sacrament in certain religious systems involving acts of contrition or monetary donations to receive absolution for sins.
- **Rapture:** The event in which the true church (the Bride) is taken up to heaven before the full manifestation of the end-times judgment.
- **Tribulation:** A period of global judgment and divine wrath described in the book of Revelation, involving the pouring out of the "seven bowls" by angels.

Denominational Rejection of Biblical Inerrancy

*Based on Glock and Stack Statistics cited in the lesson.*

<b>Denomination</b>	<b>Percentage Rejecting Biblical Inerrancy</b>
Episcopalian	95%
Presbyterian	88%
Methodist	87%
American Lutheran	77%
American Baptist	67%
<b>General US Population 80%</b>	

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Language Guide: Greek Terminology

The following terms used in this study guide are derived from Greek origins.

- **Apostate**<sup>1</sup> [uh-pos-teyt]: Derived from *apostasia*, meaning a standing away from, or a defection from the truth.
- **Charismatic**<sup>2</sup> [kar-iz-mat-ik]: Derived from *charisma*, meaning a gift of grace or a favor specially bestowed by GOD.
- **Ecumenical**<sup>3</sup> [ek-yoo-men-i-kuhl]: Derived from *oikoumene*, meaning the inhabited world; used to describe movements seeking worldwide religious unity.
- **Eucharist**<sup>4</sup> [yoo-kuh-rist]: Derived from *eucharistia*, meaning thanksgiving or the giving of thanks.
- **Pentecostal**<sup>5</sup> [pen-ti-kos-tl]: Derived from *pentekoste*, referring to the "fiftieth" day; used to describe movements focused on the events of the Day of Pentecost.

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**Biblical Reference (NKJV):** *Galatians 5:13*: "For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

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<sup>1</sup> **Apostate**: Refers to the "great apostate church" mentioned in the analysis of Revelation 17. <sup>2</sup> **Charismatic**: Refers to the "charismatic movement" and "charismatic Catholicism" discussed regarding modern religious unification. <sup>3</sup> **Ecumenical**: Refers to the "worldwide ecumenical council" and "ecumenical movement" described as part of the gathering of the false church. <sup>4</sup> **Eucharist**: Refers to the "real presence of the eukarist" [sic] mentioned in the discussion of Catholic devotion. <sup>5</sup> **Pentecostal**: Refers to the "Pentecostal movement" and "Pentecostal spirituality" referenced by the Benedictine monk.