

Briefing Document: The Fall of the World & The Mystery Religion

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Executive Summary

The following document synthesizes a lesson regarding "Mystery Babylon" and the history of false religious systems. The central argument is that an ancient religious system, which began in Babel under Nimrod and his wife Semiramis, has permeated world cultures and evolved into modern religious institutions, specifically the Roman Catholic Church. This "Mystery Religion" is characterized by the worship of a mother-child cult and the use of rituals like Lent and sacramental wafers, which the speaker argues are pagan in origin rather than biblical.

According to the analysis of Revelation 17, this religious system will eventually unite with a future political power (the Antichrist) during the end times. However, this alliance is temporary; the political system will ultimately destroy the religious system to establish the direct worship of the Antichrist. Current trends, such as the decline of biblical doctrine in seminaries and the rise of "social action" and female leadership in churches, are presented as modern signs that the world is being prepared for this final deception.

The Origins and Spread of the Mystery Religion

The Foundation at Babel

The "Mystery Religion" began in the ancient city of Babel. It was led by Nimrod and his wife, Semiramis. Semiramis is identified as the Queen of Babel and the primary figure around whom this false religious system was built. When God scattered the people at Babel, this religious system was not destroyed; instead, it spread throughout the entire world as people carried these beliefs into different cultures.

Geographical Transitions

The high priests and priestesses of the Babylonian system moved their headquarters as political powers shifted:

- **Pergamos (Turkey):** After the Medes and Persians defeated Babylon, the religious leaders moved to Pergamos. This location is referred to in the Bible as the place where "Satan's throne" was located.
- **Rome:** Following the rise of Julius Caesar, the system was moved to Rome. Caesar understood that total political control required control over the religious lives of the people.

Global Variations of the Mother-Goddess

Because the Babylonian system was "culturized" as it spread, Semiramis became known by different names in various ancient civilizations:

- **Assyria and Nineveh:** Ishtar
 - **Phoenicia:** Astaroth
 - **Egypt:** Isis
 - **Greece:** Aphrodite
 - **Rome:** Venus
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The Mother-Child Cult and Counterfeit Christianity

A core component of the Mystery Religion is the worship of a mother and her son. The speaker contends that Satan used this system to create a "counterfeit" of the virgin birth of Jesus Christ to confuse the world.

The Story of Tammuz

Semiramis claimed her son, Tammuz, was conceived by a sunbeam rather than a man. The legend states that Tammuz was killed by a wild boar, and his mother wept for him for 40 days. This is cited as the likely pagan origin of the 40 days of Lent, a practice not explicitly found in the New Testament.

Global Titles for the Son

Just as the mother took on different names, the child was known by various titles:

- **Phoenicia:** Baal (associated with infant sacrifice)
 - **Greece:** Eros (associated with sexuality)
 - **Rome:** Cupid
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Connections to Modern Catholicism

The speaker argues that Roman Catholicism is an "amalgamation" of Christian thought and pagan Babylonian practices. Several links are identified:

- **The Title of the Pope:** The title *Pontifex Maximus* was originally a title for the high priest of the pagan Roman system, which worshiped Dagon the fish god. This title is still used by the Pope today.
- **The Queen of Heaven:** In Catholicism, Mary is often referred to as the "Queen of Heaven." The document notes that this title appears in the book of Jeremiah in reference to pagan worship: *"But we will certainly do whatever has gone out of our own mouth, to burn incense to the queen of heaven and pour out drink offerings to her"* (Jeremiah 44:17).

- **Religious Rituals:** Rituals such as the use of wafers in worship, the dedication of virgins, and the belief in Purgatory are identified as having origins in the Babylonian system rather than the Bible.
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The Prophetic Future: Revelation 17

The document outlines a specific sequence of events involving "Mystery Babylon" during the end times:

The Harlot and the Beast

In Revelation, a woman (the harlot) is seen sitting on a beast with seven heads. The seven heads represent seven mountains, which is a historical description of the city of Rome. The woman represents the false religious system, which is described as being "drunk with the blood of the saints" due to its history of persecuting true believers.

The Political Consumption

Initially, a ten-nation confederacy (the revived Roman Empire) supports the religious system. However, once the religion has served its purpose in controlling the people, the political leaders will turn on it:

1. **Phase One:** The false church functions during the first half of the Tribulation.
2. **Phase Two:** The Antichrist destroys the religious system and demands that the world worship him directly.

The Role of the False Prophet

The False Prophet acts as a public relations manager for the Antichrist. He uses miracles, such as making fire come down from heaven and giving "breath" to a statue of the Antichrist, to deceive people into worship.

Modern Signs of Deception

The speaker identifies several current trends in the American church that suggest a move toward the global "Mystery Religion":

- **Doctrinal Decline:** Most seminaries are accused of no longer teaching the Bible, instead focusing on human opinion. This leads to the "propagation of error" in local churches.
- **The "Big Tent" Philosophy:** Some denominations, such as the Southern Baptist Convention, are criticized for practicing a "big tent" approach that allows for a wide range of conflicting beliefs.

- **Social Action over Scripture:** The use of "gracism" (a play on racism) and social reconciliation programs is viewed as a distraction from true biblical teaching.
- **Female Leadership:** The appointment of female pastors and elders is identified as a violation of Scripture. The speaker cites *1 Timothy 2:12*: "*And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.*"

Final Victory

Despite the rise of the false system, the document concludes with the eventual victory of Jesus Christ. Revelation 19 describes the "armies in heaven"—consisting of the church and martyrs—following Jesus on white horses to overcome the Antichrist and the global world system.

Glossary of Greek Terms

Word	Phonetic Pronunciation	Brief Definition
Mystery ^[^1]	<i>mis-tuh-ree</i>	Something once hidden in the Old Testament that is now revealed in the New Testament.
Mountain/Hill ^[^2]	<i>or-os</i>	A raised part of the earth's surface; used in Revelation to identify the location of the false system (the seven hills of Rome).

[^1]: Derived from the Greek *mysterion*, referring to divine secrets revealed to believers. [^2]: Derived from the Greek *oros*, used in Revelation 17:9 to describe the "seven mountains" where the woman sits.