



REVELATION'S
FINAL WARNING

Babylon!

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The Second Angel's Message (Revelation 14:8)

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And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. (Rev. 14:8)

BABYLON OF THE OLD TESTAMENT



AFTER THE FLOOD

God's plan for human beings after Noah's flood:

“Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth” (Gen 9:1).



AFTER THE FLOOD

**Condition of the
world:**

**One language
for all.**



REBELLION AGAINST GOD

“ Let us build a city and a tower whose top reaches in the heavens so we will not be scattered over the whole earth” (Gen 11:1-4).



REBELLION AGAINST GOD

God said: “Fill the whole earth.”

**NO! We will build a city where we can all stay
HERE.**



GOD'S RESPONSE

**Confusion of the
language**



THE SCATTERING

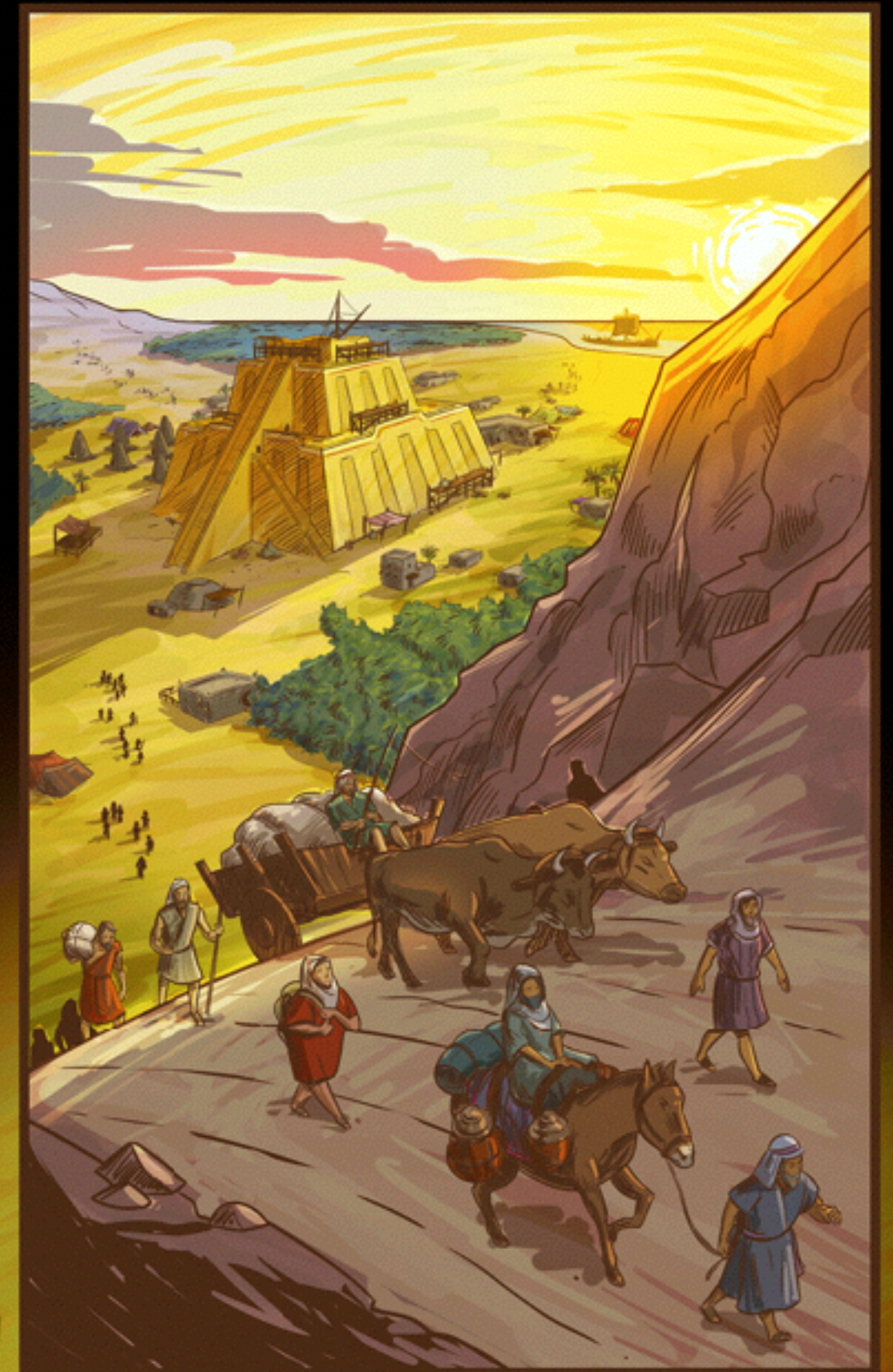
Confusion of the languages

Result: people stopped building a city and scattered all over the earth (Gen 11:7,8)



THE SCATTERING

Those of each language grouped and scattered all over the earth (as God had commanded)



ANCIENT WORLD OF CHALDEANS



REVELATION'S FINAL WARNING

Later in the Bible **Babel** was expanded to **Babylon**. This refers to the **country and city of Babylon** with its false religion that opposed the true religion of the Bible

ANCIENT BABEL IN BABYLON



Artist's rendition of the ancient city of Babylon

BABEL = BABYLON

The name “Babylon” is derived from “Babel” and signifies

confusion

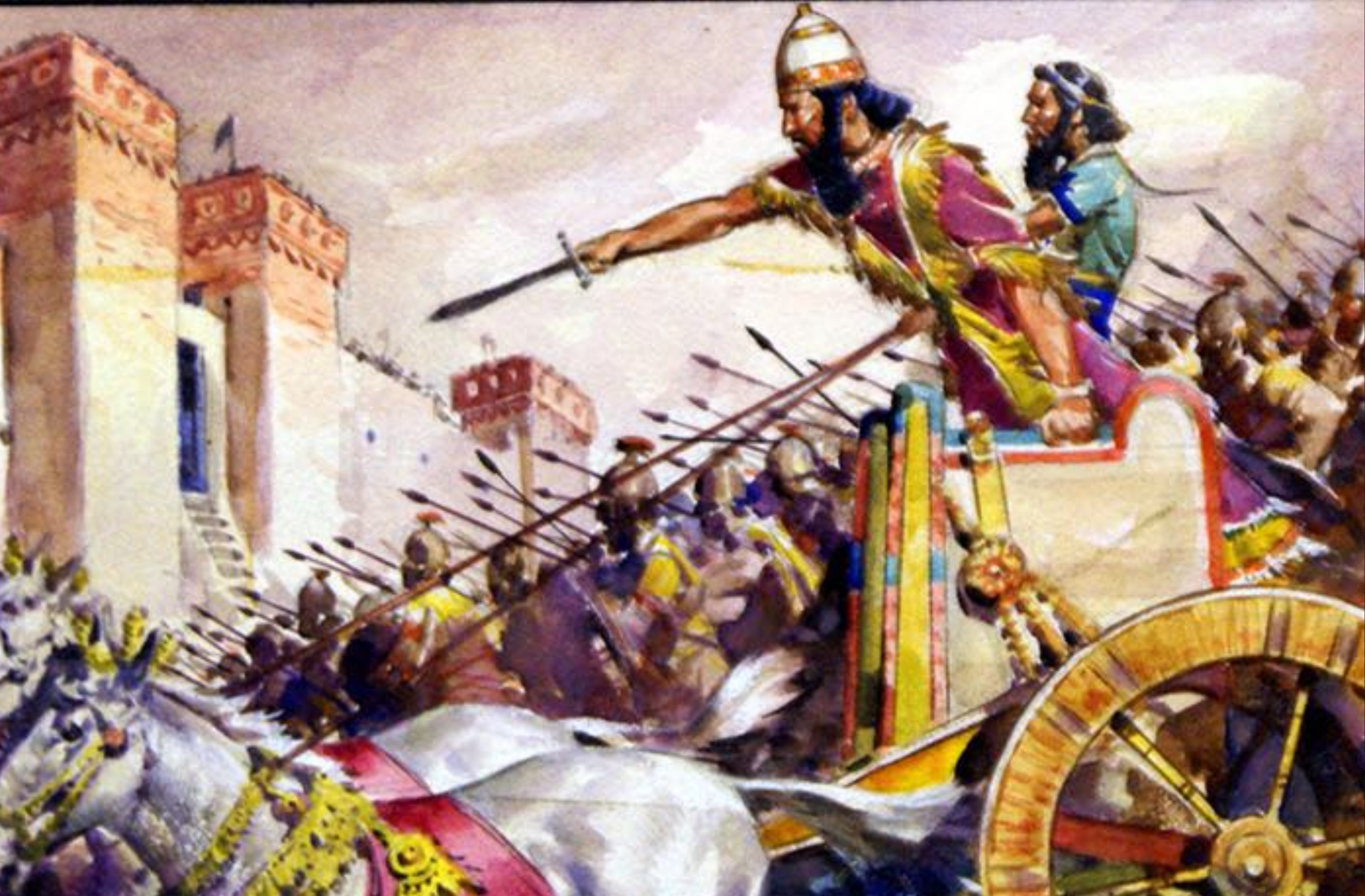
rebellion

defiance

ENEMY OF GOD



BABYLON WARS AGAINST GOD'S PEOPLE



BABYLON CONQUERS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Vessels from God's temple
carried to Babylonian temples**

Babylon Takes God's People Captive



BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY=70 YRS.

**By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down,
yea, we wept when we remembered Zion.**

**We hanged our harps upon the
willows in the midst thereof.**



CAPTIVES COME THROUGH ISHTAR GATE



PRIDE

SUPERIORITY



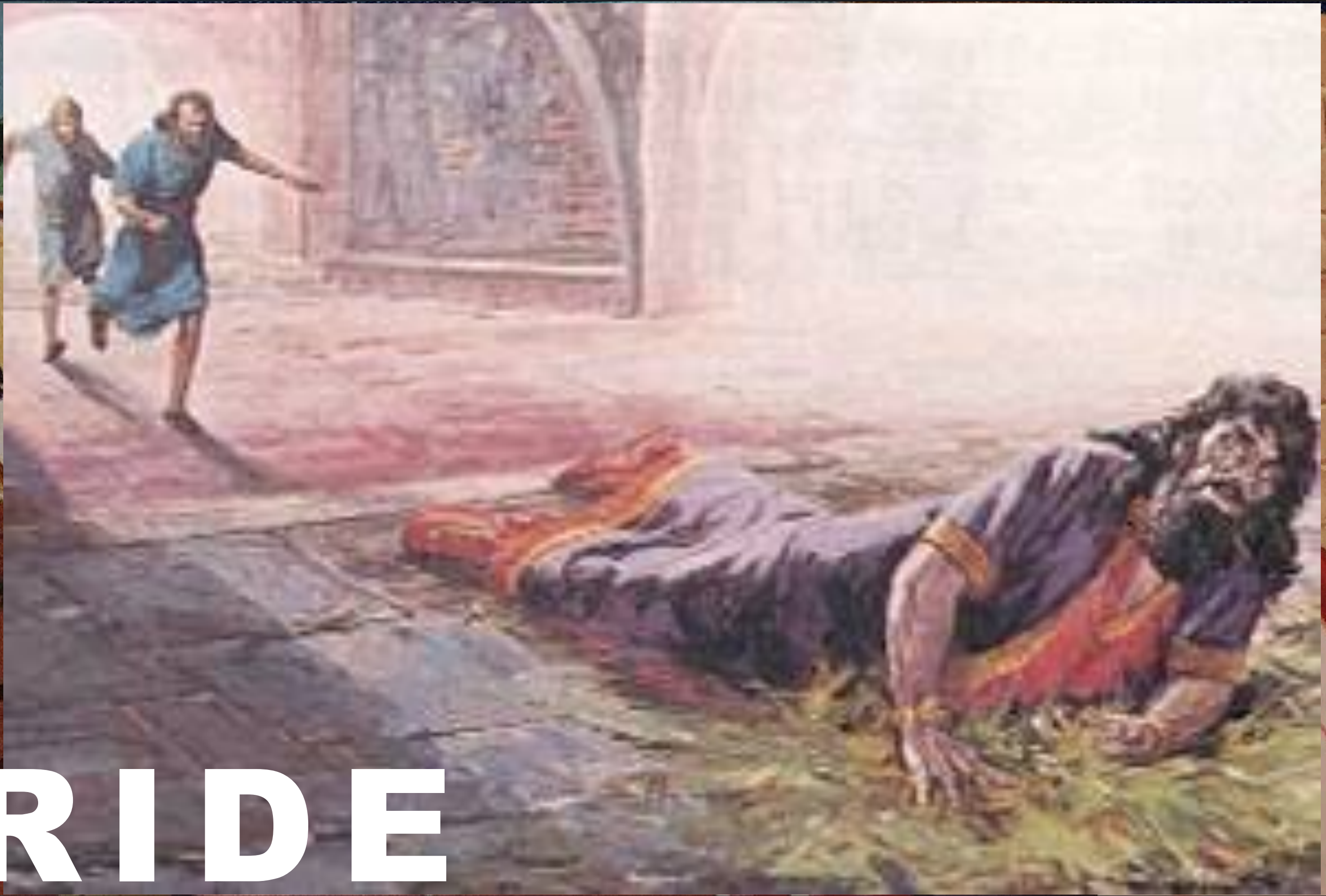
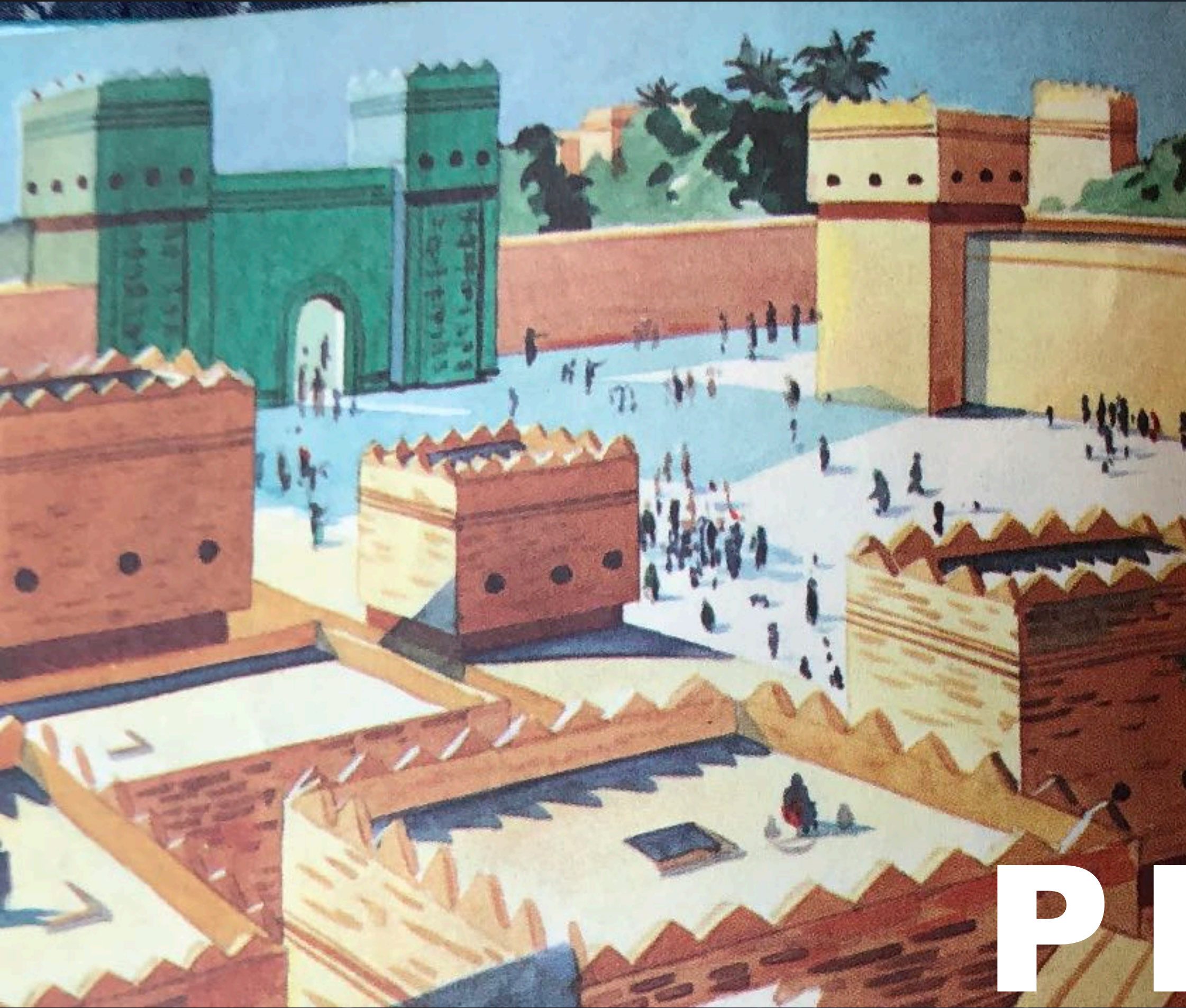
IS THIS NOT THE GREAT BABYLON?



P R I D E

S U P E R I O R I T Y

DANIEL 4



PRIDE

SUPERIORITY

DANIEL 5

Belshazzar: Defiance against God

Calls for golden temple cups

Drinks wine of Babylon



DANIEL 5

Belshazzar: Defiance against God

Calls for golden temple cups

Drinks wine of Babylon

Bloodless hand announces fall of Babylon



DRYING UP OF EUPHRATES



Artist's rendition of the ancient city of Babylon

Euphrates River Diverted

DRYING UP OF EUPHRATES



Euphrates River Diverted

FALL OF BABYLON



Cyrus Enters Through Dry River Bed



**its false religion
opposed the true religion of the Bible.**

**Literal Babylon
became the
persecuting power of God's people
in the Old Testament.**

BABYLON OF THE NEW TESTAMENT





In New Testament
Spiritual Babylon symbolizes
many false religions
that pervert the Bible



Revelation 17
Babylon is
represented as a
woman

WOMAN AS CHURCH

Revelation 17



Revelation 12



WOMAN AS CHURCH

Revelation 17

Revelation 12



**Immoral woman =
Apostate Church**



**Pure woman =
Pure Church**

WOMAN AS CHURCH

Revelation 12

A **pure woman** is shown as the **Lord's bride**: The Lord said, "I am married unto you." Jeremiah 3:14



Pure woman=
Pure Church

WOMAN AS CHURCH

Revelation 17



**Immoral woman=
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An **unfaithful church** is portrayed as a **harlot**.

“Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God” (Jam 4:4)

Bible Reveals Conflict Between Jesus Christ and Satan



**False Gospel
Saved IN sin**



**True Gospel
Saved FROM Sin**

BABYLON OF THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH



HOW DID THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH BECOME CORRUPT?

To make the acceptance of Christian faith easier by the pagans the church began to adopt slowly some of the practices of the pagan religions.

The apostle Paul declared that even in his day, “The mystery of iniquity doth already work.” 2 Thessalonians 2:7. It continues till Christ’s return.

HOW DID THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH BECOME CORRUPT?

During the lives of the apostles the church remained comparatively pure. One historian wrote,

Toward the latter end of the second century most of the churches assumed a new form; the first simplicity disappeared. As the old disciples retired to their graves, their children, along with new converts, **slowly departed from the simple teachings and practices of the church**. See Robert Robinson, *Ecclesiastical Researches*, p. 51.

HOW DID THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH BECOME CORRUPT?

As the Christian religion secured the favor and support of secular rulers, it was nominally accepted by multitudes; but while in appearance Christians, many **“remained in substance pagans, especially worshiping in secret their idols.”**

Ecclesiastical Researches, page 278.



HOW DID THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH BECOME CORRUPT?

New doctrines were developed from a combination of **pagan traditions** and **Bible teachings** that began with Emperor Constantine the Great in the 4th century and continued throughout history.



BABYLON BECOMES CHURCH UNITED WITH THE STATE

Many Christians compromised with the world. Babylon is charged with the sin of **unlawful connection with “the kings of the earth”** (Rev 17:2). It was by departure from the Lord, and alliance with the heathen, that the Jewish church became a harlot; and Rome, corrupting herself in like manner by seeking the support of worldly powers, receives a like condemnation.



FALL OF BABYLON CAUSED BY WINE OF HER FORNICATION



The wine she presents to the world are the false teachings that she has developed as the result of her connection with the rulers of the earth.

Friendship with the world has corrupted her faith, and in turn she has a corrupting influence upon the world by teaching doctrines which are opposed to the plainest statements of the Bible.

EFFECT OF BABYLON'S WINE

Why is Babylon so successful?

The world is intoxicated with the wine of her false doctrines that teaches that people can be saved by their own works of performing certain rituals instead of through repentance and faith in the free grace and righteousness of Jesus Christ. Saved in their sin without true conversion. As a result many are so confused about eternal life that they do not know how to repent which is a basic requirement for salvation.



BABYLON PERSECUTES GOD'S PEOPLE AGAIN



**John the Revelator declares,
“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).**

BABYLON PERSECUTES GOD'S PEOPLE AGAIN



The authority that for so many centuries maintained cruel sway over the kingdoms of Christendom is Rome. No other power could be so identified as “drunken with the blood of the saints” as the Roman Catholic Church which has so brutally persecuted God’s faithful people for more than 1000 years.

PROTESTANT REFORMATION RESTORES THE TRUTH OF THE BIBLE

Bloody persecution of Bible believing Christians led to a powerful protest that brought the Reformation. The Reformers protested that the Bible, not human traditions is the Word of God. Their clarion call was that the “Bible and the Bible Only” should be the standard for the Christian. It was the mission of the Reformation to present to the world the Word of God.

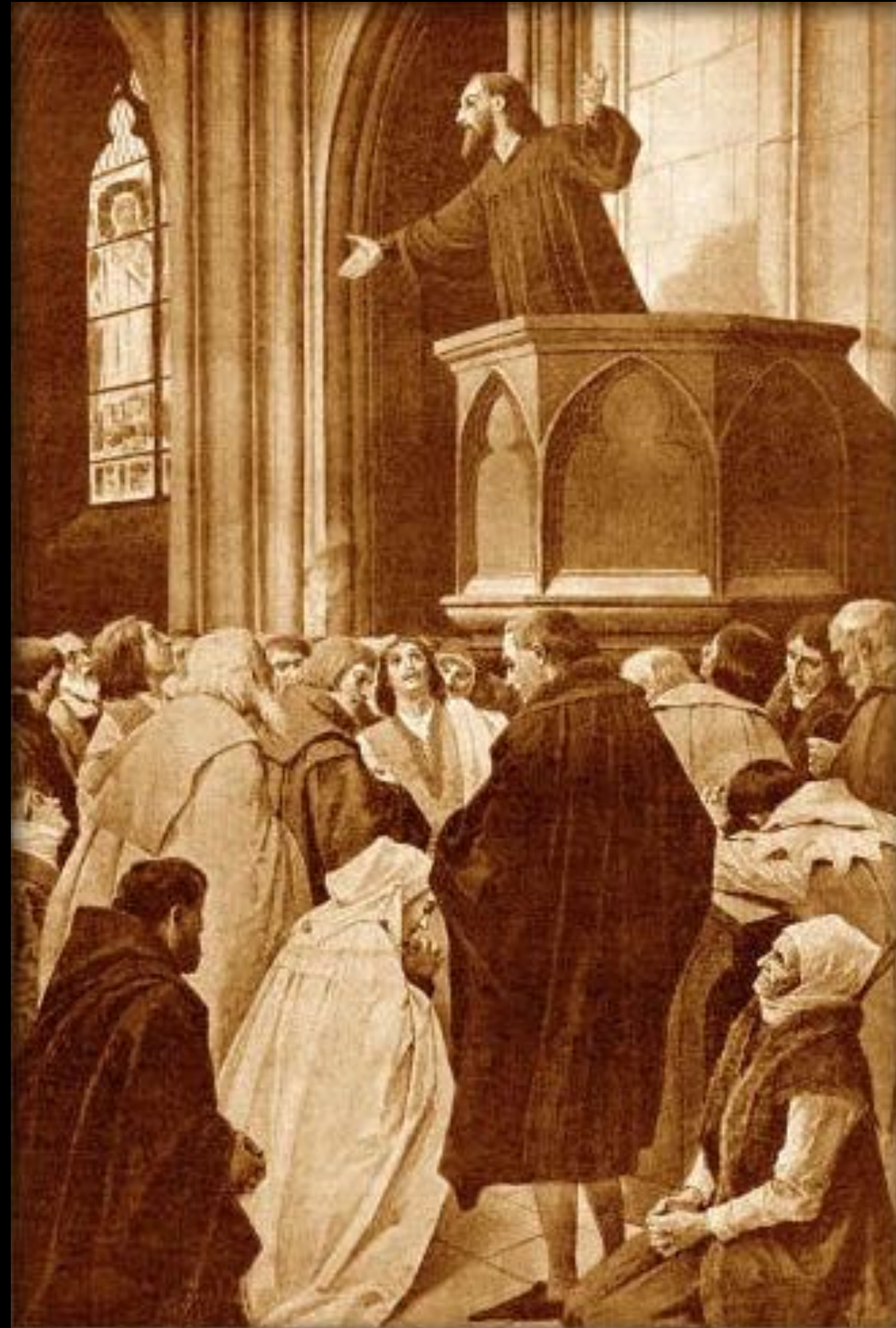


CONTRIBUTION OF THE REFORMERS



Wycliffe: The Papacy is the Antichrist, the Man of Sin, and the Little Horn of Dan 7. The Bible must be translated in the language of the people

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**John Hus and Jerome
of Prague:
Papacy is the Antichrist
and Great Harlot of Rev
Preaching must be in
the common language
of the people**

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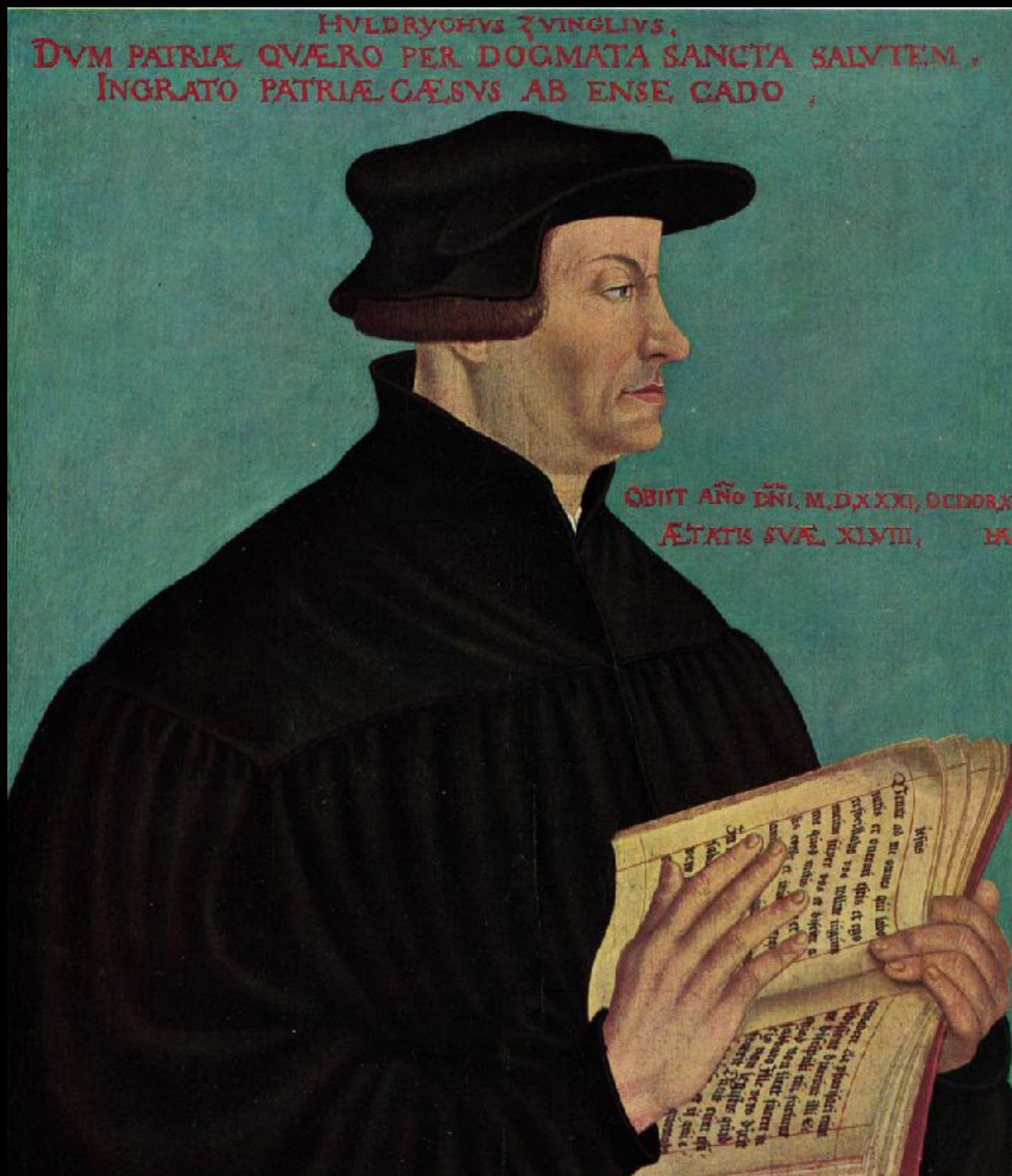
Martin Luther: The Bible and the Bible only is standard of judgment for the Christian. Salvation and justification are through faith in Christ only, not through works.

CONTRIBUTION OF THE REFORMERS



Martin Luther: As Babylon held Israel captive, now the papacy was holding Christians in bondage by Rome's theology. The Pope is "very Antichrist"

CONTRIBUTION OF THE REFORMERS



Ulrich Zwingli: He refers the Papacy as “antichristian.”

The Bible as the word of God is the only sufficient, infallible rule.

It must be its own interpreter.

Ask for the Holy Spirit and He will help you to understand the

Scriptures.

He refers to the Papacy as “antichristian.”

CONTRIBUTION OF THE REFORMERS



**Anabaptists: Willing
against the rule of the
church and state to stand
with what the Bible
literally said about
baptism.**

CONTRIBUTION OF THE REFORMERS



John Calvin: He called the Pope the “man of sin” and referred to him as “Antichrist.”

Christians are to live to the Glory of God with Bible as standard

REACTION OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH TO THE REFORMATION



The Council of Trent in 1563—1565 decreed that the tradition of the RC Church has equal authority as that of the Bible. It cursed the teachings of Protestants on the Bible, salvation, justification, sanctification and Christ's righteousness.

REACTION OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH TO THE REFORMATION



The Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) confirmed the correctness of the Council of Trent. This shows that Rome's doctrines remained the same! Rome teachings never changes

REACTIONS OF THE PROTESTANT CHURCHES TO THE RC CHURCH



As a result of the rejection and cursing of the biblical teachings of the Reformers by the Council of Trent, Protestants considered that the RC Church, being Babylon, had fallen. Now Protestants were to call God's people out of Babylon.

BABYLON AND THE DECLINE OF THE CHURCH



DECLINE OF REFORMATION



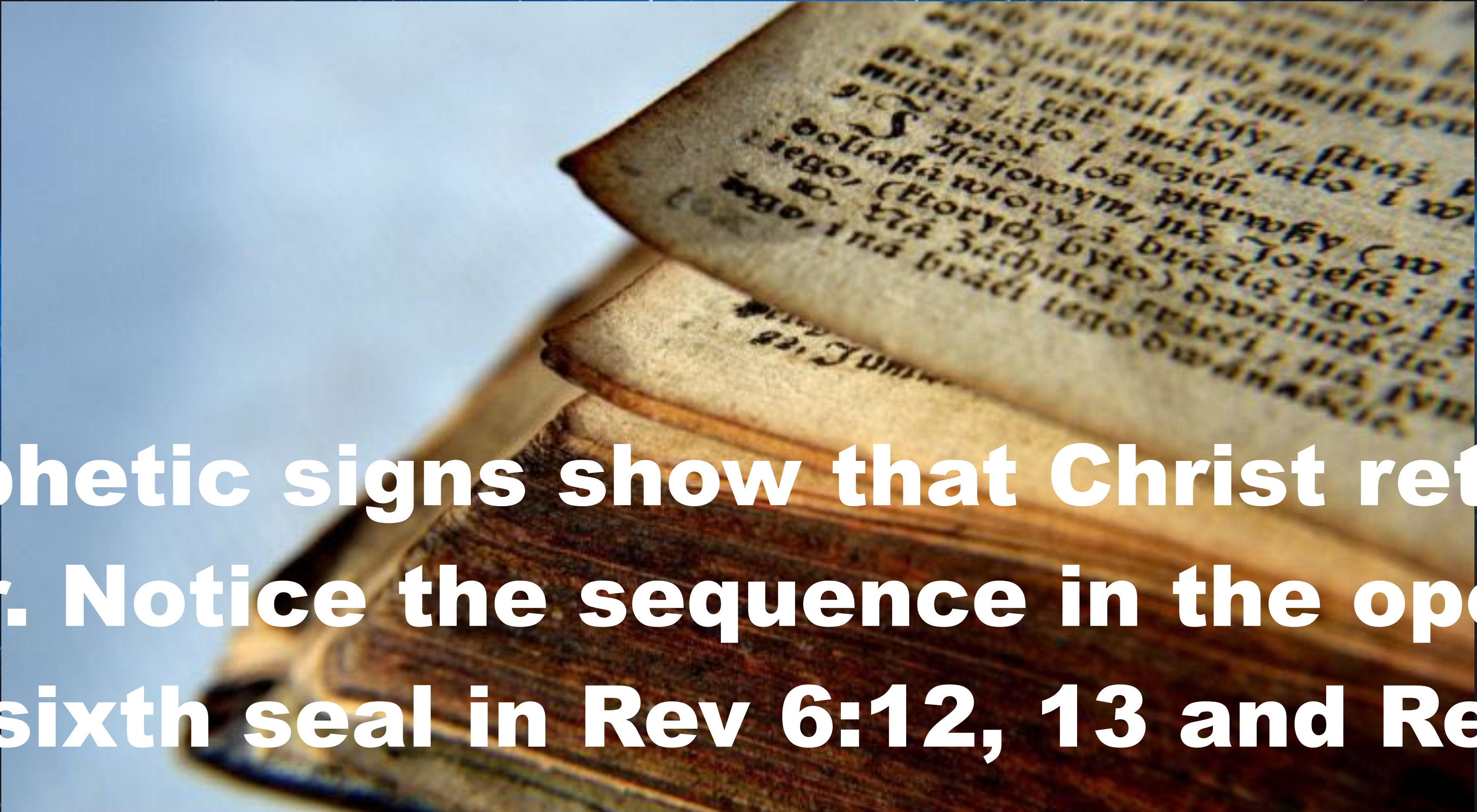
In the succeeding centuries after the death of the Reformers there was a gradual decline of the Protestant faith. Instead of studying the Bible for further light the descendants of the Reformers focused on the creeds and doctrines of the 16th century Reformers. They did not progress.

DECLINE OF REFORMATION

These descendants blindly followed the creeds of their fathers. They were not willing to accept any further truth and departed from the Reformers' opposition to a worldly lifestyle. Consequently worldliness came into the church, that carried with it its customs and practices. This spirit of worldliness entered the churches throughout the Christian world.



Christ's Attempt to Revive the Protestant Reformation



Prophetic signs show that Christ return is near. Notice the sequence in the opening of the sixth seal in Rev 6:12, 13 and Rev 11

CHRIST'S ATTEMPT TO REVIVE THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION



1755 Earthquake of Lisbon

CHRIST'S ATTEMPT TO REVIVE THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION



1780 Supernatural Darkness

CHRIST'S ATTEMPT TO REVIVE THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION



**The French Revolution (Rev 11) ended
the papacy's secular power in 1798**

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1833 Falling of the Stars

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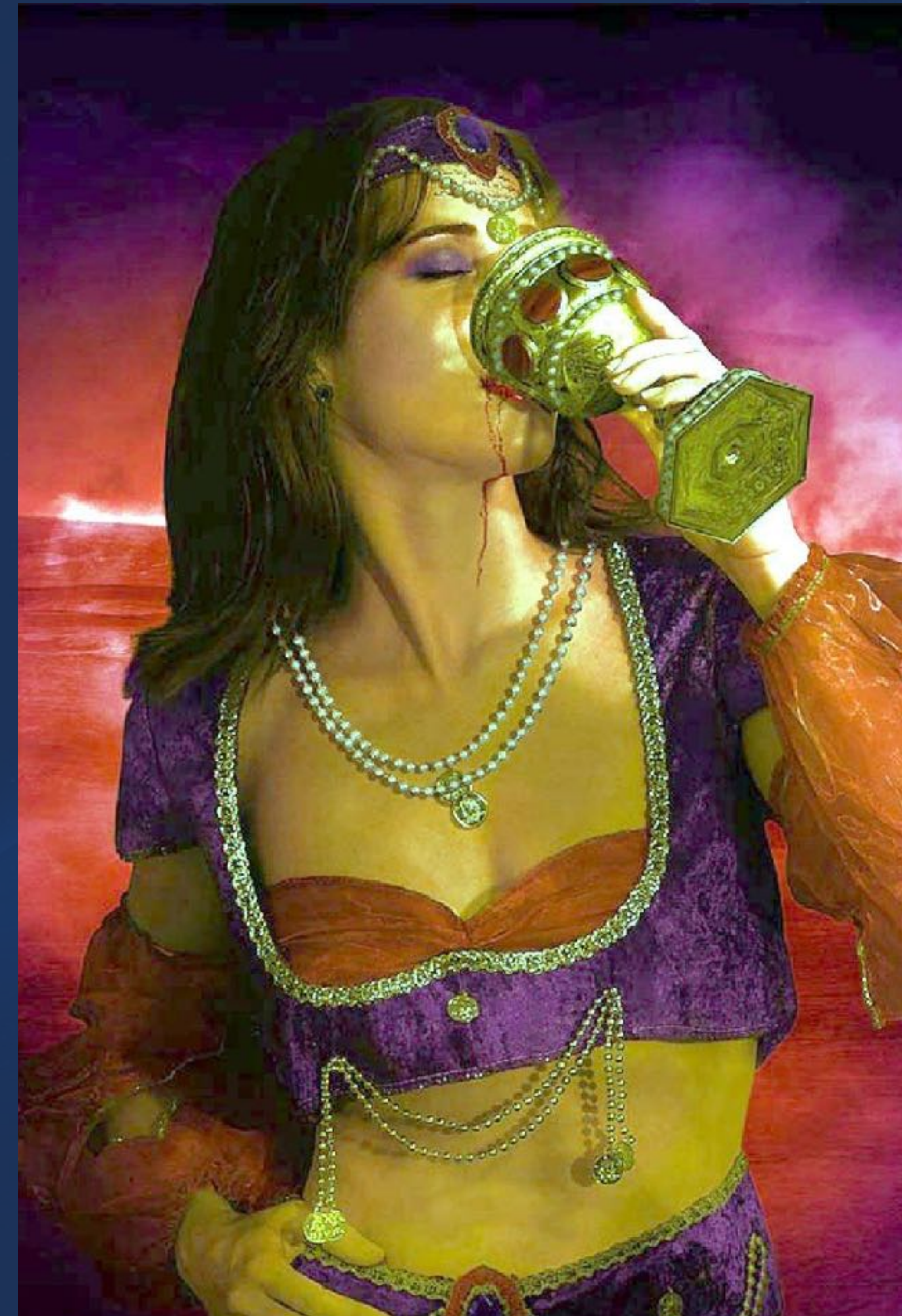


Result: A great revival of studying Bible prophecy

CHRIST'S ATTEMPT TO REVIVE THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

Rise of the Second Great Awakening and the Great Advent Movement in the early part of the 19th century brought further light on Christ soon return, His final heavenly sanctuary ministry in the time of the end, and the 3 angels' messages. Again some accepted the light, others rejected it.

BABYLON AND HER DAUGHTERS

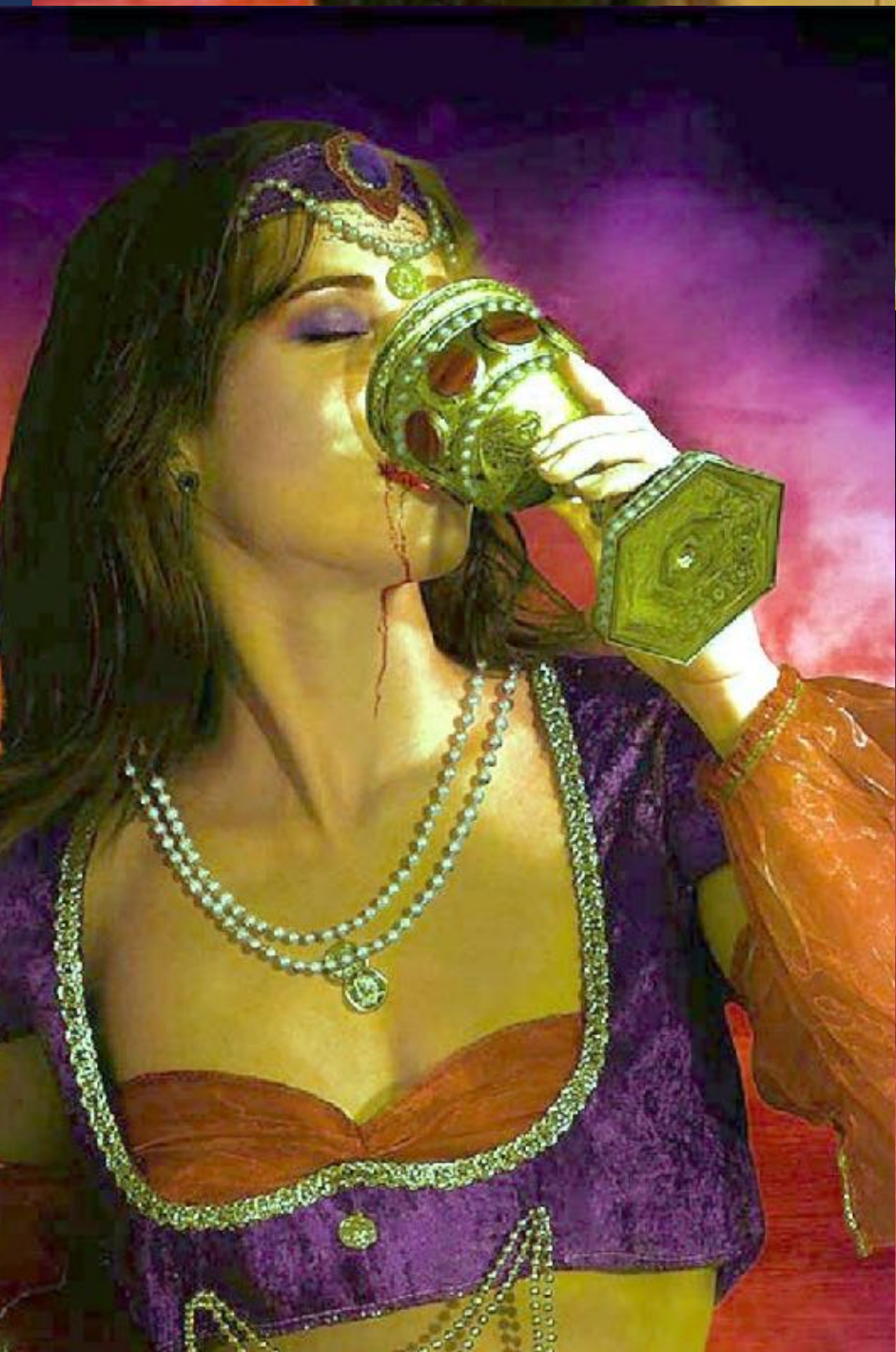


How does this decline of the Protestant churches relate to Babylon? Rev 17 gives the answer.

According to the Protestant Reformers, in Revelation Babylon symbolizes the RCC which is said to be “the mother of harlots” (Rev 17:5). The question remains who are her daughters? Her daughters must have inherited the practices of her mother.

BABYLON AND HER DAUGHTERS

This means Babylon's daughters symbolize churches that follow her doctrines and traditions, and sacrifice the truth and the approval of God, in order to form an unlawful alliance with the world.



BABYLON AND HER DAUGHTERS



Today, instead of living by the Bible and the Bible only, many Christians base their profession of faith upon the creeds and doctrines of their churches rather than on the Bible. Thus in appearance they follow in the footsteps of the RC Church.

NEED TO CONTINUE REFORMATION

The result of the decline of the spirit of true Protestantism was that the Reformation stagnated. In the beginning Protestants did much to restore the purity of the gospel, but the restoration of Bible truth that was corrupted was not complete. Although the Reformers did much to remove many errors of the RC Church, there were more errors to be eliminated. Unfortunately by keeping close to the insights of the pioneers of the Reformation, Christians did not continue the cleansing and purification of their beliefs to restore their churches to the purity of the New Testament church of Christ and the apostles.

FALL OF BABYLON IS PROGRESSIVE



The message of Revelation 14, announcing the fall of Babylon must apply to churches that were once pure and have become corrupt.

Since this message follows the hour of God's judgment warning of the first angel's message, it must refer to the time of the end. This means that Babylon's fall cannot be confined to the RC Church alone, for that church has been in a fallen condition since she rejected the restoration the light of the Bible during the Reformation.

FALL OF BABYLON IS PROGRESSIVE



Furthermore, in Revelation 18:4 the people of God are called upon to come out of Babylon. According to this Scripture, many of God's people must still be in Babylon.

THE FALL OF BABYLON



In the Old Testament we see the fall of the ancient city of Babylon. This event is a lessons for us to see why Babylon fell. It was because the people rebelled and neglected the light that God had given them.

THE FALL OF BABYLON



A similar experience leads to the fall of spiritual Babylon. The light from the Bible that reveals the truth for the Christian has been neglected. The result has been that spiritual darkness has come on Christianity. The Protestant Reformation was used by God to bring Christians back to the Bible as the Word of God.

THE FALL OF BABYLON

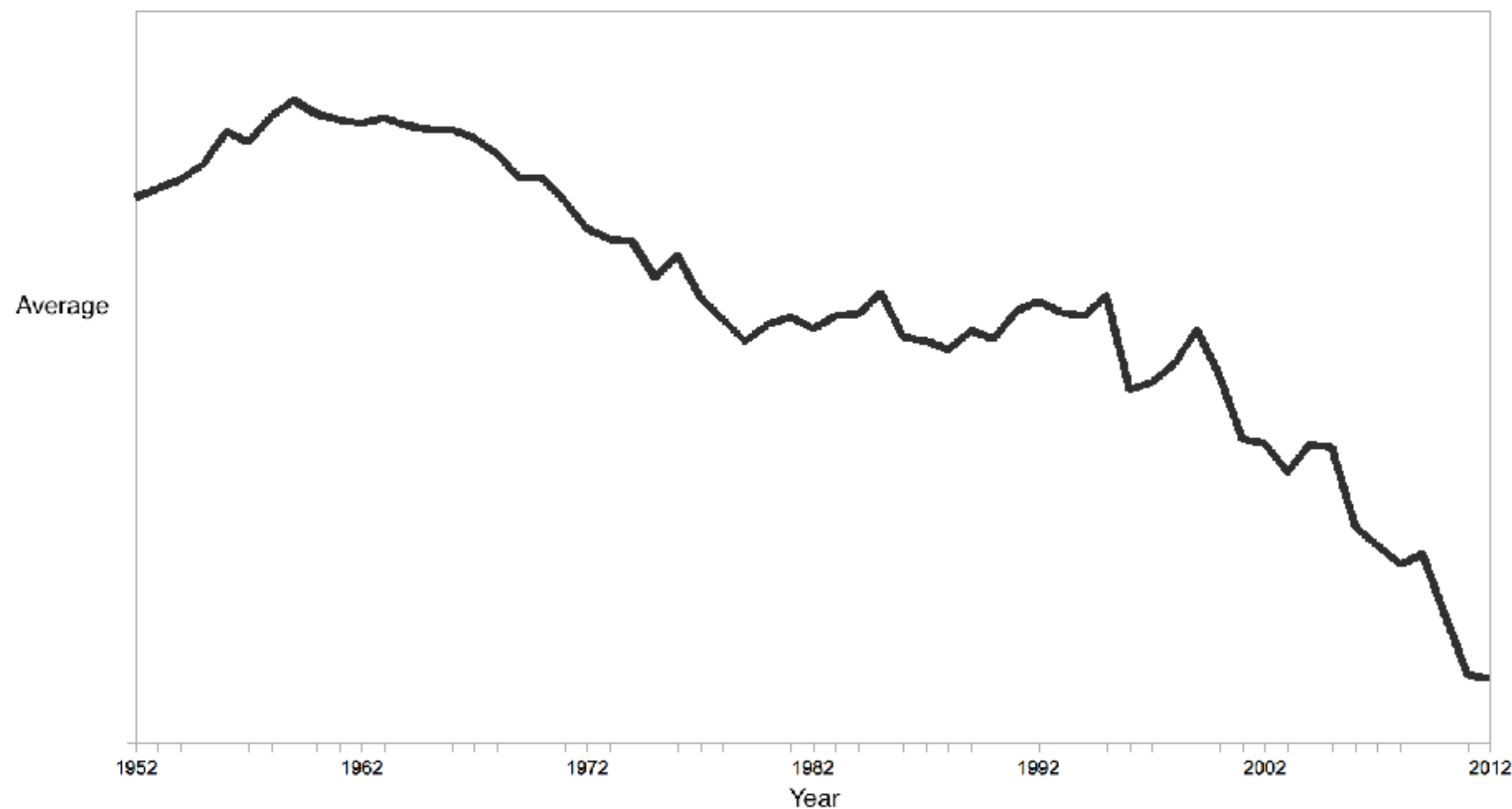


However, centuries later many have neglected to continue the spirit of the Reformation. Today we see that sad results of a stagnated Reformation in many churches that failed to live by the Bible and the Bible only.

CONTINUED REJECTION OF LIGHT

In the 19th century, the churches experienced a further decline, in consequence of their refusal of the prophetic light; but that fall was not complete. During the last 60 years there has been a dramatic decline of religion.

The Great Decline: 60 years of religion in America



Graph by Corner of Church & State, a Religion News Service blog
Source: Aggregate Religiosity Index, J. Tobin Grant, *Sociological Forum*.

CONTINUED REJECTION OF LIGHT

Since the 19th century higher criticism entered many churches that undermined faith and trust in the Bible.

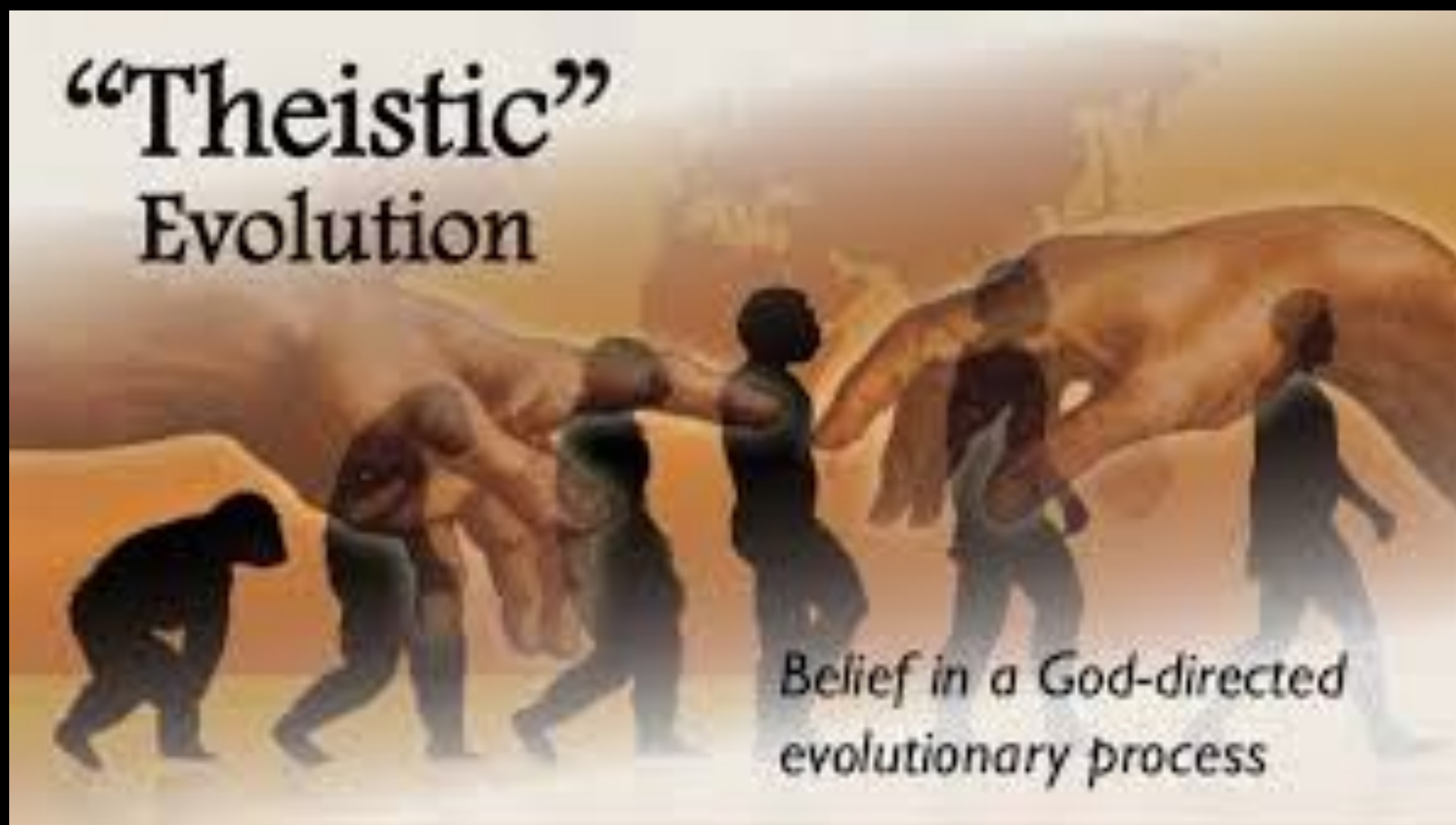


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CONTINUED REJECTION OF LIGHT

Evolutionary views entered into many churches and rejected creationism. As these churches have continued to reject the special truths for this time they have fallen lower and lower. Not yet, however, can it be said that “Babylon is fallen”



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CONTINUED REJECTION OF LIGHT



The spirit of world conforming and indifference to God's truths for our time exists and has been gaining ground in churches of the Protestant faith in all the countries of Christendom. These churches are included in the solemn and terrible denunciation of the second angel. But the work of apostasy has not yet reached its culmination.

CONTINUED REJECTION OF LIGHT



Today we see that even homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality and transgenderism have become accepted in a growing number of churches. Even ministers practicing these lifestyles are accepted in spite of the condemnations by the Bible. We are approaching a time where the lifestyles of Sodom and Gomorra are accepted in a growing number of churches.

FINAL DECEPTION



The Bible reveals that before the return of Christ, Satan will work “with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness;” and they that “received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved,” will be left to receive “strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.” 2 Thessalonians 2:9-11

GOD'S LAST WARNING MESSAGE OF MERCY



Today in Rev 18:4 more and more Christians see the importance of God's final call to His people who are in Babylon to come out of her.

GOD'S LAST WARNING MESSAGE OF MERCY



This message is the last that will ever be given to the world; and it will accomplish its prophetic mission. Just before Christ return there will be only two groups of people. Those who accept Jesus' admonition to watch and pray and follow the prophetic light to prepare for His coming and those that "believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thessalonians 2:12).

GOD'S LAST WARNING MESSAGE OF MERCY



Let us receive Jesus prophetic light for the last days. They will rejoice in the light of truth that will shine upon all whose hearts are open to receive it, and will listen to the call: “Come out of her, My people” (Revelation 18:4).