

Jezebel – Exalting Ba'al

Married to the Whore of Babylon...

Thyatira was the next assembly on John's mailing list. This *ekklesia* not only allowed a female fortune teller named Jezebel to infect their assembly, the sorceress became a member. Teaching the Balaamite code of Mystery Babylon, she claimed that sex with her led to salvation. The cancerous doctrines that were tolerated in the Pergamos period had festered and metastasized. The bride of Yahushua was now fornicating with the Devil.

Thyatira represents the growth and spread of Roman Catholicism. While the specific timing is debatable, many see the era beginning in 606 CE with the crowning of Boniface III as the first universal pope. Prior to that time, the bishop of Rome only ruled over Western Europe.

An argument can be made that the Jezebelian era gave way to Sardis twenty *Yowbel*/Jubilee after Yahushua's 33 CE Passover sacrifice, thus in 1033, during the reign of Benedict IX, the occultist pope. But there were other low water marks during this time. The Roman Catholic and Orthodox split in 1054 under Leo IX for example, or the first ill-conceived Crusade in 1095 under Pope Urban II, are also significant events in Christendom.

Some thoughtful Messianic scholars have Thyatira's influence running all the way through the Dark Ages and ending as late as 1517. Others say that it terminates in 1648 A.D. with the Treaty of Westphalia, which established the legal standing of Protestantism. But no matter, most all see Thyatira as Roman Catholicism's midlife crisis. And, as for me, I don't think that any assembly, once born, ceases to exist as their characteristics continue to be manifest right up to the doorstep of the Tribulation.

The reason for the "debate" over this timing is that these eras clearly overlap and coexist. God ordered them chronologically for us but only "dated" the first and last of them. Yahushua revealed a prophetic chronology of the most prevalent characteristics that would be manifest during the two thousand years between the

ekklesia's birth on the Miqra of Weeks in 33 CE and its concluding act on the Miqra of Tabernacles in 2033. His purpose was to demonstrate, to prove, that His Revelation was inspired, and that we could trust it, by demonstrating that He knew our future history. And He wanted to teach us what we needed to know to avoid being caught up in the problems He was delineating. Said another way, Yahushua painted a prophetic portrait of the "church" in broad, but accurate strokes, and in so doing, told us precisely what He values and what He detests.

Throughout our review of Yahushua's letters to Thyatira, Sardis, and Philadelphia, we will examine many of the idolatrous rituals and doctrines that were incorporated into the Roman Catholic Church as they confirm the exactitude of God's prophecy. So, with that introduction, let's examine the fourth letter. After introducing Himself, Yahshua speaks to those who are under the tyrannical yoke of Catholicism. They are persevering the best way they know how under some very dire circumstances.

"To the messenger of the *ekklesia* in Thyatira (*Thuateira* – a Macedonian Greek colony on the Lycus river in present-day Turkey) **write (*grapho* – inscribe and engrave, permanently documenting) **'These things says the YΣ (placeholder for Son, from *uios* – son in a literal or figurative sense) of ΘΣ (placeholder *'Elohiym*, from *theos*, God), who possesses (*echo*) eyes like flaming fire (*ophthalmos hos phlox pyr* – a gaze which burns, blazing vision, the enlightened capacity to see clearly and understand), and His feet resemble (*homoios*) polished brass or gold that glows brilliant white (*chalkolibanon*): **'I know (*oida* – am conscious of and recognize) your business (*ergon* – employment, that which occupies your time, that which you undertake to accomplish) familial love (*agape* – affection and benevolence; from *agapao*, meaning to be fond of people, contending with and entertaining them), servitude (*diakonia* – from *diakonos*, meaning one who executes the commands of another in a master servant role), persuaded and induced to conviction and faith (*pistis* – religious belief manifest in holy fervor; from *peitho*, meaning, to be persuaded or induced by someone to believe, to tranquilize so that someone trusts, yields to, complies with, and obeys), and your steadfast perseverance (*hupomne* – staying behind and standing still; from *hupomeno*, meaning one who remains behind and endures, standing still but staying alive under very unfortunate circumstances and ill treatment). And the accomplishments of (*ergon*) the last (*eschatos*) are greater than (*polus*) the first (*protos*).'"** (Revelation 2:18-19)****

Since no one seems to know the etymological root of *Thuateira*, about all we can do is consider the words listed immediately before and after it in Kione Greek dictionaries, hoping that one or more of them provides a hint as to why Yahshua chose this city's name to profess His disgust. These words include: *thuella*, "windstorm or whirlwind," terms which are commonly attributed to Satan and his

destructive spirit of circular reasoning. *Thygater*, or “daughter,” significant in that the Whore of Babylon is a female who gives birth to those who are born again in Satan’s spirit. *Thrypto* means “to break into pieces,” something the Adversary and his minions do to bodies and souls they beguile, shattering all hope of redemption through deception. And *thronos*, “the throne upon which a power rules,” the very thing Satan and his poligious compatriots covet.

While these represent the two words immediately prior to and following *Thuateira*, there is a fifth, sixth, and seventh that are intriguing. Three words removed from the city’s name is *thrombos*, “a drop of clotted and congealed blood.” Five hundred and forty years after the Apostle John penned the last words of Yahuweh’s revelation, the illiterate Muhammad revealed Allah’s initial salvo in his Satanic Qur’an: “Read in the name of your Lord who created man out of drops of clotted and congealed blood. Read, for your Lord is the most generous. He who taught the use of the pen that man might be taught that which he did not know.” (96.001) Four words prior to *Thuateira* is a term that describes the demon possessed and demented Messenger of Allah, as well as the whole of his revelation and religion: *throeo*, “to cry out and frighten from a troubled mind.”

Three words past *Thuateira* we find the term some say forms the basis of the city’s name. *Thuinos*, “the use and blowing of odoriferous incense,” something Roman Catholics are particularly adept at doing.

Returning to the passage, recognize that every description of Yahshua in Scripture that depicts His resurrected or transfigured state, uses all the words the ancient world could muster to convey brilliant warm and white light. This description is no exception. The risen Messiah has eyes that seem to burn brightly and feet that glow brilliantly.

According to the Theological Dictionary’s etymological research, *agape* isn’t nearly as endearing a term as it is postulated in evangelical circles. They reveal that “its meaning is weak and variable, often meaning nothing more than to be satisfied with something.” Although, when it comes to God’s view of us, Him being “satisfied” is reason enough for celebration. The linguistic scholars go on to report: “*agape* can mean to greet someone or to receive them.” It “designates the attitude of seeking after someone or something and desiring it or them.” Since *agape* doesn’t convey the “impulsive passion or indiscriminate intoxication of *eros*,” it is often used to “denote friendship between equals.” *Agape* is “an attitude of affection which makes distinctions and it operates in an environment of freedom and choice.” In the context of Catholicism in the Dark Ages where there was essentially no freedom or choice, *agape* means that the people loved their families and they were friendly and sociable. While the leadership of the Church has been universally corrupt, individual Catholics have displayed great benevolence and have done wonderful things.

Diakonia, and its root, *diakonos*, do not mean service or ministry as so many translations infer. It is an exacting term that very precisely depicts the condition under which Medieval Catholics toiled. They were forced “to execute the commands of their” feudal “lord,” in what was in essence a “master-slave” state. The Church, and the kings they sponsored, owned and controlled everyone and everything. Yahushua isn’t complementing the people by using *diakonia*; He is commiserating with them. He understands and feels pity for their plight.

Pistis isn’t *pistos*, the word most often used to describe “trust and reliance, trustworthiness and reliability,” the foundation of salvation. *Pistis* is a far more sinister term, one more in keeping with the Medieval Church. The people were compelled to religious fervor, persuaded rather than enlightened, induced rather than educated, tranquilized rather than inspired. They were made to yield to the authority of the Roman Catholic Church or die a sadistic death. The people became religious, complying with what they were told, living in servitude, surviving like slaves in feudal obedience to their clerical masters.

Hupomne is no less appropriate in its portrayal of Jezebelian Catholicism. The people “persevered,” many “standing firm against the tyrants,” while they “endured constant hostile attacks.” During the dark times imposed by the Satanic merger of cleric and king, “progress stood still” as the people *hupomne*: “were left behind, standing still but staying alive under very unfortunate circumstances and hideously ill treatment.” Once again, Yahushua is commiserating with their plight, not complementing them on their status. The common people survived in spite of the deplorable conditions imposed on them by the Church and their royal proxies.

There are two potential renderings of Yahushua’s last phrase: “**And the accomplishments of** (*ergon* – product of) **the last** (*eschatos* – the end of the series, the final in succession, the lowest in temporal worth) **are greater than** (*polus* – many and more than) **the first** (*protos* – first in time, place, rank, succession, or influence).” He could be reconfirming what He said to the Smyrna assembly: those who consider themselves rich by human standards are actually poor, while those whom they abuse are actually rich because they will receive His inheritance. Or, God could be saying that there was far more *hupomne* than *agape* being produced during this time. Both interpretations would be accurate.

But that was the end of the “good” news. “**Nevertheless** (*alla* – speaking of and designating the antithesis, on the contrary and negative side) **I hold** (*echo*) **a few things against you, because** (*hoti* – for this reason) **you permitted and tolerated** (*eao aphiemi* – pardoned as part of a divorce and yielded to; you left alone and did not hinder; you allowed to persist, even committed to and followed) **that woman** (*gune* – whom you betrothed and married), **Jezebel** (*Iezabel*, a transliteration of the Hebrew ‘*Yzebel*), **who calls herself** (*lego* – says and affirms

of herself, maintains and teaches that she is) a **prophet** (*prophetis* – female fortuneteller who claims to be able to predict the future and reveal oracles by inspiration), **whose teachings** (*didasko* – discourse and instructions) **seduce and deceive, leading many astray** (*planao* – coercing them into error) **so that My servants practice idolatry leading to an indulgence in sexual immorality** (*porneuo* – commit prostitution with whores) **and eat things sacrificed to idols.”** (Revelation 2:20-21)

Your first reaction to the last phrase may have been to discount it as being applicable to Roman Catholicism. But don't be too rash. The centerpiece of the Catholic Mass is the consumption of a wafer that is directly related to idolatry—based as it is upon the religious rituals first celebrated in Babylon, and later in Egypt, and pagan Rome. All the Messiah suggested during His last Passover meal, was that we should remember Him within the full prophetic symbolism of the Miqras of Passover, Unleavened Bread, and FirstFruits—all of which Catholics ignore. The way the “Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist” is practiced, and its connection to cannibalistic “Transubstantiation, where the bread is actually turned into the body of the Lord,” and to the “Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary” represents “the practice of idolatry.” Even the Priest's pagan-inspired celibacy, has been shown to lead directly to “an indulgence in sexual immorality.”

There is a common theme to Yahshua's first four letters. They all address the consequence of tolerating false teachers and errant doctrines. In this case, the Thyatira Assembly did more than just permit evil in their presence; they pardoned the perpetrators and followed the false prophets. As a result they were seduced and deceived. Their clerics led them astray. It would cost them their souls.

To best understand the nature of this particular deception and how it coincides with the history of Medieval Catholicism we must journey back in time and see if we can ascertain the nature of the deceptive religion Jezebel taught. The book of Kings tells us that she was the wife of Ahab and that's not good because he was bad. From what we can tell from Scripture, Jezebel was the prototype for the Whore of Babylon depicted later in Revelation. She promoted the Babylonian sungod Bel and the Queen of Heaven—the Mother Earth goddess Asherah. She was a cleric in the counterfeit religion of Mystery Babylon—one of their prophets. She even advanced the more modern notion that the moral law of the Torah was no longer applicable.

Jezebel's Hebrew name tells us a great deal about this whore. ‘*Yzebel* means “to live with and exalt Bel.” The “‘yz” portion of the compound word can mean: “woe or alas,’ or “a howling beast or jackal.” This helps us flesh out her character and better understand the consequence of tolerating her wiles in our midst. The “*bl*” portion of her name forms the consonant basis of Lord/Bel, the title of the Babylonian sungod she served. But there is more. *Zabal* means “to live with me

and to dwell in my residence. To *zabal* is “to loftily honor and to highly exalt.” Even if we didn’t have the means to search Jezebel’s history, her name is sufficient to know that she was evil. Yet the Thyatira Church, representing Roman Catholicism in the Dark Ages, like the Jews before them, divorced Yahuweh and had married Ba’al’s whore. Having kicked God out, they allowed Satan to move in.

Since scripture is a cohesive whole, very little is left to chance interpretations. Thyatira’s Jezebel is a whore with a history. She was a central player in a scheme that played out much like the Roman Catholic Church, albeit in Israel a thousand years earlier. Starting with I Kings 16:25, we read about a sovereign named Omri, his son Ahab, and his son’s wife, Jezebel. Their story is worth considering because it has been reenacted on a more modern stage. In other words, to understand the full implication of Revelation we will have to turn back the clock one thousand years.

“And Omri did (*’asah* – fashioned and created, prepared and produced, ordained, instituted, and accomplished) **evil** (*ra’* – that which is disagreeable, displeasing, and malignant) **in the sight of Yahuweh and was more wicked** (*ra’a’* – evil, displeasing, and injurious; and was worse at breaking apart and tearing asunder) **than all who were before him, for he walked in all the ways of Jeroboam** (*Yarob’am* – the one who quarrels and complains, striving and contending against the people)... **And his sins** (*chatta’ah* – errant ways) **were associated with** (*’asher* – and linked to) **Yisra’el, causing her to go the wrong way** (*chata’* – incur guilt and forfeit redemption, receiving condemnation), **provoking and angering** (*ka’ac* – vexing, agitating, troubling, irritating, and distressing) **Yahuweh, the ‘Elohiym of Yisra’el by their vanity** (*hebel* – emptiness and hollow breath, gradual diminishment to nothingness, worthlessness, conceitedness, foolishness, and futility).” (I Kings 16:25-26)

‘*Omri*, like Constantine was a general before he became king. His name explains the nature of his plot. ‘Omri (עֲמֹרִי) is based upon ‘*amar* (עָמַר) and it means “to act like a Catholic.” I’ll grant you that this is a paraphrase, but the actual terminology is no less indicting. The primary definition defines religion: ‘*amar* is “to gather together and bind.” Then it describes the Catholic behavior circa the Thyatira era: “to manipulate and deal tyrannically with.” The conclusion is synonymous with *diakonia*, the Greek term Yahshua just used to describe these Catholics because ‘*amar* means “to treat people as if they were slaves.”

In that Jeroboam was first king of the Northern Kingdom, his “ways” became the subject of Hosea’s rebuke and the reason for Yahuweh’s divorce. The Northern kingdom was unfaithful, separating themselves from Yahuweh so that they could invite Ba’al, and his Babylonian religion, into their temples and homes. Moreover, everything you have read in the chapters of Yada Yahweh

dedicated to Hosea's prophecies (*Azab* – Abandonment, *Yashar* – Stand Upright, *Shaw'* – Desolation, *Thanatos* – Separation, and *Ruach* – Spirit) is now relevant to this discussion on Assembly of Thyatira—the dark age of Catholicism. It is one of many reasons Yahuweh had us spend so much time there. He has prepared us to understand Revelation.

The sad part of the passage we just read is that it reverberates to this very day. The errant ways of cleric and king affect the people themselves. When a nation's political and religious currents flow in a direction which is opposed to Yahuweh and His Word, they erode the foundation upon which people come to know God. In that way the whole nation or congregation incurs the guilt of their leaders, forfeiting redemption, and receiving condemnation in its place. The reason Yahuweh hates hierarchical religious and political institutions is because they inflict their venom on the populous, causing everyone to die. These things irritate Yahweh, provoking, agitating and angering Him. God views man's schemes, as well as those who echo them, as vain: “empty and hollow, worthlessness, conceited, foolish, and futile.” They lead to having ones soul diminished to nothingness. And this is why Yahshua delineated His disgust for man's errant ways in His Revelation letters. He isn't so much bothered that popes will go to hell; it's that their errors have caused millions to follow them there.

In the next verse Yahuweh tells us that he listed the errors of Omri in Chronicles so that we might not repeat them. Then, after announcing Omri's death, He reveals: “**Ahab, his son became king in his place.**” Ahab's name is a compound of “woe” and “father.” As such, he, like the fathers who would become popes, became the “father of woe.”

After dating Ahab's reign, Yahuweh declares: “**And Ahab, son of 'Omri did** (*'asah* – fashioned and created, prepared and produced, ordained and instituted) **evil** (*ra'* – that which is disagreeable, displeasing, and malignant) **in the sight of Yahuweh and was more wicked** (*ra'a'* – displeasing and injurious) **than all who were before him.**” (I Kings 16:30) Bad begets bad. That is its nature. It is why bad shouldn't be tolerated.

As we have learned, the message behind the Fifth Commandment is to consider the ways of our Heavenly Father and Spiritual Mother seriously if we want to live a long time in the Promised Land. By valuing the family model Yahuweh established for us, and by embracing this kind of loving, faithful, productive, and nurturing relationship, we walk through the door to heaven and join His eternal family. Ahab didn't. “**He was** (*hayah*) **trivializing** (*qalal* – trifling with, lightly considering, slighting and deeming) **his walk in the errant ways which incur guilt and forfeit redemption** (*chata'ah*), **those of Jeroboam** (*Yarob'am* – the one who quarreled and complained, contending against the people) **and received and accepted** (*laqach* – selected in marriage) **the woman**

(*ishshah* – wife), **Jezebel** (*Yzebel* – the one who lives with and exalts the Babylonian sungod Bel), **the daughter of Ethbaal** (*Ethba'al* – from *eth*, meaning near and together in relationship with and *ba'al*, meaning the lord, Satan's sungod designation) **the king of the Sidonians** (*Tsiydoniy* – a Phoenician/Canaanite city) **and they went on serving** (*abad* – laboring for and working in the cause of) **Baal** (*Ba'al* – the Lord; the sungod; Satan) **bowing down in prostration, submission, and homage** (*shachah* – descending by religiously worshiping) **him.**" (I Kings 16:31)

Their names—*Yzebel* and *Ethba'al*—say it all. The spiritual and religious leader of the ten tribes that comprised the Northern Kingdom married the Whore of Babylon. He became an occultist. Forming a relationship with Satan, he and his bride not only abandoned Yahuweh, they forfeited any hope of redemption for themselves and for their people. They were KISS, Knights in Satan's Service nearly three millennia before the ill-behaved band was formed.

But it's not just their names which confirm their choice. *Tsiydoniy* means "to hunt." Nimrod, the man who was responsible for conceiving the religion of Lord/Ba'al, called Mystery Babylon, was called "a mighty hunter against God." And what he got from his ungodly exchange was Islam/Submission. The religion best known for its prostration prayer is named after the Arabic word for submission. This Satanic couple would descend temporally and eternally by way of religion. And so too, by implication and association would Catholicism—a religion so rife with ritualistic bowing down, its pews all come with knee rests as standard equipment. Based upon service to the same Lord, virtually every Roman Catholic rite and doctrine would come to echo the religion of the Whore of Babylon, exchanging Satan's rituals for a relationship with Yahuweh.

But the Catholics weren't the first. And we can't say we weren't warned. **"They erected** (*quwm* – raised up and established, maintained and validated) **sacrificial altars** (*mizbeach*) **to Ba'al and temples to Ba'al.**" (I Kings 16:32)

Ba'al was the sun and storm-god conceived in Babylon under the name Bel, or Lord. He was venerated in the form of a golden calf with a halo between its horns because the sun is in the constellation Taurus the Bull during the vernal equinox when it is alleged that Mother Earth is impregnated by our local star. As a result, the son of the sun is born at the winter solstice, nine months later. Ba'al or Bel is identified with the dying and rising deity known to the first generation of Babylonians as Tammuz, the sun of the son. Ba'al is associated with the Phoenician goddess of fertility and sexuality, Astarte, as she is a derivative of Ishtar, the first Babylonian Madonna, the Mother of God. Astarte or Asherah in Hebrew and Akkadian is both the Mother of Ba'al/Tammuz and the consort of their god.

This convoluted Jezebelian whore would live to give birth to an extraordinary scheme: Catholicism. The papacy, hierarchal church order, the adoration of Mary, the Rosary, Sunday worship, the Mass, confessions, bowing down, the sign of the cross, infant baptism, Lent, Easter, and Christmas are all examples of religious rites conceived in Babylon rather than the Bible.

Ba'al is a counterfeit Yahuweh. His name means "husband and owner" in addition to "lord." He is also a counterfeit Yahushua in that he is the son of God, one who dies and is resurrected. Asherah, and the Madonna and Child, Mother of God, and Queen of Heaven, myths she inspired, serve Satan by providing a corrupted counterfeit of the Set-Apart Spirit and Her role as our Spiritual Mother. Yahushua didn't need a spiritual mother but we do if we are to be born into Yahweh's family. By establishing the Asherah Madonna and by encouraging her veneration, people are confused at best and misled at worst.

There is also a counterfeit upright wooden pole associated with Asherah worship that, early on, served as Satan's replacement for *'edon*, the upright pillar and foundation of the tabernacle, and *stauros*, the upright pole that facilitated our redemption. Shi'ite Muslims observe Asherah Day at Muhammad's urging. Moreover, Mary plays a far more important role in the Qur'an than she does in the Renewed Covenant. Devotion to Mary, the Mother of God, has grown to become Catholicism's most prevalent rite.

Like Catholic clerics after them, Ahab and Jezebel established a comprehensive array of Satanic substitutes. **"Ahab ('Ach'ab – the father of woe) prepared and produced ('asah – conceived and celebrated) an association with ('asher) Asherah ('Asherah – the Babylonian/Phoenician, mother of god). Ahab conceived and celebrated ('asah – ordained, prepared, and produced) more to increase and enjoin (yacaph) Yahuweh's anger and wrath (ka'ac – grief and vexation, annoying Him) than all the kings of Yisra'el before him."** (I Kings 16:32)

Men say all paths lead to God, that it doesn't matter what you believe, only that you believe. According to the ruling elite today, it's virtuous to be tolerant of different faiths just as it is good to be accepting of all forms of sexual diversity. But God doesn't agree. Anything that is taught that is contrary to the instructions He has delineated in His Scripture irritates Him. And that doesn't seem like a very good idea.

Returning Yahushua's letter to the Jezebelian assembly of Thyatira, the Messiah remains fixated on false teachings—particularly those which are satanically inspired and which contradict His message. He knows that unchecked, unexposed, unrepudiated false prophets infect the masses and eventually lead to their destruction and damnation.

The Third Commandment confirms that Yahweh won't offer leniency when it comes to liars if their lies lead to lifelessness. Sadly, the children of deception will die. So when this passage speaks of "giving her time to reconsider" I think Yahushua is speaking about the laity in His unfaithful assembly. *Ekklesia* is a feminine noun. **"And I gave her time to think differently (*metanoeo* – reconsider, feel compunction, and change her mind) about her adultery and sexual perversion (*porneia* – harlotry, idolatry, and fornication), and she did not reconsider. Indeed I will cast her (*ballo* – throw her down without caring where she falls, removing and depositing her) into a sickbed (*kline* – couch, cot or stretcher) along with those who commit adultery (*moicheuo* – seduce and violate women) with (*meta* – following) her, and into (*eis*) the great pressing together (*megas thlipsis* –hemming them in and squashing them under massive pressure that causes distress, affliction, and tribulation; from *thlibo*, meaning to press, crush, and compress under overwhelming force) unless (*me ean* – if and when as a condition of reduced probability) they change their mind and amend (*metanoeo* – think differently and change) their enterprise (*ergon* – business, that which occupies their time, their undertaking and product produced)."** (Revelation 2:21-22)

Porneia is from the base of *piprasko*, which is "the profit one derives from selling a person into slavery." It is also "a bribe accepted by someone who gives themselves up wholly to another's will." Islam was founded upon "the profit" Muhammad "derived from selling" Arabs and Jews "into slavery." Further, more than half of Muhammad's harem was comprised of sex slaves. The Messenger of Allah routinely raped the widows of Jewish men he and his militants had terrorized. And of course, Allah speaks in the Qur'an of establishing a "bargain," one in which the jihadist's life is sacrificed for the "cause of Allah." In return the martyr is "reward with paradise" a place that mimicked the prophet's harem. The Catholics played this game a different way. They sold indulgences, in effect: "accepting a bribe from someone who was willing to give themselves up wholly to" the Church's "will."

America's "Moral Majority" is preoccupied with homosexuality and abortion because these are more often the sins of the left rather than the right. They seldom speak out against adultery, the crime Yahushua is focusing on here. Yet unfaithfulness in marriage is the reason why Yahuweh divorced Yisra'el. God views the covenant as a marriage relationship and doesn't appreciate it when we devalue His model.

The destination Yahushua is discussing in these passages is the place of perpetual anguish—the place where souls are compressed under such pressure that they cannot escape, existing only in the dimension of time. And the reason Yahushua is so cavalier about casting souls into this abyss is that He doesn't know

them. But, aware of their teachings, He knows how much damage their unraveling has done to His message of salvation, the one human undertaking that is unforgivable. The victims of this crime, differentiated from the perpetrators, can *metanoeo*/reconsider, right up until their last breath. But this requires changing their minds and amending the way they invest their time.

“I will separate, terminate the life of, destroy and extinguish (*apokteino* – segregate, inflict death, do away with, allow to perish, abolish, and deprive of spiritual life; from *apo*, meaning to separate and *kteino*, meaning to terminate life) her offspring (*teknon* – the children she produces; her associates, relations, disciples, patrons, helpers, teachers, congregation, followers, and employees; those who are nourished by her instruction) in and by (*en*) the separation of death (*thanatos*). And all (*pas* – individually and collectively) the *ekklesia*/called-out shall know (*ginosko* – shall learn and understand) that I Am (*eimi* – exist as) He who searches and examines (*ereunao*) hearts (*kardia* – man’s inner nature; thoughts and desires). And I will give to each and every one (*hekastos*) of you according to (*kata* – down against) that which you produce (*ergon*).” (Revelation 2:23)

The first half of this passage reaffirms something Christian clerics are wont to deny. Choosing not to form a relationship with Yahuweh leads to having one’s soul *apokteino*/extinguished and destroyed at the *thanatos*/separation of the body and soul. In classic Greek thought, *thanatos* described the dividing point between mankind’s earthly existence and the spiritual realm, the time and place the soul was separated from the body. *Apokteino* means “separation that terminates life, destroying and extinguishing it.” This is not “eternal punishment.” It is the termination of life, not the continuance of it. So the children of Catholicism, the victims of this Babylonian Whore, will simply cease to be. Their death will be fatal. The perpetrators, the Catholic clerics, however, will not fare so well.

In this verse, Yahushua is speaking directly to religious communities, those who erroneously believe that they can earn entrance into heaven by their good works. If that is how they choose to be judged, that is how they shall be judged. This warning of separation and death is written to “each and every one of you” and is therefore addressing all those who have aligned themselves with the doctrines of the Whore of Babylon. That means that He’s speaking to religious Christians. Moreover, Yahshua is reminding us of something He predicted in Hosea. What we accept, what we believe, what we say and do has a direct impact on our children. When we are adulterous spiritually, we beget stillborn children.

Reemphasizing the same theme that has driven all of these letters, Yahushua warns us that the poison the Roman Catholic Church was ingesting and distributing was Satanic. When we echo the false teachings of religious leaders we descend to the depths of the Adversary’s depravity and share in his essence—

deception. Writing to those who remain in “*Thuateira’s* whirlwind where the powerful, domineering, and troubled daughter breaks apart and shatters,” Yahshua tells those who have not succumbed that He has a singular serious task for them to bear: to understand who the Adversary/*Satanas* is and how he operates. They were given but one job—an undertaking they did not pursue. The consequence was grievous.

He said: “**Now to you I say, and to the rest** (*loipoy* – who remain) **in Thyatira** (*Thuateira* – the place of the whirlwind where the powerful, domineering, and troubled daughter breaks apart and shatters, blowing odoriferously), **who do not hold** (*echo* – possess or regard) **this doctrine or teaching** (*didache* – instruction or explanation often delivered by a religious establishment) **who do not know** (*ginosko* – who are not acquainted with, known by, or have a relationship with) **the depths and essence** (*bathos* – the hidden walking and inscrutable ways; the secret spatial sphere; the dimensions and stratagem) **of *Satanas/the Adversary, his character, his circumstance, his way*** (*hos* – that which proceeds from him) **and his words** (*logos* – sayings, affirmations, advice, commands, and directions), **I will throw** (*ballo* - cast out and place upon) **you no other** (*allos* – different) **heavy and serious task on you** (*baros* – burdensome weight under which to walk).” (Revelation 2:24)

With these words Yahshua confirmed that Jezebel, and her Babylonian religion of Lord/Ba’al, aren’t just wrong, they are Satanic. He also confirmed that it’s not the individual Jezebel that is the problem, but instead the *didache*/doctrine and teaching that the whore of Babylon professes. Errant instruction kills. Bad behavior, even adultery, is redeemable, but lifeless teaching is unforgivable.

I can attest to the fact that coming to “*ginosko*/know, being acquainted with, *bathos*/the depths and essence, the hidden walking and inscrutable ways, the secret spatial sphere, and the dimensions and stratagem of Satan” is a “heavy task and serious burden.” I invested three years of my life coming to understand Satan’s Islam so that I could effectively condemn it and warn the world about it. Each day I felt like I was walking into the depths of hell. And while that was nasty, there was something magnificent about the experience. Yahuweh accompanied me. I needed Him and He was there with me every step of the way, protecting me, inspiring me, and sometimes even having a good laugh with me at Islam’s expense. Writing and popularizing *Tea With Terrorists—Who they are, Why they kill, and What can be done to stop them* and *Prophet of Doom—Islam’s Terrorist Dogma in Muhammad’s Own Words* remains one of the great thrills of my life. It was a time when I was honored to work side by side with our Creator, our Heavenly Father, on a mission that was and remains important to Him. Had the *ekklesia* of Thyatira accepted this same burden, the Satanic influence of

Catholicism would have been squelched long before it infected the world. Paradise would have been billions of souls richer.

When Yahuweh said: “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge,” He recognized that our ignorance regarding “the character and the circumstance of our Adversary, and the validity of Satan’s way and words, his sayings, advice and directions” would lead to our demise, to our damnation. Not knowing him, not recognizing his *logos*, we have accepted him and them, replacing Yahuweh’s instruction and relationship with Satan’s doctrine and religion. As a result the world got Catholicism, Islam, and Communism. As a result, those who should have known better became vomit (*emeo* from Revelation 3:16)—equivalent to that which is spewed from Satan’s mouth.

The surest way to avoid becoming Satan’s prey is to know Yahuweh’s Spirit and Scriptures and to rely on them. It is the way of salvation. It is the means to protect the Way from being corrupted by the wiles of men. Speaking to the people He had just given the burden of knowing how Satan corrupts, He explains that He will help them. **“Moreover, beside this, become full** (*plen* – from *pleion*, meaning become filled and full, become greater and superior) **in whom** (*hos*) **you possess** (*echo* – have and hold, cling to and wear), **gaining power** (*krateo* – becoming powerful by whom you are strengthened and gain possession; the one who grabs hold of, accomplishes, and overcomes, causing a state or condition to continue so that you prevail and persevere) **until** (*achri* – a later point in time in which) **I come and am present with you** (*an heko* – the circumstance under which God reaches out to man, resolving all conflict, based upon man’s request).” (Revelation 2:25)

Plen and *pleion* are translated “nevertheless” in the King James and New American Standard, and “only” by the NIV as if an entirely different word was scribed in the Greek text. *Plen*’s meaning at the time of the writing was “to become full, to be abundant, to report, and to live a long time, having been replenished.” Yahushua was speaking of His Spirit and the benefits of having His Spirit fill us, making our lives more abundant, making it possible for us to expose error and report the truth, enabling us to live forever. That is confirmed by what follows. The Set-Apart Spirit is our source of power and eternal life. The Spirit is our Garment of Light, apparel we must wear if we want to be admitted to paradise. The Spirit is the one by whom we prevail and are preserved. The reason this advice follows Yahshua’s request to understand Satan’s affirmations is because the Spirit gives us the power to do this job.

“And he who overcomes and prevails, who carefully attends to (*tereo* – continues to do) **My business endeavors** (*ergon*) **until the end, to him I will give jurisdiction and authority** (*exousia* – the freedom to choose, judge and rule, absolute influence and power) **over the multitudes** (*ethnos* – individuals, human

race, ethnic races, people, or nations). **He shall feed and tend to the flock as a shepherd** (*poimaino* – cherishing, nurturing, and protecting them) **with a walking stick** (*rhabdos* – rod or staff; scepter) **made of iron.**” (Revelation 2:26-27) According to prophecy, those in the resurrected *ekklesia* who have remained focused on Yahshua’s business (witnessing to the truth and condemning lies) will rule on behalf of Yahuweh during the Millennium—the one thousand year Sabbath that follows the great Tribulation. And while my initial reaction to this was thanks but no thanks as governing people is a horrible job, upon further inspection I came to recognize that all we are being asked to do is shepherd them—to cherish, nurture, and protect the people. Moreover, based upon *exousia*, we are being given Yahshua’s absolute authority and power—His scepter—which means that while we will retain free will, we will be exercising His will.

Those who have aligned themselves with the doctrine of Jezebel will be deemed to have been anointed by Satan. This next passage details mankind’s most important choice and the consequence of choosing poorly. **“Rubbing together on the well trodden way they are anointed, twisted, broken and pulverized** (*suntribo* – drugged, overcome, destroyed and placed under [Satan’s influence]) **like** (*hos* – even as) **vessels and armaments** (*skeuos* – implements or equipment; objects and merchandise) **made of clay** (*keramikos* – ware which belongs to the potter). **Indeed, even** (*kai*) **I accepted and took upon** (*lambano* – received and possessed, chose and experienced, acquired and put on) **the presence of** (*para* – conveys the movement, the coming forth and sending of someone to the immediate proximity and side of another) **My Father** (*pater*).” (Revelation 2:27) Yahshua is encouraging us to follow His example.

The compound elements of *syntribo* suggest that Satanic “anointing” leads to the broad path of destruction. The word is a compound of *sun* which means with, beside or accompanying, and *tribo* which means the well-worn path or way. In the context of the time, *syntribo*, used as a noun meant: “the well trodden way that was formed when things rubbed together.” *Syntribo*, used as a verb, as it is in this passage, described “the process of grinding and crushing ointments, medications, drugs, or magic potions.” In this sense it is describing the anointing of Satan’s spirit upon souls who have been poisoned by his caustic and venomous brew of deception. The term was also indicative of “stones which when rubbed together above kindling would ignite a fire by friction”—and thus could be speaking of the destructive fire sparked by Babylonian inspired political and religious schemes. *Syntribo* also came to describe “crushing human bones, smashing limbs and skulls in battle so that one’s opponent was completely broken and destroyed.” *Syntribo* was used as a “sign of weakness, of a person or thing becoming twisted, shattered, and pulverized, only to ultimately perish altogether”—delineating the fate of lost souls. It was “applied to social, political, religious, and psychological spheres

where fear and humiliation wore a man down, shattering hope.” To be *syntribo* is to be anointed by Satan, to be born again in the spirit of darkness, deceit, and despair. To be *syntribo* was to be a Catholic in the Dark Ages. It was and is to be a Muslim or a Communist.

Similarly, *lambano* is about “accepting and receiving something by choice, bringing it upon oneself through one’s own initiative.” In classical Greek it was used to “depict the fate of one’s soul based upon that which a man received, acquired, and seized hold of during his life.” *Lambano* was about “grasping and holding on to something” especially as it related to “accepting a gift.” Yahushua “*lambano/accepted and took upon the para/presence of His Father*” as should we. Yahushua is describing the process of us “taking the initiative to choose” Him, “to bring His Father’s” Set-Apart Spirit “upon ourselves, so that by being anointed” in His Spirit and being born anew from above, we might enjoy “the fate of those who have accepted and received the gift of life.”

These three words describe how our choices determine our fate. Too bad they are translated so poorly by the authors of the KJV, NASB, and NIV that you couldn’t tell it by what they had to say.

Speaking of the thousand year Sabbath that follows the great Tribulation again, Yahushua tells us that the Adversary/*Satanas* will be delivered up and deposited under Yahuweh’s control. It will be Yahushua’s first act of business when He returns. **“And I will give (*didomi* – produce, bring forth, deliver up, and deposit) to Him [Yahuweh] the Morning Star (*proinos aster* – the dawn star; from the Hebrew, Halal ben Shachar, the Arrogant Fool, son of the Rising Sun or Morning Star). He who has the ability to hear, let him listen to what the IINA (placeholder for *Ruach*, Spirit) says to the *ekklesia/out-calling*.”** (Revelation 2:27-29) When Satan is *didomi* to Yahuweh he will be “produced for trial, be assigned to pay for what he has done, and deposited in his place.”

In Isaiah 14:12, where Satan is linked directly to the Babylonian poligious system, we learned this very thing: **“How you have fallen (*naphal* – been cast down, having failed and fallen short; been forced to prostrate yourself) from above (*ma’al* – from a high special position to a lower orientation or dimension) Halal (*Haylal* - the shining one; from *halal*, meaning arrogant fool) son of (*ben*) the Rising Sun (*shachar* – dawn or sunrise). You are chopped off, disassociated, cut down, broken and smashed (*gada’* – severed from unity and felled, sheared off with limited association and broken, fallen so as to no longer exist in your prior state) to the earth (*’eres* – the ground), from which you weaken (*chalash* – prostrate and disable) the Gentiles (*Gowyim* – non-Yahudim nations).”** Then: **“Indeed, you will descend to (*yarad ’el* – go down, be diminished, abandoned, and lay prostrate in) Sheol (*Sha’owl* – the place of the dead; from *sha’al*, meaning the place of questioning), into the extreme recesses**

(*yarekah* – the remotest part, the place most removed from civility; the depths) **of the pit** (*bowr* – a shaft or depression in the earth which becomes a prison).” (Isaiah 14:15)

Interestingly, *naphal* is synonymous with the Satanic spiritual rebirth concept just covered as it also means “to give birth, to neglect, to die, to attack, conquer, cut down, oppress, control people, relegating them to a lower, inferior state.” *Gada’* is frequently used in reference to the idols associated with the Babylonian fertility cult, and especially the Mother Earth goddess, so it is also germane to this discussion. *Chalash* defines Islam, a religion of Gentiles whose scriptures were all written just outside of Babylon. All Muslims are forced to prostrate themselves five times a day, and without exception, Islamic nations are the most disabled societies on earth. The secondary meaning of *chalash* speaks to the victims of the Babylonian creed of Roman Catholicism in that “in death they are powerless and hopeless.”

The Catholic clergy behaved like the Thyatirans. They not only lived in the midst of places corrupted by the Babylonian religion, they became Jezebelians—those who exalt Bel. Rome was the center of Mithraism, or sungod worship. The leader of this fertility cult’s rituals was called *Pater*, or Father. Only men were deemed worthy. These sun-worshipping pagans wore cruxes around their necks and black robes with NEHRU collars—just like today’s Catholic priests. The highest ranking Mithras *Pater* was a *Papa* or Pope.

The cross was the symbol of the sun god. It has been used since Nimrod in ancient Babylon. It represents Easter, the time when the sun crosses the equator at the vernal equinox, simultaneously crossing the zodiac sign of Taurus the bull. There is no Hebrew word for “cross” anywhere in the Scriptures. Each of the twenty-four times the Greek word *stauros* is represented by the Greek “*P*” or *Rho* in the pre-Constantinian Renewed Covenant manuscripts, English Bibles mistranslate “upright pole or stake” as “cross.” The first to do so was a Roman Catholic named Eusibius Sophronius. In an effort to merge Mithras’ cherished symbol into the Church he replaced Yahushua’s *stauros* with Satan’s “*crux*” (Latin for cross) in 400 CE.

This error was initiated by General Constantine who claimed to have seen a vision of the sun with a cross superimposed upon it during one of his military campaigns—signifying that he should conquer under the sign of this *crux*. And so it would be. The *crux* worn by the Roman Catholic Crusaders was fashioned identically to that used by Imperial Rome and Babylon before them. Even today, Catholics make the “Sign of the Cross” over their chest—a rite imposed by Constantine to honor his god—the Unconquerable Sun, *Sol Invictus*.

This fixation on the sun is the reason why all Catholic inspired art has the sun's other symbol, a halo, over the heads of Christ, Mary, and the disciples. It is why their buildings and religion are named after Circe, a sun goddess. It is why their buildings all have sun-god inspired steeples with crosses above them—designed to catch the sun's first and last rays. It is why there is the Egyptian inspired sun-god obelisk honoring Caligula in the center of the Vatican. It is why they took a statue of the Roman god Jupiter, adapted it by placing a Babylonian sun-god crown upon its head, placed it at the entrance of their most imposing edifice, and renamed the colossus St. Peter.

Sunday was the Lord's day, *Mithras Solis Invictus*—the Devil's Sabbath. Catholics imposed it and then made Sabbath worship a criminal offense. December 25th was Mithras' birthday—the rebirth of the sun. In the 9th century, the *Natalis Invictus* and its festival, the *Saturnalia* or *Paganalia*, was renamed “Christmas” by the Roman Catholic Church. Constantine's Nicene Council replaced Passover with Easter in tribute to the Babylonian sun-god religion, and their Istar and Asherah, the Mother of God and Queen of Heaven. Jezebel would have been so proud.

The demonic, sun-centered cult, not surprisingly, supported the divine right of kings to rule, even authorizing emperor worship. This process of integrating ancient polygious customs, called enculturation or syncretism, is designed to impose power with minimal effort. Existing dogma, rituals, and gods are incorporated into a doctrine to make conversion easier. More than just tolerating lies, they are adopted. It is the antithesis of Yahushua's directions to His *ekklesia*.

Babylonian priests invented the Missa, or Mass, serving a round, sun-shaped wafer of bread. Wine, the symbol for atoning blood, took a back seat in the Whore's religion just as the disk of bread in a Catholic Mass is served to all while few sip. Satan knows that without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness. This wafer is still emblazoned with the first letter of the names of the Egyptian Trinity: HIS—Horus, Isis, and Seb—the Mother, the Child, and the Father of the gods.

Each of the seven sacraments of Mithrasism, including Confession and the Eucharist, were incorporated into Roman Catholicism. The Church usurped the pagan use of wax candles, incense, and holy water too, interesting in that one of Thyatira's definitions is: “unceasing sacrifice of perfume.” To this day, the sacrifice of the Mass, with its odorous incense, remains an ordinance within the RCC.

Mithraism had its own Trinity, Mithras, Rashnu, and Vohu Manah, another legacy of the Whore's teaching. In Catholicism, Mary was elevated to divine intermediary, being called the Mother of God and the Queen of Heaven—Satanic

concepts all. It was one of the Devil's most effective counterfeits, replacing our Spiritual Mother with an earthly woman. It all began with the mother-and-child cult of Nimrod and his wife/mother Rhea/Semiramis. It took many forms over the centuries, but the basic ingredients were the exalted mother, often a virgin, who gave birth to the son of a god who died and then rose from the dead. The scenario gave rise to a plethora of fertility cults like Jezebel's, many of which are condemned in Scripture. Worship involved ritual sex which devolved over time into temple prostitution. In these Babylonian religious cults Mother Earth, called Rhea, Ishtar or Asherah, was impregnated by the sun during the spring equinox, the Catholic Easter, giving birth nine months later at the winter solstice, the Catholic Christmas. The "Hail Mary" mindset of Catholicism is a direct derivative of these pagan schemes. It was first instituted into Roman Catholicism in 431 CE, in complete violation of Yahuweh's scriptures.

There is so much more. For a fascinating look at how much of Jezebel's paganism came to be Roman Catholicism, see Alexander Hislop's classic *The Two Babylons*. This treatise traces the false religion's Babylonian roots and drops the Whore's legacy squarely in the lap of the Roman Catholic popes, many of whose rites and traditions stem directly from Satan's mystery religion. Although Hislop's methodology has erroneously come under fire in recent years due to the fact that his sources are no longer extant, it's enough to make you give up Catholicism, in addition to Sunday worship, Christmas, and Easter. A more current study was written by Lew White called *Fossilized Customs*. Lew is a Messianic Yahudi, Hebrew scholar and etymologist. I also recommend Richard Rives' *Too Long Under the Sun*, but my favorite is *Come Out of Her My People* by the late C.J. Koster. Matthew Coover's *The Real Messiah* does an excellent job of using Scripture to strip Yahushua of the Whore's religious apparel, too.

The Thyatira picture is not a pretty one. The Church had become Satanic. The age wasn't called "Dark" for nothing.

One of the more painful symptoms of Thyatira time included the Satanism of a rather infamous pope. In 1033 the papal reign of Benedict IX began when a disturbed youth of twelve ascended to the religious throne. Alberic was arguably the worst in a long line of bad religious dictators. Nigel Cawthorne, in his book *Six Lives of the Popes*, said he was a bisexual who sodomized animals and ordered multiple murders. He practiced witchcraft, necromancy, and Satanism and abandoned himself to excessive immorality and the most shameful debauchery. Benedict was said to have lived in the Lateran palace like a Turkish sultan, running what critics called the best brothel in Rome. Meanwhile, his brothers ruled the city as if they owned it, precipitating a crime wave of robbery and mayhem. Alberic sold the papal throne for 500 kilograms of gold to his godfather Gracian (Gregory VI) in 1045 so he could marry his cute cousin, the daughter of

Girard de Saxo, only to seize it back again two years later. In short, this revolting soul wasn't what Paul had in mind when he described the qualifications for leadership to young Timothy. But it was exactly the picture Yahushua had painted in His Jezebelian letter.

Further confirming Yahushua's prophetic credentials, a year before Benedict's untimely death in 1055, the Roman Catholic Church split forever into warring fragments. The ambitious patriarch of Constantinople, Michael Caerularius, tried to force Greek rites on the Latin churches in the East, but he ran afoul of Pope Leo IX. Leo's legates excommunicated the patriarch on July 16, 1054, whereupon he revolted, establishing the Greek Orthodox Church.

A handful of years later in 1063, Pope Alexander II cut a page out of the Qur'an and promised an indulgence to the Christian martyrs who were killed in battle defending the Byzantine Empire from Muslim attacks. This would ultimately lead to the Crusades. At the time church and state were embroiled in the Investiture Controversy—reminiscent of Yahushua's warnings to the Smyrna and Pergamos assemblies. The Gregorian Papacy and the Holy Roman Emperor were in conflict as to who was empowered to appoint governmental and church officials. The offices of bishop and abbot were as secular as they were religious and they bequeathed the holder with access to tremendous wealth and great plots of land. In 1059, coveting power, a church council in Rome declared that secular appointees could not elect a future pope, usurping the power of European kings and their nominees. Delusional, Pope Gregory VII declared that the Roman Catholic Church was founded by God and papal power was the sole universal power to rule over men. Alexander's indulgence then became a ploy to lure warriors to his side of the dispute. Rather than trust God, the pope chose to rely upon the arms of men.

There is no Scriptural justification for the Crusades of the Thyatira Church. They are in large regard the result of Satan's influence on the *ekklesia*—of men coveting power, just as Yahushua had warned. But that said, it's important to see how the religious deception of Thyatira became the bloody militarism of Sardis in the context of their time so as not to erroneously absolve Islam of complicity or exonerate Catholicism of its egregious behavior.

Immediately following Muhammad's death in 632 CE, Muslim militants conquered Arabia in the War of Compulsion. Then under the dictatorial control of the religion, Islamic warriors aggressively assaulted and conquered the Persians, many Byzantinian outposts, Syria, Jordan, Israel, and Egypt. Unchecked, the Muslim barbarians then raped and plundered their way across Africa and into Spain, only to be temporarily thwarted in France. But by the turn of the millennia, pressure was once again building as Muslim armies were on the attack in today's Spain, Italy, and Turkey. In 1009 CE the Islamic Caliph of Cairo, al-Hakim bi-

Amr Allah, had the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem destroyed. While it was rebuilt under some very stringent circumstances, Muslims initiated a campaign of cruelty toward Christian pilgrims thereafter.

The trigger for the First Crusade was Emperor Alexius I's appeal to Pope Urban II for mercenaries to help him resist Muslim advances toward Constantinople. Because the schism was festering between the Western Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Greek Orthodox, Rome's Pope seized upon the opportunity to parlay the defense of Constantinople into recapturing Jerusalem from the Muslims who had seized it militarily.

At the time, the Christian princes in Iberia had been fighting Muslims to reclaim their nation with moderate success. Muslim strongholds in Sicily and Majorca were also undergoing liberation as Italians sought to free their coasts from continuing Islamic raids. So a "just war" seemed an opportune way to enhance the standing of the aggressively ambitious, self-promoting Pope. Latin troops in Byzantine territory would serve as leverage in resolving the Papacy's claims of supremacy over Greek Orthodoxy. So the Catholics who agreed to fight were offered full penance by Urban II in 1095. This motivated those who did not know that redemption was a gift of God. Therefore, out of ignorance and religious indoctrination they started their march to Jerusalem.

Proceeding down the coast of the Mediterranean these misled religious adventurers encountered little resistance as local Sunnis Muslims preferred the "Christians" to their Shi'ite Fatimid overlords. In town after town (Tripoli, Beirut, and Tyre), the local rulers supported the Crusaders in hopes of overthrowing the oppressive yoke of Islam.

By the time the religious armies had reached Jaffa and Ramalah in Israel, these towns were abandoned. Then it was on June 7th 1099, that 1,500 of the original 7,000 knights reached Jerusalem. But their assault on the city's wall at the Tower of David was a failure. Without sufficient food and water, the crusaders and their animals were dying faster from thirst and starvation than from the Islamic arrows being fired down upon them. After a re-supply from the port of Jaffa, and gathering Samarian wood for siege engines, they were confronted by the news of a Fatimid army marching north from Egypt.

Enveloped in religious frenzy, the Crusaders were beguiled into emulating Joshua at Jericho. Believing that God would make the walls fall down, the zealots circumambulated the city barefoot, blowing trumpets and singing while the Muslims inside mocked them.

Then, during the night of July 14th, religious pretenses aside, the Catholics turned to their implements of war and relied on the siege engines they had built to topple the city's walls. That morning, almost every inhabitant of Jerusalem was

killed. Muslims, Jews, and even the remaining Christians were all massacred in indiscriminate violence. Having considered their vows fulfilled, the crusaders went home.

It all served as a testament to how religion corrupts men's souls. Muslims wouldn't have been there had Muhammad not been a terrorist and had his religion not been anti-Semitic and Satanic. The Crusaders would not have attacked them had the religion of Roman Catholicism not been anti-Semitic and Satanic, based upon the same Jezebelian Whore who had deceived Muslims. And Jews would have been thriving there, in their city and in their homeland, had rabbinical religious leaders not sought to murder their Messiah.

May God damn all religions before religion damns all men.

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Sardis was practically useless. They had been damned by religion. It must have pained John to pen Yahshua's indictment. He had built this assembly, and they had had a reputation for good works and sound doctrine. Yet prophetically, they were pronounced "dead" by God.

The reason for the Church's untimely death is a matter of history. In 600 CE, a papal decree made prayer in any language other than Latin illegal. Next, it became a crime to preach a sermon in a language other than Latin. Finally, Bibles were only written in Latin. But with the fall of the Roman Empire, the people no longer spoke or read Latin so Yahuweh's redemptive message was essentially unknown to the people.

Even worse, all Bibles were confiscated; owning Scripture became a capital offense. Since only the popes, cardinals, bishops and priests had access to what Yahuweh revealed, they could now say whatever served their interests—and they did. Purgatory was conceived and the sale of indulgences became the remedy. Mary became a goddess and rosary beads became ritual. Holy water was fabricated and confession to priests was mandated. Kissing the pope's feet was ordered and his words became the equivalent of Divine Scripture.

It wasn't until John Wycliffe translated the New Testament out of Latin and into the Anglo Saxon precursor to English in 1384, that common people were once again able to read, and thus understand, Yahshua's message and mission. But John and his scribes could only write 1,000 copies, and the Roman Catholic Church burned all but 125 of those. So fearful were they over the Scripture's threat to their power, they murdered the scribes who worked with Wycliffe and

then they confiscated John's ashes, publicly desecrating them and finally dumping them in a river. So as you contemplate your freedom to read this book, to live in a land free of religious tyranny, to think for yourself, thank John. Had Wycliffe not bothered to expose and condemn the lies and liars, had he not been willing to witness to the truth, there would have been no Reformation, no curtailment of clerical power, no pilgrims in the New World, no nation like America.

In Greek a *sardeis* is "bloody red and flesh colored stone," symbolic of a church which had been mortally wounded. When broadened to the Sardis period, it represents *sarkikos*, "human ambitions and carnal desires." It is a time in which the people were "governed by human nature and human institutions," rather than by the Spirit of God. Through the *sargane*, "the bands and braided rope" of religion, the laity were "bound." This is the age of the Roman Catholic Crusades and Inquisitions. The Church had become a deadly tyrant. Thankfully, the Sardis era began to wane as the Reformation took root and the Church was deprived of its devastating power and suffocating influence.

The Christian Reformation was born out of attempts by clerics to reform the Catholic Church. The principal goals were valid: curtail the power of religion, expose the Church's false doctrines, translate Yahuweh's word into the common languages of the day, and make the Word available to everyone. The Reformation caught fire with the invention of the printing press in the 16th century. Soon there were Bibles in every home.

The goals of Protestantism, however, weren't as noble. It was born of political ambitions and thus it was used by kings, secret societies, and militarily minded men in addition to a new class of clerics. Moreover, the Protestants reformed but a tiny fraction of Catholicism's satanic encumbrances, retaining most of the papal errors.

Instead of focusing on the Scriptures, the new Protestants built fiefdoms for themselves by separating from the Roman Church. They did this with the military backing of European kings. The Protestants took up arms and fought brutal wars. It was more political protest, than spiritual revival. When the Protestant reformers finally gained a foothold in the sixteenth century, they were a mixed lot with a less than inspired message. Luther was an anti-Semite, Calvin was wrong about grace and choice, and Zwingli was not above going to war—literally—to increase the scope of his influence. Politics and Protestantism were close and frequent bedfellows. The Church of England, for example, was founded not on doctrinal issues, but on the insatiable desire of King Henry VIII for a male heir—no matter how many wives he had to decapitate to get one.

By way of reference, the actual historical town of Sardis served as the capital of the province of Lydia in today's Turkey. It was an affluent city. Sardis had

been the home of King Croesus, the wealthiest man of his age. But with wealth comes pride, a haughty spirit, and self reliance. As Solomon reminds us, these things come before self destruction. And that's because pride leads to trusting one's self rather than God—to relying on religion, rather than relationship.

This is symbolic of the Catholic monolith. The Church had become rich, prideful, and self reliant. It was hopelessly infected with satanic rites and rituals, defiling the name "Christian." Thankfully, a handful of courageous reformers dug Scriptural truth out of the rubble of a thousand years of neglect—bringing a dead assembly back to life in Philadelphia.

So here is the bad news to the *ekklesia* of Sardis as it was dictated by Yahshua: **“And to the messenger of the ekklesia/calling-out in Sardis (*Sardeis* – the bloody stone of carnality) write, ‘These things says He who has (*echo* – holds, possesses, regards, and is joined to) the seven spirits of *TS* (placeholder for *Elohiym*) and the seven stars (*aster*).”** (Revelation 3:1)

Sarkinos means “rooted in the flesh.” Today, we would call *Sarkinos* “Socialists or Secular Humanists.” Focused on man, not God, worshiping the creation rather than the Creator, indulging in the flesh while ignoring the Spirit, arrogant and self-centered men have made a mess of things. Many have become *sarkinos*: “naturally born without divine influence, animalistic, sensuous, depraved, and perishing in their decay.”

This depraved arrogance is set in contrast to the “seven Spirits of God.” Yahshua's description refers back to a passage from the prophet Isaiah which predicted His arrival, His nature and purpose. **“A shoot (*choter* – rod or branch) shall come out and go forth (*yatsa*’ – proceed with purpose and deliver) from the stem (*gaza*’ – trunk, root, or stock) of Jesse (*Yishay* – meaning the substance of existence; David's father, and therefore the Father of Love), and a Nazarene (*Nazer* – from *nasal*, meaning Savior) shall bear fruit (*parah* – show fruitfulness, producing a harvest of offspring) out of his root (*sheresh* – source of establishing and nourishing, his foundation). The Spirit (*ruach* – a feminine noun meaning wind, air, or breath, the universally accepted ancient term for the Spirit of God; from the verb *ruwach*, meaning, to perceive, to accept, to find relief, to remove a burden, to delight, and to be infinite) of [1] Yahuweh shall rest upon (*nuwach* – settle and remain on) Him, the Spirit (*ruach*) of [2] Wisdom (*chokmah* – the one who teaches, instructs, and makes wise) and [3] Understanding (*biynah* – discernment, knowledge personified, the means to observe, consider, and know, the act of distinguishing between right and wrong, good and evil, life and death), the Spirit (*ruach*) of [4] Counsel (*etsah* – advice and purpose; from *ya'ats*, meaning the adviser, consultant, and counselor; the one who facilitates communication and togetherness) and [5] Might (*gabuwrah* – power, strength, and courage; the ability to perform miracles; the source of limitless energy; the**

one with the ability to raise), **the Spirit** (*ruach*) of [6] **Knowledge** (*da'ath* – the ability to know and recognize the truth by way of understanding information; from *yada'*, meaning to know in a relational sense, to reveal and make oneself known so as to enable discernment and discrimination) **and of** [7] **Reverence** (*yir'ah* – respect, to recognize the awesomeness) **of Yahuweh.**” (Isaiah 11:1-2)

The references to seven *aster* is defined in Revelation’s first chapter. John wrote: **“The secret of the seven *aster*/sources of light which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden *luchnia*/lamp stands are: the seven *aster*/sources of illumination are the messengers of the seven *ekklesia*/who are called-out and the seven *luchina*/implements for radiating light in the darkness which you saw represent the seven *ekklesia*/assemblies.”** (Revelation 1:20) The *aster* are symbolic of Yahuweh’s messengers who bring illumination to a dark word. Any person who teaches what the Scriptures actually say qualifies as an *aster* in this sense. But these seven *aster* are particularly significant because they reveal the future history of what would be called “the church.” They reveal what has happened to us collectively and individually and why these bad things have occurred.

Then Yahushua told the future Sardis Assembly: **“I know your affairs** (*ergon* – your business dealings, that which occupies your time, that which you produce); **I know that** (*hoti* – because of this and for this reason) **you have** (*echo* – possess, use, and echo) **a name** (*onoma* – a name and a reputation by which you are known [not *My* name or *the* name]), **that you live and breathe** (*zao* – are alive like animals) **and yet** (*kai*) **you are lifeless** (*nekros* – deceased and departed, having breathed your last; destitute of life, dead, useless, futile, powerless, ineffective, vain, and unable to respond).” (Revelation 3:1)

During the Sardis period, no one in the Roman Catholic Church spoke Yahuweh’s name. LORD, Ba’al’s name, and the term symbolic of Halal’s quest for mastery over man, had long since replaced Yahuweh in the Latin Vulgate. The Church not only didn’t know Yahuweh’s name, they didn’t know Yahushua’s nature, His authority or purpose. While the Church had a name by which they were known, “Roman Catholic,” this name didn’t have the power to save. Catholicism was “destitute of life, futile and powerless, ineffective and vain.” The Church was dead.

Men were in charge in Sardis just as they are in the Vatican. They had created their own politicized religion, one that had made them rich. Their business made money; but their business was inconsistent with God’s affairs. They were into depriving people of life, disenfranchising and weakening them—not empowering and saving them.

Yahuweh pleaded with the walking dead, trying to rouse them from their sleep. He wanted them to know their religion of works was insufficient to come into the presence of God. He pronounced Catholicism guilty, which is why they were dead.

“Be alert and vigilant (*gregoreuo* – be alive and watchful, pay strict attention and be cautious yet be actively engaged). **Establish** (*sterizo* – support by rendering constant and firm) **those who remain** (*loipoi* – the remnant, the rest, those under consideration; from *leipo*, meaning those who are left behind and forsaken, left wanting having failed and thus about to be destitute of life), **who** (*hos*) **are about** (*mello* – are at the precipice of choosing and suffering; who have a mindset which leads inevitably) **to being separated at death** (*apothnesko* – to perish; from *apo* which means separation and *thnesko* which means to be spiritually dead). **For I have not found your works** (*ergon* – your business, that which you do and produce) **sufficient or satisfactory to render you complete and perfect** (*pleroo* – proclaimed up to the necessary level of perfection) **in the presence of** (*enopion* – to appear before) ΘΣ (placeholder for ‘*Elohiym*, God).” (Revelation 3:2)

The means to life is found in knowing the truth. In the definition of *gregoreuo* we discover that we must: “pay strict attention and be cautious yet be actively engaged.” *Gregoreuo* conveys this admonition: “take heed lest you through remission lay the truth aside and through indolence (apathy and laziness) enable a destructive calamity to overtake you.” *Gregoreuo* is from *egeiro*: “to arouse from sleep, to awaken and rise, to recall the dead to life.” It is the basis of “resurrection.” Therefore, according to Yahushua, ignorance is not bliss. A lazy mind and apathetic attitude facilitates a person’s demise and damnation. The religious have become lemmings at the precipice of death, suffering from a mindset that leads invariably to separation from God and to the annihilation of one’s soul.

Pleroo is a revealing term. It doesn’t say that we have to be perfect to appear in Yahuweh’s presence but instead that we have to be declared satisfactory and complete. That is the purpose of redemption, where the guilty are declared “innocent.” It is the function of the Set-Apart Spirit’s Garment of Light which makes us look complete and perfect in Yahweh’s eyes. While this message was written to the assembly as a whole, and while it served as a warning to Catholics in particular, it is a prescription for living for all individuals and for all time.

The assembly had received the Word of God. They heard the Word preached by the apostles themselves. They had been offered the gift of life. Recalling and being mindful of the former would lead them to accept the latter. **“So therefore** (*oun* – consequently and accordingly, these things being so), **be mindful, think, and remember** (*mnemoneuo* – exercise your ability to recollect to keep thinking

about and respond to) **what** (*pos*) **you have received and what you have been offered** (*lambano*) **and heard** (*akouo*). **Attend to it carefully** (*tereo* – observe what was revealed, made known, and made available) **and think differently** (*metanoeo* – reconsider).” (Revelation 3:3)

If we are cognizant of Yahuweh’s teaching we will know precisely what He is going to do and exactly when He is going to do it. If not, you will be surprised—and that isn’t something God wants or that we should choose to befall us. **“Accordingly** (*oun* - consequently) **if** (*ean* – under the condition that) **you will not awaken, become alert, and vigilant** (*gregoreuo* – become alive and watchful, paying strict attention, being cautious yet actively engaged; taking heed lest you through remission lay the truth aside and through indolence (apathy and laziness) enable a destructive calamity to overtake you), **I will arrive before** (*heko*) **you as** (*hos* – in the manner of) **a thief** (*kleptes* – one who takes away by stealth and surprise), **and you will not know** (*ginosko* – learn about, perceive, or understand) **what** (*poios* – which sort, type, kind, manner, or nature of) **right, fixed, and favorable time that** (*hora* – the season, hour, or precise moment; the occasion when) **I will arrive and become present** (*heko*).” (Revelation 3:3)

To the eyes who first read John’s revelation, *hora* meant “the right, fixed, and favorable time to sow, to marry, and to reap.” Yahuweh established a “correct time for everything,” from sowing the seeds of redemption to nurturing relationships, from gathering and reaping the harvest, to us living together with Him in His tabernacle. They were all laid out for us in the Miqra and quantified by the Yowbel. Sadly most “Christians” don’t know them or keep them. The “Church” has had other agendas and churchgoers have been unwilling to listen to the truth, to understand and appreciate what we have been offered. That’s why the Sardis Church is dead and the Laodicean Assembly is vomit. They haven’t accepted the gift because clerics have refused to say and parishioners have refused to hear what He has said. To know Him is to know when every important event related to our redemption and relationship has and will occur. To be religious is to be surprised.

For example, Catholics believe that Christmas and Easter are significant and that Sunday is the Lord’s Day. But I know that these times are Satanic and that the right, fixed and favorable time of our redemption was Passover, Friday, April 1st, 33 CE. The infectious cancer of sin was removed from the souls of those who have accepted Yahuweh’s gift of life the following day, on a Sabbath, when Yahweh does His most important work. It was the Appointed Day of Unleavened Bread. The first harvest of saved souls occurred on the Miqra of FirstFruits, coterminous with Yahushua’s resurrection. The Garment of Light was first bequeathed upon Yahushua’s *ekklesia* at the Feast of Weeks, where the Set-Apart Spirit took residence in the body of believers. It was May 22nd, 33 CE.

And just as I have known the right, fixed and favorable time of these redemptive fulfillments, I recognize what lies on our horizon. I will not be surprised. The Spirit-filled *ekklesia* (the Philadelphians) will be kept out of the Tribulation in accordance with Scripture. We will be caught up in the sky with Yahushua on the Miqra of Trumpets. While I can't tell you the year this will occur for certain, I am certain this *harpazo* harvest will occur on the 1st of Tishri, and no later than 2026, because the Tribulation will begin on November 14th of that year when a peace covenant with many is reaffirmed by the Antimesiah. The Magog Islamic invasion will follow as Muslims try to recapture Jerusalem. This will lead to almost universal Satanic dominion over the earth, a one world government, a single religion based upon the Whore of Babylon, a one world scannable currency, and to the rendezvous of Armageddon. Then Yahushua will return to the Mount of Olives, just east of Mount Moriah on Monday, October 3rd, 2033, at the Miqra of Atonement, forty Yowbel after He ascended from this very spot. The Millennial Reign, the one thousand year Sabbath predicted in Genesis, will begin on a Sabbath, October 8th, during the Miqra of Tabernacles—the feast which celebrates God living with us. Awaken, become alert, think about what you have received and have been offered and be not surprised.

The principle problem that corrupted and then destroyed the credibility of the Roman Catholic Church was that the politicized clerics who ruled her chose not to remember Yahuweh's Scripture. They devalued it by hiding it. Rather than fulfilling Yahuweh's commands, they conceived and pronounced their own edicts, doctrines that made them rich and powerful. So Yahushua told them to think differently or be prepared to lose everything. From what I can tell, they have made a very poor choice.

Even in the darkness of Sardis—with the Roman Catholic Church at the peak of its political power and mankind at the bitter ebb of theirs—Yahuweh spoke of the handful of men like John Wycliffe who risked everything to share His Word. **“You have a few (*oligos* – a small number of) names (*onoma* – characters) even in Sardis who have not blackened (*moluno* – defiled, polluted, stained, and contaminated) their garments. And they shall walk (*peripateo*) together with (*meta*) Me in the brilliant whiteness of dazzling light (*leukos* – in garments of light and innocent purity), because (*hoti*) they are brought into equilibrium and made equivalent (*axios* – made deserving and proper, corresponding to what is expected; seen as significant and valuable, worthy and befitting consideration).”** (Revelation 3:4)

Yahushua is describing the Garment of Light provided by our Spiritual Mother on the occasion of our Spiritual birth. It makes us equivalent to God in that it obliterates every sin, enabling us to appear perfect in His sight. By wearing this garment of brilliant whiteness and dazzling light we are empowered to fulfill

the covenant relationship for which we were created—to walk together with our Creator, at ease and conversant with Him. By the ransom our Redeemer paid on Moriah’s pole, we are made deserving and proper, corresponding to what is expected. We are seen as significant and valuable, worthy of God’s consideration. **“He who overcomes and prevails (*nikao* – becomes victorious), in this manner (*houto*) they shall be clothed in (*periballo* – have thrown all around them, be surrounded by, and be arrayed and adorned in) brilliant white and dazzling light (*leukos*) garments (*himation* – clothes, apparel, and cloaks).”** (Revelation 3:5) The *Ekklesia* does not wear the black robes of religion. We are dressed like our God.

As we progress, we continue to learn about these pure white Garments of Light. They are a gift; robes that are to be wrapped around us. We don’t put them on; our Spiritual Mother adorns us in them. Their purpose is as simple as it is profound—to cleanse us and to make us like God. They are absolutely free and yet extraordinarily costly. These robes of light obliterate the darkness of our sin, making us appear perfect in Yahuweh’s eyes. They cause Yahushua to say: “I have called him out. I acknowledge that he is a member of My family, that he is one of mine. I accept him. I confirm My relationship with him. I vouch for him because I suffered for him. I pronounce him not guilty because I personally paid his fine.

While 99.99% of Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant Churches have erased, besmeared, plastered over, blotted out and obliterated Yahuweh’s and Yahushua’s name from the Scroll we call Scripture, the ultimate book of life, there are a few who have not. Of them He says: **“And I will not erase (*exaleipho* – besmear, plaster over or whitewash, wipe off, blot out, or obliterate) his name (*onoma*) from the scroll (*biblos* – roll of papyrus, written document or record, book) of life (*zoe*). I promise to agree with him calling him out by name (*homologeoo onoma* – acknowledging his character, confirming my covenant and promise to him, and fully accepting him, confessing his personal name) in the presence of (*enopion* – before) My Father and before His messengers and envoys (*aggelos*). He who can hear, let him listen to what the Spirit says to the *ekklesia*.”** (Revelation 3:5-6) We will be on a first name basis with our Creator. But of course, to be in that position, we must know His name, His character, His covenant, His promises, and His means of acceptance. Like He says, there will be a few.

There has always been a remnant, an *ekklesia* that lives, witnessing to the truth. While we may be small in number compared to those who have been deceived, Spirit-filled men and women remain actively engaged in Yahuweh’s business. We are the antithesis of the Church—an institution that has accommodated false teaching, invited Satan into their presence, and ultimately

married him. They have traded life for death. We chose instead to listen to the source of life.