## 1. Identification of the RCC in the Bible

- It would exist at the time of the return of Christ.

Rev. 17-19 The context shows that that Babylon the Great will exist up until the time Christ returns and that Christ destroys Babylon the Great.
Jer. 51:6 Time of the Lord's vengeance, the Day of the Lord.

- She controls the whole world. It is dominated by her doctrines.

Rev. 17:1-2,15 She controls the political system of the world. The many waters $=$ humanity.

- She has many daughters

Rev. 17:5 Her daughters that come out of her fornication, are also harlots. She has many daughters that follow the same mystery system that she does.

- She is prosperous and very worldly.

Rev. 17:4 dressed in wealth.
Rev. 17:9 The woman sits on seven mountains. Rome is surrounded by 7 hills/mountains.
Rev. 18:9-17 The incredible wealth of Babylon.

- She follows a mystery system that comes out of or is associated with Babylon.

We will discuss this later.

- The bible talks about two churches.

Eph. 5:25-32 The true church is likened to a chaste woman who is to marry Christ at his coming.
Rev. 19:7-8 The Church is the bride of Christ. She is pure, dressed in white.
There is another church, a great false church/religious system that is symbolized by the term: "Mystery Babylon the Great." This system has its roots in paganism that is condemned in the pages of both the OT and the NT.

## Historical Clues:

What great church has been associated with the revivals of the Roman Empire?
What great church has changed the Sabbath to Sunday?
What great church has persecuted and martyred those who keep the Sabbath, holy days, and other laws of God?
What great church has adopted pagan holidays and customs and incorporated them into its worship?
What great church has daughters that have come out of her in protest and keep the same customs and days as the mother church?
What great church has greatly influenced the history of Europe and has influence over the kings and emperors of Europe?
What great church is associated with the city of Rome?
The Great False Church Symbolized by the Woman is the Roman Catholic Church.
Many pre-reformation groups such as the Albigensians, Waldensians, recognized the whore of Rev 17 as the RCC. Dugger and Dodd in the Church of God $7^{\text {th }}$ Day publication of $A$ True History of the True Religion $=$ RCC. The SDA recognizes the whore as the RCC. The Oxford Annotated bible and the NIV study bible both say

Babylon in Rev 17 is Rome. Rome is the headquarter city of the RCC. The Jehovah's Witnesses say that the whore of Rev 17 is RCC. Most fundamentalist Baptist say = RCC. Many Protestant groups, although having their roots in this false system, incredibly say that the whore is RCC. HWA has described this great fallen woman as RCC. All of your Sabbath keeping CoGs say the Whore is the RCC. The Church of God, a Worldwide Association has a new booklet (The Book of Revelation-the Storm Before the Calm) on page 28 it says, "putting all of this information together, the scarlet woman-the Roman Catholic Church—was prophesied to ride or control successive continuation of the Holy Roman Empire, the last which will arise at the end of this age"
2. Background information to Rev. 17 and the Great Whore.

Rev. 17:3 Woman rides a beast with 7 heads and 10 horns.
Dan. 2:41-44 The 10 toes are the ten horns of Rev. 17 they are 10 kings
Dan. 7:7-8 ( $10-3=7$ ), seven horns, 3 it could not control, these 7 horns of Daniel 7 are the same as the 7 heads of Revelation 17. The woman or the RCC rides or controls these last 7 horns of Daniel 7, which are the same as the 7 headed beast of Revelation 17.
Rev. 13:1-2 The last 7 horns of Rev. 13 are the same as the 7 heads of the beast the woman rides in Revelation 17.
3. What does the future hold for the RCC?

Rev. 17:13-14 The lamb overcomes the system. It is destroyed at His coming.
Rev. 19:1-2, 17-21 The beast is destroyed
Rev. 18 (all the chapter) God judges the whore.
Rev. 22:18-19 The plagues are poured out on anyone who adds to God's word.
Dan. 7:24-27 The little horn has his dominion taken away.
Dan. 2:34 The stone who is Christ strikes the feet and destroys the 10 kingdom conglomeration of the church and state.
Rev. 17:16-18 The US of Europe destroys the RCC as Christ returns.
Jer. 51:6-9 The description of Babylon and the earth drunk with her wine.
The woman in Rev. 17 is judged in Rev 18.
Rev. 14:6-11 wrath of God, seven last plagues, poured out on the RCC and the world.
Concl: The great Whore of Revelation 17 is identified as the RCC. We have seen in the last two sermons how this great religious power has introduced doctrines and beliefs that have made the world drunk with her spiritual fornication and adultery. She has swayed the whole world. She has killed and martyred God's elect down through the ages.

## Rev 14:12 Patience of God.

A time is coming when she will be no more and God will bring events to a conclusion and this great Harlot woman will be no more.

We as God's people must be patient.

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The Scarlet Beast of Rev. 17: Spiritual Babylon (RCC)

The Great Harlot: A Great False religion This woman rides the last seven revivals of the Roman Empire. She is the same as the little horn. She is drunk with the blood of the saints. Down through history this church has persecuted God's people. She has daughters. Her religion is based on Babylonian Mystery Religion.


Seven Heads: Seven Revivals
v. 1-2, (Same as the last seven of the ten horns of Rev 13)

1. Imperial Restoration 554
2. Frankish Kingdom 774
3. Holy Roman Empire Otto the Great (German Head) 962
4. Hapsburg Dynasty (Austrian

Head) 1530
5. Napoleon 1804
6. Italy (Mussolini and

Garibaldi) 1870-1945

Revelation 17: The great false church is represented by a whore. This fallen woman rides the resurrected Roman Empire. She is drunk with the blood of the saints. She uses her political manipulation of the beast to make war against the saints. The seven heads are also called seven mountains v.9. The beast is also called a "great city," v. 18. The city of Rome was built on seven hills. The "beast that was, and is not, and yet is," the world will marvel at it's future resurrection v.8. This beast will be destroyed by the returning Christ v. 14.

