

**intro:**

its hard to believe the world will unite under the banner of one satanic world religion - what would that even look like?

I believe today's Roman catholic church gives us a preview of that very thing -video

**problem:** 2 Pet 2:1-3

the most formidable enemy of Christ is not atheism but false Christianity.

Revelation 17 exposes the harlot church that has existed since the beginning of Genesis - showing us her final form in the last days and her place in God's judgment

**Main Idea:**

Come see the judgment of the harlot church  
see her political allegiances  
see her priestly abominations  
see her perverse ancestry  
see her passionate animosity\  
do not marvel at her position in the world  
Marvel at her purpose in the plan of God

**Implication:**

come out from among her - 2 Cor 6:14-18

The harlot church is here today - it is the church of the world and for the world, it is the synagogue of satan, the seeker sensitive church of the broad path

its doors are always open, its message is always pleasing, and it is going to be working with the power of Hell to fill its pews this Easter

**Application:**

what are you going to do about it

**articles for further study:**

<https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/90-314/Exposing-the-Idolatry-of-Mary-Worship-An-Overview>

<https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/90-315/exposing-the-idolatry-of-mary-worship-catholic-dogma-part-1>

<https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/90-316/exposing-the-idolatry-of-mary-worship-catholic-dogma-part-2>

<https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/90-317>

**Text:****Come see the judgment of the harlot church**

Rev. 17:1 ¶ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the **great prostitute** who is seated on **many waters**,

Rev. 17:2 with whom the kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality, and with the wine of whose sexual immorality the dwellers on earth have become drunk.”

*great prostitute* - the end times seductress of the world  
*harlot* - Ezek 16:15-21 (idolatry)  
*virgin* - Rev 14:4; 2 Cor 11:2 (follows Christ)  
*many waters* - Rev 17:15 (representing the world)

### See her political allegiances

Rev. 17:3 And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a **woman** sitting on a **scarlet beast** that was full of blasphemous names, and it had **seven heads and ten horns**.

*woman* - Rev 17:18 (religion associated with a city)  
*7 heads/10 horns* - Rev 17:9 (Rome - city of 7 hills)  
*scarlet* - Rev 12:3 (city of Satan)  
*beast* - Rev 13 (bigger than today's roman church)  
 (Rev 18 about civic babylon)

### See her priestly abominations

Rev. 17:4 The **woman** was arrayed in **purple** and **scarlet**, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a **golden cup** full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality.

*purple* - Rev 19:6-9 (vs. church in white)  
*scarlet* - Rev 7:14 (vs. blood of the lamb)  
*golden cup* - Col 2:16-23 (religion of worthless rituals)  
*abominations* - Heb 9:11-12; 24-26; 10:10

### See her perverse ancestry

Rev. 17:5 And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: **“Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations.”**

*Babylon the great* - mystery - 1 Pet 5:13 (Rome)  
*mother of prostitutes* - nimrod (means He rebelled)  
 - you can draw a line from nimrod - Gen 10:1-11  
 - to an ancient city of rebellion - (Gen 11:1-9)  
 - to the paganism of the OIT - Ezek 8:14-15; Jer 7:16-20

### See her passionate animosity

Rev. 17:6a And I saw the woman, **drunk with the blood** of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.

*drunk with blood* - Rev 16:6; 18:24  
 While the world becomes drunk with lust for her, the harlot becomes drunk with the blood of God's people

### do not marvel at her position in the world

Rev 17:6b ¶ When I saw her, I marveled greatly.

Rev. 17:7 But the angel said to me, “Why do you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries her.

Rev. 17:8 The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to rise from the bottomless pit and go to destruction. And the dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will marvel to see the beast, because it was and is not and is to come.

Rev. 17:9 This calls for a mind with wisdom: **the seven heads are seven mountains (Rome the city of seven hills)** on which the woman is seated;

Rev. 17:10 they are also seven kings, five of whom have fallen (**egypt, assyria, babylon, medo-persia, greece**), one is (**Rome**), the other has not yet come (**future Rome**), and when he does come he must remain only a little while.

Rev. 17:11 As for the beast that was and is not, it is an eighth but it belongs to the seven (**Future Rome leader/Anti-Christ**), and it goes to destruction.

Rev. 17:12 And the **ten horns** that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast.

Rev. 17:13 These are of one mind, and they hand over their power and authority to the beast.

Rev. 17:14 They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.”

*a little while* - rev 12:12 (Satan's Rome of the future)  
*ten horns* - Dan 7:23-27 (worldwide Roman church of Satan)

### Marvel at her purpose in the plan of God

Rev. 17:15 ¶ And the angel said to me, “The waters that you saw, where the prostitute is seated, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages.

Rev. 17:16 And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, and devour her flesh and burn her up with fire,

Rev. 17:17 for God has put it into their hearts to carry out **his purpose** by being of one mind and handing over their royal power to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.

Rev. 17:18 And the woman that you saw is the great city that has dominion over the kings of the earth.”

*His purpose* - Psalm 73 (marvel at that - thank Him)