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Are you certain you know who she is?

Most of us have long believed that the whorish "Mother Church"—also known as the Woman Who Rides the Beast, or Mystery Babylon— is Papal Rome, in the Last Days! But what if we've all been wrong?

There is an older religion that existed long before the papacy—one which calls Catholicism, Christianity, and the Muslim religion its "daughters". After all this time, could it be that the Woman who rides the Beast is still a mystery? Could the saints be watchful of Rome, while the true "Mother" prepares to strike, unnoticed from the shadows?

**"He that answereth a matter before he heareth it,
it is folly and shame unto him."**

Proverbs 18:13

The Mother Church may not be who you thought... **Consider the evidence...**

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Revelation 17:3-5—“...I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast... And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”

In End-time Bible prophecy, there is a well-known “axis of evil”, which is a group of wicked players who are united on the side of the kingdom of hell. This satanic confederacy includes: the dragon himself (*who is none other than satan—Revelation 20:2*); the beast (*the global, totalitarian power described in Revelation 13*); and the woman who rides the beast.

Who is this vile woman that we read about in Revelation 17? Most believers answer this question with hardly even giving it any thought. Of course, the Whore of Babylon is none other than Papal Rome! This identity has been believed and taught time and again since at least the 1800’s!

But before we dismiss the topic and move on, we’d better prayerfully reconsider the evidence. Papal Rome did not persecute the early Christians... Papal Rome did not oppose and ultimately crucify Messiah Himself... There is an older religion than Papal Rome which has long been promoting itself as the true Queen of Heaven, while being the one power that—more than any other—has fulfilled the Biblical characteristics of the Whore. In fact, as we will soon see, Papal Rome was merely following the example of its spiritual Mother, who was Judaism (*which is a religion, not a race or nationality*).

In Revelation, the woman who rides

the beast is known as the “mother” religion, who has given birth to apostasizing “daughter” religions. This is certainly true of Judaism. In fact, as Alan L. Berger, Professor of Judaic Studies at Florida Atlantic University, pointed out: “Judaism birthed both Christianity and Islam” (*“Dialogue and Terror: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam after 9/11”, Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2012, xiii*)

Further, PBS Global Connections in the Middle East, explained the relationship between Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in an article, “Three Religions: One God”:

Judaism is the oldest surviving monotheistic religion... Abraham is traditionally considered to be the first Jew and to have made a covenant with God. Because Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all recognize Abraham as their first prophet, they are also called the Abrahamic religions.

...The monotheist traditions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam were all born in the Middle East and are all inextricably linked to one another. **Christianity was born from within the Jewish tradition, and Islam developed from both Christianity and Judaism.**

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/globalconnections/mideast/themes/religion/index.html>

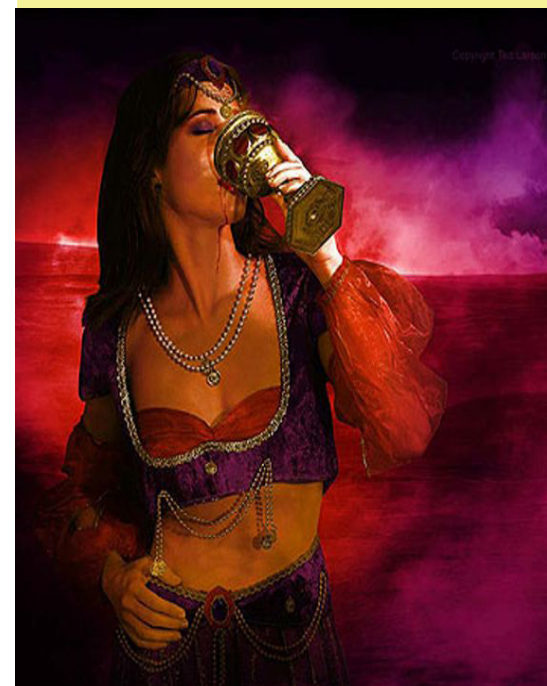
Several Old Testament prophets refer to Jerusalem (*capital city of Judaism*) as being a spiritual harlot and the mother of such spiritual adultery and idolatry... *continued*

Characteristics of the Woman Who Rides the Beast

Could it be possible, with the way believers have focused upon Papal Rome for centuries, that Judaism—not Rome—might actually be the harlot Mother of Revelation?

Many Bible scholars identify the whore of Revelation as apostate Judaism. Among the Biblical evidence is the fact that Bible Prophecy refers to an apostate false queen, a former “bride” who has been unfaithful and who, even though she has been divorced and cast out because of unfaithfulness, continues to falsely claim to be the “queen” of the spiritual realm.

This symbolism did not fit the case of Rome at the time. Proponents of this view suggest that the “seven mountains” in Revelation 17:9 are the seven hills on which Jerusalem stands and the first fulfillment of the “fall of Babylon”, mentioned in Revelation 18, is the fall and destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. Of course, the ultimate fulfillment of Babylon’s fall will be an End-time event.





(continued from page 5) In Bible prophecy, Jerusalem itself is a symbol of Yahweh's Church (the Bride of Christ).

"Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be desolate." *Jeremiah 7:34*

"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." *Revelation 21:2*

Once we see the Biblical connection between Jerusalem and the Bride (which is prophetically represented as a woman, of course), we can more quickly understand the further prophetic connection between

Jerusalem—the heart of Judaism (the original Abrahamic Religion, or "Church")—and the Whore of Babylon. For example, the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel (see *Ezekiel 16:1-43*) all connect the whore of Babylon with Judah/Jerusalem.

"The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning **Judah and Jerusalem...** How is **the faithful city become an harlot!** it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers." *Isaiah 1:1 & 21*

"...Upon every high hill and under every green tree **thou wanderest, playing the harlot...** But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee? Let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: for according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, **O Judah.**" *Jeremiah 2:20 & 28*

In the New Testament, Paul also explains that because the earthly

Jerusalem had become a harlot, the saved people of Yahweh could not consider Judaism/Jerusalem their spiritual mother. For the saved are not daughters of the whore.

"...Jerusalem which now is (Jerusalem on earth), and is in bondage with her children (earthly Jerusalem is a Mother religion, having spiritual children). But Jerusalem which is above is free, **which is the mother of us all.**" *Galatians 4:25-26*

Notably also, many Bible prophecies concerning Jerusalem, are in fact very close to the text concerning Babylon in Revelation. This suggests that John of Patmos may well have actually been citing these prophecies in his descriptions of Babylon.

For example, in Matthew 23:34–37 and Luke 11:47–51, Yahshua Himself assigned all of the bloodguilt for the killing of the prophets and of the saints (of all time) to the leaders of

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Judaism, in Jerusalem. In Revelation 17:6 and 18:20,24, almost identical phrasing is used in charging that very same bloodguilt to Babylon. This identification of End-time Babylon with Judaism/Jerusalem is powerfully indicated in *Yahshua's* statement that **"it's not possible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem."** (Luke 13:33). Of course, the whore of Babylon is the entity which kills the people of God:

"And there came one of the seven angels... saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore... with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication... And I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast... having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication. And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABY-

LON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Yahshua..." *Revelation 17:1-6*
"And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth." *Revelation 18:24*

According to Scripture, the "Promises" were made to Abraham and his "seed" (Galatians 3:16). *Yahweh* promised Abraham and his seed that He would make them His set-apart people who inherit Eternal Life and possess the ultimate Promised Land (the New Earth). Thus, Abraham's Seed are represented as the pure woman of Revelation 12, also known as the Bride of Christ. This pure and humble woman will ultimately reign with Christ, as the true queen of Heaven (Revelation 20:6).

Having apostatized, the Whore of Babylon claims to be the "Queen of Heaven"—the true Bride, who will reign with Christ.

"I saw another angel come down from Heaven... And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen... Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto Heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities... How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, (she claims to be the one to reign with Christ as His Bride)..." *Revelation 18:1-7*

The whore claims this exalted position wrongly, thinking it is her divine right, based upon her connection with Abraham... *(continued)*






(continued from page 7) As is well-known historically and in Jewish writings, Judaism is the first—the Mother—of the “Abrahamic” religions. The Papacy, Christianity in general, and the Muslim faiths are all “daughters” of Judaism. In fact, when one considers all the

elements given in Bible prophecy for identifying the Whore of Babylon, Judaism, with its Jerusalem headquarters, is overwhelmingly identified. But to see this clearly, let’s examine the Biblical characteristics of the Whore, to see how Judaism fulfills them—far more

The Prophetic Symbols of the Past Will be Repeated in the End—In the final prophetic fulfillment, the entities have the same roles as the past, but the political powers represented by the beasts is not the same as before:

| Beasts of Daniel 7 | Connection of these Global Powers with the Image (Dan.2) | Identities of these Powers | | |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | PAST | END-TIME | |
| <p>1st Beast: Lion with Eagle’s Wings (Daniel 7:3-4)</p>  | <p>First Political Power: Golden Head of the Image (Daniel 2:37-38)</p>  <p><i>The Gold head of the image was identified as ancient Babylon. In the Last Days, the system of Babylon, its worship, and days of worship has risen once again. The coalition of Great Britain and the U.S. is the “New Babylon” which served to spearhead the formation of global governance under the United Nations).</i></p> <p>2nd Global Power: Silver Chest of the Image (Daniel 2:39)</p>  <p>3rd Global Power: Bronze Loins of the Image (Daniel 2:39)</p>  <p>4th Global Power: Iron Legs of the Image (Daniel 2:39)</p>  <p><i>The Stone Kingdom which destroys the Image is Yahweh’s Kingdom at the End</i></p> <p>The Woman/Little Horn Role was Papal Rome, but in the future it’s the original “Mother”: Judaism</p> | <p>Gold Head/Lion with Eagle’s Wings:</p> | | |
| <p>2nd Beast: Bear with 3 Ribs (Daniel 7:5)</p>  | | <p>Ancient Babylon (605-538 B.C.)</p> | <p>Coalition of Great Britain (lion) & the U.S. (eagle’s wings)</p> | |
| <p>3rd Beast: Leopard with 4 heads & wings (Daniel 7:6)</p>  | | <p>Ancient Medo Persia (538-331 B.C.)</p> | <p>Silver Chest/Bear with 3 Ribs:</p> | |
| <p>4th Beast: Terrible with iron teeth (Daniel 7:17 & 23)</p>  | | <p>Ancient Greece (331-168 B.C.)</p> | <p>Russia (is the Bear). 3 ribs in its mouth are the 3 Baltic States it devoured.</p> | |
| <p>Out of the 4th Beast come 10 Horns & the Little Horn Power (Daniel 7:20-22) who is also the Whore (Revelation 17)</p>  | | <p>Ancient Rome (168 B.C. - 476 A.D.)</p> | <p>Bronze Loins/4-headed Leopard:</p> | |
| | | <p>The Muslim Power-block (is the leopard) & France-Germany (is the rooster’s wings)</p> | | |
| | | <p>Iron Legs/Iron toothed 4th Beast:</p> | | |
| | | <p>China (symbolized by the dragon-like 4th beast) the dreadful 4th beast.</p> | | |
| | | <p>The Iron and Clay Feet: The Iron is Rome, which became papal Rome. Clay is from the word “Edom” (from Esau). The Edomites of the Last Days are the Muslim Power Block. These two powers dominate the world in the Last Days... Out of which arise 10 toes / 10 horns.</p> | | |

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completely than Papal Rome. In fact, as we will quickly discover, Papal Rome was copying the blasphemous patterns established in Judaism, and not the other way around. Thus, somewhat shockingly, we discover that Rome too is but a daughter of the original and only Mother whore. Let's examine the Whore's key characteristics.

The Mother of Harlots Claims the Authority to Change Yahweh's Law (Torah)

We are well familiar with the blasphemous Papal encroachments and outright attacks on the Law of *Yahweh*. But many are less familiar with the fact that Judaism did it first. How so? In Judaism, the Talmud is considered to be the highest law, although it repeatedly adds to and takes away from the *Torah* Law, which *Yahweh* prohibits, in *Torah*:

"Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the Commandments of *Yahweh* your God which I command YOU." *Deuteronomy 4:2*

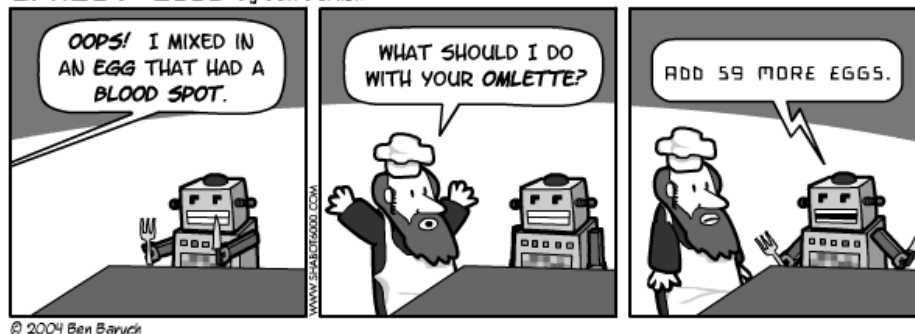
Had Judaism produced the Talmud only as a historical book, all would be well. But the Talmud was much more than a Jewish, historical writing. It contained additional "laws" that were viewed as superceding and over-ruling the Law of *Yahweh*. As is well documented, in Judaism, the Talmud—not the *Torah*—is the primary source of religious law

"The Talmud is the central text of Rabbinic Judaism and the primary source of Jewish religious law and Jewish theology. Until the advent of modernity, in nearly all Jewish communities, the Talmud was the centerpiece of Jewish cultural life and was foundational to "all Jewish thought and aspirations", serving also as "the guide for the daily life" of Jews." (*Safrai, S. (1969). "The Era of the*

Mishnah and Talmud (70–640)". In Ben-Sasson, H.H. (ed.). A History of the Jewish People. Translated by Weidenfeld, George. Harvard University Press (published 1976). p. 379)

Talmud also contradicts the *Torah* Statutes, by allowing people to work their way into being cleansed from the sin of transgression of *Torah* (1 John 3:4). For example, Talmud teaches **"The volume of kosher must be 60 times greater than the volume of non-kosher."** So, as the following Jewish cartoon shows, it is "possible", through works, to atone for one's sin of breaking *Torah* (for *Torah* prohibits eating blood—Leviticus 3:17).

SHABOT 6000 by Ben Baruch



Additionally, the Pharisees had enacted over 500 Laws governing the keeping of the Sabbath day, including what constituted forbidden work, how far one may walk on the Sabbath, what one must do before the Sabbath in order to carry anything on the Sabbath.

In a campaign to show the wickedness of Judaism in enacting so-called laws which undermined *Torah*, *Yahshua* purposely performed 100% of His miracles in such a way as to go against a Talmudic "law". While He never broke the *Torah* in the least particular, He profoundly demonstrated, miracle-by-miracle, that the Talmud laws were a part of Judaism's

harlotry against *Yahweh*. Here are a few examples of how *Yahshua's* miracles went against the offending Talmud:

- *Yahshua* violated the Talmudic prohibition of putting saliva on one's eyes on the Sabbath (Talmud, Shabbat 108b;19-25).
- *Yahshua* commanded those that He healed on the Sabbath to "take up your bed, and walk" (which is prohibited in Talmud, Mas. Shabbat 6a).

And these are just a few of many examples of how Talmud is used to add to or diminish aught from *Torah*. In *Yahshua's* day, the Pharisees con-

sidered themselves to be lawmakers, who had the power to supercede the *Torah*. To do this, the Rabbis would go into the synagogues and sit in a special seat, called the "seat of Moses". The Pharisees taught that every new "commandment" they invented, while sitting in this seat, had the same authority as the commandments Moses received from the Almighty.

But, as we have seen, the Babylonian Talmud "laws" were a sin, breaking the God-given Command against adding to *Yahweh's* Law. And the leaders of Judaism had elevated their man-made Talmud to be not only equal with *Torah*, but greater! (*continued*)



(continued from page 9) As was previously mentioned, the reason the Pharisees believed they had the power

to override the *Torah* was that they claimed to “sit in the seat of Moses”. All synagogues had a “seat of Moses” upon which the elders sat to pronounce new commandments they invented at will (see photo below). To explain the Rabbi’s power, according to Judaism, when sitting in the Seat of Moses,

“Their sanctified commandments are established, which are defined as “laws enacted by the rabbis which changes or negates the written Torah law.” (Encyclopedia Judaica)

Of course, since the leaders of Judaism claimed to have the authority to even supercede the Voice of God, we may quickly recognize where Papal Rome got the blasphemous boldness to later also claim such rights:

“God Himself is obliged to abide by the judgment of His priests (papal), and either not to pardon or to pardon, according as they refuse or give absolution... THE SENTENCE OF THE PRIEST PRECEDES, and God subscribes to it.” (Dignity and Duties of the Priest, Liguori, Vol. 12, p 27)

“We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty.” (Great Encyclical Letters of the Pope Leo XIII)

But Papal Rome was only copying its “Mother”, who had long claimed the power to change God’s Law. According to the “powers” which Judaism vested in its religious leaders, the Pharisees claimed that when they made new laws, even the Almighty must obey their verdicts!

A story in the Talmud illustrates the

supposed authority of the rabbis over the scriptures and even over God Himself. The story is called “Aknai’s Oven”. According to this Talmudic illustration, a Rabbi named Eliezer stood in opposition to the Rabbinic majority in his ruling on a matter. Because his fellow leaders did not agree with him, Rabbi Eliezer called for several miracles to take place, in order to confirm his viewpoint as being correct.

As the story continues, Eliezer’s requested miracles do spectacularly occur, but still the voice of the Rabbinic majority is accepted over his. Not giving up yet, Eliezer calls for confirmation from God. According to the Talmud, at this point, a Voice from Heaven spake declaring Rabbi Eliezer to be correct. The rabbis’ response to the Heavenly Voice?

Elijah and asked him what was God’s reaction to this discussion. “God was laughing and said, My sons have defeated Me, My sons have defeated Me.” (B. Talmud, Baba M’Zia 59b)

What is the Talmud teaching here? According to Judaism, the voice/decision of the Rabbis (majority) supercedes all other voices, including the Voice of *Yahweh* Himself!

Yahshua not only performed miracles to expose the fraudulence of the Talmud and the Pharisee’s law-making power, He also spoke against it:

“Why do ye also transgress the Commandment of God by your tradition?” Matthew 15:2-3

One of *Yahshua*’s most powerful sayings against Judaism’s claim regarding the “Seat of Moses” is found in Mat-



“We do not heed Heaven.” The Talmud interprets this response in this way:

“The Torah has already been given to us on Sinai. We are not to listen to a heavenly voice (i.e. on matters of halakhic decision). Thou hast already written for us at Sinai to make decisions in accordance with the majority.”

Later Rabbi Nathan encountered

thew 23:1-3. As the enemy would have it, the English record of what Messiah said has been badly translated.

We’ve been wrongly taught that the original version of Matthew was written in Greek. But, it was not. *Shem Tov’s Hebrew Matthew* predates the Greek manuscripts. Many Bible scholars now agree that the original Gospel of Matthew was written in

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Hebrew—which makes perfect sense, as Matthew was a Hebrew. For more information on this, check out Nehemiah Gordon’s book, *The Hebrew Yeshua vs. the Greek Jesus: New Light on the Seat of Moses from Shem-Tov’s Hebrew Matthew*.

When you read the KJV Bible translation (from Greek) of Matthew 23:1-3 it appears that *Yahshua* was endorsing Judaism’s right to change the Law of God. But, when you read this passage, translated into English from the Hebrew Matthew, the meaning is as different as night is from day! Here are the two translations, for comparison:

Matthew 23:1-3, translated from the Greek Matthew:

“Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, saying, **The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do;** but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.”

Matthew 23:1-3, translated from the Hebrew Matthew:

“Then Yahshua spoke to the multitude, and to His disciples, saying, The scribes and the Pharisees DESIRE TO sit in Moses’ seat: THEY WANT YOU to observe all of their teachings, **But, that which Moses told you to observe, do; but do not follow the works of the Pharisees.**”

Clearly, the self-proclaimed right to change *Yahweh’s* Law was a bold and wicked sign that Judaism was indeed the Mother Whore (a.k.a. the Little Horn of Daniel 7):

He shall speak words against the Most High (make blasphemous claims), and shall wear out the saints of the Most High (persecute the true people of *Yahweh*), and

shall think to change the times (Days which *Yahweh* has ordained as “holy”) and the Law (*Yahweh’s* Torah)...” *Daniel 7:25 (ESV)*

Not only does Judaism change God’s Law for its own followers, but it also actually prohibits people from keeping the Law of *Yahweh*! According to long-standing traditions of Judaism, Gentile converts should not be keeping *Torah*—in fact, Gentiles (according to Judaism) are not exalted enough to keep the *Torah*. Rather, the Gentiles should keep a separate set of laws known as the Noahide Laws.

Until more recent times, the Noahide Laws were largely unknown to the world. These “laws”, which originally appear in *The Book of Jubilees* (written in the 2nd Century BC) are becoming increasingly known—and are even signed into law (although currently unenforced) in many countries.

To prepare the Gentile world for the acceptance of the Noahide Laws, the leaders of Judaism have been hosting Noahide Conferences, like the one which The Temple Institute hosted, in the summer of 2008 in Florida, which was the 1st World Conference of what are called the Noahide Nations. By Jewish definition, the Noahide nations are all non-Jewish nations and peoples.

According to this growing teaching, there are seven Noahide Laws, which Judaism claims replace the 10 Commandments and 613 Statutes of *Torah*, for the non-Jewish world. They are:

1. Belief in one God; no idol worship.
2. Respecting God: Do not blaspheme His Name.
3. Respect for human life: Do not murder.
4. Respect for family: Do not commit immoral sexual acts.
5. Respect for others’ rights: Do not

steal.

6. Creation of a judicial system.
7. Respect all creatures: Do not eat live animals or be cruel to them.

For several years now, the Noahide laws have even been gaining legal acceptance in various nations, including the United States. On March 20th 1991, the Noahide Laws were signed into law by President George H.W. Bush. The United States Congress passed them into law as H.J Res 104, which became Public Law No. 102-14.

But the teaching behind the Noahide Laws doesn’t stop at merely telling Gentile converts that they don’t have to keep the *Torah*. It goes much further—claiming that the *Torah* given at Mount Sinai may only be kept by Jews, exclusively:

“Every law that was enjoined upon the Noachidæ and was repeated at Sinai is meant to apply both to Israelites and to non-Israelites; **laws that were enjoined upon the Noachidæ and were not repeated at Sinai apply to Israelites** (by which they mean “Jews”) **only**” (*Sanh. 59a; R. Jose ben Hanina; comp. Bacher, “Ag. Pal. Amor.” i. 430 and note*)

In the section “Laws Before Sinai” the 1906 Jewish Encyclopedia states that with few exceptions, the breaking of the Jewish Noahide Laws is punishable by death.

“Moses our Teacher was commanded by the Almighty to compel the world to accept the Commandments of the Sons of Noah. **Anyone who fails to accept them is executed.**” – *Mishneh Torah (Rambam), Laws of Kings and Wars, 8.13*

Here Judaism wrongly attributes the Noahide Laws to Moses, giving them a justified appearance. But they didn’t originate with Moses... (*continued*)



(continued from page 11) The Noahide Laws have only been in existence since the second century BC, having first appeared in the *Book of Jubilees*.

But the idea that some people can keep the *Torah*, while others cannot, is yet another way the Woman Who Rides the Beast is working to change *Yahweh's* Law.

According to *Torah*, there is only one Law which is to be kept by all mankind:

“One Law (*Torah: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy*) and one manner (way of living) shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth (the Gentile convert) with you.” *Numbers 15:15-16*

- Deuteronomy 4:6 says that *Torah*-keeping is done before the unconverted nations and is meant to convert them to *Torah*-keeping.
- Proverbs 6:23 states, “For the Commandment is a lamp; and **the Law is light**; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.” (See also Isaiah 8:20)
- Isaiah 60:1-3 tells us that it is *Yahweh's* Plan for the Gentiles to be converted to the light and to forsake darkness – remember the Law is LIGHT.

Soberingly, the ancient writings of Judaism also tell how a Noahide offender is to die for his offense. And it is an execution method straight out of the Book of Revelation, as we

will see later on in this article.

“In the elaboration of these seven Noachian laws, and in assigning punishments for their transgression, the Rabbis are sometimes more lenient and sometimes more rigorous with Noachidæ than with Israelites. With but a few exceptions, the punishment meted out to a Noachid... for the transgression of any of the seven laws is de-capitalation...” (1906 *Jewish Encyclopedia*, “Laws Before Sinai”)

Of course we know that the ultimate Beast of Revelation will be the final Antichrist. Thus, it should not surprise us to find the deceptions of the spirit of Antichrist being promoted by the Whore of Babylon, who rides the Beast as well. Notably, Judaism is working under the spirit of Antichrist in its blasphemous Noahide Laws. But to see this, from a list of seven laws which at first look good, we must take a closer look at the meaning behind the Noahide Laws.

One may quickly see that the Jewish meaning in the Noahide Laws is different than might be immediately obvious. To demonstrate this, consider the Judaic meaning behind the first Noahide Law:

1. Belief in one God; no idol worship

What does it mean to believe in one God and have no idol worship? At first, this sounds very good – *Torah*-like! But it is actually an attack against Messiah, and all who would believe in Him.

An interesting question was posted on *Outreach Judaism*, to which Tovia Singer, speaking for Judaism, responded. The following was the

question, notably posed by a former Jew, who now believes in *Yahshua* as Messiah:

“I’m confused. I know that Christianity is pure paganism. I still believe that Yeshua ben Josef from Nazaret is not only the Messiah, but He is God. Not the second part of a three-part-God, but God Himself. I am looked down on because of my belief. I have been buried by my family and the other Jews throughout the world that I communicate with via internet do not consider me a Jew any more, even though I am more orthodox in my observance of Judaism than most of them are... I believe that God gave His Life to forgive me and gave me the ability to obey His Law without breaking the smallest of His Commandments. Why is Judaism so unforgiving?”

Notably, this questioner believes in *Yahshua* as Messiah, but does not buy into the typical Christian pagan trinity teaching! This questioner believes that *Yahshua* is fully God, manifested in the Flesh. In other words, this believer understands the fundamental *Torah* principle that there is only one God (Deuteronomy 6:4-9). And, this questioner believes in the Divinity of Messiah in a way which is not idolatrous in the least, by Biblical definition. Rather, this questioner understands, just as the Bible teaches, that *Yahshua* is the Everlasting Father (Isaiah 9:6) and the Great I AM (John 8:58)—truly He is God manifest in the Flesh (1 Timothy 3:16), just as He said.

But how does Judaism regard this Scripturally-based questioner? Here

is **Outreach Judaism's** response, which makes it clear that no belief in *Yahshua*—in any Divine or Messianic capacity—is tolerated by Judaism:

“Why does Judaism regard your professed beliefs as hostile to the God of Israel? There is no greater sin than idolatry. Your worship of a man as God violates the very first of the Ten Commandments”

Who is this referring to? Judaism firmly believes that *Yahshua* was just a man. In other words, according to Talmud and Jewish teaching, worshiping *Yahshua* as God is expressly forbidden. For a Jew, it is breaking the first of the Ten Commandments of *Torah*. For a non-Jew, worshiping *Yahshua* and believing in Him as Messiah is breaking the first of the Noahide laws.

Clearly, Judaism, in spite of its exalted and righteous beginnings, is now deeply involved in spiritual adultery, having rejected *Yahshua* as Messiah, and having chosen to espouse and enforce the lies of the Antichrist Beast! The definitive characteristic of the Anti-Messiah and its deceptive spirits is the rejection of *Yahshua* in three ways:

- Denying that *Yahshua* is God manifested in the flesh (1 John 4:2-4).
- Denying that *Yahshua* fulfilled(s) the five BRANCH prophecies.
- Denying the testimony that *Yahshua* is the MESSIAH.

In the end, final Israel—the saved people of *Yahweh* who do not worship the Beast or receive his mark—will be those who live by two key identifiers:

- they keep the *Torah* (*Commandment of God*) and
- they have the Testimony of

Yahshua the Messiah! This means that the saved people of *Yahweh* believe in *Yahshua's* Divinity, and that He is the one and only Messiah!

“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the Commandments of God, and have the testimony of *Yahshua* Christ (Christ means “Messiah”).” *Revelation 12:17*

Clearly, the saints described in Revelation 12:17 will be at odds with Judaism on every key doctrine. At this point, one may quickly discern a sobering connection between Judaism and the woman who rides the Beast, who is drunken with the blood of the saints. What is the penalty for believing in *Yahshua* as Messiah, according to Judaism's laws and definitions of “idolatry”? The penalty is execution by beheading!

Significantly, according to Revelation 20:4, in the Last Days, the saints who will be martyred for believing in *Yahshua* as Messiah—resisting the dragon, the beast, and the whore of Babylon—will die by beheading, according to Revelation:

“And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of *Yahshua*, and for the Word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.” *Revelation 20:4*

With the evidence mounting which indicates that Judaism—not Papal Rome (*which is a daughter of the Mother*

Whore)—is the Woman who rides the Beast in the Last Days, believers find their attention dangerously diverted. We have been focusing on the Vatican, while the greatest threat stems from Jerusalem. We have been watching out for the Pope, while the Rabbis of Jerusalem are equipping 144,000 Jews for their new role as leaders/teachers/enforcers of the Noahides.

But, while the papacy did think to change the Times and Laws of *Yahweh*, Judaism did it first. And while the Pope and his Vatican City are certainly wicked centers of darkness, it is the soon-coming third temple in Jerusalem in which the Beast will be headquartered.

“Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.” *2 Thessalonians 2:3-4*

Yes, Jerusalem—formerly the holy City—will soon be the most unholy city on earth, having become the “Seat of the Beast”, empowered by the dragon. And Judaism—the original religion of Abraham, which was established to shine the *Torah* truth as the Light of the World and through whom Messiah came—is the one who kills the Prophets and the Messiah Himself.

The whore of Babylon is rising. Even now she is preparing to take her leading seat on the global Beast. We cannot afford to misidentify her, nor have our attention mistakenly diverted.



Amerika Rising: the 4 Stages to Freedom's Fall

How Close are we to the Final Beast's Globalized Governance?

In a 1984 televised interview, KGB defector, Yuri Bezmenov (pictured below), gave a warning to Americans regarding the ongoing war for your mind. In a memorable and prescient interview, Bezmenov stated that 85% of the work done by the KGB was focused on subjugating the minds of the American people, with only 15% being actual espionage. Bezmenov explained the reason for this surprising focus of the KGB, as follows:

“The highest art of warfare is not to fight at all, but to subvert anything of value in the country of your enemy until such time that the perception of reality of your enemy is screwed up to such an extent that he does not perceive you as an enemy... You can take your enemy without a single shot being fired.” *Yuri Bezmenov, former KGB*

In this sobering interview, Bezmenov listed four steps that the KGB was employing (in concert with other powers wishing to topple the free world) in order to remove freedom from society and bring in a totalitarian regime, as Bible prophecy warns would be in place at the End of the World. Of course, since the United States of America is the first free nation, upon which all of the free world is modeled, turning America was a vital step in bringing totalitarian rule to the whole world. Yuri Bezmenov outlined the four stages to freedom's fall, as follows:

Stage 1: Demoralization

The first stage is demoralization. In a context of warfare, national security, and law enforcement, Demoralization is, a process in psychological warfare with the objective of so deeply chang-



ing the thinking of the society that the enemies and former resistors no longer want to fight against your plans or influence. Reality is irreversibly altered in the people's perception.

As Yuri explained, when a people have been fully demoralized – which is a slow and painstaking process of programming and changing their perceptions – they will no longer be influenced by any information – even facts put plainly in front of them mean nothing to them.

In order for a society to be effectively demoralized, people must be influenced to no longer believe in ULTIMATE TRUTH. Truth is come to be thought of a RELATIVE – there's your truth and my truth – and what is true for one person may not be true for another. Society's

respect for the Bible as Yahweh's Word and the ultimate Source of Truth must be undermined, and ultimately set aside.

This first stage, which is the most time consuming of the four stages, has already been fully completed in the United States and around the world. Lifestyles and behaviors which go against God and the Bible are accepted in the mainstream.

Clearly, the first stage has been successfully completed. As Yuri pointed out, once a society is Demoralized, the people are so completely brainwashed that they will not see or recognize even the most well-documented facts which might suggest their point of view to be wrong.

As Yuri explained, “Exposure to true information does not matter anymore...” A person who is demoralized is unable to assess true information... The facts tell him nothing, even if I shower him with information, with authentic proof, with documents and pictures... he will refuse to believe it...”

According to Bezmenov, the effects of

Demoralization are so deeply ingrained in the brain-washed masses that nothing but 20 years and the training up of a whole new, better informed generation could undo it. He went on to explain that once people's morals have been debased:

- Education becomes indoctrination
- Entertainment becomes hypnotism
- Criminals become "leaders"
- Lies become truth.

Bezmenov also pointed out that these four stages were well-known, tried-and-true methods of bringing a dictatorial regime into power. To illustrate, Bezmenov cited the situation (remember this interview was given in 1984) in Nicaragua and Granada. In each case, the stages worked. And the transformed societies, once having lost their freedoms, would not regain them again.

Soberingly, in our society, we can see that the powers working behind the scenes to destroy the free world and bring in a global totalitarian regime have completed stage 1. What is next?

Stage 2: Destabilization

The second stage of bringing down freedom in a society is Destabilization. What is that? As Yuri Bezmenov explained, destabilization is bringing in the influence of Marxist and Leninist ideologies into a society. This too has already happened.

Antifa was the new face of Marxism coming in, not to save, but to destroy free society. The whole Black Lives Matter movement, along with the attacks on good law enforcement and the demands to Defund the Police were all a part of this Stage 2 process.

Stage 3: Crisis

According to the sobering KGB plan, the next stage for transforming a society into a Totalitarian regime is Crisis. Of course, we recognize that on the heels of the riots and Antifa activities came the famous coronavirus outbreak of 2019 and the

ensuing "Plannedemic". This event was the planned crisis which brought us into the third stage.

It is now well-documented that the jab affects both the physical and mental health of the population. At the very least, experts admit that the "vaccine" will bring a huge change in the world's perceptions of reality as more and more people take it.

Currently, according to the US News & World Report, 72.76% of the United States population has received at least 1 dose of the "jab", while 82.6% of Canada has received it. 78.83% of Australia has been jabbed along with 77.39% of New Zealand's population. China, Spain and Portugal have jabbed over 80% of their populations, while most of Europe is in the high 70's.

Clearly, the third stage is well under way. And society is permanently changed, with people docily accepting the losses of more and more freedoms, as a result.

Stage 4: Normalization

As Yuri Bezmenov explained, normalization is really a Soviet propaganda concept. It is the promises of goodies and paradise on earth, while bringing in Big Brother Government.

As an illustration of what Soviet Normalization looks like, Bezmenov told the story of the soviet takeover of Czechoslovakia. During the night of August 20 1968, Czechoslovakia was occupied without warning by massive military forces of the Soviet Union. When the tanks invaded Czechoslovakia, the Soviet leader famously said, "The situation in Czechoslovakia has now been normalized."

How close are we to seeing Stage 4 completed? Closer than most would like to think. Truly, the hour is very late!



Ministry Update...

Yahweh is the One Who is doing the End-time work of bringing His Light to the dark world (Revelation 18:1-4). This is an exciting and important work. Repeatedly, we have been amazed to see the things the Heavenly Father is doing with the little bit of "bread" that we, at Lighted Way Ministries, prayerfully "cast upon the water."

Our Called to Canaan books have now been (by unsolicited volunteers) translated into books/documentary films in German and Swedish. We have heard rumors that there may be a Polish translation of this sealing series now under way.

Additionally, out of the blue, Shauna has received an invitation to speak on the stars at an upcoming Messianic women's conference. If you'd like to attend, or want more information, please visit the host website at <https://younityfitness.com/conferences/>. Please join us in keeping all of this in prayer.

2022 Biblical Calendar

The Lighted Way Ministries', single-page, Biblical calendar for 2022 is freely included for you as an insert in this magazine. This calendar is for the Northern Hemisphere. If you need a Southern Hemisphere Biblical calendar, please contact us and we will be happy to provide it.

Additionally, we have made a 2022 Sky Events & Biblical Calendar. This beautiful, wall-hanging calendar is available for a limited time. It shows, not only the Biblical holy days for 2022, but also gives the upcoming Sky Events and their spiritual meaning, along with beautiful astronomy pictures and illustrations. To request your copy of this calendar, please see our Catalog insert.



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UPCOMING WOMEN'S RETREAT...

- **Surge Messianic Women's Conference this Summer** - Shauna Manfredine has been asked to be a guest speaker at the Surge Messianic Women's Conference over the weekend of August 12-14, 2022. This conference will be taking place at the Summer's Mill Retreat and Conference Center in Belton, Texas. At this conference, Shauna will be speaking on the Gospel in the Stars and will be giving a workshop on



this same topic. If you would like to join Shauna (and a few other lady friends) at this women's conference) call us for more information, visit the conference website at: <https://younityfitness.com/conferences/>

- **SPECIAL SPIRITUAL WARFARE SERIES ON THE HEAVENLY COURTROOM**
- **Mark Manfredine is preparing to give a vitally important spiritual warfare series** —In this timely, two-part series, Mark Manfredine will be sharing about Legal Hindrances and Heavenly Judgment and on Spiritual Restraining Orders from the Heavenly Court. Plan to join us online on Vimeo, or on Youtube for the Court of Heaven Series, which will broadcast (part 1) on January 22, 2022 at 2 PM (PST). To join us online, go to our Lighted Way Ministries' website at: <http://www.lightedway.org>

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