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Revelation 18:4: And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of *her*, my people**, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

A woman in symbolic language is a church

Jeremiah 6:2: I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate woman.

2 Kings 19:21: This is the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him; The virgin the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.

2 Corinthians 11:2: For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

This church is referred to as spiritual “Babylon”

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

Revelation 18:2: And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

This is an apostate church that has gone against God's word and introduced abominations to the world through blending church and state

Revelation 18:3: For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

Jeremiah 7:8-11: Behold, **ye trust in lying words**, that cannot profit. Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, **and burn incense unto Baal**, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; **And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name**, and say, **We are delivered to do all these abominations?** Is this house, which is **called by my name**, become a **den of robbers** in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith the LORD.

Who is spiritual Babylon?

1 Peter 5:13: The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son.

Not literal Babylon

Jeremiah 50:13: Because of the wrath of the LORD it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate: every one that goeth by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues.

Catholic Encyclopedia: St. Peter's First Epistle was written almost undoubtedly from Rome, since the salutation at the end reads: "The church that is in Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you: and so doth my son Mark" (5:13). Babylon must here be identified with the Roman capital; since Babylon on the Euphrates, which lay in ruins, or New Babylon (Seleucia) on the Tigris, or the Egyptian Babylon near Memphis, or Jerusalem cannot be meant, the reference must be to Rome, the only city which is called Babylon elsewhere in ancient Christian literature (Revelation 17:5; 18:10; "Oracula Sibyl.", V, verses 143 and 159, ed. Geffcken, Leipzig, 1902, 111).

Catholic Encyclopedia: Mark the disciple and interpreter of Peter wrote a short gospel at the request of the brethren at Rome embodying what he had heard Peter tell. When Peter had heard this, he approved it and published it to the churches to be read by his authority as Clemens in the sixth book of his Hypotyposes and Papias, bishop of Hierapolis, record. *Peter also mentions this Mark in his first epistle, figuratively indicating Rome under the name of Babylon.* She who is in Babylon elect together with you salutes you and so does Mark my son. (Translated by Ernest Cushing Richardson. From *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers*, Second Series, Vol. 3. Edited by Philip Schaff and Henry Wace. (Buffalo, NY: Christian Literature Publishing Co., 1892.) Revised and edited for New Advent by Kevin Knight.

Who is spiritual Babylon?

"The penetration of the religion of Babylon became so general and well known that **Rome was called the New Babylon.**" (Cardinal Gibbons in his book, *Faith of our Fathers* in the 1917 edition on page 106)

Robbers in the church

Jeremiah 7:11: Is this house, which is called by my name, become a **den of robbers** in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith the LORD.

Daniel 11:14: And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the **robbers of thy people** shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall.

Robbers in the church

“A new power is now introduced-’the robbers of thy people;’... Far away on the banks of the Tiber, a kingdom had been nourishing ambitious projects and dark designs. Small and weak at first, it grew in strength and vigor with marvelous rapidity, reaching out cautiously here and there to try its prowess and test its warlike arm until with consciousness of power it boldly reared its head among the nations of the earth, and seized with invincible hand the helm of affairs.

Robbers in the church

Henceforth the name of Rome stands upon the page of history, destined for long ages to control the world, and to exert a mighty influence among the nations even to the end of time.” (*Daniel and the Revelation*, Uriah Smith, page 243)

Who is spiritual Babylon?

**Spiritual Babylon is the
Roman Catholic Church**

Why is God calling His people out?

The RCC operates on a principle of mixing church and state, which the Bible refers to as “fornication” (unlawful union).

Revelation 17:2: 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.

Why is God calling His people out?

- History has revealed that the mixture of church and state leads to persecution (*Fox's Book of Martyrs*).
- In Matthew 22:21 Christ teaches us to keep church and state matters separate (Mark 12:17 & Luke 20:25).

Why is God calling His people out?

This “fornication” has also led to abominations (false doctrines) being introduced into the church.

- Eternal soul (spiritualism)
- Eternal hell
- Earthly priesthood (Hebrews 8:1-2).
- Mary is our intercessor (Hebrews 8:1-2).
- Idolatry in the church
- Sunday worship
- Tammuz worship (introduced into Christianity as “Christmas”) (Ezekiel 8:14)
- Easter sunrise service
- Rosary beads

Why is God calling His people out?

- The teachings of the RCC have confused millions of people throughout the world. (Revelation 17:2)
- When someone is drunk, their judgment is skewed but God is not the author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33).

What's with Babylon's wine?

- (Genesis 1:28) God created us to have sound mind and judgment and to have dominion over everything that walks on the earth (1 Peter 5:8 - Job 1:6-7; 2:1-2).
- Satan represents sin and we're to have dominion over sin in that we're not to have sin overtake us.
- We can't be sober if we're drunk with the wine of Babylon's fornication.

What's with Babylon's wine?

After Lucifer rebelled in heaven, God told him that He would lay Lucifer before kings (Ezekiel 28:15-17).

In this sense, kings would be ones who will judge Lucifer.

- Whenever there's an accusation, there has to be at least two witnesses against the accused. (Deuteronomy 19:15-17)
- In the universe, there were only the righteous and the unrighteous (Revelation 12:7)
- Lucifer knew there was no third party that God could use against him (Matthew 12:30).
- We are actually called to be kings and we will judge angels (1 Corinthians 6:3; Revelation 1:6 - Daniel 7:22; Revelation 20:4).

- In heaven, we won't be judging the lives of humans; God would have already done that (Revelation 22:12).
- We will look back through history to see that God's judgments against Lucifer and his angels for rebelling against Him in heaven were righteous and just. This will vindicate God from Satan's accusations in front of the entire universe.
- **We are the third party judges!**

Heaven's Jury Duty

In order to be a judge on God's jury, there are at least three criteria:

- Upstanding citizen (1 Corinthians 9:27)
- Sound judgment (discernment)
- Not be a witness to the original crime (third party)

Heaven's Jury Duty

- We will have witnessed what Satan has done since being cast to the earth.
- We now see and will see what he [Satan] has done to God's people and His law in the name of God.

Heaven's Jury Duty

- Satan knows that we can't judge against him if we're a party to his iniquity.
- This is why he craftily seduced Adam and Eve into sin; **so they would be disqualified.**
- Instead of doing away with Satan, God, in His righteousness, implemented a plan of salvation that will *justly* put an end to Satan and to sin (Genesis 3:15) - **that plan came to fruition in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross and is carried out by our acceptance of that gift.**

What's with Babylon's wine?

But now Satan seeks to separate us from that plan by confusing us through the adulteries and abominations of spiritual Babylon.

The Desolator

Matthew 24:15-16, 21: When ye therefore shall see the **abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, **stand in the holy place**, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: **For then shall be great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

The Desolator

- a. The abomination of desolation is something that occurs before judgment is rendered.
- b. What is the specific abomination?
 - Antiochus Epiphanes (168 & 165 BC)?
 - Titus destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD?
 - Future antichrist?
- c. It's important to understand the abomination because Jesus cites it in reference to the end times.
- d. The answer is found in the book of Daniel.**

The Abomination of Desolation

Three references to the abomination of desolation in the book of Daniel

- a. Daniel's day (Daniel 1:1-2) - 586 BC
 - Breaking the Sabbath

- b. Jesus' day - 70 AD
 - Church tradition (that made the Sabbath burdensome)

- c. **The Final Desolation**

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The final abomination of desolation is brought about by the papacy (Antichrist) through Roman Catholic Church (spiritual Babylon).

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Daniel 11:31: And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they **shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.**

- 508 AD

What happened in 508 AD?

- "In 508 [French emperor] **Clovis received** at Tours the **insignia of the consulship** from the eastern emperor Anastasius." *Encyclopedia Britannica*, 11th ed., art. "Clovis," Vol. VI, p. 563.
- Historians who give only brief treatment to this war generally focus on the year 507, during which Alaric was killed. Yet, as the above references correctly indicate, the **Franks continued their conquest of Visigothic territory until well into the year 508**. The conclusion of the war, and the imperial recognition of it, occurred in the year 508.

What happened in 508 AD?

"Nor was his a temporary conquest. The kingdom of the West Goths and the Burgundians had become the kingdom of the Franks. The invaders had at length arrived, who were to remain. It was decided that the Franks, and not the Goths, were to direct the future destinies of Gaul and Germany, and that the Catholic faith, and not Arianism, was to be the religion of these great realms." Richard W. Church, *The Beginning of the Middle Ages*, pp. 38, 39.

What happened in 508 AD?

- "Thus in A.D. 508 terminated united resistance to the development of the papacy. The question of supremacy between Frank and Goth, between the Catholic and Arian religions, had then been settled in favor of the Catholics." *Daniel and the Revelation*, 1944 ed., p. 330.
- "Thus when Clovis and the Franks defeated the Arian Visigoths and drove them into Spain, it was also a theological victory for the bishop of Rome." William H. Shea, *Bible Amplifier* - Daniel 7-12, p. 220.

What happened in 508 AD?

"Thus was the bloody course of Clovis glorified by the Catholic writers, as the triumph of the orthodox doctrine of the Trinity over Arianism." A. T. Jones, *The Two Republics*, p. 528.

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Daniel 12:11: And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the **abomination that maketh desolate set up**, there shall be **a thousand two hundred and ninety days**.

508 – 1798 AD (1,290 years)

End-time Abominations

- Tammuz worship, idolatry, Easter sunrise services, church traditions & Sunday worship.
- These false teachings and traditions have been accepted by the majority of Christendom and reflect the abominations of Israel.
- Similar punishment awaits Christians today as those that were inflicted on Israelites of antiquity.

End-time Abominations

The warning that Christ gave the Israelites still applies to us today:

Luke 21:20: And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, **then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.**

End-time Abominations

- Jerusalem was initially surrounded in 66 AD after an uprising by the Jews.
- Christians who recalled Jesus' warning fled the city.
- In 68 AD, the resistance in the northern regions of the land were eradicated and Roman forces began focusing on Jerusalem.
- The city was penetrated in 70 AD; thousands were massacred and the temple was burned down.
- Titus tried to not burn down the temple because of the gold and the splendor of the furniture inside, but the soldier's rage and hatred of the Jews was too much and the ravaging continued (Daniel 9:26).

End-time Abominations

In the last days, God gives us a different sign of the end drawing near:

Revelation 13:11-12, 15-16: And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. **And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:**

End-time Abominations

- The papal power is now in the wilderness or “obscurity” (Greek, e'-rā-mos - “deserted places”) (Revelation 17:3).
- **Church and state will be reunited** (Revelation 13:3).
 - Deadly wound inflicted in 1798 AD by French forces and will be completely healed in the last days.

End-time Abominations

- She (spiritual Babylon) will return on the scene (Revelation 17:9-11).
- (vs. 9) The Bible uses “hill” and “mountain” (Greek, “o-ros” interchangeably (Matthew 5:14; Luke 4:29; Luke 9:37)).
- The mark of the beast will be enforced (Revelation 14:9-10).

**What is the mark of
the beast?**

From the beast's own mouth

“No! Keep the **first day of the week**, and Lo, the whole entire civilized world bows in reverent obedience to the command of the whole Catholic Church . . . **it is the Mark of her authority** to over-rule GOD's Law.”

- Father Enright (*History of the Sabbath, p. 802*)

From the beast's own mouth

Sunday is our MARK of authority ... the church is above the Bible and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact.”

- *Catholic Record*, Ontario, Sept. 1, 1921

From the beast's own mouth

Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act. It could not have been otherwise, as none in those days would have dreamed of doing anything in matters spiritual and ecclesiastical and religious without her. And the act is a MARK of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters.

- H.F. Thomas, Chancellor for the Cardinal, 1895

The Image of the Beast

Ezekiel 8:16: And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.

End-time Abominations

- The “**image of the beast**” is the **sun** (Ezekiel 8:16).
- Legislation will be put in place to make Sunday the official (legal) day of worship.
- **Symbolically bowing down to the image** (enforced Christian Sunday worship) is **accepting the mark of the beast’s authority**.
- This will be the filling of the cup of abominations (Revelation 17:4).

Sabbath and the Sanctuary

Pagan worship was taking place in the sanctuary on Sunday

Ezekiel 23:37-39: That they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, whom they bare unto me, **to pass for them through the fire**, to devour them.

Moreover this they have done unto me: **they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day**, and have profaned my sabbaths.

For when they had slain their children to their idols, **then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it**; and, lo, thus have they done in the midst of mine house.

Sabbath and the Sanctuary

“profaned my sabbaths”

Hebrew: Tame - tä·mā' (Strong's H2490) –
to be unclean, become unclean, become impure

Piel tense

1) to defile

a) sexually

b) religiously

c) ceremonially

2) to pronounce unclean, declare unclean (ceremonially)

3) to profane (God's name)

Sabbath and the Sanctuary

The Sabbath was being profaned in God's sanctuary

Ezekiel 22:8: Thou hast despised mine holy things, and hast profaned my sabbaths.

Sabbath and the Sanctuary

The Sabbath and the sanctuary
were spoken of together

Leviticus 19:30; 26:2: Ye shall **keep**
my sabbaths, and **reverence** **my**
sanctuary: I am the LORD.

Sabbath and the Sanctuary

Pagan worship in the sanctuary profaned
God's name (the Creator; Seal/Sabbath)

Leviticus 20:2-3: Again, thou shalt say to the children of Israel, Whosoever he be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, **that giveth any of his seed unto Molech;** he shall surely be put to death: the people of the land shall stone him with stones.

And I will set my face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people; because he hath given of his seed unto Molech, **to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name.**

Sabbath and the Sanctuary

“profaned my holy name”

Hebrew: shem - shām (Strong’s H8034) –

1) name

a) name

b) reputation, fame, glory

c) the Name (as designation of God)

d) **memorial, monument**

Sabbath and the Sanctuary

**God's name (Creator) is a memorial
to who He is**

Exodus 3:15: And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, the LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: **this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.**

**The Sabbath is a memorial
to God's creation**

Sabbath and the Sanctuary

God's name was to exist in the sanctuary perpetually

1 Kings 9:3: And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: **I have hallowed this house**, which thou hast built, **to put my name there for ever**; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

Sabbath and the Sanctuary

The Sabbath is God's perpetual covenant with His people

Exodus 31:16: Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, **for a perpetual covenant.**

Sabbath and the Sanctuary

**The Sabbath is a sign that God is
who sanctifies us**

Exodus 31:13: Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily **my sabbaths ye shall keep**: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; **that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you.**

Sabbath and the Sanctuary

The Sabbath is how we know we're worshiping the Creator

Ezekiel 20:12-13, 20: Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, **to be a sign between me and them**, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them.

But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; **and my sabbaths they greatly polluted**: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them.

And **hallow my sabbaths**; and they shall be a sign between me and you, **that ye may know that I am the LORD your God**.

Sabbath and the Sanctuary

Revelation 7:2-4: And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Revelation 14:1: And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

Sabbath and the Sanctuary

God's **SEAL** and His **NAME**
represent the **same thing!**

Does God have a seal?

Elements of a seal:

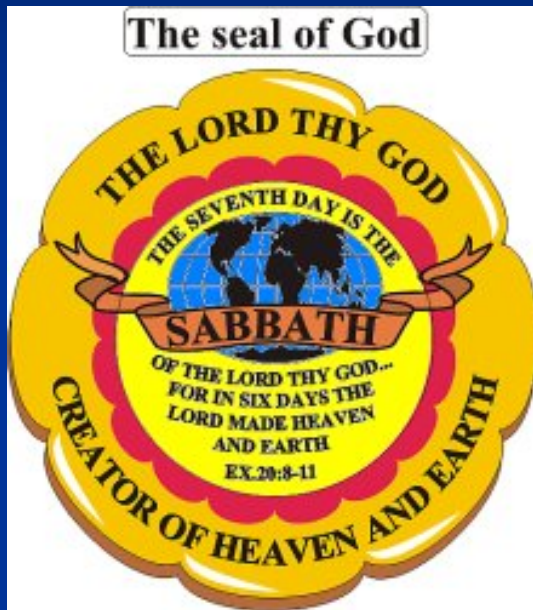
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- Title
- Dominion

The Seal of the United States



- Name – Barak Obama
- Title – President
- Dominion – USA

The Seal of God



Exodus 20:11: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Name: the LORD thy God

Title: Creator

Dominion: Heaven and earth

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God's **Seal** and His **Name** both
reflect His creative power
which is what separates Him
from false gods!

Sabbath and the Sanctuary

The seventh-day Sabbath was intended on being a **perpetual** (everlasting) part of God's true church!

Disregarding this biblical truth is an **abomination** that will cause **desolation** in the end!

Punishment for the Desolators

- Seven *last* plagues fall on those with the mark of the beast (Revelation 16:2).
- Those who heed the signs and flee the large cities will be spared (Exodus 8:21-24; 10:21-23 - Psalm 91:7-10).

Coming out of Babylon

- Our bodies are now the temple (“dwelling place”) of God (1 Corinthians 3:16; 2 Corinthians 6:16-18).
 - Some religions teach that the temple in Jerusalem is going to be rebuilt, but there’s nothing in Scripture to support that teaching.
 - This is to support another false teaching of the secret rapture.
 - (Daniel 9:27) The desolation of the temple (referred to in verse 26) is to remain until the “consummation” (Greek, *kä-lä'*), meaning the “full end”, “complete destruction” or “annihilation”.
 - What has been determined will be poured upon the desolator (as seen in Revelation 16:1)

Coming out of Babylon

➤ We were purchased by the blood of Christ to be free from the defilement of sin (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

- Not only does this include the breaking of the seventh-day Sabbath, which is what brought forth judgment on God's people in antiquity, but it also includes violation of God's Law to love Him and each other.

- We should have no association with the abominations of the antichrist beast power (Revelation 18:4).

Coming out of Babylon

- We have to **humble ourselves** to the truth in the Word of God and **accept His authority**.
- Psalm 91:4 says - “His truth shall be thy shield”.
- Truth is not dependent on our feelings or emotions or traditions (Proverbs 3:5; Jeremiah 11:8).

Surrender your life completely to Christ so that He can dwell in you. That's the only way we'll be able to meet the qualifications to judge the one who sunk us into a world of darkness. Praise the Lord that He saw it fit to bring us out of the darkness and into His marvelous light by the sacrifice He made for our sins on the Cross.

1 Peter 2:9: But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Will you willingly serve on God's jury?

Revelation 20:4: 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 Jesus, 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.

Guilty as charged!

Over-comers through Christ will ultimately sing the song of Moses that declares God's righteousness (Revelation 15:3; Deuteronomy 32:1-4).