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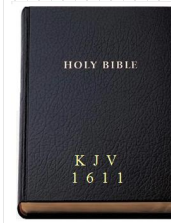
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Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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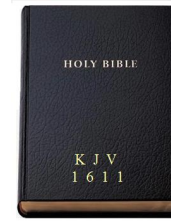


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Bible Prophecy

Mystery, Babylon The Great
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- Tyre was famous for its purple dye extracted from the murex shellfish
- Some say PHOENICIA is derived from the Greek word *phoinos* meaning “purple” or “deep red” after the dye produced there
- This purple dye was highly valuable and had royal connotations
- Lydia, a convert of Paul’s, was a seller of this purple dye
- Lydia was from THYATIRA and so a scriptural connection is made between Thyatira and Tyre, a type of Babylon the Great (Rev 17:4; 18:12,16)

Acts 16:14

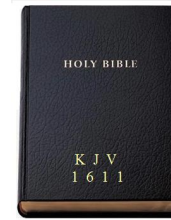
And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard *us*: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

Rev 2:18,20

18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet *are* like fine brass;

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

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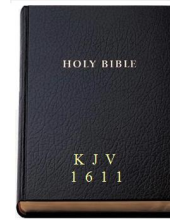


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- *Thyatira*= “continual sacrifice”; the church of Thyatira prophetically represents the church of the Dark Ages (500-1500 AD), the **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**
- The Roman Catholic Church takes the **PALM** leaves used in their Palm Sunday services and burns them to **ASHES**
- The ashes are set aside to be **BROUGHT FORTH** for use in their Ash Wednesday services the following year
- These ashes are applied to the **FOREHEAD** of those who come to “receive” Christ in “communion” by eating a thing (a small round white wafer) sacrificed to an idol (i.e.- “consecration of the Host”)



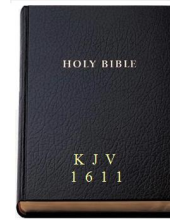
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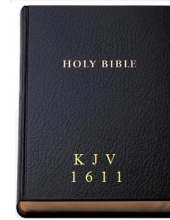
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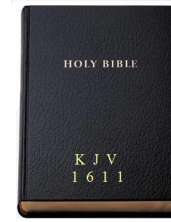
- *Second Life*, an online virtual world, has tattoo options for their user's avatars and one of them is the Catholic Ash Wednesday cross
- It is interesting that it is referred to as a "Forehead Mark" (Rev 13:16)



Ash Wednesday
Forehead Mark
(tattoo)



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Rev 2:14,20

14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

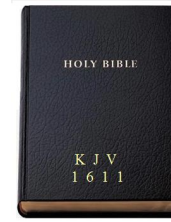
Acts 15:28-29

28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

- Three of the four things prohibited in Acts 15 refer to things forbidden to be EATEN cf. (Gen 2:17)
- What fornication and eating have in common is that both involve a MINGLING
- All four prohibitions are violated in the Roman Catholic mass

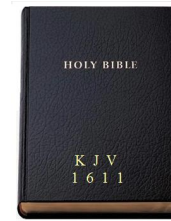
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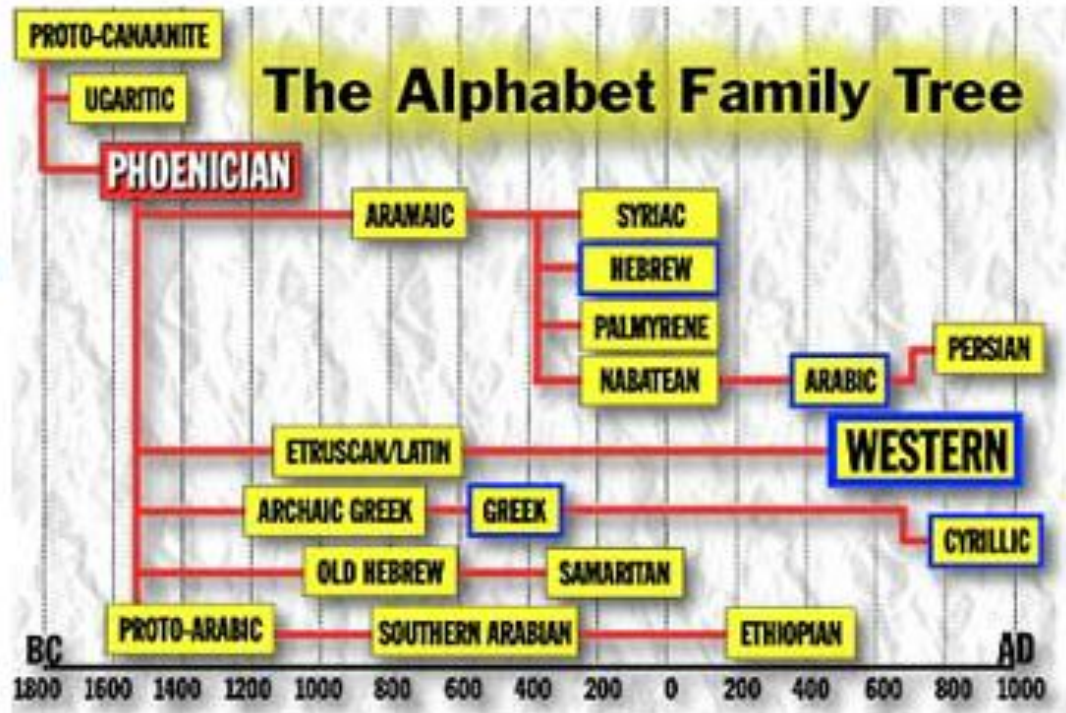
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- 1) **Meats offered to idols-** the priest takes the wafer and raises it before a crucifix holding a dead Jesus
- 2) **Blood-** after the priest consecrates the chalice, the (alcoholic) wine allegedly becomes the literal blood of Jesus and is consumed
- 3) **Things strangled-** *strangled* means “to die by suffocation; to destroy life by stopping respiration”; SUFFOCATION was the usual cause of death in crucifixion; therefore, a person is HANGED on a cross; Jesus did not die of suffocation but he still HUNG on the cross (Gal 3:13); after the priest consecrates the host (i.e.- the wafer), it allegedly becomes the literal body of Jesus and is consumed
- 4) **Fornication-** spiritual fornication is committed when the priest elevates the consecrated host (i.e.- now the wafer god) to be venerated and worshipped (because they believe Jesus is IN the wafer)

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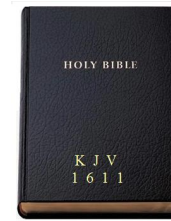


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- The Phoenicians invented a 22-letter alphabet that is the oldest verified alphabet in the world
- It was the first alphabet that used one symbol to represent one sound; hence the word *phonetic* (“to spell a word like it sounds”)

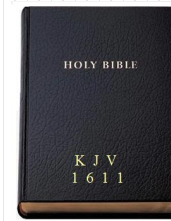
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- It quickly spread throughout the Mediterranean world due to the fact it was so easy to learn and the Phoenicians were such prolific merchants
- The Phoenician alphabet became the basis of all Western alphabets (through Greek and Latin) and many Middle Eastern alphabets
- The equivalent today is the fact the language of international commerce is ENGLISH, because the English speaking peoples have been the most prolific merchants over the past 200+ years



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