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Pro 7:1-5

- 1 My son, **keep my words**, and lay up my commandments with thee.
- 2 Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.
- 3 Bind them upon thy fingers, **write them upon the table of thine heart**.
- 4 Say unto wisdom, Thou *art* my sister; and call understanding *thy* kinswoman:
- 5 **That they may keep thee from the strange woman**, from the stranger **which flattereth with her words**.

- This is the third time (2:1,16; 6:23-24) the word of God is said to be the only defense and protection against the wiles of the strange woman (Babylon the Great)
- MY words (i.e.- representing the word of GOD) are in contrast to HER words (i.e.- representing the words of BABYLON THE GREAT)
- The phrase HER WORDS appears 4x; 2x in reference to the STRANGE WOMAN (v.5; 2:16); 1x in reference to DELILAH (a type of BABYLON THE GREAT) (Jud 16:16); and 1x in reference to WISDOM (1:21), which is associated with the word of God (2:1,10,16)

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Pro 7:6-9

6 For at the window of my house I looked through my casement,

7 And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding,

8 Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house,

9 In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night:

- CASEMENT= “a window sash that opens at hinges on the side”
- SIMPLE= “lacking in knowledge; weak in intellect; not wise”
- The phrase VOID OF UNDERSTANDING appears 5x (# of DEATH) (v.7; 10:13; 12:11; 17:18; 24:30)
- UNDERSTANDING is defined as “the knowledge of the holy” and “to depart from evil”

Pro 9:10

The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding.

Job 28:28

And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that *is* wisdom; and to depart from evil *is* understanding.

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- This equates the STRANGE woman (Babylon the Great) of Proverbs 7 with the FOOLISH woman of Proverbs 9 because both prey upon the SIMPLE and those who LACK UNDERSTANDING

Pro 9:13-18

13 **A foolish woman is clamorous: she is simple**, and knoweth nothing.

14 For **she sitteth at the door** of **her house**, **on a seat in the high places of the city**,

15 To call passengers who go right on their ways:

16 **Whoso is simple**, let him turn in hither: and *as for* **him that wanteth understanding**, she saith to him,

17 Stolen waters are sweet, and **bread eaten** in secret is pleasant.

18 But he knoweth not that **the dead are there**; and that **her guests are in the depths of hell**.

- The strange woman preys upon the YOUNG because she is a PEDOPHILE (like Potiphar's wife- Gen 39:7) and knows that YOUNG men (1 John 2:14-15) are more susceptible to her wiles

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- Is it a coincidence that multitudes of Roman Catholic priests have been exposed as pedophiles and that there cases where the pedophilia was known by Church authorities but covered up?
- An older woman who seeks out the company of younger men is called a COUGAR- a cougar is also called a mountain LION cf. (1 Pet 5:8)
- The strange woman (Babylon the Great), like any effective predator, focuses on the weak (7:7), young (7:7), and the wounded (7:26); although many STRONG men have also been slain by her (7:26)
- She catches men by lying in wait for them at HER CORNER (i.e.- she is a “street walker”) which is on the way to her house, or by waiting for them to pass by HER HOUSE as she sits on a seat at the door (i.e.- they wouldn’t come near the house unless they were interested)
- THE WAY (7:8) to HER HOUSE is the WAYSIDE (Gen 38:21) and the danger of the WAYSIDE is revealed by comparing the three accounts of the parable of the seed and the sower
- The WAYSIDE is where Satan awaits to take away the word of God that is sown in the heart of those who UNDERSTAND IT NOT (i.e.- those VOID OF UNDERSTANDING), so they will NOT BELIEVE and be SAVED

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Mark 4:15

And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

Matt 13:19

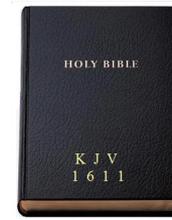
When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

Luke 8:12

Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

- The strange woman entices men to EAT BREAD (9:17) (i.e.- the small, round, white, wafer cf. 6:26), and it is done in SECRET- because it is PERVERSE and wrong, and participants don't want to get caught
- Most sin, prostitution and fornication included, takes place at night
- NIGHT= represents the CHURCH AGE (1 The 5:5), the time the "goodman (Jesus Christ) is not at home" but "is gone a long journey" (v.19)
- Those at home in HER HOUSE are the DEAD and the DAMNED (9:18)

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Pro 7:10-20

10 And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.

11 (She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house:

12 Now *is she* without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.)

13 So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him,

14 I have peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows.

15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.

16 I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved *works*, with fine linen of Egypt.

17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves.

19 For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey:

20 He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed.

- This passage gives the ATTRIBUTES, ACTIONS, and ATTITUDE of the strange woman (Babylon the Great)
- The 5 (# of DEATH) attributes of the strange woman describe what we know today as the Roman Catholic Church: (1) subtil; (2) loud; (3) stubborn; (4) moveable; and (5) impudent

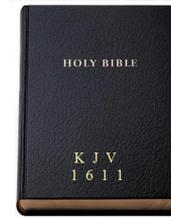
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- SUBTIL= “nice; fine; delicate; sly; cunning; crafty; deceitful”
- The word SUBTIL appears 3x and is associated with FORNICATION each time
- The word SUBTIL is used to describe: (1) the serpent (Gen 3:1); Jonadab (2 Sam 13:3); and the whorish woman (v.10)
 - The serpent is SATAN (Rev 12:9) and his subtlety consisted of casting doubt on the word of God and denying the word of God in order to cause man to fall into sin (i.e.- commit spiritual fornication)
 - Jonadab was the cousin and friend of David’s son Amnon, and his subtlety consisted of a plan for Amnon to have incestual relations (i.e.- commit fornication) with his half-sister Tamar
 - The whorish woman is BABYLON THE GREAT and her subtlety consists of fair speech and flatteries (v.21) to cause men to commit (spiritual) fornication with her and be slain/damned (v.26-27)
- LOUD= “clamorous; noisy”= this also equates the STRANGE woman of Proverbs 7 with the FOOLISH woman or Proverbs 9 because both are LOUD; CLAMOROUS

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- STUBBORN= “unquestionably obstinate; inflexible; fixed in opinion; not to be moved or persuaded by reason”
- The word STUBBORN appears 5x (# of DEATH) and is associated with: (1) the strange woman (v.11); (2) a REBELLIOUS son (Deu 21:18,20); (3) a REBELLIOUS generation (Psa 78:8); and (4) CORRUPTION in following other gods (Jud 2:19)

Deu 21:18,20

18 If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and *that*, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them:

20 And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; *he is* a glutton, and a drunkard.

Psa 78:8

And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation *that* set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God.

Jud 2:19

And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, *that* they returned, and corrupted themselves more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way.

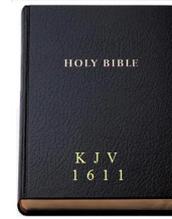
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- IMPUDENT= “shameless; lacking modesty; bold with contempt of others”
- The 5 (# of DEATH) actions of the strange woman describe what we know today as the Roman Catholic Church- these actions are identified by the 5 “I have” or “have I” statements
 - **“I have peace offerings with me”** and **“have I payed my vows”** reveal that the strange woman is externally RELIGIOUS
 - **“I have found thee”** reveals that she is AGGRESSIVE not passive in getting men to join her
 - **“I have decked my bed”** and **“I have perfumed my bed”** reveal that she has RICHES and RESOURCES at her disposal and will not spare any expense in seducing men to come to her
- The word DECKED appears 6x (v.16; Eze 16:11,13; Hos 2:13; Rev 17:4; 18:16) and every appearance is associated with the GREAT WHORE or WHORISH behavior
- The attitude of the strange woman is reflected by the statement, “Let us...For he is gone”

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- The two “let us...” statements of the strange woman are comparable to the two “let us...” statements of the people at Babel in that they represent an attempt to build a universal (“Catholic”) CHURCH and KINGDOM

Gen 11:4

And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top *may reach* unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

- The two “let us...” statements of the strange woman are in contrast to the two “let us...” statements of the bride (picture of the TRUE CHURCH) to the bridgroom (picture of JESUS CHRIST)

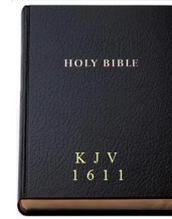
Song 7:10-12

10 I *am* my beloved's, and his desire *is* toward me.

11 Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages.

12 Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish, *whether* the tender grape appear, *and* the pomegranates bud forth: there will I give thee my loves.

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- GOODMAN= “the master of a family or household; a householder; a familiar appellation of a husband”

Matt 20:1,11

1 For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.

11 And when they had received *it*, they murmured against the goodman of the house,

- The GOODMAN represents JESUS CHRIST

Matt 24:42-44

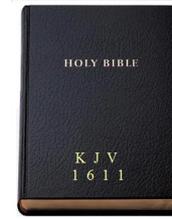
42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

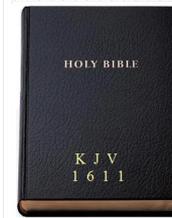
- The strange woman (Babylon the Great) PROFESSES that the GOODMAN (Jesus Christ) is her husband but the truth is the strange WOMAN is the consort of the strange GOD (Dan 11:39)

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- There is only one religion associated with ROME (Rev 17:18) that professes to be the bride of Christ- the Roman Catholic Church
- The strange woman emphasizes that the goodman is not at home and won't come back soon or unexpectedly
- The Roman Catholic Church teaches that the pope is the vicar of Christ, meaning that he is the earthly representative of Christ endowed with all of the authority of Christ in his absence
- VICAR OF CHRIST= “a title of the pope implying his supreme and universal primacy, both of honour and of jurisdiction, over the Church of Christ” (*Catholic Encyclopedia*)
- Since the Roman Catholic Church believes the pope serves as the presence and power of Jesus Christ until he RETURNS to the earth, it is not in the best interest of the power and money hungry Vatican that he return any time soon and take away both their place and nation (John 11:48)
- The LONG JOURNEY pictures Christ's ASCENSION to heaven and his ABSENCE from the earth
- Although HEAVEN is called a FAR COUNTRY (Isa 13:5; Matt 21:33; 25:14), the journey is LONG because of the DURATION (the Lord has been gone for 2000+ years) not the DISTANCE (Luke 24:39)



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