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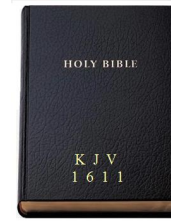
Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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Went and served Baal, and worshipped him.

- Ahab's marriage to Jezebel caused him to worship and serve Baal
- Baal was the chief deity worshipped by the Zidonians and the consort of Ashtaroth

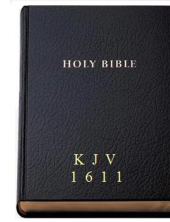
5 Things Ahab Did As A Result Of His Marriage To Jezebel

1. He went and served Baal (v.31)
2. He worshipped Baal (v.31)
3. He built a temple (house) for Baal in Samaria (v.32)
4. He reared up an altar for Baal in the temple he built (v.32)
5. He made a grove (i.e.- he also worshipped Ashtaroth)

He made a grove.

- GROVE= Heb. *asherah*= “a small wood or cluster of trees consecrated to the queen of heaven, that contains an image of her and/or a sacred pole”

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- The word GROVE(S) can also refer to ASHTAROTH, the queen of heaven, as is evident by the fact the children of Israel SERVED the groves (Jud 3:7; 2 Chr 24:18) and Ashtaroth (Jud 2:13; 10:6) and set up a graven image OF the grove (2 Kin 21:9)

Jud 3:7

And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgat the LORD their God, and served Baalim and the groves.

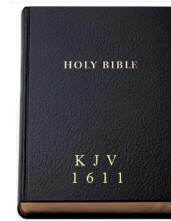
Jud 10:6

And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines, and forsook the LORD, and served not him.

2 Kin 21:7

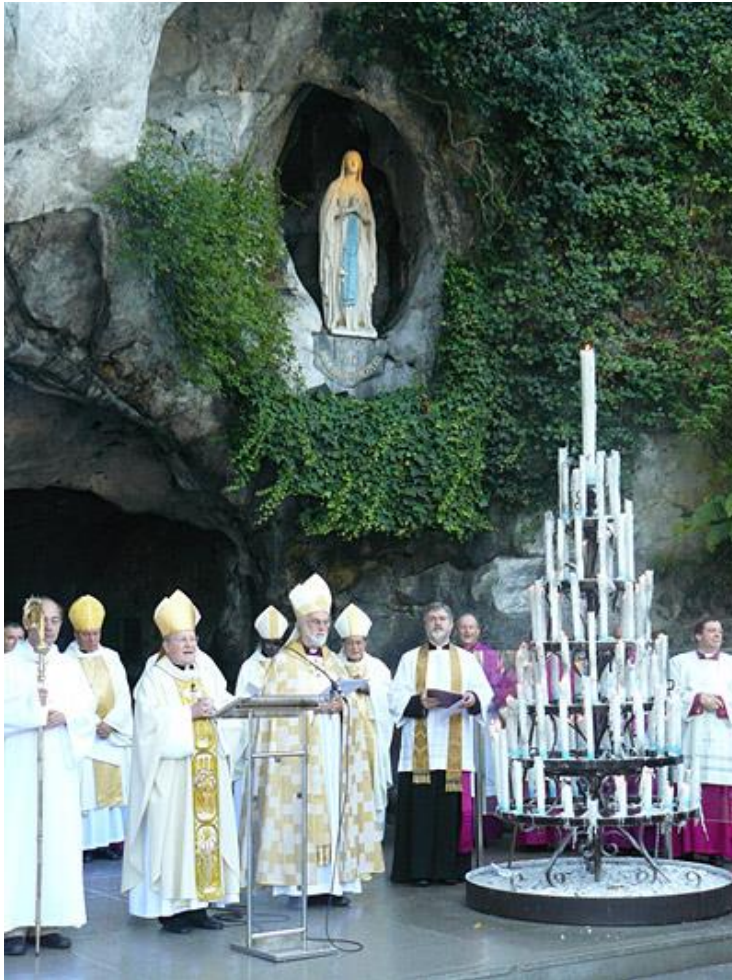
And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house, of which the LORD said to David, and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever:

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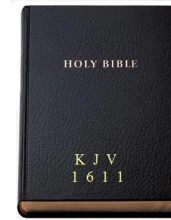


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- The Roman Catholic Church worships the queen of heaven (a false “Mary”) in groves all over the world



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- The marriage of Jezebel and Ahab also pictures the “marriage” between Babylon the Great and the Antichrist

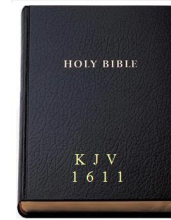
Rev 17:3

So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

Hiel the Beth-elite build Jericho: he laid the foundation in Abiram.

- During the days of Ahab, Hiel the Beth-elite built the city of Jericho (a type of the city of BABYLON THE GREAT) and laid the foundation of the city in his firstborn son Abiram
- The last person anyone would expect to build the CURSED CITY is someone from the HOUSE OF GOD (i.e.- Beth-el= “house of God”)
- Since Ahab, in one sense, pictures the professing Christians who compromised and joined the Roman state “Christian” church (i.e. the “Roman Catholic Church”), could this picture the building of what we know today as Vatican City?
- Directly beneath St. Peter’s Basilica lies the Vatican Grottoes and Necropolis (“city of the dead”) so the foundation of the Vatican is THE DEAD (Pro 7:27)

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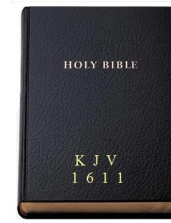
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- Since Ahab, in another sense, pictures the Antichrist could this picture someone from “the house of God” (i.e.- the church) (1 Tim 3:15) BUILDING something CURSED in the Tribulation?

Zec 5:11

And he said unto me, **To build it an house in the land of Shinar**: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.

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1 Kin 18:1-4,13,19

1 And it came to pass *after* many days, that the word of the LORD came to **Elijah in the third year**, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.

2 And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And **there was a sore famine** in Samaria.

3 And Ahab called Obadiah, which *was* the governor of *his* house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly:

4 For it was *so*, when **Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD**, that **Obadiah took an hundred prophets**, and hid them by fifty in a cave, **and fed them with bread and water.**)

13 Was it not told my lord what I did when **Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD**, how I hid an hundred men of the LORD'S prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

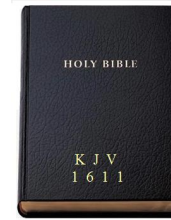
19 Now therefore send, *and* gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and **the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty**, and **the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table.**

1 Kin 19:1-2

1 And Ahab told **Jezebel** all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

2 Then **Jezebel sent a messenger** unto Elijah, **saying**, So let the gods do *to me*, and more also, **if I make not thy life as the life of one of them** by to morrow about this time.

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Jezebel cut off the prophets of the Lord.

- In addition to proliferating idolatry throughout Israel, Jezebel persecuted and executed the prophets of the Lord
- Prophets are those who proclaim the word of God so the word PROPHET can apply to PREACHERS or the SCRIPTURES

2 Pet 1:19-21

19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

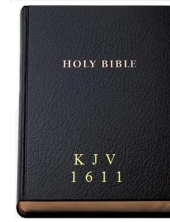
21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Rev 22:18-19

18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.

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- Recall, the strange woman HATES the word of God because it is the only defense and protection from her WILES and WINE (Pro 2:1,16; 6:21-24; 7:1-5)- her power over men is broken when they put their faith in the word of God
- Jezebel knew that the word of God was the only thing preventing her from absolute rule in Israel so she sought to destroy it and those who preached it
- Babylon the Great has sought to destroy the saints of God and the scriptures throughout history, especially under her current name the “Roman Catholic Church”

Rev 17:5-6

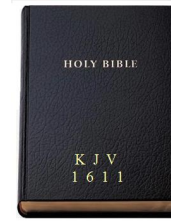
5 And upon her forehead *was* a name written, **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT**, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

6 And I saw **the woman drunken with the blood of the saints**, and **with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus**: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

Rev 18:24

And **in her was found the blood of prophets**, **and of saints**, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

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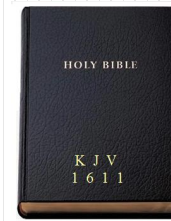


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Rev 19:2

For true and righteous *are* his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

- All efforts to compromise or counterfeit the true saints and scriptures have as their ultimate end: destruction of the same through corruption
 - It was ROME that issued 10 imperial persecutions against the church
 - It was ROME that issued the Edict of Toleration that compromised the church and created a counterfeit (the Roman Catholic Church)
 - It was ROME that fought against literacy and banned translation of the scriptures into any common languages
 - It was ROME that formed the Jesuit Order as an intelligence organization to infiltrate, betray, and destroy
 - It was ROME that issued the Inquisition that tortured and murdered tens of millions of born again Christians and burned thousands of copies of the scriptures
 - ROME is behind the ecumenical movement
 - ROME is behind the production and proliferation of corrupt biblical texts and translations



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