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1 Kin 18:1-2,4,13,19-22,24

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.

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.**

20 So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.

21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? **if the LORD be God, follow him**: but **if Baal, then follow him**. And the people answered him not a word.

22 Then said Elijah unto the people, **I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD**; but **Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty** men.

24 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and **the God that answereth by fire, let him be God**. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

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Elijah in the third year...a sore famine

- This famine was proclaimed by Elijah (17:1) to last a total of 3 ½ years

Luke 4:25

But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land;

Jam 5:17

Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

- Elijah proclaiming a 3 ½ year famine in the days of Jezebel and Ahab (16:31-34) pictures what occurs during the ministry of the two witnesses during the first 3 ½ years of the Tribulation

Rev 11:3,6

3 And I will give *power* unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

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Obadiah took...prophets...and fed them with bread and water.

- Since the entire scene seems to picture events in the Tribulation, Obadiah (“servant of the Lord”) pictures those who offer room, board, and cover to the 144,000 as they preach the gospel throughout the world under penalty of death from Babylon the Great

Matt 25:34-35,37,40

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35 For **I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink:** I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

37 Then shall **the righteous** answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed *thee?* or thirsty, and gave *thee* drink?

40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch **as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren,** ye have done *it* unto me.

Rev 6:9

And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of **them that were slain for the word of God,** and **for the testimony which they held:**

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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 word of God throughout history and those who proclaimed it and lived by it, especially under her current name the “Roman Catholic Church”

Rev 17:5-6

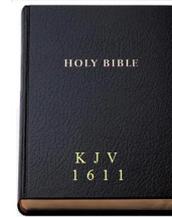
5 And upon her forehead *was* a name written, **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT**, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

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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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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The prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty.

- The issue between Elijah and the 450 prophets of Baal at Mount Carmel was, **who is the true living God: the Lord or Baal?**
- Since Baal was a false god, these 450 false prophets represent 450 false holy books (i.e.- writings that profess to be divine revelation) for false religions (e.g.- the Koran; the Hadith; the Vedas, the Upanishads; the Tripitaka; the Sutras; Tao Te Ching; the Book of Mormon; Science And Health; etc.)
- All 450 of these false prophets were under Jezebel's authority, which pictures Babylon the Great as the ultimate source of all 450 false holy books and their teachings- Babylon the Great is the **MOTHER OF HARLOTS** (Rev 17:5)
- All 450 of these prophets of Baal were slain after the Lord's victory on Mount Carmel (v.40)
- This could picture the "death" of 450 holy books and their respective false religions to make way for a single false religion

The prophets of the groves four hundred.

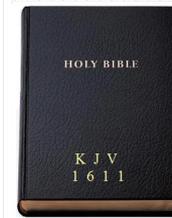
- The groves were wooded places that contained images consecrated to the queen of heaven- the Roman Catholic Church worships the queen of heaven (i.e.- Mary)

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- It does not appear that these 400 false prophets were with the 450 prophets of Baal to contest Elijah on Mount Carmel
- They may be the same 400 prophets that Ahab gathered together in 1 Kings 22:6 to give him and Jehoshaphat divine counsel regarding a prospective military campaign to Ramoth-gilead
- If so, then these 400 prophets also contested a single true prophet of God- Micaiah
- The issue between Micaiah and the 400 prophets was, **who proclaims the true word of God: the one hated by the leader who joined with Jezebel or the 400 endorsed by the leader who joined with Jezebel?**
- These 400 prophets professed to be prophets of THE LORD (not Baal) and professed to proclaim the WORD OF GOD (v.5-6,10-12,24) but they were false prophets
- Since these 400 false prophets professed to be and passed off to most as true prophets of the Lord, they represent 400 false bibles and false Christianity (i.e.- Roman Catholicism)



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