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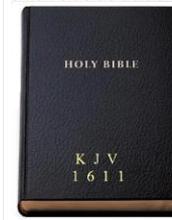
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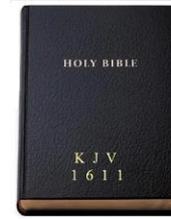


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# Bible Prophecy

*Mystery, Babylon The Great*  
*(Pt.2)*

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## Rev 2:18-27

**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;

**19** I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last *to be* more than the first.

**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.

**21** And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

**22** Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

**23** And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

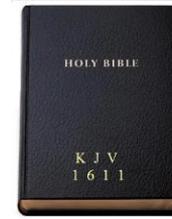
**24** But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.

**25** But that which ye have *already* hold fast till I come.

**26** And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

**27** And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

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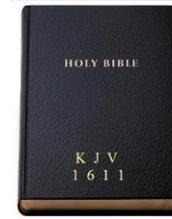


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- The Jezebel of Revelation 2 is obviously not the same person as the Jezebel of 1 & 2 Kings but the similarity of her attributes and actions indicate that she is the namesake of the infamous one
- JEZEBEL is associated with the church of THYATIRA
- One of the applications of the seven churches of Revelation 2-3 is that they represent the general state of the visible church at seven successive periods of church history (i.e.- the prophetic course of church history, from Pentecost to the Rapture)
- Thyatira is the fourth and middle church so it represents the church of the MIDDLE (DARK) ages (i.e.- approximately 500 AD- 1500 AD)
- The church that initiated the “Dark Ages” is the ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
- *Thyatira*= “continual sacrifice”, which is the definition of the Roman Catholic MASS

1365. Because it is the memorial of Christ's Passover, the Eucharist is also a sacrifice. The sacrificial character of the Eucharist is manifested in the very words of institution: 'This is my body which is given for you' and 'This cup which is poured out for you is the New Covenant in my blood.' [Lk 22:19-20.] In the Eucharist Christ gives us the very body which he gave up for us on the cross, the very blood which he 'poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.' [Mt 26:28.]- **Catholic Catechism**

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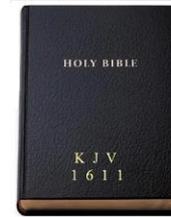


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1367. The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice: The victim is one and the same: the same now offers through the ministry of priests, who then offered himself on the cross; only the manner of offering is different.' 'In this divine sacrifice which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and is offered in an unbloody manner- **Catholic Catechism**

“Each and every **Mass** is not a "new" sacrifice of Christ; it **is instead the on-going sacrifice** of the one perfect sacrifice that was offered by Jesus almost 2,000 years ago, **the sacrifice of Christ on the cross and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice** [CCC#1367]. But, didn't He redeem us by His death on the cross? Yes, redemption was accomplished at the cross but the **application** of His redemption goes on [CCC#1366]. When Jesus died on the cross salvation was offered to all mankind, but not all mankind will accept that gift of salvation. The death of Jesus must be applied to each individual person by faith down through time, across nations and generations. It is the application of His sacrificial death that must be carried out in the world through time if all men are to receive the possibility of that precious gift of salvation. The sacrifice of the Eucharist is the principal means, established by God, for the application of forgiveness to take place. Christ died only once to forgive sins and His sacrificial death was fully accomplished on the cross, but God has given the gift of the Eucharist as the tangible means of applying His Son's forgiveness. Christ's forgiveness is applied through the Eucharist because the substance of the Eucharist is Jesus Christ and everyone one must have that substance to receive the gift of eternal life. Jesus established the Eucharistic meal for that very reason-to apply healing and forgiveness to those who in faith receive Him in the Eucharist. The bread and wine are transformed just as the bread and wine were transformed in the hands of Jesus at the Last Supper to become all of Christ: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It is the amazing gift of God to His children on their journey to the Promised Land that the sacrifice of Christ at Calvary is present in the Eucharist, the bread from heaven He promised us in John 6:34, 47-58, and it is through His healing power of the Bread of Life that we who unite ourselves to His sacrifice are all transformed and made One with Him.” - [www.agapebiblestudy.com](http://www.agapebiblestudy.com)

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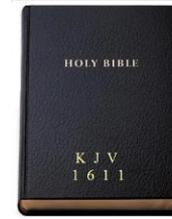
- There was another woman associated with Thyatira- Lydia (“travail”), who in contrast to Jezebel, worshipped God, got saved, and obeyed the word of God
- Lydia may have been Paul’s first European convert

## 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.

- Lydia was a seller of purple and this purple was likely the rare and expensive imperial dye produced in Tyre from the murex shellfish
- This means there is a connection between THYATIRA, TYRE, and the color PURPLE (i.e.- the color of ROYALTY)
  - THYATIRA= represents the ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
  - TYRE= the prosperous commercial city-state and type of BABYLON THE GREAT
  - PURPLE= one of the colors of the ROMAN EMPIRE, BABYLON THE GREAT, and the ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## John 19:2,5

2 And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put *it* on his head, and they put on him a purple robe,

5 Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And *Pilate* saith unto them, Behold the man!

## Rev 17:4

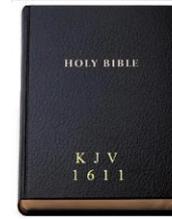
And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

## Rev 18:12,16

12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,

16 And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!

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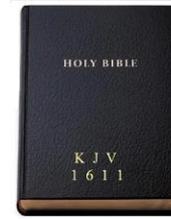


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## Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess.

- The prophet stands between God and the people and brings the word of God from the Lord to the people
- In this sense, JESUS CHRIST completely fulfills the role of THE PROPHET (Deu 18:15,18)
- The Roman Catholic Church usurps Christ by professing to be the only divinely ordained institution between God and the world
- The prophet is called by God to preach and teach the word of God
- No scripture should be privately interpreted (2 Pet 1:20) because interpretations belong to God (Gen 40:8) and the Lord has decreed that the only acceptable manner of interpretation is comparing scripture with scripture (1 Cor 2:13)
- The Roman Catholic Church usurps this authority from Christ by professing to be the caretaker of the word of God and the only one who can rightly interpret it
- The Vatican is named after the hill it resides upon- Vatican Hill (L. *Mons Vaticanus*)
- *Vatican*= “to foretell; to prophesy”; from the root word *vatis* meaning, “poet; teacher; oracle”

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- Just like the JEZEBEL at Thyatira, the VATICAN is the self-proclaimed PROPHETESS and oracle of God- the Lord DID NOT ordain her

100. The task of interpreting the Word of God authentically has been entrusted solely to the Magisterium of the Church, that is, to the Pope and to the bishops in communion with him- **Catholic Catechism**

In the Second Vatican Council's document on divine revelation, *Dei Verbum* (Latin: "The Word of God"), the relationship between Tradition and Scripture is explained: "Hence there exists a close connection and communication between sacred Tradition and sacred Scripture. For both of them, flowing from the same divine wellspring, in a certain way merge into a unity and tend toward the same end. For sacred Scripture is the word of God inasmuch as it is consigned to writing under the inspiration of the divine Spirit. To the successors of the apostles, sacred Tradition hands on in its full purity God's word, which was entrusted to the apostles by Christ the Lord and the Holy Spirit.

"Thus, by the light of the Spirit of truth, these successors can in their preaching preserve this word of God faithfully, explain it, and make it more widely known. Consequently it is not from sacred Scripture alone that the Church draws her certainty about everything which has been revealed. Therefore both sacred Tradition and sacred Scripture are to be accepted and venerated with the same devotion and reverence."

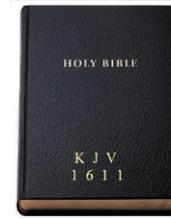
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## Thou sufferest that woman...to teach.

- The church at Thyatira was obviously a “tolerant” church in that they allowed a woman (Jezebel) to teach in direct contradiction to scripture
- Scripture endows the responsibility of teaching doctrine to the church to THE MAN so any woman placed in this position is usurping authority over the man

### 1 Tim 2:12

But **I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man,** but to be in silence.

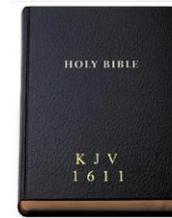
- This is particularly true when a woman is in the office of a BISHOP

### 1 Tim 3:1-2

1 This *is* a true saying, If **a man** desire **the office of a bishop,** **he** desireth a good work.

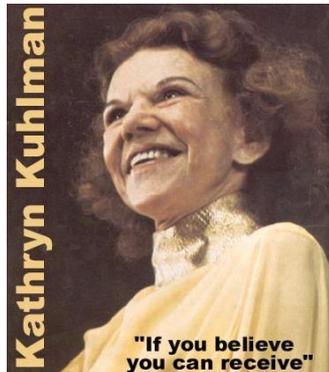
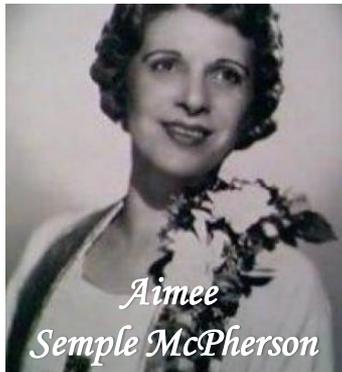
2 **A bishop then must be** blameless, **the husband** of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, **apt to teach;**

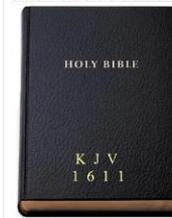
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- Babylon the Great, in the form of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, from the Pope (the BISHOP of Rome) down to all the bishops has usurped authority over the man, Christ Jesus
- The Jezebel spirit has also infiltrated evangelical churches, particularly Charismatic Word-Faith churches, in that there is increasing tolerance, acceptance, and promotion of WOMEN as pastors and preachers





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