



REVELATION

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THE FALSE PROPHET AND GREAT HARLOT

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▶ The False Prophet: _____ and _____ power.

- Appearance of a _____, voice of a _____.
- No _____; therefore, religious not political.
 - Man by nature yearns for God. He'll either worship the true God, invent one or try to become one. He is not by nature an atheist.
 - "To become an atheist, you have to go to college. 😊" - Tommy Nelson
- The devil has three goals: *Ephesians 6:10-12*
 1. Deceive - Have compassion without compromise, tough balance! *John 8:44; Revelation 13:14*
 2. Divide - *Jude 17-19*
 3. Destroy - *John 10:10*

▶ The Great Harlot of Babylon — symbolizes unfaithfulness to God and false religion. *James 4:4*

- Proverbs compares the woman of wisdom and adultery. *Proverbs 5-7 & 8-9*
 - Babylon
 1. Bab-el → the gate of God; became Babel (same as Babylon)
 - Tower of Babel sought to replace God with man.
 2. Believers are the Bride of Christ, not the Harlot woman of Babylon. *2 Timothy 3:1-5*
 - Description
 1. Sits on the waters: the world *Revelation 17:15*
 2. Clothed in luxury and royalty; symbolizes materialism
 3. Name on her forehead. Prostitutes in Rome wore a head band with their name on it.
 4. Riding the Antichrist
- Her name means: _____, Porn.

▶ Three takeaways in looking at our world:

1. Globalization
2. Amount of deception
3. Rampant spread of pornography

Joseph Goebbels, (born October 29, 1897, Rheydt, Germany—died May 1, 1945, Berlin), minister of propaganda for the German Third Reich under Adolf Hitler. A master orator and propagandist, he is generally accounted responsible for presenting a favorable image of the Nazi regime to the German people. Following Hitler's suicide, Goebbels served as chancellor of Germany for a single day before he and his wife, Magda Goebbels, had their six children poisoned and then took their own lives.

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/goebbels-biography/>

John F. Walvoord explains the symbol of Babylon from the Bible:

"The Bible is full of information about Babylon as the source of false religion, the record beginning with the building of the tower of Babel (Genesis 10-11). The name "Babel" suggests "confusion" (Genesis 11:9). Later the name was applied to the city of Babylon which itself has a long history dating back to as early as 3,000 years before Christ. One of its famous rulers was Hammurabi (1728-1686 B.C.). After a period of decline Babylon again rose to great heights under Nebuchadnezzar about 600 years before Christ. Nebuchadnezzar's reign (605-562 B.C.) and the subsequent history of Babylon is the background of the Book of Daniel. Babylon was important not only politically but also religiously. Nimrod, who founded Babylon (Genesis 10:8-12), had a wife known as Semiramis who founded the secret religious rites of the Babylonian mysteries, according to accounts outside the Bible. Semiramis had a son with an alleged miraculous conception who was given the name Tammuz and in effect was a false fulfillment of the promise of the seed of the woman given to Eve (Genesis 3:15)."

John F. Walvoord, "Revelation," in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 2 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 970-971.

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<https://houstonfirst.org/news-stories/victory-over-pornography>

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