

## Treasures of the Sanctuary—Lesson 27—“The Sanctuary meets two Women”

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### OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS/TALK:

1. If your son or daughter started to hang out every day with someone who had a bad character, what would you tell them to do? (i.e. The person would steal, cheat, and be lazy)
2. If you asked a question to 10 different witnesses, and they all told you a different story, what would you think about the witnesses? (is it important to have a unified testimony?)

### READING AND STUDY QUESTIONS:

1. What would happen to God’s truth and the heavenly Sanctuary during the Dark Ages? (Daniel 8:13)
2. Would there be a point in History when God would restore His truth? (Dan. 8:14)
3. What does the second angel of Revelation 14 warn us about? (Revelation 14:8) Do you think it’s important for us to understand what Spiritual Babylon is? \_\_\_\_\_
4. The word “Babel” means confusion. Does God create confusion among his people? (1 Corinthians 14:33)
5. What was the prayer of Jesus for his church? (John 17:21)
6. How many folds (or churches) does Jesus want to bring his people into? (John 10:16)
7. How does Revelation 12 describe God’s church? (Revelation 12:1-6)
  - a. **What does a woman represent in Bible prophecy? \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 5:31,32)**
  - b. **A woman clothed with the sun, and the moon was under her feet (v.1):** She is covered with the glory of the light of Jesus Christ (John 8:12; Malachi 4:2) This is revealed in the New Testament. The Old Testament system only dimly reflects Christ’s glory!! (like the moon)
  - c. **A Garland (crown) of twelve stars around her head (v.1):** The crown represents leadership. (like the 12 tribes and 12 Apostles)
  - d. **The dragon stood before the woman ready to devour her child as soon as it was born (v.2-4):** God’s people were waiting a long time for the Messiah to be born. Finally, when Jesus was born, the devil tried to kill him. The 10 horned beast (4<sup>th</sup> Empire—Rome) tried to destroy Jesus as a baby. (Matthew 2:13)
  - e. **Jesus was caught up to God’s throne** after he had accomplished his work on this earth (v.5)
  - f. **Where did the woman (faithful church of God) go for 1260 prophetic days (literal years)? \_\_\_\_\_ (v.6) (The devil couldn’t get Jesus directly, so he attacked His children!)**
  - g. **Could God’s faithful church have been some big, glorious church with great Cathedrals all during the dark ages? Or, was God’s faithful church in hiding? \_\_\_\_\_**
8. **What is the other woman that Revelation describes? \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 17:1)**  
*(God even called his old Testament church a Harlot when she was unfaithful to Him (ref. Ezekiel 23:1-4))*
9. **Continue Reading Revelation 17:1-6, 9**

- a. This is the “great whore” (a huge church that was unfaithful to God’s word) who “sits on many waters” (she is in many peoples, multitudes, languages, and nations around the world—Rev. 17:15) **(Rev. 17:1)**
- b. Governments or “kings” of the earth have gotten in bed with this woman (church) **(v.2)**—because of this activity she created the “wine” of her fornication that made the whole earth drunk. **Can drunk people think clearly? Or, are they confused?** \_\_\_\_\_
- c. **(v.3)** The woman sits on a \_\_\_\_\_. What is a Beast again? \_\_\_\_\_ (Dan. 7:17). This church rides a government like a man rides a horse. She uses it to her advantage!
- d. **(v.4)** This woman’s colors are **Purple and Scarlet**. She is a very rich church “decked with gold” and all sorts of precious stones. Only the church of Rome has such wealth and colors.
- e. **(v.5)** “Babylon the Great.” Like the ancient tower of “Babel” (Genesis 11:9), she “confuses” the whole world about what true Christianity is.
- f. **(v.6)** This woman (church) is drunk with the blood of the Martyrs. The Roman Catholic Church is estimated to have killed over 50 million people who did not agree with her teachings...
- g. **(v.9)** **Rome is known as the ancient city of Seven hills**—there is no doubt who the corrupt woman (church) is that sets its headquarters directly upon the old city of Rome.

10. **Is God clearly calling His people out of this corrupt religious system?** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Rev. 18:1-4)**

11. **Does this church also have corrupt daughters who follow her sinful teachings?** “Babylon the great, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Harlots...” **(Revelation 17:5)**. The protestant churches who follow her corrupt teachings, such as Sunday observance instead of God’s Seventh day Sabbath, are just as sinful as her. God is calling His people to stop partaking of this kind of sin. One official Catholic book tells us, “[Sunday] observance remains as the reminder of the Mother Church from which the non-Catholic sects broke away. Like a boy running away from his mother but still carrying in his pocket a picture of his mother or a lock of her hair” (taken from *The Faith of Millions*, by Rev. John O’Brian, pp. 421, 422).

12. **What were the sins for which God called the old nation of Israel a Harlot? (Ezekiel 23:36-38).**

13. **For 1260 years the Devil persecuted God’s faithful church (Rev. 12:13-16).** Many “waters” or peoples were sent out to persecute the faithful, but God helped his little church in the wilderness so that she was safe throughout this time. God’s truth was preserved by the few and faithful in the wilderness.

14. **Would God’s faithful church in the wilderness also have a daughter (offspring)?** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Rev. 12:17)**

- a. **She would come out of hiding (be visible) after the 1260 years** which ended in **1798 AD**.
- b. **She would keep all the “commandments of God”** including the seventh day Sabbath.
- c. **She would have the “Testimony of Jesus Christ”—the gift and message of Prophecy centered around Jesus Christ** (see Rev. 19:10; 22:8, 9)
- d. **It must be a worldwide church that proclaims the gospel to the entire world**, while exposing the false religious system of Babylon, and warning people not to receive the Mark of the Beast (Matt. 24:14; Rev. 14:6-12). *Only the Seventh-day Adventist church fulfills all of these identifying points!*

#### HEART QUESTION(S):

1. **Jesus says** he is calling all of His people together to stand on Bible truth in the last days. There will be “one fold” and “one shepherd” (John 10:16). He tells his true followers to “come out” of Babylon so that they will not be “partakers” of her sins of Sabbath breaking, etc. **Is it your desire to follow the voice of Jesus and become a member of His true church in the last days?** \_\_\_\_\_

#### NOTES: