

## The Church-part 2

# The Counterfeit Christ

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The hierarchic Babylonian system represents this world's religious and political systems. All of the world's religions have their roots in Babylon, except that which is from "...above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. Set your affection [5426, *mind*] on things above, **not on things on the earth**" (Colossians 3:1, 2).

Satan, "...**the god of this world** has blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (2 Corinthians 4:4). The Messiah is the messenger of light, but the gospel message that He proclaimed began to be perverted by deceivers.

The Epistle of Jude warns "...that you should earnestly contend for the faith [4102, *belief, conviction, truthfulness*] which was once delivered to the saints. For there are certain men **crept in unawares**...ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying [720, *to disclaim, disown, contradict*] the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ" (Jude 1:3, 4). To contradict is "to deny the truth of." "...[N]o lie is of the truth. Who is a liar but he that denies [720] that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denies [720] the Father and the Son" (1 John 2:21, 22).

Those who contradict the Word of God "...are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel [32, *messenger*] of light" (2 Corinthians 11:13, 14). **The Messiah is the true messenger of light, but, as incredible as it may seem, Satan has pawned himself off on the world as the Christ.**

"Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as ministers of righteousness..." (v. 15). The message that is proclaimed by this world's pseudo "Christianity" is not the message of the Word of God, but rather the perverted message of Satan. The churches have established their theological seminaries and Bible colleges to teach **their church doctrines**, which are the doctrines of the Church of Babel, and the god that they follow is none other than Satan, which we will prove.

## The “Christian” Sun Worshipers

When Israel rejected the Eternal and sought after other gods, God told Israel, “...I will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your **high places**. And your altars shall be desolate, and your **images** [2553, *sun images*] shall be broken: and I will cast down your slain men before your **idols**” (Ezekiel 6:3, 4). Notice the use of sun images in their worship at their high places. The modern equivalent of the ancient high places is the pseudo Christian church.



Figure 1



Figure 2

The worship of the sun was a big part of Babylonian worship, and it plays

a big role in pseudo Christianity. Figure one is a picture of the Babylonian sun god Shamash. Figure two is a picture of St. Peter's plaza in Rome, which is a copy of the image of the sun god Shamash. Sun images are common in Roman Catholic cathedrals, i.e. in their high places.

God warned Israel, “And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your **images** [2553, *a sun pillar, from 2535, the sun*], and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and My soul shall abhor you” (Leviticus 26:30). This warning wasn't just for ancient Israel. It is a warning for God's people today. Israel is a type of the congregation of God (Acts 7:38).

“Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, **Today if you will hear** [191, *to hearken to, to obey*] **His voice**, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of **temptation** [3986, *trial, testing*] in the wilderness: when your fathers tempted Me, proved Me, and saw My works forty years. Therefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, **They do always err in their heart; and they have not known My ways**. So I swear in My wrath, **They shall not enter into My rest** [2663, *place of rest, abode, habitation*]. Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, **in departing from the living God**” (Hebrews 3:7-12).

In spite of God's warning, the people, who claim to be “Christians,” on Easter Sunday morning sit with “...their faces toward the **east**; and they **worship the sun toward the east**” (Ezekiel 8:16). God calls this practice an “abomination” (vv. 15, 17). These pseudo Christians claim that they are not worshiping the sun on Easter Sunday, but rather the resurrected Jesus as

He ascends to heaven. Obviously it is not Jesus Christ whom they are watching rise on Easter Sunday morning—it is **the sun that they are watching**. Jesus is not the sun, and He did not rise on Easter Sunday.

Jesus was not crucified on so-called Good Friday, as the churches proclaim. He was crucified on Wednesday, in the midst of the week, thus He fulfilled that which was written in the Book of Daniel. “And He shall confirm the covenant with many for one week; and in the **midst of the week** He shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease...” (Daniel 9:27).<sup>1</sup> It was Jesus’ death that **ended the sacrificial system forever**. He “...offered one sacrifice for sins **forever...**” (Hebrews 10:12).

Jesus said, “For as Jonah was **three days and three nights** in the whale’s belly; **so shall** the Son of man be **three days and three nights** in the heart of the earth” (Matthew 12:40). Jesus also said, “Are there not **twelve hours in the day?...**” (John 11:9). (In the New Testament a day was divided into twelve equal hours from sunrise to sunset, and twelve hours in the night from sunset to sunrise.) In Genesis one, “the evening and the morning were the first day....And the evening and the morning were the second day....And the evening and the morning were the third day” (vv. 5, 8, 13). Three days and three nights are three full days, i.e. seventy-two hours.

Three days and three nights from His burial, late on Wednesday afternoon, means that Jesus was resurrected late on Saturday (Sabbath) afternoon. When they came to His tomb, early on the **first day of the week** (Sunday), His body was not in the tomb, for He had already risen. “In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulcher....And the angel...said to the woman, He is not here: **for He is risen, as He said...**” (Matthew 28:1, 6).

Biblical days begin and end at sunset. Therefore, “In the end of the Sabbath” is toward the setting of the sun, and “to dawn toward the first day of the week” is as the sun is setting to begin the next day. Jesus had been resurrected prior to the first day of the week, before they had come to the tomb. Three days and three nights from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning, even if, as the churches claim, that they are only parts of three days and three nights, still will not fit

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<sup>1</sup> The covenant for one week is revealed through the seven annual holy days. The first day of the covenant is Passover, the day after Jesus’ death, “For where a testament is, there must also...be the death of a testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it has no strength at all while the testator lives” (Hebrews 9:18, 17). The seventh annual holy day is the completion of the covenant for one week, and it will be on the Sabbath day. For a thorough explanation see our series on *God’s Appointed Times*.

the time frame. Try it. Friday afternoon, Friday night, Saturday, Saturday night, Sunday, and Sunday night will give you two full days and parts of two days. Three full days from Friday afternoon would conclude on Monday afternoon. Whichever way you want to count, it will not work. If it doesn't work, then it is wrong. Doing the same thing over and over and getting the same error is called "insanity."

The Good Friday-Easter Sunday scenario is another lie that has been foisted off on the people by the churches. Easter Sunday morning is not a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, but it is a celebration of the resurrection of the sun-god.

In pagan practices, Ishtar (pronounced Easter) celebrated the resurrection of her son Tammuz. "...Each year men and women had to grieve with Ishtar over the death of Tammuz and celebrate the god's return, in order to win anew her favor and her benefits..."<sup>2</sup> Tammuz is a counterfeit of the Messiah. "...According to still extant mythology, Tammuz died, descended to the lower world, was resurrected, and ascended again to earth and then to heaven. During his absence the earth remained sterile and the flocks were plundered. Because of his close association with the realm of nature, the fields and animals, he was called 'the shepherd.'"<sup>3</sup>

Tammuz is a clever counterfeit of the true shepherd, Jesus Christ, and Ishtar (Easter) is a counterfeit of Jesus' mother, Mary. The hippie in figure 3 is a pseudo picture of Christ. Notice the symbol of the sun behind his head. The sun symbol behind the head of the counterfeit Messiah is common in these blasphemous pictures, because **pseudo Christianity is based on sun—not on Son—worship.**

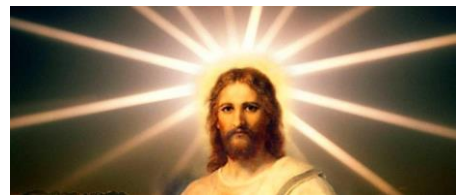


Figure 3

The pictures that are pawned off as pictures of Christ are of Satan, "the god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4). Before he rebelled, Satan was called "Lucifer" (Isaiah 14:14), which means: brightness, bright star, or morning star. Hence, Satan, the king of Babylon, is the sun god who rises in the east. Again we see that Satan is a counterfeit of Jesus Christ, who is the true light of this world.

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<sup>2</sup> Ralph Woodrow, *Babylon Mystery Religion Ancient and Modern*, Ralph Woodrow Evangelistic Association, Riverside, CA, Copyright © 1966, p. 157.

<sup>3</sup> Stephen D. Simmons, "Mesopotamia: Ancient Civilization," *Collier's Encyclopedia*, vol. 15, Cromwell Collier and MacMillan, Inc., © 1967, p. 749.

Before he rebelled against God, Satan was “...the anointed cherub that covers; and I have set you so: you were upon the holy mountain of God...You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, till iniquity was found in you...[T]herefore I will cast you as profane out of the mountain of God...Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty, you have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your **brightness** [3314, *beauty*, from 3313, *to shine, give light, to be bright*]: I will cast you to the ground...I will bring forth a fire from the midst of you, it shall devour you, and I will bring you to ashes upon the earth **in the sight of all them that behold you**. All they that know you among the people shall be **astonished at you**: you have become a terror, and never shall you be any more” (Ezekiel 28:16, 17).

The world is going to be astonished when they see that the one who has been worshiped as the Christ is none other than Satan. His picture is found in so-called “Christian” churches and homes everywhere. Notice the sun image behind the head of Satan, and behind the so-called sacred heart (figure 4).

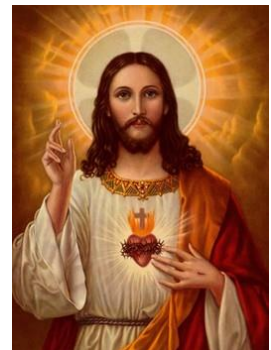


Figure 4

The image of the sacred heart with the sun behind it is found in many of the pictures of Satan and also of Ishtar the Queen of Heaven.

When human sacrifices were performed at the high places, the victims’ hearts were cut out, and held up as an offering to the sun god. Hence, we see the heart with the sun image behind it (figure 5).



Figure 5

The heart is often used to symbolize the mind. We are told to “...present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be you transformed **by the renewing of your mind**...” (Romans 12:1, 2). The sacred heart is a counterfeit of giving your whole being to God. Some would see this as “giving your heart to the Lord,” except the lord here is the sun-god, i.e. Satan.

No one knows what the Messiah looked like, except that He had short hair. “Does not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man has long hair, **it is a shame to him?** But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her; for her hair is given to her for a covering” (1 Corinthians 11:14, 15). It should be obvious that the pictures are not of Christ, so why would anyone want to hang those blasphemous pictures in his/her home or church? This practice is blatant idolatry.

The second commandment reads: “You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall **not make to you any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above,** or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: **you shall not bow down yourself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD your God am a jealous God,** visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; and showing mercy to the thousands of them who love Me, **and keep My commandments**” (Exodus 20:3-6).

The children aren’t going to be punished because they are innocent, but because they carry on the sins of their fathers into the next generation. Over time, the sins become accepted by the culture and become the new normal. Thus the culture becomes corrupted. “...Know you not that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?” (1 Corinthians 5:6).

Man, because he is a physical being, has always needed to be able to see the gods that he worships. Therefore man “...changed the glory of the uncorruptible [862, *immortal, eternal*] God into an image **made like to corruptible man,** and to birds, and four footed beasts, and creeping things....**Who changed the truth of God into a lie,** and worshiped and served the creation rather than the Creator...” (Romans 1:23, 25).

Pseudo Christianity, like all of this world’s religions, worships physical objects that can be seen. Therefore they have to have their pictures, crosses, beads, candles, Christmas trees, Easter eggs, sun-images, etc. Man also loves to have various rituals and ceremonies to participate in, “For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh...” (Romans 8:5).

This is idolatry, and there will be no idolaters in the Kingdom of God. “Blessed are they **that do His commandments,** that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates of the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters [1496, *a worshiper of idols, false gods*], and whosoever **loves and makes a lie**” (Revelation 22:14, 15). Any form of worship that is contrary to the Word of God is a lie.

The people love lies, for they say, “ Prophecy **not** to us right things [5228, *upright, just, straight*], speak to us smooth things [2513, *slippery, flattering*], prophecy deceits [4123, *delusion*]: get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, **cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us**” (Isaiah 30:10, 11). Why would they say this? Because, “...this is a

**rebellious people, lying children,** that will not hear the law of the LORD” (v. 9).

Timothy was admonished to “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned to fables” (2 Timothy 4:3, 4). Speaking of fables....

### **The Queen of Heaven and Mary Worship**

The mother of Tammuz was Ishtar (Easter). She is the Babylonian Queen of Heaven. The people of Judah worshiped the Queen of Heaven. “And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings to her, did we make cakes to worship her...” (Jeremiah 44:19). God, through the prophet Jeremiah, called these practices abominations (v. 22).

Incense represents prayers. The people were praying to a female deity, the queen of heaven. The Catholic Church prays to a female deity, whom they claim is Mary the mother of Jesus, but the so-called Mary that they pray to is none other than the goddess Ishtar the mother of Tammuz, the false Christ. Nowhere are we told to pray to or worship Mary. This is another of the never ending Catholic fables that have absolutely no scriptural backing.

Figure 6 is a supposed picture of Mary, but in reality it is the goddess Ishtar. Note the usual sun image behind her. She has a crown and scepter, and beneath her feet is a crown of thorns and a serpent. Beside her is an Easter lily, and on her breast the sacred heart with a sunburst pattern.



**Figure 6**

This woman represents Mystery Babylon. “Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for you shall no more be called tender and delicate....you shall no more be called, **The Lady of Kingdoms**” (Isaiah 47:1, 5).

The Lady of Kingdoms is the “...great whore...with whom the **kings of the earth** have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication” (Revelation 17:1, 2). This false religious

system is destined to be utterly destroyed. "...Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies" (Revelation 18:2, 3).

The Lady of Kingdoms is also a murderer. "And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth" (v. 24).

### **Sun Worship Day**

Sun worship is well entrenched in pseudo Christianity. The pseudo Christian churches celebrate Easter Sunday, Whitsunday (a.k.a. Pentecost Sunday), Christmas (which is associated with the winter solstice), and of course they have their Church services every Sunday. While the Protestant daughters of the Catholic Church did recognize some of the practices of their mother as being idolatrous, they nonetheless adopted many of them, including sun-worship day.

**Sunday worship was instituted into "Christianity" by the Catholic Church.** James Gibbons, a Cardinal (July 23, 1834-March 24, 1921), was the Archbishop of Baltimore. Cardinal Gibbons wrote a series of articles in *The Catholic Mirror*, beginning in 1893, pointing out that it was the Catholic Church who instituted Sunday worship into "Christianity." He wrote, "...The Catholic Church for over one thousand years before the existence of a Protestant, by virtue of her Divine mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday....The Christian Sabbath is therefore *to this day* the acknowledged offspring of the Catholic Church, as Spouse of the Holy Ghost..."

**Did you see the admission that it was the Catholic Church that instituted Sunday as a day of worship in the place of the seventh day Sabbath that God had instituted—at creation** (Genesis 2:2, 3)? Yet, Protestants still attempt to justify their Sunday worship by claiming that Jesus did away with the Sabbath. No, it was the Catholic Church that did away with the Sabbath, and her protesting (Protestant) daughters followed their mother's example of replacing the Sabbath with the esteemed day of the sun.

Cardinal Gibbons stated further of the Protestants, "...that whilst the Pharisees of old kept the *true Sabbath*, our modern Pharisees counting on the credulity and simplicity of their dupes, *have never once in their lives kept the true Sabbath* which their Divine Master kept to His



dying day, and which His Apostles kept, after his example, for thirty years afterwards, according to the Sacred Record.” Cardinal Gibbons makes a clear distinction between the “true Sabbath” of the Bible, and Sunday.

This is an amazing admission that it was the Catholic Church who, on its **own authority**, changed the Sabbath day from Saturday to Sunday. The Protestants, which left their mother in protest, have, with a few exceptions, continued to keep Sunday as their day of worship. **Sunday worship originated in Babylon, and was adopted into pseudo Christianity by the Catholic Church.**

Sunday represents Babylon and the Sabbath represents the Kingdom of God. The two are diametrically opposed to one another, being 180° apart. God is drawing His people out of Babylon and into His Sabbath rest. “There remains therefore a rest [4520, *the keeping of a Sabbath*] to the people of God. For he that is entered into His rest [2663, *final rest, place of abode, dwelling*], he also has ceased from his own works, as God did from His. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest...” (Hebrews 4:9-11). On what day did God rest from His work? “...And God did rest the **seventh day** from all His works” (v.4).

Scripture tells us that Jesus “is Lord [2962, *owner, possessor*] of the Sabbath day [4521, *the seventh day of each week—Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon*]” (Matthew 12:8). The Sabbath day is a sign of the covenant between God and man. “...Verily My Sabbaths you shall keep [8104, *guard, protect*]: for it is a sign [226, *sign of an agreement between two parties*] between Me and you throughout your generations; **that you may know that I am the God that does sanctify you**” (Exodus 31:13). If you reject the Sabbath day, then you are rejecting the covenant with God, which means that you **cannot be sanctified**.

God said, “You **shall not add to the word** which I command you, **neither shall you diminish aught from it**, that you may keep [8104, *to guard, protect, attend to, hedge about*] the commandments of the LORD your God...” (Deuteronomy 4:2). Jesus never gave any man, or any church, the authority to alter the teachings of His Word. The authority is in heaven—not on the earth!

The clear, unadulterated truth is this: If the “Church” is your authority, then you do not need a Bible. You might as well throw it away, or a better option would be to donate it to someone who will actually use it.

## The God of the Pyramid

The god of pseudo Christianity “...exists in three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—with one substance, nature, or essence. The doctrine of the Trinity is generally held to be a mystery, above reason but not incompatible with it.”<sup>4</sup> There is one god, but three persons in the godhead that are god. Three equals one god and one god equals three persons. Who thought this nonsense up?

What is the origin of the Trinity doctrine? We need look no further than Babylon. The symbol of the Trinity is an equilateral triangle (figure 7). “...In the unity of that one Only God of the Babylonians, there were three persons, and to symbolize that doctrine of the Trinity, they employed...the equilateral triangle, just as it is well known the Romish Church does at this day...”<sup>5</sup> The fact that its symbol is a triangle, which is the symbol of a hierarchy, reveals that its origin is from Babylon.

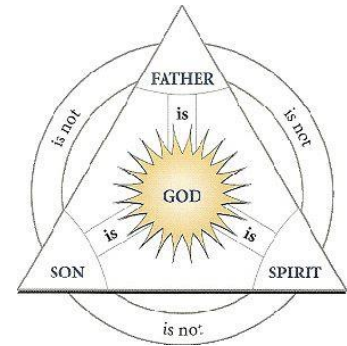


Figure 7

Since, as we have already seen, Satan has pawned himself off as the Messiah, we now see that through the doctrine of the trinity he is also pawning himself off as the Father, and the Holy Spirit. It doesn't matter which of the vertices is pointing upward, Satan is always at the top of the pyramid in his hierarchy. The three vertices merge together in the center to form the **one sun-god**. Hence you have three persons, but one god, just like the pseudo Christian Trinity. Of course, sun worship is a major component of the Babylonian religion.

Satan, “the god of this world,” is the **one god** of the Trinity into which the three are merged. “Those sanctifying and cleansing themselves at the gardens, after Ahad in the midst, eating flesh of the sow, and of the abomination, and of the mouse, together are consumed, an affirmation of Jehovah” (Isaiah 66:17).<sup>6</sup> Ahad means “the only one.” Thus the people were following after Satan, who has pawned himself off as the “Only One” through the lie of the one god trinity doctrine.

In the salutations of each of his letters, the apostle Paul wrote, “...Grace to you and peace

<sup>4</sup> Neil J Twombly, ‘Trinity,’ *Collier's Encyclopedia*, vol. 22, Cromwell Collier and MacMillan, Inc., 1967, p. 479.

<sup>5</sup> Alexander Hislop, *The Two Babylons*, second American edition 1959, Loizeaux Brothers, p.16.

<sup>6</sup> Robert Young, *Young's Literal Translation of the Bible*, Baker Books, March 2000.

from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Paul always mentioned the Father and the Son, but **never** the Holy Spirit, because he knew that the Holy Spirit was not a person, otherwise it would have been an insult to the Spirit. There are only two beings who sit on the throne of God. They are the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is what God is composed of, it is His power. “Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit” (Romans 15:13).

### **We Must Worship God in Truth**

“God is a Spirit: and they who worship Him must [1163, *it is necessary, it is binding*] worship Him in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). What is truth? “Sanctify them through Your truth: **Your word is truth**” (John 17:17). Truth is equated with light, and the lie is equated with darkness. “...God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, **we lie, and do not the truth**. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:5-7). To have our sins washed away we must, of necessity, worship God in spirit and in truth. We cannot worship God through lies, because “...no lie is of the truth” (1 John 2:21).

In order to inherit eternal life, we must continually battle against the forces of evil and their onslaught of lies. The Eternal said, “He that overcomes [3528, *to conquer, vanquish, subdue*] shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he will be My son” (Revelation 21:7). Therefore, “Be not overcome [3528] of evil [2556, *morally bad, wickedness, crime*], but overcome [3528] evil with good [18, *upright, virtuous*]” (Romans 12:21). For “...the fearful, and unbelievers, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death [2288, *the extinction of life*]” (Revelation 21:8).

**Conclusion:** We have seen that the religion that the world calls “Christian” is an offspring of the old Babylonian religion. It is a hierarchical system that enslaves men, rather than giving them liberty. The god that they worship is not Jesus Christ, but none other than Satan himself who is the father of lies (John 8:44). God says, “...Come out of her [*Babylon*] My people, that you be

not partakers of her sins, and that you receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities” (Revelation 18:4, 5).

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