A portrait of a man with a full beard and a cap, overlaid with a green filter. The man is looking slightly to the right. The background is a solid red color.

# Babylon The Mystery of Iniquity

# ROME



# The Anointed Cherub

- Ezekiel 28:12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou **sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.**  
28:13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone [was] thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

# The Anointed Cherub

- Ezekiel 28:14 Thou [art] the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee [so]: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.  
28:15 **Thou [wast] perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.** 28:16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with **violence**, and thou hast **sinned**: therefore I will cast thee as **profane** out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

# Covering Cherub - The Sealing Angel

- Lucifer was entrusted with the knowledge and light of God's character and the nature of His government, which would have sealed the heavenly host in their allegiance to heaven and immunize them against sin.
- Lucifer betrayed holy trust and abuse and misused his high honor.
- He was perfect until iniquity was found in him. What was the nature of his iniquity?

# I will be Like the Most High

- Isa. 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [how] art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 14:13 **For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.**

# I will be Like the Most High

- The iniquity found in Lucifer was preference of self above any other and every other. He fell from heaven because of his unholy aspirations.
- He was able to infect mankind with this said spiritual disease.

# You Are God

- Gen. 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:  
3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and **ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.**

# Iniquity - Seeking God's Place

- The iniquity that was found in Lucifer, the covering cherub was Self-Exaltation!
- This is the Mystery of Iniquity. This mystery is so deceptive that a third of the heavenly host and the whole world was sucked into it.
- It is extremely subtle and creeps in through infiltration of unholy seed.

# Regarding Lucifer

- A special light beamed in his countenance and shone around him brighter and more beautiful than around the other angels; yet Christ, God's dear Son, had the **preeminence** over all the angelic host. He was one with the Father before the angels were created. Lucifer **was envious of Christ, and gradually assumed command which devolved on Christ alone.** {LHU 18.2}

# The Mystery of Iniquity

- The mystery of iniquity is not an outright, blatant, aggressive attack upon the kingdom of God.
- There are religions in the world that don't profess allegiance to the God of Heaven. It is true that much deception is also involved, but they don't profess to promote the principles and well being of Jehovah, the Creator of Heaven and earth.

# The Mystery of Iniquity

- Where ever you find a people professing to serve and worship the God of heaven, you can be sure that it is there that Satan will be most diligent in seeking to establish the mystery of iniquity. Why?
- The mystery of iniquity involves placing creature in Jehovah's position projecting that the way to Jehovah is through the creature.
- If you want to find the mystery of iniquity at work, examine the Christendom.

# The Mystery of Iniquity

- The mystery of iniquity then is manifested when
  - Satan's methods are adopted to carry forward God's work
  - Satan's music is introduced into God's worship
  - Satan's system of discipline is enforced for order in the church
  - Jealousy, envy, evil surmising, gossip, back biting, **(sharing negative information about a person behind their back)** are alive in church brethren.

# The Mystery of Iniquity

- Satan's suggestion to people who desire to serve God is that they can determine for themselves what is right and what is wrong.
- Therefore, Church leaders, at one level or another have bought into Satan's sophistry.
- They somehow believe that, outside of God's word, they can know God's will, and outside of His Holy Spirit, they can perform that will.
- This unholy spirit matured during the dark ages with the Papal church.

# The Papal Mystery

- Dan. 7:25      And he shall speak [great] words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and **think to change times and laws**: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.
- The Papacy replaced the word of God with the traditions of the fathers, the faith of Christ with the works of the flesh and the mediation of Christ with communication with the dead.

# Oath To Persecute Heretics

- “Every cardinal, archbishop, and bishop in the Catholic Church takes an oath of allegiance to the pope, in which occur the following words: ‘Heretics, schismatics, and rebels to our said lord the pope, or his aforesaid successors, I will to my utmost persecute and oppose.’” {GC88 565.1}

# Ancient & Modern Babylon

- **As Ancient Babylon came against the people of God, so modern mystical Babylon will do the same.**
- **A very important principle to note is that the enemies who warred against ancient Israel have their counterpart in these days and these will war against the true church of God.**

# Ancient Babylon

- Ancient Babylon was a fortified city sitting upon the river Euphrates.
- Its high, thick walls with a large moat, fed by the Euphrates, surrounding the city, acted as a source of defense, security and maintenance for the city.

# Mystical Babylon

- Rev. 17:1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great **whore** that **sitteth upon many waters:** 17:2 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.**

# Mystical Babylon

- **Rev. 17:3** So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and **I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast**, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. **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:

# Mystical Babylon

- Rev. 17:5 And upon her forehead [was] a name written, **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.** 17:6

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.

# Mystical Babylon

- Evidently, after the cross of Christ, terms that applied to ancient literal local entities now have their application to religious global entities. Babylon now is seen as
- A whore (defiled woman)
- A mother of harlots (One out of whom came other defiled women)
- Sitteth upon many waters/ Scarlet Colored Beast
- The kings of the earth committed fornication,
- Wine of her fornication.

# Mystical Babylon

- Without going deep into the interpretation, we are certain that this is a description of the Papacy.
- The Papacy is the Great Whore that has offspring holding to her bewitching doctrine referred to as her wine. She is called Babylon and all those with her being whores are also Babylon.
- Therefore, Great Babylon in our day is False Christianity embodied in the Papacy and False Protestantism.

# Euphrates Today

- Ancient, literal Babylon was located in Iraq and it sat upon literal Euphrates.
- Since Babylon today is the Papacy, then, even if we considered it at a geographical level, the location of Babylon is moved from Iraq to Italy.
- Therefore, when considering Euphrates upon which Babylon sits, it cannot be the literal river in the middle east.

# Euphrates Today

- The scriptures tell us what Euphrates is today.
- Revelation 17:15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.
- The system of Babylon today depends upon the support of the people of the world in order to advance its agenda in the world.

# Euphrates Today

- **Rev. 13:14** And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by [the means of] those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; **saying to them that dwell on the earth**, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. **13:15** And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

# Euphrates Dried Up

- If the Euphrates upon which the woman sits is the multitudes of peoples on earth, then the drying up of Euphrates must be the withdrawal of that support.
- This leads to the Battle of Armageddon.
- **Rev. 16:12** And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

# Jerusalem Today

- Ancient Babylon came against ancient Jerusalem.
- However, modern mystical Babylon is coming against New Jerusalem.
- But the promise is that Euphrates will be dried up that the way of the kings of the East may come.
- Ancient Cyrus then was a type of Christ in conquering Mystical Babylon.
- It is the loud cry to the gospel message that will cause the people of the earth to become undeceived and pull their support from the system.

# The Heavenly Jerusalem

- **Heb. 12:18** For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, **12:19** And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which [voice] they that heard entreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more: **12:20** (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:

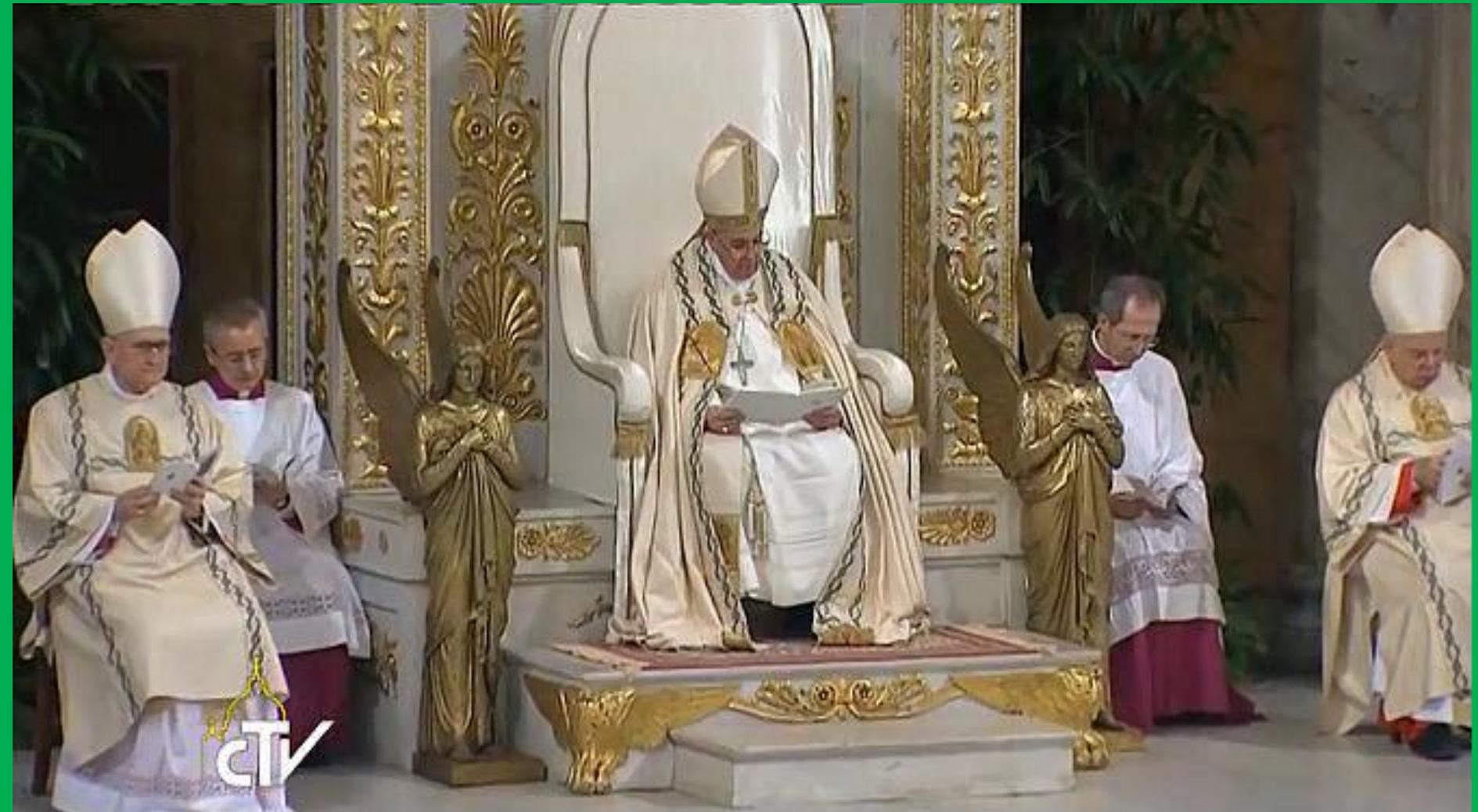
# The Heavenly Jerusalem

- **Heb. 12:21** And so terrible was the sight, [that] Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)  
**12:22** But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, **12:23** To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, **12:24** And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than [that of] Abel.

# The Mystery Work in Paul's Day

- 2Thes. 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for [that day shall not come], except there come **a falling away first**, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that **he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.** 2:7 For **the mystery of iniquity** doth already work: ...

- "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." (2 Thess 2:3, 4)



- "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie." (2 Thess 2:11)



- Isaiah 37:16 O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth. NOTICE THE FOLLOWING



# The Mystery Work in Paul's Day

- **2Thes. 2:9 [Even him], whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

# The Mystery Work in Paul's Day

- The mystery of iniquity is spawned by the falling away, which involves:
  - **Opposition** - to God and His principles.
  - **Exaltation** - above God and His worshippers;
  - **Usurpation** - of God's position in His temple.
  - **Manifestation** - by showing himself that he is God.
  - **Deception** - through rejection of truth.
  - **Exertion** – through asserting persecutory power to punish heretics.

# Note: Violence in Satan

- Ezek 28:16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with **violence**, and thou hast **sinned**:
- Physical force; Outrage; unjust force; crimes of all kinds; vehemence; Injury; infringement; hurt; Ravishment; **rape**; to attack; to murder; to assault.
- These are all in Satan and His systems on earth. Contemporary religion rapes the soul of men of their individuality and personhood.

# The Mystery of Iniquity

- Paul said that it was at work in his day. Since we see that it was self-exaltation, then we should be able to easily identify it.

# The Mystery of Iniquity

- 3John 1:9 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, **who loveth to have the preeminence** among them, receiveth us not.  
1:10 Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, **prating against us with malicious words:** and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth [them] out of the church.

# The Mystery of Iniquity

- **The natural behavior of those in whom the mystery of iniquity works:**
  - Loveth to have the preeminence
  - Prating against us with malicious words: (talking much on trivial matters concerning us with extreme hatred and ill will)
  - Not content with their position in relation to others.
  - Doesn't receive and welcome certain brethren.
  - Forbiddeth them that would with threats.
  - Casteth [them] out of the church.