## **Merchants Teaching**

To make up for the past 1900 years in 49 years is a supernatural undertaking. Isa 43:12 and Rev 17 and 18 supposes the nation of Mt 21:43 and the witness of the Kingdom in Mt 24:14. Christianity has deceived the whole world, Rev 18:23. The character of this *monster* is revealed in verse 24.

There will be a trade agreement between the merchants of her and the merchants of the world. All other trade becomes black market. We can't be associated with the black market competition with the merchants of the world. Our hand-crafted cottage industries will sell to people on a personal basis.

Who are the merchants in Rev 18:23? They were the great men of the earth — and the nations were thereby deceived by the <u>delusion that</u> to be a Christian God blesses you with money <u>through trafficking</u>. The great men were educated in the schools and universities of this world (1 Jn 5:19; 3:8). Merchants were great men on the earth — Rev 18:23. A merchant was engaged in <u>TRADE</u> as a wholesale trader of merchandise (of his wares) — with merchant ships, Rev 18:11-15. These merchants were not in Christianity but traded with the merchants who were.

<u>Rev 18:16-19, Rev 18:3, Rev 18:11-20</u> — The voices of these merchants selfishly lament the loss of their commerce and markets. Verse 11 — The merchants of the (world) or earth — and verse 23, the merchants in *her* (Christianity), *Your merchants*, the great men of the earth — they was hardly any <u>disting</u> between those who <u>supposedly</u> served God and those of the world — Mal 3:18 (as must be fulfilled).

<u>Isa 23:8, Rev 6:15, 18:3</u> — The merchants of the earth and the Kings of the earth were as 2 Cor 6:14-7:1 says not to be (Rev 18:9-11, 15-17). Rev 6:15 — Here are the kings of the earth, and the great men and the army generals of the world or earth. By this time *she*, the harlot, has <u>already been</u> <u>destroyed</u> (Rev 18:8,9,10,17) — even in one hour. Rev 6:15 is the end of this age. <u>Isa 23:8,9</u> — Woe to you who are rich now, for you are receiving your comfort in full, Lk 6:24-26.

This *mixture* (fornication, intercourse) is what makes Christians abominable to God since it is a false witness of who God is. It is falsely representing Him to the world (Rev 18:23 and 19:2). It's not that Christianity is *the Church*, but it is that she *claims* to be — Jn 9:41. This is what makes God mad, even Yahshua when He was here on earth — Jn 9:39. Jn 9:41 is the judgment of the great prostitute in Rev 18 and 19. Rev 19:3 — Her smoke goes up forever and ever (as Jn 9:41). Their guilt remains without any justification for her wrong ways, Rev 18:7, 10; 19:2,3.

## The New Age!

**It seems that** a <u>coalition</u> will develop between <u>Christianity and the world</u> — unless you are one or the other — there will be no trading. Like two political parties — an alliance between the <u>world</u> and the <u>chur</u> <u>ch</u>. There will be two kinds of merchants: ones of the earth, ones of the church. This will <u>pre-empt</u> the mark of the beast and the church will be destroyed before this can be enforced, since the beast will remove this restraint on his plans and designs — 2 Ths 2 — and since *the Pope* (the probable one — which has the appearance of being the Pope, a likely suspect anyway) has already spoken in councils past which cannot be overturned lest it take <u>his infallibility</u> away from <u>his office</u>. <u>Rev 17:1.2</u> — then we see Rev 17:3. This woman is the prostitute, the harlot = Rev 17:18. We see the church, by the Pope, rules over the Kings of the earth. So the world's leaders buys her <u>favor</u> and <u>allows</u> her to reign over them — Rev 17:3,18. Rev 17:15 — Waters — all over the earth, and then Rev 17:16 — now the world does not want to buy her favors any longer and allow her to rule over them. This is the <u>Beast now</u> — ready to take over the whole world — <u>without any restraint</u> (reins) as a harness is the restraint of a horse, verse 3. Since she was sitting on the back of the Beast with the reins in her hands — as verse 18 says, who reigns over the kings — but now the Beast has come into power or is about to — so verse 16 is coming up — 2 Thes 2, Rev 18:8,9,16, etc.

The Beast is Rev 13:1 and in Rev 13:7 he is rising to power. Rev 13:11 is the <u>false prophet</u> (not the Pope), who works together with the beast (verse 12) through great miracles, 2 Thes 2:4-12. Rev 13:14 is the fulfillment of Mt 24:24. Before Rev 13:15 can happen, *the Church* called Christianity is <u>removed</u> — not

raptured, but <u>burned</u> in one <u>hour</u>, as Rev 17:16 says (Rev 18:8,17,19). But Rev 17:17 says this is from God, by our prayers and prophecy, since Rev 18:2,3 will happen before she is burned. Verse 4 will be heard, the people in her being <u>warned</u> sometime before verses 1-3 with the first voice of the messengers. Then verses 2,3 is the second voice, and then she is <u>burned</u>, verse 10, because of verses 4-7.

<u>Rev 13:1</u> — Crowns are on the ten horns — representing political power — not on the 7 heads — the source of authority, which was the dragon — who delegated his authority to the Beast, verses 4-7. The Beast removes the <u>restraint</u>, all <u>restraint</u> (2 Thes 2:4), and you know about the clergy-laity system and the one who will rule over the Church in place of Satan. Satan allows the Church to be burned — to gain his <u>greatest achievement</u> — to rule over the whole world.

In overt display in the Beast, the incarnation of Satan himself — he then would become a man (like our Master did in Jn 1:14). The Beast is the <u>anti-Messiah</u>, who was the <u>Head</u> of the <u>Church</u> and ruled the world also. He does away with the Church to be head of the <u>one world</u> new order — which will be to most, "The New Age!"

<u>2 Ths 2:7,8,9-12</u> — But **WE**, verse 13, who have revelation of these things — are bound to give thanks. (For you must love much. We must be perfect in confessing our sins for the Day of Atonement.) 2 Thes 2:9 — the <u>identical</u> word used 6 times of the return of our Master Yahshua in the two letters to the Thessalonians, is also used for the coming of the Beast, the lawless one, the anti-Messiah, and the false prophet Elijah.

The Beast must have other plans for the merchants of the earth, but now the players have begun — the build up of the armies. In the last three and a half years the woman flees to the wilderness, waiting for <u>her bridegroom</u>, preparing herself — Rev 19:7,8, ridding herself of the last few wrinkles and spots — to be taken up with Him (Rev 17:14). When the woman flees the male child is taken and all authority is given to them to bring down the plagues and to prophesy.

## The Mixture of Church with the State

And the merchants of the Church with the world is condemned by 2 Cor 6:14-7:1 (Dt 22:10,11 and especially verse 9). Here in 2 Cor 6:14-7:1 — as in the example of Dt 22 *the Church* called <u>Christianity</u>, who the world thinks is God's people! They break <u>all</u> the laws against compromising <u>union with</u> the world, so closely yoking themselves with the world — compromising all which the word gives true disciples instruction to be the witness of Isa 43:12. Paul used Dt 22:10 in 2 Cor 6:14 <u>against marriage</u> to the world's businessmen and merchants and governments.

We must be extremely careful that by being merchants and sellers to merchants we contract big sales — without in it — without us <u>buying direct</u> or making the product ourselves and selling direct to the <u>people</u> — not to merchants instead. Big business can develop without us knowing who is inspiring us to become a harlot <u>ourselves</u>. These kind of businesses get out of hand fast and furious — as we said in the beginning, leading us to competing on a <u>world market</u>. We must carry out our businesses on a personal level — not through <u>merchants</u> — through which our sales could net \$200,000 from \$2,000, 000 in gross sales — but without any sweat on our part — just by the computer's brow. If we buy and sell, make it <u>personal</u> — dealing right with the <u>public</u> — the people — as evangelism. We want to be in the markets where we met the people, not the merchants. Mal 3:18 is the <u>difference</u> that distinguishes us from them. Be sure that we never read about ourselves in Rev 17 and 18 — we have said this for a long time.

<u>Rev 18:23</u> — <u>Your merchants</u> were the great <u>men</u> of the earth. Rev 18:3,11 — distinguishes between the world's merchants and the her merchants (Isa 47:15). Isa 47:15 — The two merchants co-labored together to make a great deal of money. NIV — TRAFFICKED with — TRADE — traders — trade with — coming and going — business, non-stop night and day — commerce — dealings exchanges — bargains — engage in trade — traffic in illicit goods and actions — 2 Cor 6:14-7:1. <u>Rev 18:23</u> (NIV) — Your merchants were the world's great men. And we could do the same, lured by our own <u>selfish desires</u> to make <u>money</u>, <u>money</u>, <u>money</u>, instead of doing all things for Him and the gospel's sake. Eph 5:15 speaks of the opportunity to do good, not <u>evil</u>. There are <u>EVIL DAYS</u> (Eph 5:15-17). <u>UNDERSTAND</u>!!! WHAT !!! THE WILL OF THE SOVEREIGN IS !!! so we won't follow the same pattern as the dwelling place of demons — Rev 18:2.

<u>Obviously</u>, before the *mark* comes there will be trade agreement between the merchants of Christianity with credentials and the merchants of <u>this world</u>. No one <u>else in</u> the western world at least, will be able to do <u>business</u>. All other trade will be considered black market trade with great consequences — all will be forced into the most promising side — as Rev 18:23 — the Christian merchants were the great men of the world, as the <u>world's</u> merchants were grown rich from the <u>intercou</u> rse (Rev 18:3).