chapter two

THE FIGHT FOUGHT BY FEW

"Fight the good fight of faith."[1]

"But be converted or else I will come unto thee shortly and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth."[2]

"And the warriors which were in heaven, followed him upon white horses, clothed with white and pure raynes: and out of his mouth went out a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the heathen."[3]

An important concept difficult to grasp by many is that as Christians we are supposedly engaged in fierce battle. For too many of the deceived who profess Christianity that battle is waged with the checkbook. Or with weight gain. Or self-esteem. Certainly it is not waged with fellow Christians who confess the Triune Godhead, deity of Christ, and His death, burial and resurrection on the third day. Or is it?

"And a man's foes shall be they of his own household." (MATT..10:36)

JOHN THE BAPTIST: A MODEL OF THE TRUE CHURCH

Jesus declared John the Baptist the greatest prophet who ever lived.^[4] Clad in a *garment of camel's hair and a girdle of skin about his loins*^[5], John was a far cry from the luxuriously-appointed, compromising prophets of Judaism. This Baptist was dressed for battle. He was also dressed for mourning. Holy laughter was not in his repertoire. John's water baptism of repentance was exactly that which Peter and the professing Church were commanded to follow.^[6] John knew it did not replace nor did he intend it to subvert the greater spiritual baptism graciously and sovereignly bestowed by Jesus.^[7] Knowing the hypocrisy of the Pharisees and Sadducees, who confessed the *Shema*^[7a] and held to the Creeds, he did not shirk his responsibility to expose and reprove sin when the opportunity presented itself:

"O generation of vipers, who hath taught you to flee from the vengeance to come? Bring forth therefore the fruits belonging to repentance...every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit, is hewn down and cast into the fire."[8]

This truthful, Holy Ghost inspired fire and brimstone message did not win John the love of the world. It did win him the martyr's crown by virtue of decapitation.^[9] The Baptist's wrath was channeled toward the Jewish religious elite, along with the immorality of the puppet King of Galilee, Herod the Tetrarch. The Roman Caesar, the Roman Empire, the poor, social inequality, and better wages were outside the scope of John's ministry. His concern was pointing men to the Lamb of God, in whom God the Father was well-pleased. His displeasure was directed at those who blocked the way to the Lamb or taught another way to the kingdom of heaven. John's description of the religious rulers as 'vipers' spoke to their poisonous and deadly doctrine that kills men's souls. Jesus also called them 'vipers' and 'serpents', among several other distasteful epithets.[10] The Lord described their doctrine as 'leaven'.[11] Both Jesus and John were revealing a much deeper truth. The Pharisees, Sadducees and Scribes all had the same genealogy. They were descendants of the serpent from the Garden of Eden. Satan was their father, not Abraham, and certainly not God the Father.[12] Their brother was Cain, not Abel.^[13] Their spirit was not the Holy Spirit, but the Spirit of Antichrist. Their seed was not the Seed of the Woman, but the Seed of the Serpent.^[14] The enemy was not outside Israel, but inside, in the camp. Just as the enemy is not outside the Church, but inside, teaching, preaching, transubstantiating, and slaving in the spirit.^[14a]

WAR DECLARED IN EDEN

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."[15]

'Enmity' is a strong word. It connotes bitter hostility and hatred. Two people at enmity with each other do not fellowship together. The word 'enmity' and the word 'enemy' have the same root meaning. The Lord has declared the seed and offspring of the serpent to be the enemy of the seed and offspring of the woman. And vice versa. The Septuagint translates 'enmity' as $\epsilon \chi \theta \rho o \zeta$ [16], meaning "a hater," "hating and opposing another," "enemy," "foe."

"And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against his brother and slew him."[17]

The fruit of the enmity between them, as decreed and prophesied by the Lord, was swiftly manifested. One of Eve's two offspring would be a murderer. The other would be the innocent victim. Cain offered the sacrifice of works, the fruit of his labor and ingenuity. An offering which had nothing to do with God's requirement, and was disrespectful. Abel offered the lamb of his flock, exactly as required. Nothing more. Nothing less. The Lord was pleased with Abel and his offering but had not respect for Cain or his offering. Abel was the seed of the woman, the elect, while Cain was the seed of the serpent, the reprobate.

It is in this short, yet concise scenario, that the Holy Spirit is giving valuable and insightful information:

- There is an enemy of God's people we need to watch for.
- That enemy is a man.
- That man is the seed of the serpent.
- That enemy is after the destruction and extermination of God's chosen.
- Entering into ecumenical dialogue with the enemy did not work for Abel, and may be deadly.
- The enemy is within the family of God, the visible professing Church, of which Eve is a type.
- An identifying characteristic, mark, sign, fruit and work of the enemy is the murder of the saints, the true believers of Jesus Christ.
- The enemy will not admit to killing the saints, let alone repent.
- The enemy will have a spiritual mark which will further identify him.[18]

- The enemy will have longevity, ordained by God.[19]
- The enemy and his seed will be preoccupied with building earthly kingdoms.^[20]

Jesus has much to say about the $\epsilon \chi \theta \rho o \zeta$, the enemy:

"The kingdom of heaven is like unto a man which sowed good seed in his field. But while men slept, there came his $\epsilon \chi \theta \rho o \varsigma$ and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. When the blade was sprung up and had brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. The servants came to the householder, and said unto him, Sir, sowedst thou not good seed in thy close, from whence then hath it tares? He said to them, the $\epsilon \chi \theta \rho o \varsigma$, a man, hath done this."[21]

The kingdom of heaven spoken of is the professing, visible worldwide Church on earth.^[22] The enemy, a man, is in the Church sowing his seed: the seed of the serpent, the tares, the reprobate, among the true believers: the seed of the woman, the wheat, the elect. The enemy, a man, is inside the Church because he came while men slept.

THE MYSTERY OF THE DRUNKEN SLEEPING PROPHETS

"Wake therefore, because ye know not what hour your master will come. Of this be sure, that if the good man of the house knew what hour the thief would come: he would surely watch, and not suffer his house to be broken up. Therefore, be ye also ready, for in the hour ye think he would not, will the son of man come. If there be any faithful servant and wise, whom his master made ruler over his household to give them meat in season convenient, happy is that servant whom his master -when he cometh -shall find so doing. Verily, I say unto you, he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, my master will defer his coming, and begin to smite his fellows, yea and to eat and drink with the drunken: that servant's master will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not ware of: and will divide him, and give him his reward with hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."[23]

The Lord gives us much valuable and critical information about the enemy, the visible Church, and the servant rulers or watchmen, prophets, pastors and teachers of the Church. The enemy, the thief, will enter the household and family of God, the Church. The fault lies not with the sheep, but with the shepherds, who are drunken sleeping prophets. Entrusted with the care of the sheep, the shepherds have allowed the wolf, the enemy, into the fold. The drunken sleeping prophet-shepherds have invited the enemy into the fold. The drunken sleeping prophet-shepherds encourage the sheep to fellowship with the wolf, the seed of the serpent, the enemy of God and his people. The drunken sleeping prophet-shepherds teach the sheep that the wolf is really a gentle, fundamentally orthodox Christian lamb. The sheep who dare rise up in protest are called wolves by the false prophet-shepherds. There is no enmity between the drunken sleeping prophet-shepherds and the wolf, the enemy, the seed of the serpent. There can only be one explanation, for God cannot lie. The drunken sleeping prophet- shepherds must be the hypocrites, the evil servants, the seed of the serpent, the brothers of the enemy, the servants and sons of Satan.

"Then Jesus said unto them: my soul is heavy even unto the death. Tarry ye here and watch with me...And he came unto the disciples, and found them, asleep, and said to Peter: what could you not watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray, that ye fall not into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."[24]

This passage of Scripture is a dire warning to the Church. Many of its leaders will sleep, falling into temptation. Despite the admonitions to 'watch' for the enemy, they will ignore Jesus, grieve the Holy Spirit, and sleep. The fault is theirs, not Jesus. Without the prayers of Jesus they will not repent.^[25]

MEMORABLE QUOTES FROM AMERICA'S DRUNKEN SLEEPING PROPHETS

Rev. Billy Graham - Chief Evangelist, Scribe, Teacher, Pastor, Prophet:

"Since his election, Pope John Paul n. has emerged as the greatest leader of the modern world, and one of the greatest moral and spiritual leaders of this century."^[26]

"During his visit to America Pope John Paul II was indeed a bridge builder,

and that is something our divided world desperately needs."[27]

"Also, in countless ways many evangelical Protestants and Roman Catholics are discovering they share a common bond through their mutual commitment to the Christian faith."[28]

"I've found that my beliefs are essentially the same as those of orthodox Roman Catholics, for instance. They believe in the Virgin Birth, and so do I. They believe in the blood atonement of the cross, and so do I. They believe in the resurrection of Jesus and the coming judgment of God, and so do I. We only differ on some matters of later church tradition."[29]

"I have seen no evidence of religious repression."[30]

"Third [significant change on the American scene in the last 25 years] is the new understanding between Roman Catholics and Protestants. Twenty-five years ago we could hardly speak with each other openly. In our crusades today, thousands of Catholics feel free to attend. I have preached in Roman Catholic schools, and have even received honorary doctorates from them. This could not have happened 25 years ago."[31]

"I spent about a half-hour with the Pope in very private, intimate conversation. He was extremely warm and interested in our work...I have great admiration for the Pope's moral courage..."[32]

<u>CHRISTIANITY TODAY - Prophetic Voice for millions:</u>

"Not even the Reformation with its great affirmation of central biblical truths continues to separate evangelicals from many Roman Catholics."[33]

"Evangelicals need to learn from Roman Catholics."[34]

"[W]e evangelicals should be open to dialogue with Roman Catholics and be willing to listen to them."[35]

Ken Samples - Scribe, Prophet for CRI International, Prophetic Voice for millions:

"Because of the sudden attention given to Catholicism, we have been deluged with calls and letters asking for CRI's [Christian Research Institute) position on it. Our position has always been that Catholicism is essentially an orthodox Christian body."^[36] "We acknowledge in Roman Catholicism the presence of many genuine brothers and sisters in the Lord, while also recognizing that many of those within Roman Catholicism worldwide appear to be lost...In short, we regard Roman Catholicism as neither a biblically sound Christian church nor a cult, but a Christian church with a mixture of orthodox and erroneous teachings."[37]

American Bible Society, Dr. Eugene Habecker - Chief Prophet, Priest:

"When Pope John Paul H. visited the United States last autumn, ABS was on hand to celebrate."[38]

"A Note To Our Roman Catholic Readers: Look for the Imprimatur symbol throughout this catalog as your indication that these materials carry the official Imprimatur for Catholic readers."^[39]

Greg Laurie: Chief Priest and Prophet, Harvest Crusade:

"I find I have more in common with a committed Catholic than a liberal Protestant."^[40]

Over and against these testimonies of drunken sleeping prophets, this author would like to share the testimony of one Joan Waste, alert, watchful and sober Christian, blind from birth physically, but ever so vigilant spiritually. In the year of our Lord, 1556, at age 22, in the town of Derby, England, this humble, honest and poor working class Christian woman was burnt at the stake by the secular authorities as directed by the Pope and Roman Catholic Church through the auspices of Roman Catholic 'Bloody' Mary I., Queen of England and the writ, De Haeretico Comburendo.[41] It appears that although severely handicapped, Joan became adept at knitting and turning ropes for her father, a barber. Uneducated and unable to read, Joan saved her money to purchase a New Testament. One John Hurt, in debtor's prison, was willing to read to her one chapter a day. The days John was unable to accommodate her thirst for the Word, Joan would hire other readers for a penny or two. Able to recite, by memory, many chapters of the New Testament, she was also competent to impugn false doctrine, using Scripture as proof texts. It must be mentioned that Joan's Christian growth in the Word occurred during the reign of King Edward VI.

Soon after the king's death, with Mary's accession as Queen, blind Ms. Waste became a marked woman. Refusing to discontinue her Bible studies, preaching, and contending for the faith, while unwilling to compromise with the unbiblical Romanists, Joan soon found herself before the Inquisition chaired by Roman Catholic Bishop Rafe Bayne and Dr. Draicot, his chancellor.

THE CHARGES AGAINST BLIND JOAN WASTE

First, That she did hold the sacrament of the altar to be but only a memory or representation of Christ's body, and material bread and wine, but not his natural body, unless it were received. And that it ought not to be reserved from time to time over the altar, but immediately received.

Item, That she did hold, in the receiving of the sacrament of the altar, she did not receive the same body that was born of the Virgin Mary, and suffered upon the cross for our redemption.

Item, She did hold, that Christ at his last supper did not bless the bread that he had then in his hands, but was blessed himself; and, by virtue of the words of consecration, the substance of the bread and wine is not converted and turned into the substance of the body and blood of Christ.

Item, That she did grant that she was of the parish of All-Hallows in Derby.

Item, That all and singular the premises are true and notorious by public report and fame.^[42]

Ms. Waste replied that she believed only as the Holy Scriptures taught and as learned men had taught her. Men who were imprisoned and even suffered death for the same doctrine. She named specifically Lollard pastor, Dr. Rowland Taylor, who died for his faith, asking the Inquisitors if they would likewise prove their doctrine by dying for it:

"which if they would not, she desired them for God's sake not to trouble her, being a blind, poor and unlearned woman, with any further talk, saying that -by God's assistance -she was ready to yield up her life in that faith, in such sort as they should appoint."^[43] Threatened with imprisonment, torture and death unless she renounce her Lollard doctrine and agree to the fraudulent and blasphemous Roman doctrine of Transubstantiation, blind Joan Waste asked if the Bishop would answer to God on the Day of Judgment in her stead, if she believed as he commanded. Whereupon promptly she was condemned a heretic, and delivered to prison five weeks prior to her death. On the day of her martyrdom, Dr. Draicot delivered a sermon before the populace, in her presence:

"...that that woman was condemned for denying the blessed sacrament of the altar to be the very body and blood of Christ really and substantially, and was thereby cut off from the Catholic Church; and said that she was not only blind of her bodily eyes, but also blind in the eyes of her soul. And he said, that as her body should be presently consumed with material fire, so her soul should be burned in hell with everlasting fire, as soon as it shall be separated from the body, and there to remain world without end; and said that it was not lawful for the people to pray for her."[44]

Led to the Windmill-Pit outside town, she was accompanied by her brother, Roger, who held her hand to comfort her while she prayed, calling on Christ to have mercy upon her soul. Martyrologist John Foxe adds that Dr. Draicot slept soundly in his room at the Inn while Joan Waste burned. Testifying to the veracity of his eyewitness sources, Mr. Foxe states, "I have been here for the more bold to commit this story to posterity, for all good men to consider and judge upon."^[45]

May the reader consider and judge with righteous judgment the implications of the true story of blind Joan Waste. Self-taught in the doctrine of God, she attended no seminary, she held no degree or doctorate. Handicapped from birth, she managed to learn and understand the Scriptures. Despite immense pressure and opposition, she fought the good fight of faith to the end, without recanting or compromise. Joan understood full well that her Lord Jesus did not descend from heaven to reside in bread at the command and consecration of a Catholic priest. She comprehended the fraudulent and profane claim called Transubstantiation. She understood the sacrifice of the Mass to be an abomination in the eyes of a holy God. She understood the Lord hated that offering, as He hated Cain's. She rightly perceived that Christ's sacrifice was perfect, complete, fully sufficient and finished at Calvary. To offer another sacrifice was blasphemy. Ms. Waste also discerned the outright idolatry displayed in calling the bread 'Jesus' and worshiping it as the Pagans worshiped stocks and stones.

May the reader consider and judge who did the killing and who was the killed. The Roman Catholic Church and Roman Catholic authorities did the killing. Blind Joan Waste, Lollard and true Christian, was the innocent victim, the martyr for Jesus. Consider, also, who was the Seed of the Serpent, the marked descendant of Cain, the tare in the Church, the reprobate, the enemy, the thief, the evil servant who beat his fellow servants. And consider who was the Seed of the Woman, the descendant of Abel, the wheat in the Church, the elect, the good and faithful servant who watched, not allowing the thief to break into her house, and who loved not her life unto the death. The testimony of Jesus was indeed prophetic when He warned the disciples:

"They shall excommunicate you: yea, the time shall come, that whosoever killeth you, will think that he doth God service. And such things will they do to you, because they have not known the father neither me. But these things have I told you, that when the hour is come, ye might remember them, that I told you so. "[46]

NO REPENTANCE OR REFORM IN ROME

"At the Consecration look at the Host [47] and say: 'My Lord and my God." "At the Communion of the Priest, the priest receives Jesus." "At the Communion of the People, we receive Jesus." [48]

One of the characteristics, marks, signs, fruit, and works of the enemy is unrepentance. As the enemy murderous Cain was unrepentant, so will his seed, the Seed of the Serpent, be unrepentant. There is no repentance in Rome. Holy Mother Church still teaches the doctrine of Transubstantiation which must be believed and adhered to by the Faithful. The very same doctrine whereby it is believed the faithful eat and drink the literal body and blood of our Lord. The very same doctrine that caused the death of untold, innumerable martyrs for Jesus in the past, but today is brushed aside as a point of minor difference and dispute.

TRANSUBSTANTIATION: A MARK OF THE BEAST ANTICHRIST

Stated in simple terms, Transubstantiation is the doctrine that teaches bread becomes God. Although the bread, called the Host, looks like, smells like, feels like, and tastes like bread before and after the priestly consecration, the Roman Catholic Church has infallibly, with god-like arrogance, declared:

"There is one Universal Church of the faithful, outside of which there is absolutely no salvation. In which there is the same priest and sacrifice, Jesus Christ, whose body and blood are truly contained in the sacrament of the altar under the forms of bread and wine; the bread being changed (transubstantiatis) by divine power into the body, and the wine into the blood, so that to realize the *mystery* of unity we may receive of Him what He has received of us. And this sacrament no one can effect except the priest who has been duly ordained in accordance with the keys of the Church, which Jesus Christ Himself gave the Apostles and their successors."^[49]

This Latin council decree was directed against the Albigenses (Cathari) and Waldenses in A.D. 1215.^[50] Like blind Joan Waste, the humble Albigenses and Waldenses refuted and reproved that abomination of desolation, the sacrifice of the Mass and Transubstantiation. Four hundred years prior to Joan's witness, the remnant true Church was going head to head with the enemy, the Seed of the Serpent. Yet today no such enmity exists.

Three hundred and fifty years after the Fourth Lateran General Council, the Council of Trent reiterated, infallibly, the sacrament or mystery of the most holy Eucharist:

"The sacred, holy, ecumenical, and general Council of Trent...being convened under the special guidance and government of the Holy Spirit, in order to expound the true and ancient doctrine of faith and the sacraments, and apply a remedy to all heresies and other most grievous evils by which the church of God is now miserably vexed and rent in pieces - hath from the first particularly desired to root out utterly the tares of accursed errors and schisms, which the enemy has sown in these calamitous times, respecting the doctrine, use, and worship of the most holy eucharist...Therefore, the same most holy council strictly enjoins all the faithful in Christ, that they presume not hereafter to believe, teach, or preach otherwise respecting the most holy eucharist...the wholesome doctrine...as the Catholic Church, instructed by our Lord Jesus Christ and His apostles, and taught by the Holy Spirit, who constantly leadeth her into truth, hath held, and will keep to the end of the world."[51] At Trent, the Roman Catholic Church has declared it will believe, teach, and preach the sacrament of the holy Eucharist as it had been held at Lateran until the end of the world. That mindset is unrepentant and stiff-necked. Unrepentance is one of the characteristics, marks, signs, fruit, and work of the enemy, the Seed of the Serpent. The Tridentine Council then continues its thunderings:

1. The Real Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the most holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

"In the first place. the holy council teacheth. and openly and plainly professeth, that our Lord Jesus Christ, true God and man, is truly, really, and substantially contained in the pure sacrament of the holy eucharist, after the consecration of the bread and wine, and under the species of those sensible objects...It is therefore a most heinous crime that [the bread and the wine] should be turned, by certain contentious and wicked men into pretended and imaginary figures, to the denial of the truth of the flesh and blood of Christ; contradicting therein the universal sense of the church, the pillar and ground of the truth, which detests those vain comments, devised by impious men under the influence of Satan..."[52]

Blind Joan Waste had committed 'a most heinous crime' by denying the real presence of the body and blood of our Lord to be in the Host, consecrated or otherwise. She in no wise was going to take literally, "*This is my body*," anymore than the Scripture, "*And if any man will hurt them, fire shall proceed out of their mouths, and consume their enemies.*"^[53]

Note for future reference, to be discussed in a later chapter, the phrase "root out utterly the tares." This is, of course, in direct opposition to the Lord's admonition **not** to root them out, "lest while ye go about to weed out the tares, ye pluck up also with them the wheat by the roots."^[54] This is yet another characteristic, mark, sign, fruit, and work of the enemy, the Seed of the Serpent. Specifically, it is called 'lawlessness,' and is a mark of the Beast, Antichrist.

But let us continue examining the Trent text on THE EUCHARIST:

V. Worship and Veneration to be rendered to this most holy Sacrament.

"There is, therefore, no room to doubt that all the faithful in Christ are bound to venerate this most holy sacrament, and to render thereto the worship of *latria*,[54a] which is due the true God, according to the custom always observed in the Catholic Church...for we believe him who is present therein to be the same God of whom the Eternal Father said, when he brought him into the world, 'And let all the angels of God adore him.'..."

"The holy council further declares, that the custom of annually celebrating this pre-eminent and adorable sacrament with peculiar veneration and solemnity, on an appointed festal day,[54b] carrying it reverently and honorably in procession through the streets and public places, was piously and religiously introduced into the church of God."[55]

Will the reader please note the admonition to render worship to bread as though it were God. Our Lord teaches 'God is a spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth.' [55a] This doctrine alone should have awakened the drunken sleeping prophets, alerting them that any pretense of orthodoxy in the Roman Catholic Church is totally out of the question. Yet instead of truthfully preaching to the deceived sheep of Rome, 'Ye worship ye know not what,' the sleeping prophets sleep on, while the elect take action educating and warning.

Once again, by breaking and teaching others to break the first two commandments of the ten commandments,^[56] an identifying characteristic, mark, sign, fruit, and work of the enemy Antichrist is manifested: the mark of lawlessness.

"Whosoever breaketh one of these least commandments and teacheth men so, he shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven."^[57]

Particularly chilling is the warning given to those who offend God's children:

"But whosoever offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea...woe be to the man by whom the offense cometh."[58]

Does the reader believe offense has been done to blind Joan Waste? And does the reader believe the Lord will exact vengeance and retribution on Bishop Bayne and Dr . Draicot? If the answer to those two questions is 'yes,' then what in heaven's name is to become of those neglectful drunken sleeping prophets, whose duty it is to watch and warn the flock, the Lord's little children, against such offenses? The Lord says He will assign them their portion with the hypocrites where there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.^[59] The drunken sleeping prophet-shepherds find no large offense in worshiping bread as God, calling it 'Jesus.' Dismissing it as a light thing,

theologically of no serious consequence, the sleeping prophets see little offense, whereas blind and uneducated Joan Waste, with innumerable saints over the centuries, gave their lives selflessly. The elect of God understood fully the angel's admonition:

"If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or on his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God which is poured in the cup of his wrath. And he shall be punished in fire and brimstone, before the holy angels, and before the lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up evermore. And they have no rest day or night, which worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the print of his name. Here is the patience of saints. Here are they that keep the commandments and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me: write, Blessed are the dead, which hereafter die in the Lord, even so saith the spirit: that they may rest from their labours, but their works shall follow them."[59a]

In these Scriptures, the Lord Jesus has revealed several identifying marks of the enemy, the beast, Antichrist, and several identifying marks of the blessed saints. The enemy requires worship of the beast. The Lord requires worship of the Lamb. The enemy kills those who refuse. The Lord blesses those who persevere unto death, refusing the mark and worship of the beast, Antichrist. The chosen of God receive eternal life and rest as their reward for keeping the commandments of God and the true faith of Jesus. The enemy breaks the commandments of God (committing idolatry and murder), perverts the faith of Jesus, and receives eternal death and torture as reward.

Supernaturally, the works of the martyrs, the true saints, do follow them. <u>The Acts And Monuments of John Foxe</u> is but one example of several compendiums chronicling the courage and testimony of countless Christians like Joan Waste. The word 'work' literally means 'to do, act.' Thus, the 'Acts' of the martyrs or the apostles are their 'works.'

In the topsy-turvy world of Romanism, evil is called good, good is called evil, God is called bread, bread is called God, true saints are cursed and killed as heretics, while blasphemers are canonized as gods:

"Canon 1. Whosoever shall deny that in the most holy sacrament of the eucharist there are truly, really, and substantially contained the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, together with his soul and divinity, and consequently Christ entire; but shall affirm that he is present, therein only in a sign or figure, or by his power: let him be accursed."

"Canon 8. Whosoever shall affirm that Christ as exhibited in the eucharist is eaten in a spiritual manner only, and not also sacramentally and really: let him be accursed."

"Canon 9. Whoever shall deny that all and every one of the faithful in Christ, of both sexes, are bound to communicate every year, at least at Easter, according to the injunction of holy mother church: let him be accursed."[60]

Let the reader observe the epithet, 'holy Mother Church.' *Mystery Babylon* is described in Revelation 17 as a 'mother.' Yet the angel sent to St. John portrays her not as 'holy,' rather as a 'whore' and 'mother of harlots.' This shockingly disrespectful contrast of characteristics and marks will be discussed further in the chapters ahead.

The infallible unecumenical decree, *'let him be accursed,'* is still very much in place in modern Canon Law. The formula for major excommunication or anathema is quite telling:

"We separate him, together with his accomplices and abettors, from the precious body and blood of the Lord and from the society of all Christians; we exclude him from our holy mother the Church in heaven and on earth; we declare him excommunicate and anathema; we judge him damned, with the Devil and his angels and all the reprobate, to eternal fire until he shall recover himself from the toils of the Devil and return to amendment and to penitence."[61]

Of course, Joan Waste never wished the opportunity to 'return to amendment and to penitence.' Neither did the millions of other true Christians throughout the centuries - who persevered in their biblical faith, opposing the teachings and sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church, despite persecution of the severest kind.

The anathema formula includes 'separation from the society of all Christians.' Let the astute reader see between the lines of such a decree. Purchasing and selling goods and services from European Christian society would be out of the question for those under the ban, since by far the majority of Europe was 'Christian,' or rather, Roman Catholic. Thus, we have in this anathema formula, the Church Council decrees pertaining to Transubstantiation, coupled with the murder of Christian Joan Waste, a very real fulfillment of Rev .13: 15-17:

"And he had power to give a spirit unto the image of the beast, and

that the image of the beast should speak, and should cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast, should be killed. And he made all both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hands or in their foreheads. And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."[61a]

Rather than worship the bread as the image of God the Son, Joan gave up the Ghost. Life was made unbearable for those who refused. Yet true believers persevered, by the grace of God, to reject such abominable idolatry. Rightly they discerned the bread to be changed into none other than the image of the Beast, the Antichrist.

Today, almost four hundred and fifty years have passed since the infallible decrees and anathemas of the Council of Trent. Yet the Catholic Church teaching does not change - just as she vowed at Trent:

"¶ 1378. Worship of the Eucharist.

In the liturgy of the Mass we express our faith in the real presence of Christ under the species^[62] of bread and wine by, among other ways, genuflecting or bowing deeply as a sign of adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated hosts with the utmost care, exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and carrying them in procession."^[63]

Furthermore, this most recent <u>Catechism</u> assures the reader, "*The Church knows that the Lord comes even now in his Eucharist and that he is there in our midst.*"^[64] Be sure this writer perceives clearly that, rather, it is the Beast, ANTICHRIST IN OUR MIDST.

Another perturbing question raises itself before the sagacious reader. If worshiping bread as God is idolatry (note 'latria' as an integral part of the word 'idolatry'), and idolaters are expressly named as being excluded from the kingdom of God,[65] how is it that the sleeping prophets "acknowledge in Roman Catholicism the presence of many genuine brothers and sister in the Lord?"[66] The inerrant Word of God states otherwise, in language a born again <u>child</u> could comprehend. It's not as if the Mass and Eucharist worship were a side issue and minor sacrament of the Roman Church. The Church admits it is their central Christian sacrament:

"In this organic whole, the Eucharist occupies a unique place as the 'Sacraments of sacraments.'

"The Eucharist is 'the source and the summit of the Christian life."[67]

A Roman Catholic is not a Roman Catholic unless he partakes and believes in the Mass and Eucharist worship. Show this author a Roman Catholic who abhors the Mass, Transubstantiation, and Eucharist worship, and he will show the reader an ex-Roman Catholic who left the Roman Catholic Church.

TRANSUBSTANTIATION PREFIGURED IN 1 JOHN IDENTIFYING ANTICHRIST

"Who is the liar but he that denieth Jesus is the Christ? The same is the...antichrist that denieth the father and the son. Whosoever denieth the son the same hath not the father."[68]

"Ye beloved, believe not every spirit: but prove the spirits, whether they are of God or no: for many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby shall ye know the spirit of God. Every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is not of God. And this is that spirit of antichrist, of whom ye have heard, how that he should come: and even now already is he in the world."^[69]

The Roman Catholic Church has for 1500 years declared that Jesus Christ has come in the bread.^[70] This is clearly the Spirit of Antichrist. At each Mass performed daily, worldwide, Christ superstitiously takes on the form of unleavened bread. This despite the teaching of Christ to the contrary:

"Then if any man shall say unto you: lo, here is Christ [in this consecrated bread], or there is Christ [in that reserved Host] : believe it not. For there shall arise false christs, and false prophets, and shall do great miracles and wonders. Insomuch that if it were possible, the very elect should be deceived. Take heed, I have told you before."[71]

The false christs and false prophets who do the pseudo-miracles and lying wonders called Transubstantiation are the Roman Catholic Priesthood. They are the only ones who have received a particular, unique mark of the beast in receiving the Sacrament of Holy Orders. In this sacrament they take the name of the beast, authorizing them to perform the 'miracle of miracles.'

"Q. 454: What are the chief supernatural powers of the priest?

The chief supernatural powers of the priest are: to change bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and to

forgive sins in the sacrament of Penance." [72]

"Q. 455: Why should Catholics show reverence and honor to the priest?

Catholics should show reverence and honor to the priest because he is the representative of Christ Himself and the dispenser of His mysteries." [73]

"The priest is indeed another Christ..." [74]

The thoughtful reader will also notice the words 'representative of Christ,' 'another Christ' and 'dispenser of His mysteries.' These concepts will be explained more fully in later chapters, but suffice it to say all directly identify Antichrist.

TRANSUBSTANTIATION PREFIGURED IN TEMPTATION OF JESUS

"Then came to him the tempter, and said: if thou be the son of God, command that these stones be made bread."^[76]

The Tempter, the devil, is supposedly not convinced Jesus is who He claims to be. Satan needs a miracle. Christ refuses his request, just as He refuses the similar request of the Scribes and Pharisees.^[77] Instead He reproves with Scripture and the fulfillment of prophecy.

To change a stone into bread is a form of Transubstantiation. Stones are of the mineral kingdom, while bread is of the vegetable kingdom, made of two completely different substances. To change or 'trans-' mineral into animal is a mighty miracle, turning inorganic into organic. Yet it pales in comparison to the daily miracle performed by the Roman Catholic priesthood in the sacrifice of the Mass, whereby bread is changed and made into God. Vegetable is Transubstantiated into Divinity. The created becomes the Creator. The inanimate becomes the Life. The creature creates the Creator. The creature gives life to the Eucharist, the image of the beast:

"And he had power to give a spirit [$\pi v \epsilon \upsilon \mu \alpha$: breath, life, spirit] unto the image of the beast..."[78]

Let the reader reflect on the profundity of fulfilled prophecy. Prophecy which the drunken sleeping prophets refuse to see, but which the elect have seen for centuries.

DRUNKEN SLEEPING PROPHETS IN THE CHURCH NO NEW THING

Just as in the days of Jesus, today's ruling prophets have a similar dysfunction:

"Then said he to the people: when ye see a cloud out of the west, straight way ye say, we shall have a shower, and so it is. And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, we shall have heat, and it cometh to pass. Hypocrites, ye can skill of the fashion of the earth, and of the sky: but what is the cause, that ye cannot skill (discern) of this time? Yea, and why judge ye not of yourselves what is right?"[79]

Today the sleeping prophets discern the deity of Christ, the Trinity and the necessity of believing the Apostle's Creed. Yet they do not discern that the enemy, the thief, the Seed of the Serpent, the murderer, has entered the sheep fold by another way, other than Christ alone. The drunken prophets hear the enemy confess the fundamentals of the faith and are too quick to open the gate. Yet they are blind in their drunken stupor, not seeing the wicked and evil fruit of the enemy which makes void any professed orthodoxy. The abomination called the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist is just such fruit.

Throughout the New Testament Epistles are warnings and exhortations to beware of false prophets and false teachers which bring in 'damnable heresies.'^[80] The damnable heresies upon which this book focuses are those which teach the orthodoxy of the Church of Rome and non-application of Antichrist to the Papacy. These drunken sleeping prophets proliferate because the visible Church will fall away from sound doctrine and will instead believe the lie:

"For the time will come when they will not suffer wholesome doctrine: but after their own lusts shall they - whose ears itch - get them an heap of teachers, and shall turn their ears from the truth, and shall be given unto fables."[81]

Nineteenth century author, Reverend J. P. Callender, has discerned and eloquently warned of the 'strong delusion' then current:

"It has been the predominant design in the whole of this work, not only to elucidate accurately the character and spirit of Popery; but in opposition to the grand modern 'strong delusion,' to demonstrate, that whatever Popery once was, it is now, and that it ever will be unchangeable; or in the language of prophecy, 'the Beast that was, and yet is, ascended out of the bottomless pit, and shall go into perdition.' Rev.17:8. The belief that Popery is altered or ameliorated is the cardinal fraud with which the Jesuits are now deceiving modern Protestants. That idea involves a self-evident contradiction. How can infallible truth be corrected? How can perfection be amended? The insinuation itself is a gross abuse of language; and if the correctness of the Jesuit phraseology be allowed, it follows, that the court of Rome are neither infallible nor holy; and consequently that all their pretensions to be a part of the Christian church are a gross imposture.

It is equally a subject of astonishment and humiliation, that a proposition that confutes itself [i.e. that the Church of Rome has changed for the better], should nonetheless be generally admitted without dispute, as oracular, not only by the thoughtless or skeptical worldling, but also by the professed disciple of the Reformation, and the Christian believer...

A most pernicious difference exists between the Reformers of the sixteenth century, and the Protestants of this age, in two aspects:

1. There is a strange and infatuated perversion of language, which through Jesuit craftiness has become vernacular; and from the operation of which, the plain truths of the Gospel, and the holy principles that were inculcated in the first protests against the arrogant usurpations, and the deadly enactments and requirements of the court of Rome, have become almost obliterated [i.e. Christians no longer discern the true Gospel from the Gospel according to Rome].

2. That credulity which almost receives without inquiry the most grossly revolting absurdities and fallacies which are promulgated by Roman Priests; and the equally astounding skepticism in reference to incontrovertible Protestant testimony, combine one of the most melancholy and appalling characteristics of modern Christians [i.e. the naivety of Christians re: Romanism]...

Many persons who admit that Popery, in anterior periods, and in European countries, has combined 'mystery of iniquity and the working of Satan,' fancy that it is of an opposite character, and produces totally different effects in the nineteenth century on the continent of America. That wicked position, in all its blinding reality and awful consequences, is that grand distinctive characteristic of Popery so emphatically delineated by the Apostle Paul in one word: "To $\psi \sigma \epsilon \upsilon \delta \circ \varsigma$," the lie (2Thessalonians 2:11)! Two indescribable evils flow from the general credence which is given to it. Through its operation, Popery is indefinitely promulgated; and the efforts of Protestants to counteract it are paralyzed because they are pronounced unnecessary;

reviled as uncharitable and persecuting, and opposed with the most virulent pertinacity, as if the defense of the rights of man, liberty of conscience, civil and religious freedom, and boundless evangelical philanthropy is inconsistent with the character of a disciple of Jesus, and incompatible with the duties and obligations of the Christian Ministry; that 'strong delusion' must be dispelled; or the municipal institutions of the United States will be undermined, if not destroyed.

The prevalent idea that Popery is a modification of Christianity, only deteriorated by many conjoined ceremonial and childish absurdities, and debased by more immoral tendencies than Protestants admit, is a source of widely desolating evil [i.e. Roman Catholicism is orthodox Christianity with a mixture of errors]...All pretended pacification between Protestants and Papists is a phantom..."[82]

This polemic was published in 1832, nearly 175 years ago. Certainly Reverend Callender's remarks are just as meaningful and relevant today, if not more so.

Along these same lines, the Reverend Edward Bishop Elliott, A.M., Incumbent of St. Mark's Church, Brighton, England, wrote in 1853:

"At the page referred to I have mentioned Bishop Warburton's testimony to the fact of our Reforming Fathers having regarded Poperv as the great predicted Apostasy from the faith, and the Popes as the predicted Man of Sin and Antichrist...An attempt has been made of late to represent the case otherwise; and that the Reformers of our Church did not so regard the Popes as Antichrist, though they regarded Papal Rome as Babylon. So the Rev. C. Maitland, in his lately published book entitled, The Apostolic School of Prophetic Interpretation. Speaking of the opinions held from time to time about the Man of Sin and Antichrist, he says, p. 5, that 'the Reformers of England prudently held their ground in silence [i.e. on this point about Antichristl, confident of one thing only, that Babylon was Rome.' An assertion expanded and explained at p. 372: 'The Reformers of England kept closest [i.e. as compared with the Protestants of the Continent] to the primitive teaching: recognizing Rome as Babylon: and yet so respecting her worship of the Father and the Son, as to abstain from treating her as Antichrist.' Thus, Mr. C. Maitland directly opposes himself to Bishop Warburton, as to the matter of fact. The distinction he supposes the English Reformers have made between the religion of the Apocalyptic Babylon, which he makes Popery, and the religion of the Beast Antichrist, which he makes to be something quite different from, and worse than Poperv, is so manifestly absurd, seeing that the Babylonian woman is depicted as riding the Beast Antichrist, in fellowship of the completest intimacy and union, that without further inquiry my readers would probably be well satisfied as to the correctness of Bishop Warburton's statement. The subject, however, is so important, the times so critical, and the views of the early Reformers and founders of our English Church on the point in question so often overlooked, if not misrepresented, that it seems to me desirable that the truth about it should be fully and plainly stated, and well and universally understood." [83]

As Rev. Elliott reveals with proof text, his fellow Church of England minister, Rev. C. Maitland, would have the Babylonian Harlot ride a non-papal Beast, Antichrist. Maitland commits a grave error in Revisionism by appealing to the Reformers to defend his position. In his excellent book, <u>A</u> <u>Woman Rides The Beast</u>, prolific Christian author and defender of the faith, Dave Hunt, makes a less grievous error. He holds the same errant view as Maitland regarding the Beast, but without revising the historical testimony of the Reformers:

"The Reformers and their creeds were unanimous in identifying each pope as the Antichrist. Scripture, however, does not support that claim. The Antichrist is a *unique* individual without predecessors or successors. He will be the new 'Constantine,' the ruler of the revived Roman Empire."[84]

Thus, we see that 150 - 175 years ago the same polemics were taking place that are still occurring today. Despite our differences, this author would align himself with the Dave Hunts of this world in a heartbeat, while strongly opposing the drunken sleeping prophets. However, for the sincere Mr. Hunt to 'humbly' acknowledge his understanding of Scripture to be greater than that of the Reformers and their Creeds is bordering on megalomania. The preposterous theory that the Reformers and their Creeds made a large mistake, unanimously, will be soundly refuted later.

Besides Elliott, the leading Historic Protestant interpreter of the Book of the Revelation, there is the testimony of prophetic scholar, H. Grattan Guinness, D.D. Writing one generation after Elliott, he also warns of the ignorance of the Christian sheep to the dangers of Roman Catholicism:

"The Reformation of the sixteenth century, which gave birth to Protestantism, was based on Scripture. It gave back to the world the Bible. It taught the Scriptures; it exposed the errors and corruptions of Rome by the use of the sword of the Spirit. It applied THE PROPHECIES and accepted their practical guidance. Such Reformation work requires to be done afresh. We have suffered prophetic anti-papal truth to be much forgotten. This generation is dangerously latitudinarian -indifferent to truth and error on points on which Scripture is tremendously decided and absolutely clear."[85] [T]he need of testimony to Protestant Truth is increasing instead of diminishing. Romanism and Ritualism are making extensive progress year by year, and seriously imperil 'The Protestant Religion and Liberties of England.' The duty of diffusing information on the true character and history of 'Romanism and the Reformation' is one which presses on God's faithful people in these days. The apathy of many as to the present crisis only increases the danger, and intensifies the call for clear and cogent teaching suited to counteract the Romeward tendencies of these times.' [86]

"Results even more dangerous have arisen from the dropping on the part of evangelical Christianity of its distinctive testimony against Romish doctrine and practice. [i.e. the drunken sleeping prophets were alive and well during Mr. Guinness' ministry] An apostasy has taken place in the Reformed Church of England itself, and multitudes of its members, uninstructed in the true nature and history of the Church of Rome, and ignorant of the prophetic teachings of the Scripture about it, have rejoiced in a return to many of the corruptions of doctrine and practice which their forefathers died to abolish. Our reformed faith is thus endangered both from without and from within, and it can be defended only by a resolute return to the true witness borne by saints and martyrs of other days. We must learn afresh from Divine prophecy God's estimate of the character of the Church of Rome if we would be moved afresh to be witnesses of Christ against this great apostasy."[87]

British prophecy expert, Albert Close, tells a modern-day parable pertinent to these last days in understanding the confusion reigning in Christendom:

"The late Reader Harris, K.C., relates that when he was a boy, Blondin, the famous tight-rope performer who walked across Niagra Falls on a tight-rope, gave an exhibition in his native town. People traveled all night in carts and wagons to see the wonderful sight. Two boys conceived the idea of playing a practical joke upon the country people who were coming to the town. They went out into the country a few miles, with spades and axes, and dug up about half-a-dozen fingerposts at the crossroads and turned them round, so that every finger pointed the wrong way! It was meant as a practical joke, and they thought it very funny; but it had a very tragic ending. A cart conveying two men, two women, and some children arrived at the crossroads in the dark; they took their lamps and read the sign post, and followed its directions. But the lane led to a ferry, which only worked by day. The road was a precipitous one, which ran right down into the river. The cart went merrily on, fearing no evil, when suddenly the road ended, and before they knew where they were, they were all in the river. All but one were drowned! The fingerposts were pointed the wrong way!

A somewhat similar tragedy happened in the theological world of Britain and America about ninety to 110 years ago, or to be exact, in 1826 and 1844-45 A.D. Five leading scholars turned the fingerposts of Divine Prophecy round, so that ever since they have pointed the wrong way, and turning multitudes of ministers, scholars and students off the King's highway down into two side lanes of false interpretation, whither they have led nearly the whole Christian Church. The five scholars were: Rev. S.R. Maitland, D.D., in 1826 A.D.; Prof. Lee of Cambridge, in 1830 A.D., Rev. Dr. Davidson, in 1844, in England; Rev. Prof. Moses Stuart, D.D., in America, in 1845 A.D.; Rev. Edward Irving, a London Scottish minister, in 1827-33 A.D. These five men set streams of error afloat which have completely changed the interpretation of Divine Prophecy ever since."[88]

The prophetic signposts have been turned to misdirect the sheep. The enemy has done this while the drunken sleeping prophets ate and drank with the drunken. The testimony of the Protestant Reformers and their Creeds have been suppressed, covered-up and revised. It is much easier to misdirect sheep that are uninformed and uninstructed. Sheep that haven't a clue won't bleat, disturbing the fold. The enemy has done this with cunning, while the drunken sleeping prophets build their earthly kingdoms.

Earlier in this chapter it was emphasized the fact that the Lord declared war in the Garden of Eden. Enmity was placed between the Seed of the Woman and the Seed of the Serpent. The Woman represents the true Church of born again believers, composed of Jewish and Gentile seed, or ancestry. The Seed of the Serpent represents the tares, the false Christians, Satan's sons who are thieves seeking to kill and destroy God's Church from within. These two families compose the visible, professing worldwide Church. The first-born of Eve was a murderer, a seed of the serpent, despite her desire he be the Savior. Cain received a mark on his forehead, signifying the coming Antichrist and enemy of God's people. Today multitudes of deluded professing Christians are welcoming Cain's seed as their brother in Christ, a leader of Christianity. Yet because of their spiritual blindness and the blindness of the drunken sleeping prophets they follow, they do not see the mark on Antichrist's forehead. They do not sense our holy God's utter distain and loathing for the Man of Sin and his Babylonish religious system. Nor do they consider God's unchanging decree of condemnation and judgment upon the Beast and his Whore. And so, the masses of blind, ignorant, apathetic sheep, and their prophets, sleep on. Blissfully unaware of the war that rages between the elect and the Dragon. For this is, indeed, the fight fought by few.

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