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Like the false prophets of Jerusalem, Christendom's clergy also walk in false and apostate doctrines, teachings not found in God's Word. What are some of these? The immortality of the soul, the Trinity, purgatory, and a hellfire to torment people. They tickle the ears of their hearers by preaching what people like to hear. They offend the faces of Christendom because she has God's peace. But the clergy are speaking to their own heart." It is false. Those who believe such lies are being poisoned and misled to their destruction!, these prophets, or teachers, set very bad examples, and, in effect, encouraged the people to do the same. Look at the condition of the world. Are they not just like those in Jeremiah's day? Today the clergy let adults and children in their ranks and even let them officiate at church services and protect those who hired, promoted, protected, and thanked those priests, despite over the years abusive behavior. How the Catholic Church had handled priests who sexually abused, as surfaced in the Boston Globe, the stories seemed almost too horrible to believe. But that members of the Church hierarchy - including Cardinal Bernard F. Law, one of the most influential American Catholic prelates in the Vatican - were not only aware of the scandal but to enormous lengths to hide the scandal from public view.

Is it any wonder that so many enrolled church members are also immoral and wicked inhabitants of Jerusalem to those of Sodom and Gomorrah. But Christendom goes beyond that of Sodom and Gomorrah. Yes, it is even more reprehensible. Her teachers flout the Christian moral code. And this engenders a climate where in which there are insidious enticements of all kinds to do what is bad. So bad is the situation that badness is today viewed as normal.

Jehovah's Witnesses

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1958 Divine Will International Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses in New York City. The Watch Tower Society presented a statement that said in part: "Witnesses have repeatedly exposed the clergy as being false teachers who are leading the world on a broad road of destruction. Yes, the remnant have made it clear why those who are not of Jehovah's adverse judgment. For example, Jehovah's servants have often pointed to Isaiah 18:24, which says that in Babylon the Great was found the blood of "all the righteous slain and slaughtered on the earth." Think of all the wars that have been fought because of religious differences. How great is the bloodguilt upon the false religious teachers who have caused division and have furthered the hatred of those of differing faiths. Concerning World War I, the book Preachers Present Arms says: "The clergy supported the war its passionate spiritual significance and drive. . . . The church there supported the war system." The same was true in World War II. The clergy fully supported and blessed their troops. Two world wars began in Christendom in which millions were slaughtered one another. Secular and religious factions within Christendom have bloodshed down to the present time. What horrible effects their false teaching has had!"

hesitation we declare this root cause of all the crime, delinquency, hatred, mad confusion to be wrong religion, false religion; behind which is man's Devil. The men most responsible for the world condition are the religious; the most reprehensible of these are the religious clergy of Christendom. Since World War I, Christendom stands in a relationship toward God like that of the day. Yes, Christendom faces a destruction more frightful and devastating than we saw happen to Jerusalem."Execution of Divine Judgment upon False Religion

"Come, I will show you the judgment upon the great harlot who sits on many waters, Rev. 17:1. EVERYONE has the right to practice the religion of his choice. This is not a person's religion proves to be grossly immoral, licentious, shocking to the public, is it false religion? It is not a form of religious persecution for anyone to say a religion is false. It is not religious persecution for an informed person to say a religion as being false, thus allowing persons to see the difference between a true religion. But in order to make the exposure and show the wrong religions, a worshiper will have to use an authoritative means of judgment, a rule of law, that has proved faulty. To make a public exposure of false religion is certainly of public interest, a news report as being untrue; it is a public service instead of a religious service with the eternal life and happiness of the public. Still it leaves the public with some persons as a new thought that not all religions are true and right, that there is one true religion, only one true form of worship of a higher or supreme deity. If all religions were true and right, they would bring improvement, protection and happiness to all religionists. False religion ends up with bad results, with debasement and degradation. The effect of false religion in this life, how could it really save us? How could it save the world, an improved world in spite of the fact that there the same religion is practiced in this life on earth? Not all religions could be true, for they all claim to be the really true religion must contradict all others. There must be just one true God does not lie and cannot lie. (Titus 1:1, 2; Heb. 6:18) Because of his love for the truth, he is against all false religion; and so is his Son Jesus Christ. The Holy Bible they cooperated in giving us, through the apostle John, a prophecy of the fall and destruction of all false religion.

"And he [the angel who appeared to John] carried me away in the power of the Spirit into the wilderness. And I caught sight of a woman sitting upon a scarlet-colored beast, which had blasphemous names and that had seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and was adorned with gold and precious stone and pearls and had upon her head a cup that was full of disgusting things and the unclean things of her fornication. Upon her forehead was written a name, a mystery: 'Babylon the Great, the mother of all disgusting things of the earth.' And I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. Well, on catching sight of her, I was in wonderment [but, of course, not admiringly]."-Rev. 17:3-6. The fact that she is drunk with the blood of [God's] holy ones and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus proves she is against Jehovah God and against his Son Jesus the Messiah. She is therefore not on the side of the one true worship, the one true religion. The name, although a mystery, betrays who the woman is. The main part of her name is the name of God's ancient enemy, Babylon. But she is greater than that city built upon the Euphrates River; that is why she is called "Babylon the Great." The ancient city, from its founding down to its disastrous fall in 539 B.C., outstandingly religious; she was a religious city. Now, we see that the mysterious Babylon the Great is, not pagan Rome or the world empire of Babylonish religion that gathers all the world in under its

angel said to John in explaining the mystery: "The waters that you saw, mean peoples and crowds and nations and tongues. Her fornication consists in religion with politics, playing along with politics for her own enrichment. She is a harlot, a prostitute, a whore, a temptress, a seductress, a politician, but this is especially in order that she may control worldly politics, dictating to the politicians. She presumes to have the divine right to crown kings, has prostituted herself to the political rulers. She has yielded her religious ambitions of the rulers, even to blessing their armies with slaughter weapons for selfish wars, and giving to those who get killed while trying to kill others, a place into heavenly glory. No wonder she is so brilliantly dressed. A heavy bloodguilt weighs down on Babylon the Great. She shares in the blame for the bloodshed, but she has her mystical power to prevent. She shares in the guilt for the bloodshed offered them for sacrifice to the god of war, even though they fought on the side of a religious brother against religious brother. In the name of religion she has caused persecution. She has stirred up brutal religious wars, of one religion against another, proclaimed holy wars, with promises of heavenly rewards for those who die in them, promoted fanatical crusades, not only against the so-called infidel, but against those who she has tried to wipe out with flame and sword. Her religious inquisitions have been fiendish. History records how subserviently she played her mighty part in the conflicts of mankind, World War I and World War II. In these ways she killed millions of religionists, yet these have all been God's creatures, and he holds Babylon the Great responsible for their blood. In her religious persecutions she has specially sinned against the apostle John calls attention to her bloodguilt in this respect by saying: "The harlot was drunk with the blood of the holy ones and with the blood of the witnesses. Drinking blood has been no problem for her, even though Noah, the great prophet, was given God's command to drink no blood. (Gen. 9:3, 4) Babylon the Great has experienced intoxicating pleasure by drinking the blood of God's holy ones, the blood of Jesus Christ, by declaring them heretics, a menace to Babylonish religion, and killing them to the death with help of the State." And the ten horns that you saw, will hate the harlot and will make her devastated and naked, and will eat her flesh and completely burn her with fire. For God put it into their hearts to carry out their one thought by giving their kingdom to the wild beast, until the time is accomplished." -Rev. 17:16, 17.