

THE REVELATION & END TIMES Part 10

“MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH”

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Reading: Revelation 17

AND there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

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.

WHAT IS A WHORE? A WOMAN WHO COMMITS FORNICATION.

But the Word of God deals with spiritual matters, and as we have noted before, Jesus stated that all the Scriptures speak of Him (***John 5:39***), and we have established also, that Jesus is the central Subject of ***The Revelation***, which is called *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*, and that ***The Revelation*** is prophecy communicated by symbols (“he sent and SIGNIFIED it by his angel” - ***1:1***). Therefore, when the prophecy speaks of fornication by a symbolic 'woman,' it speaks of SPIRITUAL FORNICATION, i.e. spiritual unfaithfulness or IDOLATRY.

WE HAVE SEEN IN REVELATION 12:1-5, ANOTHER WOMAN, “a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: 5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.” ***THIS WOMAN IS THE CHURCH OF GOD*** (some would say Israel, but remember that the Christian Church is also called “the Israel of God” (***Galatians 6:16***) and the “new Jerusalem” (***Revelation 20:2***), and of this Church, Christ was born in the flesh. Christ, the eternal “Word,” was born of a woman, that He might be, not only the Saviour of sinners, but the King of kings and Lord of lords, the human and divine Heir to the throne of God. And so, perhaps the greatest miracle of all is this incarnation, God becoming man. Charles Wesley put it so eloquently, “Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity; Pleased as man with men to dwell; Jesus, our Emanuel. Hark the herald angels sing, 'Glory to the newborn King!’” This is the ancient faith of the Christian Church! This is fundamental to all true

religion! Christ the Creator is born a man! Christ is crucified! Christ is risen! Christ is ascended into heaven! Christ is reigning for ever!

THEN WE SEE IN THE LATTER PARTS OF THE REVELATION, A WOMAN WHO IS CALLED, “THE BRIDE, THE LAMB’S WIFE” (21:9). This is the same woman, depicted here in a different symbol – “The Lamb’s wife”. She is further described in ***21:10-14***, “that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 Having the glory of God: and her light *was* like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; 12 And had a wall great and high, *and* had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: 13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. 14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.” ***SHE WHO IS MARRIED TO CHRIST IS HIS CHURCH***, and throughout Scripture she is referred to as His body and His temple also. This woman in *chapter 21* is the same as the woman of *chapter 12*; she is the Church of the living God, but in the closing chapters, she is seen in her fulness as the bride.

SO, THERE ARE BASICALLY TWO “WOMEN” IN SCRIPTURE, THE TRUE CHURCH AND THE FALSE CHURCH, THE FAITHFUL WIFE AND THE HARLOT, ISRAEL AND BABYLON).

TODAY’S LESSON IS ABOUT THE FALSE CHURCH – MYSTERY BABYLON: In *Chapter 17*, we see the woman who is called “**the great whore**,” not merely *a* whore, not even *the* whore, but something which has such significance in the whole world as to be called, “**the great whore**.” She is the one grossly evil body on earth which is in stark contrast to the true Church, yet she is sufficiently *like* a Church to be compared to the true Church. She is an unfaithful bride, an unfaithful, idolatrous Church. She is a Church which commits fornication (spiritually) with “the kings of the earth.” **Hence, SHE IS A WORLDLY CHURCH. She is for sale; she is for hire on the world’s market in every way; she embraces every form of false religion while claiming to be Christian; she embraces every form of vice while claiming to be holy, and HER GREATEST DEFINING MARK IS IDOLATRY, THE WORSHIP OF IMAGES, WHICH IS REALLY THE ESSENCE OF SPIRITUAL FORNICATION – THE WORSHIP OF OTHER GODS.** But, as well as singling out the grossness of her wickedness and idolatry, the definite article “the” – “the great whore”,

tells us she is not just ***an*** unfaithful Church, but that she is ***the unfaithful Church*** in all the world, and ***the mother of all unfaithfulness!*** She is a 'church' which pretends to have Christ as her husband, but she is unfaithful to Him, and she fornicates (spiritually speaking) with every false god in creation – everything from the gods and goddesses of wood and stone to the god Jesus called “mammon” (***Matthew 6:24***), i.e. worldly riches and pleasure, and this is perhaps most prevalent today in the politics of the whole world, although few are discerning enough to see it. A great example is the role her Jesuits play in the subversion of Christian nations, advocating ‘climate change policy’, ‘land rights’ for so-called indigenous peoples, and in many other ways. NB: It has just been reported that the Australian High Court has made a ruling in favour of Northern Territory aboriginals for compensation, to the tune of 1.3 million dollars, for so-called ‘spiritual harm’ from the building of a 1.2 km section of road on ‘their’ land. This of course is highly unconstitutional, but my point here is that the Jesuits (namely Fr. Frank Brennan) have been front and centre in the land rights push, which is now poised to financially cripple the nation. You can thank the “Mother of harlots” for this! She is truly “the great whore with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication!

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.

HERE IN VERSE 3, THE IDENTITY OF THIS FALSE CHURCH BECOMES VERY CLEAR. SHE SITS UPON A BEAST WHICH WE CAN EASILY SEE IS THE ROMAN EMPIRE (Our previous studies of ***Daniel 2***, ***Daniel 7***, and ***Revelation 12 & 13***, have covered this, so that we don't need to digress on this point now – the fact is clearly established, the beast with seven heads and ten horns is the Roman Empire, and all reputable scholars agree on this). We have proven abundantly in our study of the beasts, as the Church has known for centuries, that Popery is the “little horn,” the somewhat different empire which arose out of the old Roman Empire, also called by Paul, the “man of sin,” who sits in the temple of God and claims to be God (***2 Thessalonians 2***), so now, we see the picture broadens to show us that **THIS FINAL POWER IN THE EARTH IS NOT JUST A HIERARCHY OR POWER STRUCTURE, BUT ACTUALLY A CHURCH AS WELL!** In fact, it is an unholy alliance of a political power

and a church, or, a church which “sits upon” a “beast”, upon a great political power.

THOSE WHO CONTINUALLY SPECULATE ABOUT THE IDENTITY OF THE BEASTS OF *REVELATION*, (WHETHER THEY MAY REPRESENT THE EUROPEAN UNION OR THE USA OR SOME OTHER POWER), ARE MISSING THE POINT COMPLETELY, AND ARE TAKING THE FOCUS AWAY FROM WHAT THE SCRIPTURES ARE ACTUALLY TALKING ABOUT: Clearly, the final beast in the world is the “little horn” or “man of sin” which arises out of the Roman Empire - the final beast is the Papacy, “whom the Lord shall destroy with the brightness of His coming”, at the end of the world (*2 Thessalonians 2*). This is all we really need to know. The rest is mere detail, and speculation about it is futile. Beware of the cults (e.g. Adventists) and modern-day heretics (Futurists/Dispensationalists, who we observed before, are pushing the Jesuit propaganda about a yet future antichrist, and falsely teach that Christ has not yet established His kingdom, that He is not yet reigning on His kingdom throne – make no mistake, this is heresy, as it denies a central tenet of the gospel that Christ is risen and reigning and His kingdom has no end!). So this man of sin is both the political beast and the head of the false church, and he is wreaking great havoc, even among the churches!

THE CHURCH OF ROME SITS UPON THE ROMAN BEAST IN MORE THAN ONE WAY: FIRSTLY, IT IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT ROME, the city which is the seat of power for the old Roman Empire; ***SECONDLY, IT IS HISTORICALLY DESCENDED FROM THE ROMAN EMPIRE***, as the “little horn” (*Daniel 7*), which came up among the other horns afterwards; and ***THIRDLY, IT IS SPIRITUALLY BASED ON THE PAGANISM OF THE OLD ROMAN EMPIRE (AND ANCIENT BABYLON BEFORE IT)*** – e.g. some commentators have observed that even the so-called statue of St Peter at Rome is really the statue of Jupiter re-badged, and it is well known that the mother-and-child image of the “Madonna,” supposedly the virgin Mary and baby Jesus, is only a revival of the old Pagan images of the mother-and-child goddess and god, which of course predate the birth of Jesus by many centuries. In Pagan Rome the mother and child were Venus and Jupiter, but the tradition goes back much further to ancient Babylon where they were called Semiramis and Tammuz, and in practically all Pagan cultures around the world, there is the same

mother and child worship under different names, even in China, India, Europe, Scandinavia etc., and she is called Aphrodite, Venus, Diana, Cybele, Isis etc. In Scripture, she is called “the queen of heaven” (*Jeremiah 7*), and Ashtoreth, who goes with Baal, the sun god, as the Scriptures testify abundantly. And this, and the many other Pagan aspects of Roman Catholicism, show us why **CATHOLICISM HAS BEEN SO READILY ACCEPTED ALL OVER THE WORLD BY SO MANY DIFFERENT PAGAN PEOPLES, BECAUSE THEY MERELY CHANGE THE NAMES OF THEIR PAGAN DEITIES TO MARY AND JESUS!** Conversion to Rome is easy for Pagan peoples, because in reality, this whore is just the mother of all Pagan cults, the mother of all idolatry.

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:

THE BISHOPS OF THE CHURCH OF ROME ARE LITERALLY CLOTHED IN PURPLE, AND THE CARDINALS IN SCARLET, and the gold and precious stones of the adornment of the church are legendary, so that nobody can mistake the relevance of this reference.

THE CUP IS OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE. It seems to suggest the communion, or eucharist, as it is called in the Church of Rome. **But the eucharist or mass of Rome is not The Lord's Supper we partake of.** It is a requirement of the Church of Rome (the “mother of harlots”), that communicants believe that Christ's body and blood are physically present in the elements of bread and wine after they are consecrated by the priest. **THE EXPOSURE OF THIS FALSE AND BLASPHEMOUS DOCTRINE OF ‘THE MASS’, WHICH IS A GROSS IDOLATRY, LITERALLY BOWING DOWN TO THE WAFER, WAS A GREAT MARK OF THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION.** Multitudes of Protestants were tortured and murdered by this unholy church because they refused to confess Christ's real presence in the eucharist. And as much as so many 'Protestants' today try to tell us Rome has changed, her doctrines have not changed, and even the anathemas proclaimed against all who believe the true gospel and who say the bread and wine are symbols, still stand, and those anathemas have been confirmed by the Vatican II council, as well as by recent popes.

Hence it is no surprise to read on in this prophecy and find such graphic language describing this unfaithful Roman Catholic Church:

5 And upon her forehead *was* a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

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.

7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

9 And here *is* the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

ROME IS WELL KNOWN AS THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS. Other cities are built on seven hills but only Rome qualifies as fulfilling *all* the words of prophecy concerning this woman, including the final verse, which says, “the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.” This can only be Rome, or more particularly, the Vatican City state.)

10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, *and* the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

The detail of the unfolding stages of Rome’s power structures are not of great importance, but for those interested, **MATTHEW HENRY’S COMMENTARY** and other reputable commentators can supply even more detail identifying the historic changes.

13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful.

ALL THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD ARE BASICALLY KOWTOWING TO THE VATICAN, AND THEIR WARS ARE LARGELY FOUGHT ON HER BEHALF, AND THEY ARE ALL BASICALLY FIGHTING AGAINST CHRIST IN MANY WAYS – just look at almost any decision made by our own government today, and observe how they follow the global trends. They are all pawns and accomplices in the global tyranny and global assault against Christ. This is why it is so hard to find a single member of parliament who is not a liar and a traitor – because they all kowtow to this globalist “beast” and “Mother of harlots”. **HISTORICALLY, ENGLAND OR GREAT BRITAIN HAS BEEN A STRONGHOLD AGAINST ROME AND FOR THE PROTESTANT CHURCH, BUT NOT WITHOUT FIERCE AND BLOODY CONFLICT AGAINST AN UNRELENTING AND BLOODTHIRSTY FOE.** Even in more modern times, if any leading figure has crossed them, they have not lived long afterwards, e.g. Abraham Lincoln, John F Kennedy. Victims of all the major wars (Crimea, WW I, WW II, Viet Nam etc.) are really victims of the Vatican and its power plays, and the Crusades of old against the Moslems continue today as the West, led by the USA, has waged war against all Islamic nations, similarly the ongoing conflict with Russia which has always rebelled against Rome.

15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

THE VATICAN HASN'T HAD IT ALL HER OWN WAY, AS THERE HAS BEEN MUCH OPPOSITION TO HER DOMINATION OF THE WORLD. And recently, much of her scandalous conduct, blatant deception, and outright criminal activity has been revealed, and she is opposed even by physical conflict in places, and her global financial stranglehold is being challenged, even by nations as small as Iceland, which has rejected the global bankers and banished them altogether, and today, Donald Trump is a major obstacle

to the Vatican's power. In short, the Vatican and its false church are being hated more and more as time goes on, as more of the reality of her wickedness is being revealed, and more recently, the scandal of her paedophile priests has accelerated this feeling against the "whore" church. Like all the great powers (beasts) before her, the Vatican's days are also numbered, and the writing is on the wall for "Mystery Babylon Mother of Harlots and abominations of the earth", just as it was for Ancient Babylon. The man of sin is to be destroyed at the end. **REMEMBER, THIS CHAPTER BEGAN WITH THE WORDS, "I WILL SHEW UNTO THEE THE JUDGMENT OF THE GREAT WHORE" - HER JUDGMENT IS CERTAIN!** How the conflicts will unfold, we don't know, but we know Whom we believe, and whom we don't believe, in this present treacherous world. And arguably, the greatest single blow ever struck against this evil power was on Reformation Day, 31st October 1517, when Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses on the door of the Wittenberg Cathedral. The gospel preaching of Luther and other Reformers ultimately crippled the Church of Rome, but sadly, she has revived to a large extent in the last 100 years. And apart from her political, financial, and military power structures, her greatest instruments to claw back power since the Reformation, particularly since about 1850, have been:

Evolution;

Futurism/Dispensationalism;

Arminianism;

Ecumenism;

Pentecostalism;

Her efforts to overthrow the King James Bible by replacing it with modern versions. These are all great studies in themselves.

17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

THE IDENTITY OF THIS GREAT WHORE IS QUITE UNMISTAKABLE. The symbols used cannot depict anything but the Roman Catholic Church, and also the churches that follow her, in what is now called the ecumenical movement.

But there are many believers who just cannot see the Church of Rome, or those churches which are in fellowship with her, as such an evil thing. So

what is the substance of such a doctrine? What is so evil about the Church of Rome? Well, whenever we want to know right from wrong the simplest and most certain way is to measure the matter against the Law of God.

HOW DOES THIS WHORE MEASURE UP TO GOD'S LAW (EXODUS 20)? NOT VERY WELL.

1. ***SHE IS STEEPED IN IDOLATRY, IN BREACH OF THE FIRST AND SECOND COMMANDMENTS:*** “Thou shalt have no other gods before me”; “Thou shalt not make ... any graven image”. It would be surprising to many, to know that in the Catholic Catechism’s list of the Ten Commandments, this Second Commandment (against graven images) is not included!
2. ***SHE “TAKES THE LORD’S NAME IN VAIN,” IN BREACH OF THE THIRD COMMANDMENT,*** particularly as the Popes claim the title of “Vicar of the Son of God” (Vicarius Filii Dei = 666). Similarly, her priests are called “Father”, in contradiction of Jesus’ special prohibition in *Matthew 23*. Mind you, in the same text, Jesus forbids the use of “Rabbi” or “Master” as well! Have you noticed, the Protestants who follow this Mother of harlots’ also give “flattering titles” to their preachers – “Pastor”, “Reverend”, etc.? All this is the taking of the Lord’s name in vain.
3. ***SHE HAS, BY BEING PRAGMATIC ABOUT WORSHIP, ABANDONED THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT: TO “KEEP THE SABBATH DAY HOLY,”*** as she conducts her idolatrous Mass on Saturday evenings so the congregation can pursue worldly interests on the Lord's Day, and even her celebration of the Mass on the Lord’s Day profanes the Lord’s Day with Paganism.
4. ***SHE MAKES A MOCKERY OF THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT, “HONOUR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER,”*** by requiring the people to call her priests, “Father,” and by promoting the worship of the Pagan mother goddess, and more so, by the rejection of the Scriptures, which our fathers have given us, as the only Authority.
5. ***SHE HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY AND HISTORICALLY MURDEROUS, IN BREACH OF THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT:*** “Thou shalt not kill”. Foxe's Book of Martyrs should be read by every Christian and every family, as it outlines the persecution of the Church by the Roman beasts, from the time of the apostles, through to the middle ages when Protestants were being burnt alive at the stake, and all who preached the Word of God, translated or printed it, or distributed it, were persecuted by the Church of Rome.

6. ***SHE HAS HARBOURED ENDEMIC FORNICATION AND PAEDOPHILIA BY HER PRIESTS, AND HAS CONSISTENTLY DENIED IT, COVERED IT UP, MADE EXCUSES FOR IT, IN BREACH OF THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT:*** “Thou shalt not commit adultery,”
7. ***SHE IS IN BREACH OF THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT AND THE TENTH, COVETOUS BEYOND IMAGINATION, WHILE DECEPTIVELY CLAIMING TO BE POOR,*** gathering riches even from the poorest of people under the guise of indulgences and other religious scams which give false hope to those deceived: “Thou shalt not steal,” and “Thou shalt not covet.”
8. ***SHE HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY DISHONEST, IN BREACH OF THE NINTH COMMANDMENT:*** “Thou shalt not bear false witness...” Her lies and treachery are legendary, and the infamous motto of the Jesuits is, “The end justifies the means”, which is literally the root of all treachery in governments, courts, educational institutions, and media, throughout the nations. The proof of the pudding is this: just observe how a whole generation now justifies lying as a way of life – this has come from “the father of lies”, via “the man of sin”, whose chief agents are the Jesuits – they are utterly bereft of any moral compass, and they are the educators today in the whole Western World. That is the very reason we ought to object to the term, “Western Civilisation” (it is just another name for Antichrist’s kingdom!). We must insist on Christ alone and Scripture alone, in all things!

FINALLY, THE CALL AND COMMAND OF THE WORD OF GOD IS TO, “COME OUT OF HER, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues,” as in the following chapter (*Revelation 18*), her ultimate ruin is graphically spelled out. **LET US REMEMBER THAT THIS CALL RELATES NOT ONLY TO THE STRICT CONFINES OF ROMAN CATHOLICISM, BUT TO THOSE CHURCHES WHO WALK IN FELLOWSHIP WITH HER, WHO DEFEND HER, WHO TEACH HER DOCTRINES, WHO PRETEND SHE IS NOT VERY DIFFERENT FROM BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY.** I would go as far as to say that, since the doctrines outlined in the study of *Revelation and End Times* in Scripture so plainly reveal this system of Antichrist, as being the Roman Catholic Papacy and Church and its followers, and since this has been well known by the true Church for many centuries, that any Christian who has any spiritual fellowship with such churches, even with those who do not recognise the Pope as the man of sin, are in a serious state of disobedience, and great danger. It is high time for another Protestant Reformation! It is high time for all Bible

believers to stop playing with the Devil and stand up for Christ alone and for Scripture alone! The martyrs of the Protestant Reformation gladly suffered torture and flames rather than be seen to agree with the Roman Antichrist. Today's professors are reluctant to suffer a moment's embarrassment! What has happened to the Protestant Church? The answer is simple – Rome has swallowed her up! She has become a daughter of the Mother of Harlots! It is high time for all so-called 'Protestant ministers', who use and promote Rome's modern ecumenical bible versions, to be challenged and forsaken if they refuse to hear the Word of God. May God give every true believer an opportunity to do so. I don't say we should have nothing to do with them, but only that we should not be sitting under their ministry as they preach and teach doctrines of the great whore from the whore's fake bibles! All these seemingly small inconsistencies are literally destroying the testimony of today's Church. They must be stopped if God is to be glorified in His Church! There must be repentance! It is not as if these things are not abundantly clear. I have attended Reformed Christian conferences and Reformation Day meetings where preachers have read from Rome's NKJV bible, verses which say we “are being saved” instead of “are saved”, thereby promoting the Roman Catholic idea of a progressive salvation! What is wrong with such men that they have so little discernment? Why do they not stand up boldly and preach the truth? Is it because they are afraid they might have to work for a living, because people will be offended and leave the Church? Is it because their pride will not allow them to make such a stand, as to be preaching to only a handful of people? I exhort the common people of the Churches to challenge such men. If they are good men, God will give them grace to repent. If they do not repent, don't follow them! “Come out of the Mother of Harlots my people!” “What agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you, 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty” (**2 Corinthians 6:16-18**). Do you hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches? If you have ears to hear, then hear, and believe, and obey the Word of God! Those who habitually take the Word of God lightly, or put some sort of tradition or expediency before the Word of God, are followers of this “beast” and daughters of the Mother of harlots. May God give us grace to be

faithful in such a treacherous time! “Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?” (*Psalm 85:6*) Amen.