

BIBLE STUDY REFERENCE LIST - CHAPTER 9
The Mystery of Babylon The Great

INTRODUCTION

Quick reference Bible studies for the 12 Mysteries are essential for two purposes: defending the gospel against skeptics, and teaching Christians reasons they should hope in the Word of God. This book's length naturally begs for a quick reference guide for Biblical proof "*the mystery of God*"¹ has been finished, or revealed.

Below you'll find Bible study references for **Chapter 9** only. References for remaining chapters are available for free at www.pastorjessesmith.com/12mysteriesbook. You can also reach me via email, jesse.smith11@sbcglobal.net, or text 330-929-2037.

As Christians, we must verbally defend our faith. Twice Paul says he was set for the defense of the gospel in Philippians 1:7 and 17. In Greek, "defence" means "verbal defence, speech in defence, a reasoned statement or argument." The same Greek word for "defence" is also translated as "answer" in Peter's first epistle: "*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.*"² You can be ready to share the truth with any inquirer.

Ministers especially must faithfully test all beliefs. Paul commands us to "*Prove all things*" in 1 Thessalonians 5:21. Prove means "to test, examine, prove, scrutinize (to see whether a thing is genuine or not), as metals" in the Greek. Since the Bible is our Absolute, all revelations are proven true by the pure words of Scripture alone.

Paul's message to Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:15 is: "*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*" Acts 17:11 labels the Bereans as a noble group because they searched the Scriptures daily to verify Paul's preaching.

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9TH MYSTERY: BABYLON

Revelation: The Roman Catholic Church (R.C.C.) is the false mother church, and her daughters are Protestant churches who partake in her iniquities.

God's wisdom is required to recognize the false mother harlot church:

Rev. 17:9, 13:8 wisdom recognizes the false church sits on 7 hills (mountains) and counts the number of the beast—666

James 1:5 God's wisdom is easily accessible—ask Him for it and believe you'll receive it

Prov. 4:7 wisdom is the principle thing—get it

¹ Revelation 10:7

² 1 Peter 3:15

Proof #1 the R.C.C. is Mystery Babylon—The Catholic Church is a Woman or Church:

Rev. 17:3-5 Mystery Babylon is an abominable, adulterous woman

Ezek. 16:15, John 3:29, Acts 7:38, Eph. 5:32, Rev. 19:7 Israel and the New Testament church are called women by God and Christ: wives and brides; churches are represented as women

Proof #2 the R.C.C. is Mystery Babylon—The R.C.C. is the Modern-day Babylon:

Rev. 17:5 “Babylon” is written upon her forehead

Gen. chapters 10-11, Rev. 13:6 Tower of Babel was a man-made, works-based approach to reach heaven; they exalted their own name, as the R.C.C. blasphemes God’s name and promotes the name of Rome and Mary far above Jesus’ name

Dan. 2:31-45 the four kingdoms are all Babylon-like: Babylon, Medes and Persians, Greece, and Rome; the final kingdom, Rome, spreads until it fills the whole earth and is destroyed by the stone, or second coming of Jesus to the earth

Dan. 5:28 Babylon fell to Medes and Persians, proving identify of first 2 kingdoms

Rev. 13:11-12 the Roman Empire—that used to be ruling in Babylon, the Medes and Persians, and Grecians—gained a new lease on life by migrating into the papacy

Rev. 13:11-13 the beast out of the land is the R.C.C. working through the United States to rule by ecclesiastical influence; the fire from heaven were the atomic bombs dropped in World War 2

Proof #3 the R.C.C. is Mystery Babylon—The R.C.C. is a mother of harlots like Jezebel:

Rev. 17:5 Mystery Babylon is called a “Mother”; she is the first human-organized, man-led church—God is not leading her

Mat. 15:6 9, Heb. 6:6 Catholicism’s unscriptural traditions make God’s Word of *none effect*, ultimately producing vain worship; she crucifies the effects of the Holy Spirit

Rev. 17:5, 2:20-24 the label “mother” means the R.C.C. has children, and Jesus labels the false church as “Jezebel”; the mother’s children (unfaithful Protestants) will be judged and destroyed 2 Kings 11:1, Eze. 16:44 as the mother is, so is her daughter, as Athaliah, Jezebel’s daughter, had a murderous, evil spirit just as her mother; similarly, unfaithful Protestants legalize sin and accept man-made creeds instead of God’s revealed Word

2 Kings 9:22, Rev. 2:20 both Jezebel and the R.C.C. commit sexual immorality

1 Kings chapters 18, 21 Jezebel was a murderer, just as the R.C.C. killed through wars and The Inquisition

1 Kings 18:19, Rev. 2:20 both Jezebel and the R.C.C. are guilty of idolatry

Prov. 17:15 unfaithful Protestants are guilty with the R.C.C. for justifying the mother’s wickedness, which is an abomination

Proof #4 the R.C.C. is Mystery Babylon—The R.C.C. sits on many waters:

Rev. 17:1, 15 Mystery Babylon sits on many waters, or *people, multitudes, nations, and tongues*; Encyclopedia Britannica says the number of Catholics is greater than that of nearly all other religious traditions. There are more Roman Catholics than all other Christians combined and more Roman Catholics than all Buddhists or Hindus

Proof #5 the R.C.C. is Mystery Babylon—The R.C.C. sits on seven mountains or hills:

Rev. 17:9 Mystery Babylon sits on the seven hills, or mountains; only Rome meets all 11 requirements needed to be considered Mystery Babylon

Proof #6 the R.C.C. is Mystery Babylon—The R.C.C. is a harlot, or whore to Christ:

Rev. 17:1, 15-16 Mystery Babylon is a *great whore* or *whore*

Rom. 7:4, Rev. 22:18-19 the true church is married to Jesus and will not add or take away from His Word

John 15:3 believers are clean only through Jesus' Word

Rev. 17:2, 18:3 Mystery Babylon commits spiritual fornication with kings and nations by pleasing them rather than her professed Husband, Christ the Word

1 Tim. 4:1 some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, doctrines of devils; Catholicism promotes the following seven false doctrines of devils:

Mat. 8:14-15, 1 Cor. 9:5, 1 Tim. 3:2 mandatory clerical celibacy is wrong because Peter, whom Catholicism claims to be the first pope, was married, as Paul admits; pastors, or bishops, may be the husband of one wife

1 Cor. 10:16, 11:27-29, 2 Cor. 5:16 transubstantiation is wrong because the communion bread and wine are symbolic of God's Spirit and not literal deity; the wine is called the *cup of blessing*, not cup of divinity; communion can be taken unworthily, proving the bread and wine are not divine; we don't know Jesus after the flesh anymore, yet the R.C.C. says they eat His flesh

Eph. 4:11, Matt. 23:9, John 17:11 the pope office and Holy Father title is wrong because Paul never ordains a pope office; Jesus says to call no man "father"; God alone is to be called Holy Father, so the pope is stealing worship from God when he receives that title

Ex. 20:5, Rev. 19:10, 22:8-9, 2 Sam. 15:5 kissing a pope's right or priest's hand and bowing to a church leader is idolatry

Ex. 20:3-4, Acts 17:29 veneration of statues and images is idolatry

Ps. 5:3, Col. 2:13 praying to anyone other than God is a form of spiritualism and praying for the dead to be loosed from sins is vain because Jesus' blood already forgives believers all their trespasses

Isa. 43:11, Heb. 4:15, Rom. 3:23, Luke 1:47, Rev. 5:1-5, Her. 7:3, 1 Tim. 2:5, 1 John 2:1 praying to and exalting Mary as "Mother of God" is idolatry because Jesus is the only Savior and only person who never sinned and the rest of humanity has sinned and fallen short of God's glory; Mary needed and rejoiced in her Savior; Jesus is the only worthy one to loose the Seven Seals—not Mary; God's eternal Spirit has no mother; Jesus is the only mediator between God and men and our only advocate

Proof #7 the R.C.C. is Mystery Babylon—The R.C.C. uses scarlet and purple apparel:

Rev. 17:4 R.C.C. leaders wear scarlet and purple during annual festivals, holy days, and seasons of the church year

Proof #8 the R.C.C. is Mystery Babylon—The R.C.C. is wealthy:

Rev. 17:4 Mystery Babylon is decked with gold, precious stones, pearls; the Vatican has over \$8 billion in assets and mass services showcase golden cups and instruments with precious stones

Proof #9 the R.C.C. is Mystery Babylon—The R.C.C. is drunken with the blood of saints:

Rev. 17:6 Mystery Babylon is drunk with blood of saints and martyrs of Jesus, fulfilled by Catholicism's wars of conquest, the Crusades, and the Inquisition; Samuel Schmucker says the R.C.C. killed more than 68 million Christians

Rev. 18:24 all the slain are traced back to the R.C.C.: *And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth*

Proof #10 the R.C.C. is Mystery Babylon—Catholicism's headquarters is a great city:

Rev. 17:18 Mystery Babylon is a great city which reigns over kings of the earth; the Vatican is a independent church-state and popes have influenced kings, especially during the Middle Ages, but Pope John Paul II is credited for helping end the Cold War

Proof #11 the R.C.C. is Mystery Babylon—The R.C.C. rides the beast, or spirit of Ancient Rome:

Rev. 17:3 Mystery Babylon sits on a scarlet colored beast

Dan. 7:23 a beast represents a human kingdom

Dan. 7:1-8 Babylon is the lion, the Medes and Persians are the bear, the Grecians are the leopard, and Rome is the *dreadful and terrible* beast with *great iron teeth*;

Rev. 18:2 Mystery Babylon is *the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird*; all the violent, evil demons who inhabited each ancient kingdom never died; they have only changed their dwelling places, living now in the Catholic system

Rev. 13:1-3 the beast wounded to death but healed represents Ancient Rome's fall in the 5th century but it's new life in the Roman Catholic Church

Catholicism's Triple Blasphemy:

Rev. 13:6 the beast's triple blasphemy: God's name, tabernacle, and the saints in heaven

Col. 3:17, Eph. 3:15, Phil. 2:9-11 the R.C.C. substitutes the Holy Trinity and Father, Son, and Holy Ghost titles above the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, which is the name above all names and the name every word or deed should be done in

Mat. 6:9 Jesus teaches us to hallow God's name, but Catholicism exalts Mary's name and the Trinity name above Jesus' name

Rev. chapters 21 and 22, Rev. 18:8-10 the New Jerusalem is the true and only eternal city; Rome blasphemes God's tabernacle by calling itself the "Eternal City" but her plagues come in one day as God destroys her

1 Tim. 2:5, Acts 14:1-18 Rome blasphemes the saints in heaven by praying to them, but Jesus is the only mediator between God and man; humans are never honored with prayers, sacrifices, or worship

The Mark of the Beast:

Rev. 13:16-18 buying and selling is allowed through one of three means: the mark of the beast, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name
Acts 5:32, 2 Cor. 1:22, Eph. 1:13, 4:30, Rev. 7:1-8 God's mark is the seal, or baptism of the Holy Ghost upon a believer's soul, given to those who obey Him
Gen. 4:3-15, 26 Cain seems to take a physical mark after leaving God's presence, a prefigure of the spiritual mark of apostasy called the reprobate mind; God's mark is foreshadowed by Seth beginning to call upon the name of the Lord
Jer. 6:30, Rom. 1:28, 2 Tim. 3:8, Tit. 1:16 the spiritual mark for rejecting God's path to salvation is called a reprobate mind

The Mark in the Right Hand or Forehead:

Ps. 144:8-11, 1 Thes. 5:3 the right hand means to do the will of the beast under the deception of *peace and safety*, also called *the right hand of falsehood*
Deu. 16:15 hands represent works, so mark in hand means to do the works of the beast
Eze. 3:1, 8-9, Jer. 3:3 the mark in the forehead represents a persuaded mind and in the case of sinners, their minds are unashamed in committing evil; those who take the mark in their forehead accept the false doctrines of the world church system, such as trinitarianism, universalism, etc.
Eze. 9:1-11, Rev. 7:3 believers are marked in their foreheads, meaning their minds are forever persuaded to serve God

The Mark of his name—both the person of the Antichrist and the spirit of Rome:

Rev. 14:11 sinners receive the mark of *his name*, which is Vicar of Christ
Rev. 13:17-18 the Antichrist's name is the name of one man—*his name*; the evil name is Vicar of Christ, as the pope is also called Bishop of Rome, Vicar of Jesus Christ, Successor of the Prince of the Apostles, Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church, Patriarch of the West, Primate of Italy, Metropolitan Archbishop of the Province of Rome, Sovereign of the State of Vatican City, Servant of the Servants of God
Rev. 17:3 the beast, or spirit of Rome is *full of names of blasphemy*, meaning all the different names of so-called Christians churches (Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, Baptist, etc.) without the power and character of true Christianity
Rev. 3:1 Jesus says many unconverted, sin-loving church members have church names they live, or confess (Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, Baptist, etc.), but are spiritually dead

The number of the beast's name:

Rev. 13:17-18 the beast's number is 666, which is the sum of the Roman numerals in the Latin title for the pope, "vicarius filii dei"; the title "vicarius filii dei" or "vicar of God's" in Latin is nearly identical to the pope's official title "Vicar of Christ"

The image of the beast:

Rev. 13:14-15 the beast's plan to control humanity is to *make an image to the beast*; it's likely the image of the beast is World Council of Churches, for this massive group seeks to show visible unity for nearly 1/2 billion Christians

John 17:11, Eph. 4:5, 2 John 1:9-11 both the pope and World Council of Churches misinterpret Jesus' prayer for unity, for there is only one faith and those who don't abide in it are not to be received in believers' houses for they are not born again

Rev. 13:15 the beast, or spirit of Rome, gives life to the image, or World Council of Churches, meaning the ecumenical move will become strong enough to influence laws to change to persecute Christians left behind after the rapture

The false prophet, or person of the Antichrist:

Rev. 19:20, 20:10 the false prophet is judged; the pope of Rome is the false prophet who claims to speak for God but lies; the C.C.C. says the pope is infallible on matters of faith and morals

John 17:11 the pope steals the *Holy Father* title Jesus gave to the Father only, wickedly exalting himself

2 Thes. 2:3-13 detailed description of the pope-antichrist; called man of sin, son of perdition, that wicked, who opposes and exalts himself above God and His Word; those who overcome him will love truth and hate his unrighteousness

Dan. 8:23-25 compound prophecy of Antiochus IV and future pope-antichrist; antichrist will stand up against Jesus, the Prince of princes; he'll have a policy to cause craft to prosper, magnifying himself

Dan. 9:27, Rev. 11:2-3 the pope-antichrist will make a one week, or seven year covenant with Israel but break it in the midst of the week, after the 3.5 year ministry of God's two witnesses

Dan. 11:21-31 another compound prophecy of Antiochus IV and future pope-antichrist; the pope will make a peaceful league or covenant with Israel using flatteries but he'll break the covenant and force Israel to stop offering their daily sacrifices

Dan. 11:36-45 the pope-antichrist will enter the holy land to set up his own tabernacle in Jerusalem but he'll swiftly come to his end and none shall help him

Catholicism in the United States:

Rev. 13:1-10 the beast out of the sea was Ancient Rome, which fell with a deadly wound but was revived in the Roman Catholic Church

Rev. 13:11-18 the beast out of the earth is the spirit of Rome in the United States; Ancient Rome and the USA have the following similarities: largest economies, strongest militaries, most influential politics, most advanced technologies, freedom and variety in cultural expressions, and religious tolerance

Rev. 13:11, 13:3 the beast out of the earth is a small human population, since the beast of the sea represents multitudes; the beast out of the earth represents the North American continent

Rev. 13:11, Jer. 48:25 the two horns represent America's civil and ecclesiastical powers; horns represent power, such as Moab military power, or horn, being cut off

Rev. 13:11 like a lamb represents a young country; also, like a lamb means it can be another young animal, and it must be a young buffalo, as the buffalo became America's national mammal in 2016

Rev. 13:11 the USA speaks like a dragon, making phenomenal claims and warnings, like President Trump announcing the USA's military will be at its most powerful state in Sept. 2018

Rev. 13:13 the USA did a great wonder when it dropped two atomic bombs on Japan to end WW2; this was making fire come down from heaven

Dan. 2:40-43, Gen. 6:1-3, 2 Cor. 6:14-18 the fourth kingdom's partly strong feet is described as iron and clay mixing, meaning Catholics (iron) and Protestants (clay) intermarrying, mingling their seed with men; this shows how Catholicism was gradually accepted in the USA; God is grieved with their marriages, as He was in the days of Noah, since believers should not be unequally yoked with unbelievers

1 Kin. 11:1-14, Neh. 12:23-27 marrying outside the faith caused Solomon's fall, and fall of Jews in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah

Gen. 3:1-19, 2 Cor. 11:3 Satan divided the first family, Adam and Eve, through beguiling Eve;

2 Tim. 3:6, Tit. 1:11 corrupt teachers infiltrate homes of weak Christians, leading them astray

2 John 1:10-11 Christians refuse false teachers from entering their homes