

Before we dive into Phase 2 of the apostasy, let's quickly review Phase 1. As we saw in the last two sessions, Paul warned of an end-time apostasy that would precede the return of Christ. To refresh your memory, the word *apostasy* means a *falling away, defection, or revolt*. It begins with a defection from the truth and ends with a defection from a Person—the Lord Jesus Christ.

Through hyper-grace teaching, the preaching of another gospel, and a culturally-relevant presentation of another Jesus, we are witnessing a repeat of the sins of Jeroboam in the church. When you add to this the increasing popularity of Progressive Christianity—which purports the Bible is a fossilized human attempt to describe God based on the ancient culture of the time rather than the authoritative, inerrant, and Spirit-inspired Word of God—we are presently experiencing the beginning of the last-days apostasy Paul warned about. This is Phase 1 in a nutshell.

Phase 1 of the apostasy is relatively easy to identify. I also think Phase 3 of the apostasy, which we will look at in the next session, is somewhat straightforward. But in my opinion, Phase 2 of the apostasy is more difficult to figure out. That's why a quick review of the seventh kingdom will help pinpoint what the one-world religion will be, for this religion will fuel Phase 2 of the apostasy.

Seventh Kingdom Review

Here's what we know so far. Daniel saw an end-time kingdom, comprised of iron mixed with clay. The iron represents European nations, once part of the ancient Roman Empire, aligned with other people groups, symbolized by the clay. This will likely include an unspecified number of non-European nations, including numerous Arab nations, who will be allured by prosperity and the promise of a global utopia. Together, these nations will form the seventh kingdom. This seventh kingdom is revealed in Revelation 17-18.

As stated in Session 8, this antichrist kingdom has already been established in its infancy in the European Union and will expand and mature in the days ahead. Perhaps through the UN's 2030 Agenda, 17 Goals of Sustainability, the Great Reset, and Inclusive Capitalism, the seventh kingdom will become a one-world government, a one-world religion, and a one-world economy.

To unite the world, the seventh kingdom will be characterized by tolerance, peace, prosperity, compassion, love, and social justice.

As previously discussed, the seventh kingdom's government will likely be a hybrid of socialism, corporatism, and technocracy. It will be run by wealthy elite, influential political leaders, the world's successful CEOs, and technical experts, who working in partnership, dictate to the serf-like population what is acceptable and unacceptable beliefs, thoughts, and behavior.

The seventh kingdom's economy will likely be a hybrid of socialism and capitalism, what some have called Inclusive Capitalism or Stakeholder Capitalism. The idea is to take the wealth generated by the success of capitalism and distribute it to the less fortunate nations, until every nation is equalized and poverty is eliminated.

Satan's goal in the seventh kingdom will be to intoxicate the nations with false religion, preparing them to worship the antichrist, and ultimately, him.

You see, there's a common misconception about Satan that's important to expose. Many believe the enemy's primary goal is to make people atheists, drowning them to death in a sea of doubt and unbelief. But I don't believe this is true. When you study several eschatological passages, what leaps off the page is the opposite. That is, at the end of the age, Satan will inspire a religious revival, marked by signs, wonders, and miracles. He wants a religious awakening in the nations because his masterplan is to be worshiped by a zealous and passionate people, who bow their knee to him in adoration. It's hard to fathom a multitude of atheists worshipping the antichrist, isn't it?

This in mind, we can expect, not only a great awakening released by the Spirit of God, but also a demonically-energized great awakening preparing the way for the antichrist and his intolerant religion.

Not satisfied with the harlot's religious pluralism, Satan will inspire the antichrist and 10 kings to destroy Rome and her one-world religion. Why? Because Satan yearns to monopolize the worship for himself. That's why, at the beginning of the Great Tribulation, the antichrist and the 10 kings will set Rome on fire as they eliminate all of his competition. In the place of the harmonious, world-uniting religion of the harlot, the antichrist will setup his totalitarian religion and establish the eighth kingdom.

Identifying the Seventh Kingdom's Religion

Now we come to the difficult question. What will the religion of the seventh kingdom look like? What will it be?

To begin answering these questions, we know for certain the seventh kingdom will have some type of global religion, for John saw the harlot city of Rome serving an idolatrous and intoxicating wine to the nations. Specifically, this harlot city will be responsible for making “those who dwell on the earth . . . drunk with the wine of her immorality” (Rev. 17:2).

John saw this harlot city holding “a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality” (Rev. 17:4). These abominations and unclean things are the complex web of idolatry she will export to the nations. Perhaps her doctrines of demons will give humanistic pleasure-seekers moral freedom to indulge the flesh while maintaining a vestige of religion to soothe their consciences. Her religion, projecting a false image of a tolerant God with no absolutes, will cause “all the nations” to become “drunk” from “the wine of the passion of her immorality” (Rev. 18:3).

Having previously identified the harlot city as Rome—home of the Vatican, Pope, and the Catholic Church—we can safely assume the harlot's false religion will involve apostate Christianity. This shouldn't come as a surprise if you know anything about the Catholic Church. For centuries, the Catholic Church has been exporting an idolatrous version of Christianity to the nations.

For starters, the Catholic Church worships Mary, whom they adore as the queen of heaven. This is the same idolatrous queen of heaven Jeremiah rebuked Israel for worshipping thousands of years ago, now rebranded as the Virgin Mary (Jer. 7:18; 44:17-19).

In addition, the Catholic Church has promulgated numerous doctrines of demons for centuries, leading multitudes away from Christ. Doctrines such as the infallibility of the Pope, transubstantiation, purgatory, indulgences, and the rosary cannot be found in Scripture. Ever since Constantine legalized Christianity in 313 A.D., the Catholic Church has intoxicated her followers with false doctrines. So clearly, the harlot's religion will include apostate Christianity. This is confirmed in Revelation 18:4, when the Lord thunders to His people just prior to the harlot's judgment, “Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues” (Rev. 18:4). At the end of the age, many Christians will drink the wine of Babylon and become intoxicated with her soul-inflaming doctrines of demons.

Though many born-again believers belong to the Catholic Church, the church itself is anything but a pure bride set apart for Jesus Christ. Throughout history, the works-based religion of Catholicism has distorted the pure and simple gospel of Christ. Paul told the Galatians if anyone preaches another gospel different from his, which was by grace through faith apart from works, then he was to be accursed (Gal. 1:8-9).

Four Reasons the One-World Religion Will Be Universalism

Now we need to ask if the harlot's religion will include more than apostate Christianity. Will it also merge in Islam and Judaism?

There are four reasons why I believe the harlot's false religion will be a hybrid of apostate Christianity, Islam, and Judaism—a harmonious coexistence between the three faiths of Abraham. Perhaps other religions will be merged in as well.

Before explaining why I believe this, let me first state this is not a prophecy or even a prediction. Rather, it's a projection based on where we are presently at, current cultural trends, and where biblical prophecy indicates we are heading. Though I believe universalism will be the religion of the seventh kingdom, I am not dogmatic about this. Time will tell what it ultimately looks like.

With that said, let me now articulate the four reasons why I believe the coming one-world religion will be universalism.

1. The harlot's religion must have global appeal.

Right or wrong, many feel religion is the primary source of most global conflicts today. Religious division is deeper and potentially more harmful than those formed through other aspects of identity, such as race, nationality, sexuality, or politics. Why? Because religion confronts individuals with differing opinions on the ultimate meaning of life. Thus, spiritual beliefs create the ultimate “us versus them” environment.

When these feelings are backed up with facts—taking into account the historical wars fought over religion, including the Crusades, the Inquisitions, Northern Ireland, the Middle East wars, the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and 9/11—many believe religion is the ultimate source of hate, division, conflict, and war.

That's why, for Paul's prediction of peace and safety to be realized, there must be some type of world religion (1 Thess. 5:3). This religion must have global appeal, unite the masses, embrace tolerance and diversity of beliefs, and by all means, be free from any bigotry. In addition, this religion must align with relativism—the growing belief that truth and morality are not absolute and are defined by culture, society, or historical context.

To unite the world and establish peace and safety, as Paul said would happen, religious pluralism—or *universalism*—will be key.

Think about it. To win over the 2.3 billion Christians and 1.8 billion Muslims, which account for half the world's population, this religion must incorporate some form of Christianity and Islam.

For all these reasons, I believe the harlot's one-world religion will be some type of hybrid of apostate Christianity, Islam, and Judaism.

2. The harlot religion must aid in the peace treaty enabling the Jews to resume temple sacrifices.

Gabriel told Daniel, "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering" (Dan. 9:27). As many scholars believe, *he* is the antichrist. *The firm covenant* is a peace treaty. *The many* are Jews and Arabs. *One week*, as we saw in Session 6, equals seven years. *In the middle of the week* implies 3.5 years in to the peace deal. And finally, putting a *stop to sacrifice and grain offering* likely infers this peace treaty will allow the Jews to reinstitute the Torah-prescribed sacrifices on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

Is this possible today? Absolutely not! World War III would break out in instant. Why? Because the Al-Aqsa Mosque—Islam's third holiest site behind the Kaaba in Mecca and the Prophet's Mosque in Medina—is located on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

Though the Jewish-Arab conflict is complicated and nuanced, one of the main clashes revolves around the Temple Mount. I think you can see the problem. This tiny piece of real-estate, located in the heart of Jerusalem, is home to Islam's third holiest site and Judaism's holiest site.

Just study the history of the Jewish-Arab conflict and you know what happens when the Jews infringe on Islam's sacred space. Nevertheless, something monumental will shift the mindset of both Jews and Muslims, paving the way for the antichrist's peace treaty. What is that *something*? I think it could likely be global acceptance of universalism.

Perhaps through the one-world religion's propaganda, stemming from the Vatican and Pope, the nations will be persuaded that Jews, Muslims, and Christians worship the same God. In a similar way the culture shifted toward homosexuality and transgenderism, through many years of the LGBTQ movement pushing a narrative of tolerance and anti-bigotry, the same could happen in the push toward universalism.

Through a false unity movement, coupled together with humanistic love and tolerance toward diversity, religious mindsets will shift. As nations imbibe the universalist narrative that God has different ways to worship Him for different people, nationalities, and cultures, narrow-minded religious bigotry will be frowned upon as "old school."

As Joseph Goebbels, the minister of propaganda for the German Third Reich, said, "If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it."

It's plausible the harlot's lie of universalism will be normalized, resulting in the Jews receiving international permission to rebuild their sacred temple on the same area as the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. Later, the antichrist will broker a peace agreement, permitting the Jews to resume Levitical sacrifices. Here, on the very same platform, the world will watch Muslims and Jews worshipping together, supposedly, the same God. The world will rejoice at the unprecedented religious breakthrough, as long-lost cousins worship God in their own way at the same location.

The centuries-old religious conflict will be over. The nations will claim, "Unity and peace have prevailed. The day of religious bigotry, conflicts, and wars are a thing of the past." Throughout the airways and cyberspace, the media will proclaim, to borrow the words of Paul, "Peace and safety" have come (1 Thess. 5:3).

3. The harlot religion prepares the way for the antichrist's totalitarian religion.

In the next session, I present a compelling case for why Islam will either be the antichrist's religion or he will use it to advance his cause. I will save my arguments for the next session. But if this is true, if the antichrist is a Muslim or uses Islam to build his kingdom, then the harlot's harmonious religion of Christianity, Islam, and Judaism must prepare the way for worldwide acceptance of Islam.

Let's assume for a minute the antichrist will be a Muslim and he will use Islam to wage war, build his empire, and receive worship for himself. Without a universalism narrative pushed in advance, advocating that Allah and Yahweh are the same God, the antichrist's campaign would have very limited success. However, if the Vatican and Pope, together with the media, big corporations, politicians, athletes, and entertainers push the universalism narrative several years beforehand, then multitudes will be brainwashed in their belief that the god of the Qur'an and the God of the Bible are the same.

Just as wine affects the brain, resulting in a loss of sound judgment and solid reasoning, the harlot's wine of universalism will break down the barriers to the world accepting Islam as the only true religion.

At the same time, universalism will weaken the stronghold of Christianity in the nations. Referring back to Pope Francis' video promoting universalism, the video ends with the Pope speaking these words: "That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice."

Notice carefully the Pope's last word *justice*. As universalism is promoted by the Pope and Vatican throughout the nations, it's possible a Marxist-type social-justice strategy could be applied toward Christianity. Here's what I mean.

In the summer of 2020 in America, a Marxist strategy of *oppressed versus oppressor* was employed to target *all* whites as supremacists, nationalists, and racists. Behind the scenes, the goal was to create racial conflict, unrest, and societal change in America. The ultimate objective was to bring down the America we have known for over two centuries—a constitutional republic governed by "we the people."

It's possible a similar Marxist strategy could be employed toward Christianity. For example, narrow-minded Christians, who cling to an outdated book filled with hate speech and religious bigotry, will be branded as the *oppressors*. The *oppressed* will be other religions and members of the LGBTQ community, who believe we are all children of God; that God has many ways to worship Him for different tribes, cultures, and nations; and that He approves of the LGBTQ lifestyle.

The oppressors, who cling to the old-school view of two genders, marriage between one man and one woman for life, homosexuality as a sin, and Jesus being the only way to God, will be canceled by the culture and eventually criminalized for hate speech. It's even possible the Bible will be banned, for this is the source of hate toward the oppressed.

However it all works out and whatever it eventually looks like, Satan's goal with the harlot religion is to strengthen worldwide acceptance of Islam while severely weakening Christianity and the Word of God as the final and absolute authority.

4. We see strong evidence of the Pope and Vatican pushing universalism today.

In Session 9, I mentioned Pope Francis' 2016 video of a Buddhist, Muslim, Jew, and Christian joining together to push the universalism narrative.¹

"Most of the planet's inhabitants declare themselves believers," said Francis. "This should lead to dialogue among religions." As the Pope spoke, the video shows clips of these worshipers performing their sacred religious acts.

The Pope continued, "We should not stop praying for it and collaborating with those who think differently."

Then, the Buddhist said, "I have confidence in the Buddha." The Jewish Rabbi said, "I believe in God." The Catholic Priest declared, "I believe in Jesus Christ." And the Muslim stated, "I believe in God, Allah."

"Many think differently, feel differently. Seeking God or meeting God in different ways," the Pope said, as clips were shown of him carrying an idol of Buddha and fellowshiping with Jews at the Western Wall.

"In this crowd, in this range of religions, there is only one certainty we have for all: we are all children of God," said Francis, as the scene shifts to the four worshippers fellowshiping together.

Then, the Buddhist says, "I believe in love." Followed by the Rabbi saying, "I believe in love." Then the Muslim declares, "I believe in love." And finally, the priest states, "I believe in love."

As the video ends, you see quick clips of a small statue of Buddha, a menorah, baby Jesus, and Muslim prayer beads while the Pope states, “That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.”

In Session 9, I also mentioned the Pope’s visit to Abu Dhabi in 2019. During this visit, Pope Francis and the grand imam of al-Azhar, Dr. Ahmed el-Tayeb, signed a declaration to form an interfaith council called The Higher Committee of Human Fraternity.

Following this visit, the United Arab Emirates unveiled their plans for an elaborate worship complex, known as the *Abrahamic Family House*. This skillfully architected facility will have a church, a synagogue, and a mosque, uniting Abraham’s three religions of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity.

The Abrahamic Family House, to be completed in 2022, is the first initiative of The Higher Committee of Human Fraternity.

According to their website, the Abrahamic Family House “will be a beacon of mutual understanding, harmonious coexistence and peace among people of faith and goodwill. . . . Through its design, it captures the values shared between Judaism, Christianity and Islam, and also serves as a powerful platform for inspiring and nurturing understanding and acceptance between people of goodwill.”²

The site continues, “This landmark will be a place for learning, dialogue and worship. . . . it will be welcoming to believers of all Abrahamic faiths and all of mankind. Within each of the houses of worship, visitors will have the opportunity to learn about religious services, listen to holy scripture and experience sacred rituals.”³

As stated by their leadership team, the Abrahamic Family House will help build bridges between religious leaders and communities. It will foster peace and harmony in an age of unparalleled division. In an era marred by hate and prejudice, the Abrahamic Family House will bring out human goodness, leading to dialogue, reciprocal knowledge, and building a world of fraternity and peace.

In Berlin, the House of One, also an interfaith worship center for Jews, Christians, and Muslims, will lay the foundation stone for construction on May 27, 2021. This will also be a house of worship with a synagogue, church, and mosque under one roof.

In summary, since we see strong evidence of the Pope and Vatican presently pushing universalism, it’s relatively safe to assume this trend will continue and increase, until it’s normalized as a state-sanctioned religion.

Jerusalem—An End-Time Harlot City?

Reading about the House of One, the Abrahamic House, and The Higher Committee of Human Fraternity, and hearing the comments by their committee members, universalism will likely be key to the Jews rebuilding their temple and the antichrist’s peace treaty allowing the Jews to perform temple sacrifices.

With this in mind, Jerusalem will be a hotspot for universalism. Isaiah, speaking about Jerusalem at the end of the age, said with grief, “How the faithful city has become a harlot” (Isa. 1:21).

Studying the context of this verse, chapter, and the entire book of Isaiah, this statement was made in relation to God’s final and ultimate work in Jerusalem, as He purifies the eternal city to become the praise of the earth. At the end of the age, right before the Lord’s return, Jerusalem will be a harlot city filled with false religion. John seems to confirm this when he said, “The great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified” (Rev. 11:8, NKJV).

In saying Jerusalem will be a harlot city, I obviously don’t believe Jerusalem will be the harlot Babylon of Revelation 17-18, as I have made my belief clear this city is Rome. Nevertheless, Jerusalem will likely be one of the epicenters for universalism in the days ahead. Let me explain why.

As previously stated, the Temple Mount in Jerusalem is home to Islam’s third holiest site, the Al-Aqsa Mosque. In addition, the Temple Mount is likely the site where the Jews will build the third temple and perform Levitical sacrifices. And if you have ever been to the Old City of Jerusalem, you know it’s already segmented into Christian, Armenian, Muslim, and Jewish quarters. Several churches, mosques, and synagogues are scattered throughout the Old City.

My point is everything is already in place for Jerusalem to be a *key harlot city* in the end times.

I imagine, after years of relentless propaganda of the universalism narrative, much of the world will believe Jews, Muslims, and Christians worship the same God. The nations will come to believe the three

faiths of Abraham all lead to the one true God. This will pave the way for the Jewish temple to be rebuilt and their sacrificial system to resume.

Strong Delusion Is Coming

All the talk of human fraternity, world peace, tolerance, and loving coexistence, fostered by universalism, sounds eerily similar to Paul's warning to the Thessalonians, when he said, "While they are saying, 'Peace and safety!' then destruction will come upon them suddenly" (1 Thess. 5:3). Through universalism, the apostasy Paul warned about will intensify, as many once-loyal Christ followers imbibe the wine of Babylon and come under a strong delusion.

Beware follower of Christ—universalism preys upon your natural tendency to show love, compassion, and tolerance toward others. Satan, the crafty serpent he is, will attempt to manipulate your God-given desire to love your neighbor as yourself and to showcase the love of Christ to the world. The enemy of our souls will orchestrate a false love, false unity, and false social justice movement. And the crowing jewel in this demonically-energized agenda will be a one-world religion.

But it is a deadly doctrine of demons. A spiritually adulterous toxin, a strong delusion that will deceive many true Christ-followers, especially those who are uneducated about the coming apostasy and unprepared for what's coming. The harlot's wine will be a strong drink intoxicating multitudes with strong delusion.

Beware of "those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter" (Isa. 5:20).

Universalism might seem compassionate, loving, tolerant, harmonious, and fraternal, but I assure you, behind the scenes in the unseen spiritual realm, it is energized by "demons . . . unclean spirit[s] . . . every unclean and hateful bird" (Rev. 18:2, emphasis mine).

Paul, writing about the coming antichrist and the end-time apostasy, said, "God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false" (2 Thess. 2:11). These are some of the most sobering words in Scripture. Why would a God of love and compassion not only allow people to be deceived, but actually foster their deception? Paul told us the reason in the previous verse, stating, "Because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved" (2 Thess. 2:10).

When people don't love the truth, it opens them up to great deception and delusion. This will become an unprecedented reality at the end of the age.

End-Time Jezebel

Jesus' warning to the church of Thyatira is undoubtedly a warning to the end-time church. In this first-century church, a false prophetess, whom Jesus called Jezebel, was teaching and leading His bond-servants astray, causing them to engage in immorality and idolatry. Jezebel's false teaching was the catalyst for their compromise. Jesus rebuked the church leaders and the congregation for tolerating Jezebel's spiritual adultery.

A few verses later, Jesus warned that "those who commit adultery with" Jezebel—not physical sexual immorality but spiritual adultery by drinking her wine of idolatry—would go "into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds" (Rev. 2:22).

The phrase *great tribulation* was coined by Jesus in Matthew 24:21, when He referred to the Day of the Lord, which is triggered by the abomination of desolation. This is the last 3.5 years of the age. The only other instances of this phrase are found in Revelation 7:14, when multitudes are saved during this time period, and here in Revelation 2:22.

The church of Thyatira was a prototype of the end-time church. Jesus was alerting us, who live at the end of the age, that many true believers will be deceived by the end-time Jezebel, the harlot Babylon of Revelation 17-18. They will drink her intoxicating wine and commit spiritual adultery with her. That's why God thunders in Revelation 18:4, "Come out of her, my people."

Just as Jezebel built her state-sanctioned religion upon the sins of Jeroboam, Phase 2 of the apostasy will build upon the idolatrous version of Jesus we looked at in the last session—a Jesus fashioned by doctrines of demons and the preaching of another gospel. As previously stated, hyper-grace inevitably leads

to universalism, which will be the wine Babylon serves to the nations, taking the apostasy to an even greater level.

The seventh kingdom will have a one-world religion of universalism, a merger of the three faiths of Abraham. The leaders in this kingdom will merge together Judaism, Christianity, and Islam into a state-sanctioned, harmonious religion that unites the world and establishes peace. Unfortunately, it will cause many Christians to apostatize from Christ. Intoxicated by the harlot's wine, many once-loyal Christ followers will forsake the absoluteness of Christ and embrace another Jesus—an idol fabricated by manmade ideas and doctrines of demons.

It's sobering to think how many Christians will be compromised by the harlot's wine of strong delusion.

Summarizing the Apostasy

The chart below shows how the apostasy will progress from now until the Lord returns.

The Apostasy Spectrum



Hyper-grace teaching leads to the preaching of another gospel and another Jesus. This paves the way for Progressive Christianity and the idea that the Bible is evolving based upon modern-day cultural trends. In turn, this always leads to universalism—the belief that all humans are God's children and all religions lead to the same God.

Ultimately, universalism will prepare the way for the antichrist's totalitarian religion, where the nations will be forced to convert or die. This will cause numerous Christians to defect from the absolute lordship of Jesus Christ and pledge their allegiance and worship to the antichrist.

The Harlot's Persecution of the Church

Just as Jezebel instituted a national religion, centered upon Baal and Asherah worship, the harlot city will push state-sanctioned universalism before the Lord returns. As in the days of Jezebel, those who cling to the one true God of Scripture will be marginalized, vilified, criminalized, and punished. Bible-believing Christians will be branded as hate-mongers, religious bigots, and intolerant prudes, unloving of anyone who doesn't fit their narrow religious profile.

Jesus warned us of this very thing, saying to His disciples and to us, "They will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name" (Matt. 24:9). Through the harlot's state-sanctioned one-world religion, Christians who obey Scripture will be hated and labeled enemies of the state. They will say Christians spew out hate speech when we merely declare God's Word.

While most believers in the western world have not experienced persecution, this is likely to change in the not-too-distant future. I am not saying this to discourage you but to prepare you. May we all stand strong and overcome when persecution comes.

Just like Jezebel, who through her state-sanctioned religion targeted worshipers of the one-true God, the harlot city will persecute true believers. Those who cling to the absoluteness of Christ and the unbending truths revealed in the Word of God will be her prime targets.

In an ever-increasing way, believers who hold to a biblical worldview will be identified and criminalized by the coming global government. What will start out as persecution for our beliefs about homosexuality will eventually lead to persecution for every belief contradicting the agenda of the one-world government.

As we head deeper into the end times, Christians who hold to a biblical worldview will experience increasing persecution. Eventually, we will be labeled by the government as radical extremists, much like radical Muslim terrorists.

Christians will be forced to either comply with the government and the state-sanctioned one-world religion or else be branded enemies of the state. Those who don't conform will face intense hatred and find

it difficult securing quality jobs and housing. They will be canceled by the culture, fined, and even imprisoned.

It's possible the one-world government will enforce compliance through a social credit system, similar to China. If we don't adhere to the harmonious one-world religion, this social credit system will flag us, preventing us from opening bank accounts, getting loans, traveling, receiving quality education, attending sporting events, and getting good paying jobs.

True believers, who take God's Word at face value, will be smeared as narrow-minded, bigoted, hateful, old-fashioned, judgmental, and out-of-step with today's culture. Obviously, this is already happening to an extent, but it will go to whole different level when universalism is normalized, legalized, and institutionalized into a one-world religion—promoted and enforced by a demonically-empowered one-world government who controls the finances of the nations.

Similar to the persecution experienced by the church of Smyrna in the first-century, the one-world religion of the seventh kingdom will persecute the true church of Jesus Christ through slander, financial sanctions, imprisonment, and possibly even death. True Christians will be labeled as radical, extreme, and a real threat to world peace—criminals of the state who need to be silenced and even eliminated.

The Antichrist's Religion

Satan will raise up harlot Babylon for one main purpose—to prepare the nations to worship the antichrist, and ultimately, to worship him. The harlot's religion, doctrine, governmental policies, economics, and all of her abominations will be uniquely designed to intoxicate the earth, preparing them to bow the knee to the man of lawlessness and the dragon (Rev. 13:4).

All along, while the harlot city has her "day in the sun," the antichrist and the 10 kings will hate the harlot and will be plotting her destruction, for their ultimate aim is to establish the eighth kingdom, which will be a reign of totalitarian domination.

Revelation 17:16-17 states, "And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire. For God has put it in their hearts to execute His purpose by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled."

Three-and-a-half years before Christ returns, the antichrist and 10 kings will burn the harlot city and her pluralistic religion. Then, the antichrist will establish his intolerant, dictatorial religion, forcing the world to convert to his religion or die.

When the antichrist is unmasked, the nations will see him for the man of lawlessness he is, one who craves unrivaled worship from the nations. Wanting to monopolize worship for himself, the antichrist will eliminate the harmonious, syncretic one-world religion.

What will the antichrist's totalitarian religion look like? What religion will it be? These are the questions we will answer in the next session.

¹ <https://catholicoutlook.org/video-message-from-pope-francis>, referenced on 3/3/2021.

² <https://www.forhumanfraternity.org/abrahamic-family-house>, referenced on 3/3/2021.

³ Ibid.