

THE WATCHTOWER SOCIETY'S DOCTRINE OF SUBMISSION AND FEAR

One of the most important core doctrines of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society concerns the biblical account of "Babylon the Great," the harlot that rides the scarlet colored beast (Rev. 17: 1-18:34). This is such important information to know since very few people outside the organization know about it or, if they do, they really don't understand what the full meaning it has to a Jehovah's Witness. You cannot fully understand the Watchtower Society or how a J.W. thinks without knowing this doctrine! In reality, this doctrine serves a twofold purpose: it solidifies the power & authority of the WTBT, and at the same time creates a fear within each one that results in isolation from society and into deeper reliance on the Society and other Witnesses.

Basically, good vs. evil

First, they teach that Jehovah has His heavenly Kingdom of the heavenly Jerusalem, which is filled with angelic spirit beings. At the same time He has the representation of His Kingdom on the earth, a chosen organization that has exclusive revelation and guidance from God: The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society. Nearly the entire focus of all Jehovah's Witnesses is directed to and concentrated on the earthly organization.

This is a very bold belief, so how did they get there? They believe, as the Bible says, that Jesus spoke the Word of Truth and established a pure church when He was on earth. This is true. They also believe, also true, that prophecy stated that apostasy would enter the church through false teachers and teachings. HOWEVER, they believe, not true, that the Church no longer contained the truth and God withdrew His favor, direction, and revelation until a later time.

According to their doctrine, Jehovah corrected this state of apostasy and restored His Truth and True Church just prior to the beginning of the end-times. Thus, they claim that Jehovah made this restoration through Charles Taze Russell who supposedly received special revelations from God concerning the end of the Gentile times, the second coming of Christ (invisible), and the invisible establishment of God's Kingdom. Therefore, they constantly drive it into the minds and hearts of Jehovah's Witnesses that they are the only true church that God has ordained. They have the only true doctrines, the only hope of protection from God's wrath of destruction and annihilation at Armageddon, the only protection from Satan, and consequently the only hope of life.

Over on the other hand are Satan's kingdoms. He initially rules from heaven and has evil, unclean spirits who carry out his agendas. Now here is where things get interesting.

What is Babylon the Great? They claim that it is Satan's earthly empire of all false religions, false teachings, and religious institutions. She is a harlot because she has prostituted herself with false teachings, under the disguise of being God's true church.

What do they believe about the scarlet-colored beast that the harlot rides on? The WTBTs believe that it is all nations, national governments, political ideologies, and worldly institutions. In essence, BTG constitutes anything and everything that is outside of the WTS and its followers.

The bottom line is that all authority & power is willingly given to the President and board members of the WTS. As a result, they are completely authoritarian and make all decisions about anything they deem fit and necessary. No one may disagree with or question them on any of their decisions on any matter. It is instilled in every J.W. that to disagree or to question them constitutes outright rebellion--not just against the Society but against Jehovah Himself. They also throw in the biblical message that friendship with the world is enmity with God. Therefore, they tell J.W.s not to have anything to do with people or institutions outside of the Witnesses and the organization than is absolutely necessary. Otherwise, a person may find himself in opposition to Jehovah and incur His wrath of destruction and annihilation at Armageddon.