

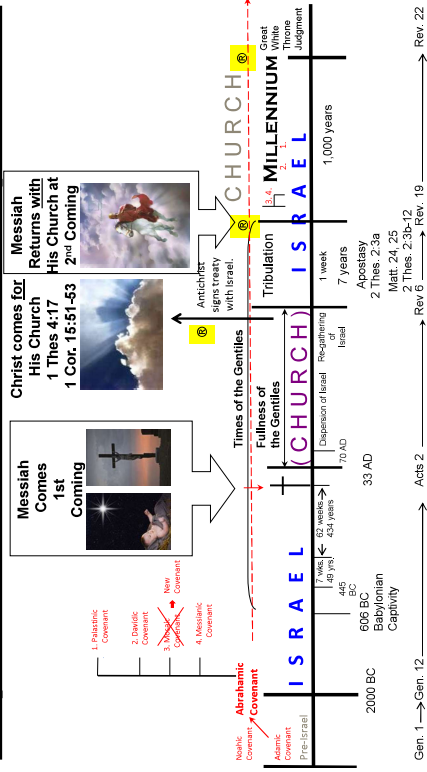
“The Judgment of the Great Harlot”

Part 2

Rev. 17:1-5

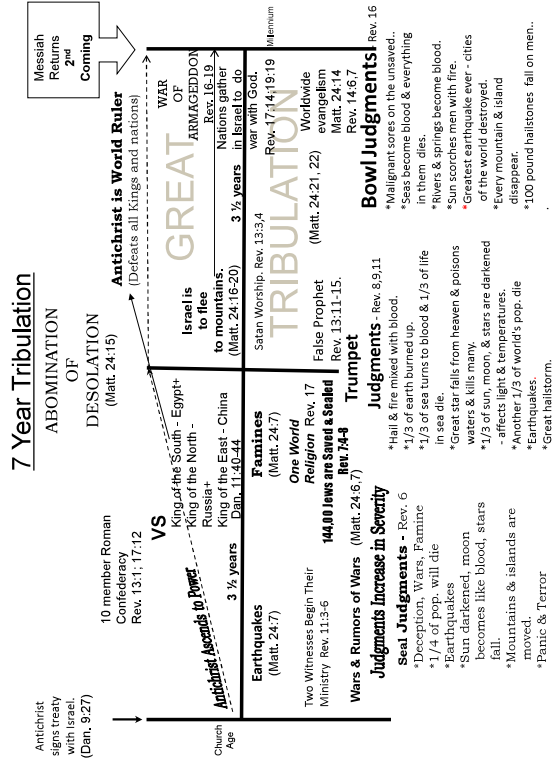
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Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



Quiz

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If you are consistent and faithful in literally interpreting the Bible, then you will get Israel's covenants and promises right ...

If you get Israel's covenants and promises right, you get Israel right ...

If you get Israel right, then you get the Church right ...

If you get the Church and Israel right, then you get prophecy right.

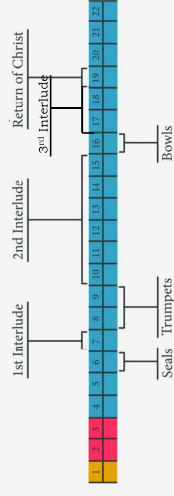
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- Of the 7 churches there was a church that had great programs, lots of activity, and had made a name for itself, but it was dead. The name of the church was the church at _____.
- John wrote the book of revelation on the island of _____.

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Sources for Babylonian tradition, history, mythology of Nimrod, Semiramus & Tammuz:

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- Pausanias
- Pliny
- Tacitus
- Herodotus

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7. When God dispersed those in Babel, they took what Nimrod had taught them, and scattered eventually all over the earth.
8. In the Tribulation all of the harlots of false religion come home to “mama”, the mother of all harlots, to form a one-world religion.
9. Babylon is portrayed here as a harlot seeking to spiritually fornicate with the nations and peoples of the world.
10. She is controlling the Beast (Antichrist) and He is supporting her during first half of Tribulation.



Mystery Babylon, the Mother of Harlots

All False Man-Made Religions

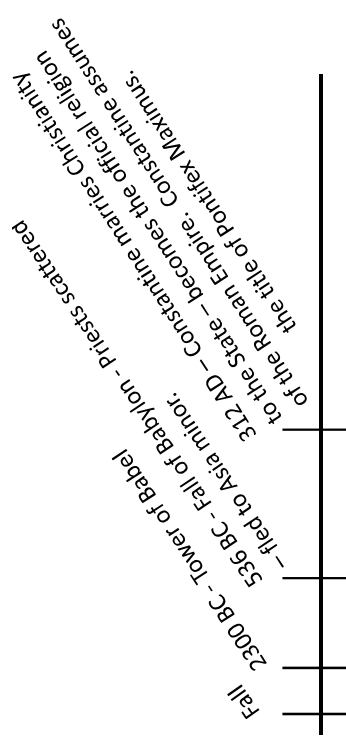
Today: 4200+ Religions

All false religions (harlots in the brothel) come back to their Mother Harlot – mystery Babylon.

“It is better to be divided by truth than to be united in error.”

John 17:16-21

- 16 "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
- 17 "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.
- 18 "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.
- 19 "For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.
- 20 "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;
- 21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.



Contrast of 2 Cities in Revelation

| BABYLON | NEW JERUSALEM |
|------------|---------------|
| 17:1 | 21:2, 9 |
| 17:2; 18:3 | 21:6; 22:1 |
| 17:3, 7-8 | 21:9, 22:3 |
| 17:4 | 21:11, 21 |
| 17:4 | 21:8 |
| 17:5 | 22:4 |
| 17:18 | 21:2, 10 |
| 18:23 | 21:23 |
| 18:23 | 22:2 |
| 18:24 | 21:6; 22:14 |

Descriptions:

- Great Whore
- Wine of Sexual Immorality
- Beast
- Woman with gold jewelry and pearls
- Immorality accepted
- Defiled forehead
- Great City
- No more light
- Deceive the Nations
- City with death
- Pure Bride
- Water of Life
- Lamb
- Bride with gold, jewelry
- Immorality punished
- Pure forehead
- Holy City
- God is its light
- Heal the Nations
- City with Life

Contrast of the 2 Women in Revelation

Revelation 12

Of God

Righteous

Mother of the Son of God

Clothed with the sun

Israel

Revelation 17

Of Satan

Unrighteous

Mother of Harlots

Clothed as a harlot

Babylon

Rev 13:1

1 Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names.

• He is “**full of blasphemous names**”

- direct claims to be God
- the demand to worship him.
- identifying himself as God by every name that God would have.
- calling himself the Almighty, the sovereign, the creator, the giver of life.

• No doubt the Harlot uses similar names.

7 Heads and 10 Horns



Dragon (Revelation 12)



Beast (Revelation 13)

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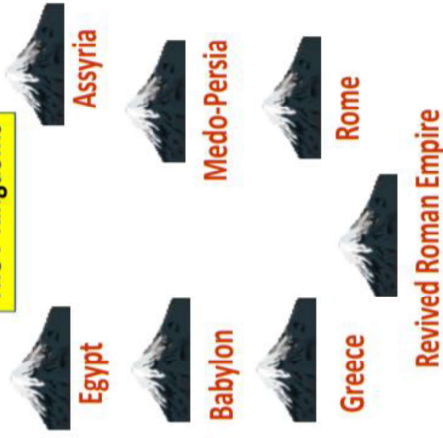
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10 Horns – 10 future nations that will form the Roman Confederacy controlled by the Antichrist.

7 Heads – 7 nations. 6 are in the past. 1 is yet future.

*So the harlot of Babylon has not only lined herself up with the kings of the earth and those who dwell on the earth, but also has an alliance with the Antichrist himself.

The 7 Kingdoms



“purple and scarlet” - represents royalty, prosperity, nobility, wealth, splendor and magnificence; the dyes to make fabric these colors were rare and costly. She is wealthy. She is a high-class prostitute. She looks successful.

- A world religion can look very glamorous.
- Interesting colors – “purple and scarlet”

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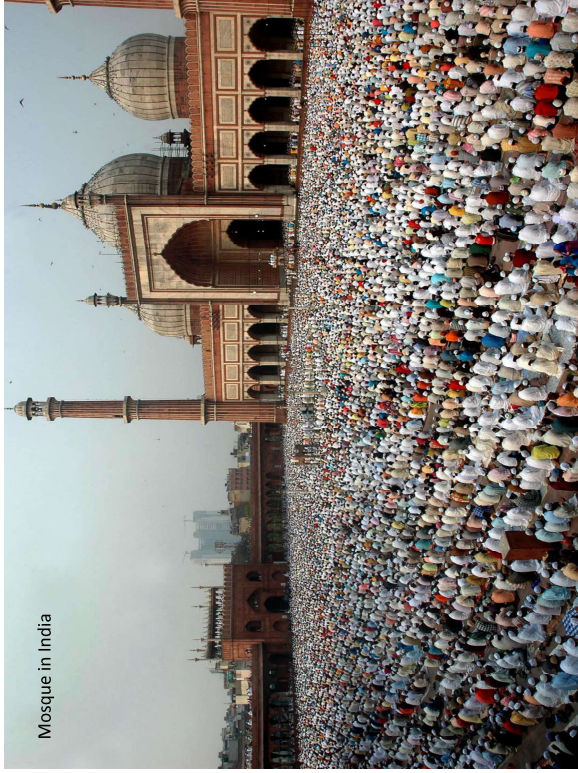


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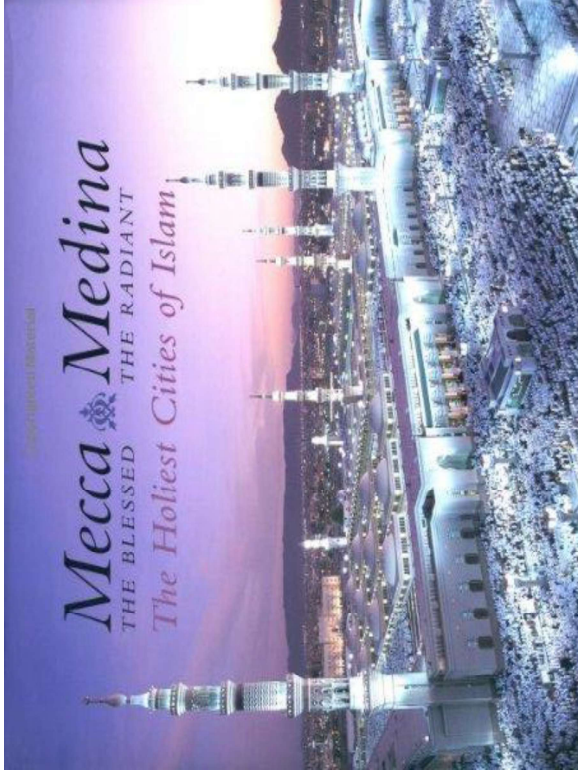
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- The “gold, precious stones and pearls” refer to her immense wealth.
- She wore them not for herself, but to entice the nations.
- Wealth attracts people.

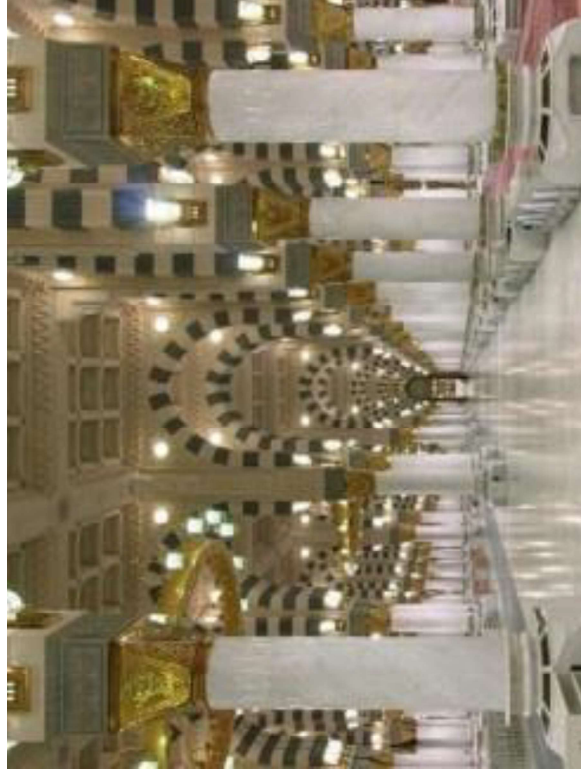




Mosque in India



Mecca Medina
THE BLESSED THE RADIANT
The Holiest Cities of Islam



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"abominations" - βδελυγμα - bdelugma -- something so vile that when it is brought before God it arouses his wrath. It includes all forms of idolatry -- anything that distracts from the worship of God.

"unclean things" -- ακαθαρτον - akatharton - refers to filth. That which pollutes the mind and soul. It refers to the ideas, doctrines, philosophies of man-made religion.

Jer 51:7

- 7 Babylon has been a golden cup in the hand of the Lord, Intoxicating all the earth.
The nations have drunk of her wine;
Therefore the nations are going mad.
- For the harlot, the golden cup filled with wine was further enticement for the nations and peoples of the world to come to her.
 - So the Harlot of Babylon is mysterious, wealthy, and enticing. She offers the world religion packaged in a golden cup but the contents are poison.

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Matt 23:25-27

- 25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence.
- 26 "You blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and of the dish, so that the outside of it may become clean also.
- 27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

"On her forehead a name was written"

- Roman prostitutes frequently wore a headband with their name engraved upon it.

Jer 3:2-3

- 2 And you have polluted a land

With your harlotry and with your wickedness.

- 3 "Therefore the showers have been withheld,
And there has been no spring rain.

Yet you had a harlot's forehead;

You refused to be ashamed.

Religion of Human Effort

Source: The Harlot of Babylon

4200+ Religions

4,200+ Ways

Based on what man can do.

By man's effort
Through man's ability
In man's works
From man's flesh
For man's glory

Salvation is earned

Religion of Divine Accomplishment

Source: Bible

1 Religion

1 Way

Based on the perfect life that Christ lived and what He accomplished on the cross.

By Grace Alone
Through Faith Alone
In Christ Alone
From God's Word Alone
For God's Glory Alone

Salvation is a Gift

2 Cor 11:14-15

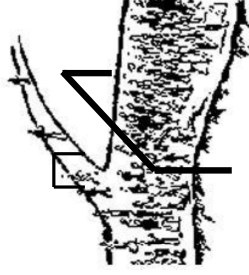
- 14 For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.
- 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

Matt 7:13-14

- 13 "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.
- 14 "For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Narrow

1 Way through Christ Alone

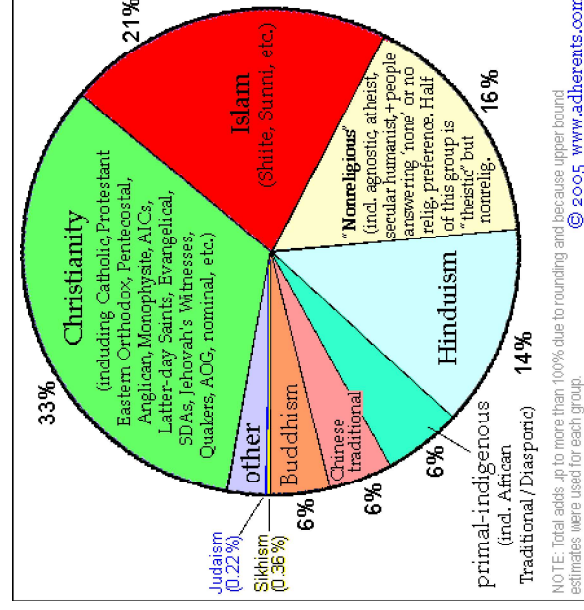


Broad

Man-Made Religion

The world's 20 largest religions and their number of followers are:

- Christianity (2.1 billion)
- Islam (1.3 billion)
- Nonreligious (Secular/Agnostic/Atheist) (1.1 billion)
- Hinduism (900 million)
- Chinese traditional religion (394 million)
- Buddhism 376 million
- Primal-indigenous (300 million)
- African traditional and Diasporic (100 million)
- Sikhism (23 million)
- Juche (19 million)
- Spiritism (15 million)
- Judaism (14 million)
- Bahai (7 million)
- Jainism (4.2 million)
- Shinto (4 million)
- Cao Dai (4 million)
- Zoroastrianism (2.6 million)
- Tenrikyo (2 million)
- Neo-Paganism (1 million)
- Unitarian-Universalism (800,000)



- Mormonism came from an angel delivering golden plates.
- Islam was dictated by the angel Gabriel.
- The One World Family came from extra-terrestrials.
- Jehovah's Witness's information was given by angels of different rank who controlled the primary witnesses.
- The Mighty I AM movement was dictated by a spirit being.
- Urantia came from twenty-three extra-terrestrials who dictated a twenty-one-hundred-page book through automatic writing.
- The Association for Research and Enlightenment came from psychic forces through automatic writing.
- The Divine Light Mission was given by a spirit voice.
- The Great White Brotherhood came from a spirit named Azrael through a medium.
- OASPE came from many spirits in automatic writing.
- Worldwide Church of God came from revelations given to Mrs. Armstrong.
- Asera came from telephonic inspiration from a source spirit.
- The Unification Church was given information dictated by supernatural spirits.
- Christian Science came by special revelation to Mary Baker Eddy.
- Etc.





As the world has gotten more connected,

so have we. Loved ones abroad are but a video call away. Our children go to school with friends from an amazing array of cultures. Our workplaces are diverse.

At the same time, as we get closer to each other, the challenges of difference can become more pointed. How can we extend ourselves and build real harmony in our neighborhoods and cities, schools and workplaces? How can we walk together, arm in arm, down the road to "Becoming One?"

Join us as we gather from throughout the Southwest metro for an interfaith celebration of the journey toward true peace, harmony and unity. Join us as we explore the gift of "Becoming One," the theme of this year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration.

~ The Interfaith Circle & Planning Team

Saturday, Nov. 17th 2018
7:00pm

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
13600 Technology Dr, Eden Prairie, MN 55344

There will be **spiritual artistic expressions** from the

Hindu community, Baha'i community, Pax Christi Catholic Church, Zoroastrian community, St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Sikh community, Ismaili Muslim community, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Charis Ecumenical Catholic Community, Keepers of the Sacred Tradition of Pipemakers, The Bright Path, Prairie School of Dance, and One Dance Company.

We are so grateful for all participating communities.

• Repent & Believe in Christ ALONE, by grace ALONE, through faith ALONE.

Biblical View

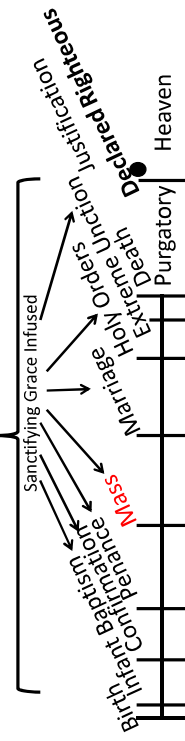
• Christ's Righteousness Imputed



Declared Righteous

Rom 5:1 "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,"

Roman Catholic View Roman Catholic Church Sanctification → Justification



ROMAN CATHOLIC INVENTIONS

- 2nd century (c.=century) — Presbyters first called priests by Lucian
- 3rd c. — Sacerdotal mass instituted by Cyprian
- A.D. 300 — Prayers for the dead
- A.D. 300 — Making the sign of the cross
- A.D. 320 — Wax candles
- A.D. 375 — Veneration of angels, dead saints, and images
- A.D. 394 — Mass became a daily ritual
- A.D. 431 — Beginning of exaltation of Mary, term "Mother of God" first applied to her by Council of Ephesus
- A.D. 500 — Priests began to wear special clothing
- A.D. 526 — Extreme Unction (Rite of Healing)
- A.D. 593 — The doctrine of Purgatory by Gregory I

- A.D. 600 — Latin used in worship
- A.D. 600 — Prayers offered to Mary, dead saints, and angels
- A.D. 610 — First man to be proclaimed Pope (Boniface III)
- A.D. 709 — Kissing the Pope's feet
- A.D. 750 — Temporal power of Popes, conferred by Pepin, King of the Franks
- A.D. 786 — Veneration of cross, images, relics authorized.
- A.D. 850 — Holy water, mixed with pinch of salt, chrism, and blessed by a priest
- A.D. 890 — Veneration of St. Joseph
- A.D. 927 — College of Cardinals begun
- A.D. 965 — Baptism of bells instituted by Pope John XIII
- A.D. 995 — Canonization of dead saints by Pope John XV

- A.D. 998—Fasting on Fridays and Lent
- 11th c.—The Mass developed gradually as a sacrifice, attendance made obligatory
- A.D. 1079—Celibacy of priests declared
- A.D. 1090—Rosary adopted (pagan) by Peter the Hermit
- A.D. 1184—The Inquisition instituted by Council of Verona
- A.D. 1190—Sale of indulgences
- 12th c.—Seven Sacraments, defined by Peter Lombard
- A.D. 1215—Transubstantiation, defined by Innocent
- A.D. 1215—Auricular confession (Rite of reconciliation) of sins to a priest instead of God, instituted by Innocent III
- A.D. 1220—Adoration of the Host (wafer), decreed by Pope Honorius III
- A.D. 1251—Scapular invented by Simon Stock of England



**Robert Lowry
(1826–1899)**

Robert Lowry has provided us with many of the most venerable nineteenth-century texts and tunes from the United States. The Philadelphia-born author and composer of this hymn was a popular Baptist preacher and educator who served churches in Pennsylvania, New York City, Brooklyn, and Plainfield, New Jersey. Lowry, a graduate of Bucknell University, was a professor also at the University, receiving a D.D. in 1875. He became known for his gospel songs while ministering in Brooklyn, collaborating often with William H. Doane in producing some of the most popular Sunday school song collections of his day. Robert Lowry was a composer more remembered for the more than 500 hymns he wrote instead of the sermons he preferred to give. He once stated: “Music, with me has been a side issue... I would rather preach a gospel sermon to an appreciative audience than write a hymn.



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The first known publication of the hymn was in 1876. Other songs by Lowry include *Christ Arose, Follow On, I Need Thee Every Hour and Shall We Gather at the River*. In the 1950s-1960s, this hymn was among the top five hymns sung in churches. Hebrews 9:22 is attached with the song in hymnals. This verse says, “without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.” The name of this hymn is . . .

- A.D. 1414—The cup forbidden to the laity at communion by Council of Constance
- A.D. 1439—Purgatory proclaimed as a dogma by the Council of Florence
- A.D. 1545—Tradition declared of equal authority with the Bible by the council of Trent
- A.D. 1546—Apocryphal books added to the Bible by the Council of Trent
- A.D. 1560—Creed of Pope Pius IV imposed as the official creed in place of the original Apostolic Creed.
- A.D. 1854—Immaculate Conception of Mary (not Jesus, not virgin birth) proclaimed by Pope Pius IX
- A.D. 1864—Syllabus of Errors proclaimed by Pope Pius IX and ratified by the Vatican Council, condemned freedom of religion, conscience, speech, press, and scientific discoveries which are disapproved by the Roman Church; asserted the Pope’s temporal authority over all civil rulers
- A.D. 1870—Infallibility of the Pope in matters of faith and morals proclaimed by the Vatican Council
- A.D. 1950—Assumption of Mary proclaimed by Pius XII



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I have always looked upon myself as a preacher and felt a sort of depreciation when I began to be known more as a composer.” However, it is as a hymn writer that he remains known.

Lowry wrote this hymn with William Doane. Both men came to know Christ as teenagers.

The hymn adapts a call-response pattern in the stanzas that engages the singer. Each stanza begins with a question or statement, which is followed by the response. A question/statement and response is then repeated before the singer reaches the chorus.

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NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS

1. What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

Oh! precious is the flow

That makes me white as snow;

No other fount I know,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

2. For my pardon, this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Refrain

3. Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Refrain

4. This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Refrain

5. Now by this I'll overcome—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus,
Now by this I'll reach my home—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Refrain

6. Glory! Glory! This I sing—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus,
All my praise for this I bring—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Refrain

Refrain

Oh! precious is the flow

That makes me white as snow;

No other fount I know,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.