

**True and False Church  
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**– Part 1 –  
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**I. Comparison of True and False Church**

**A. Origin of the true church (2 Cor 11:2)**

1. A chaste virgin—pure and holy
2. “Betrothed” to Jesus
3. At Christ’s return: marriage (Rev. 19:7–8)
4. Remains faithful to betrothal vows

**B. Corruption of the false church**

1. Unfaithful to betrothal vows—becomes a harlot
2. Corrupted from simplicity and purity in Christ (v. 3)
3. Departs from essential Gospel truths (1 Cor. 15:1–4)
  - a. Christ died for our sins
  - b. He was buried
  - c. He was raised the third day

**C. Causes of unfaithfulness (2 Cor. 11:3–4)**

1. “Another” Jesus
  - a. Oriental guru (“New Age Movement”)
  - b. Marxist revolutionary (“Liberation Theology”)
  - c. Universal “Father Christmas” (Liberal churches)
2. A “different” spirit
3. A “different” gospel
4. Deceiving spirits, demonic doctrines (1 Tim. 4:1)
5. False prophets and false messiahs (Matt. 24:11–13 [Matt. 24:23–24])
6. Hostile spiritual climate
7. Lack of endurance

**Two Types of Religion and Their Fruit (Gen. 4:3–8)**

<b>Abel</b>	<b>Cain</b>
Received divine revelation (Heb. 11:4; Rom. 10:17)	Rejected divine revelation
Acknowledged substitutionary sacrifice	Denied substitutionary sacrifice
Offered propitiation of curse (Gen. 3:17)	Offered products of cursed earth
Supernatural attestation (Gen.4:4; Heb. 11:4)	No supernatural attestation
Produced a <i>martyr</i>	Produced a <i>murderer</i>
Will bring forth	Will bring forth

**II. Picture of False Church**

- A. Rides to power on political federation
  - 1. The beast (Rev. 13:1)
  - 2. The harlot (Rev. 17:3)
- B. Comparison with King Ahab and Jezebel
  - 1. Jezebel—daughter of pagan king and promoter of Baal worship
  - 2. Ahab set up worship of Baal and Asherah (1 Kings 16:30–33)
  - 3. Jezebel usurped Ahab’s authority to have Naboth killed (1 Kings 21:8, 35)—manipulation
  - 4. Jezebel killed the true prophets; promoted the false prophets (1 Kings 18:13, 19)
  - 5. Jezebel practiced immorality and witchcraft (2 Kings 9:22)
  - 6. Elijah is God’s answer to Jezebel (1 Kings 17:1; 18:1)
    - a. Indicated end-time resurgence of Jezebel influence (witchcraft) (Mal. 4:5)
    - b. Result of witchcraft: The break-up of family life (Mal. 4:6)
- C. Antichrist exploits same political federation—with the false church as his bride (Rev. 17:12–13)

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**I. Picture of False Church (cont’d.)**

- A. Deceiving and dominating multitudes (Rev. 17:1, 15)
- B. Leading rulers into spiritual adultery (Idolatry) (Rev. 17:2; 18:3)
- C. Luxury, splendor, ceremony, wealth (Rev. 17:4; 18:3, 11–13, 16)
  - 1. Fine linen, purple and scarlet, but not blue (which represents heavenly or spiritual aspect)—compare to Exodus 28:8
  - 2. Spiritual vs. soulish (1 Cor. 2:13–16)
- D. Spiritual counterpart of Old Testament Babylon (Rev. 17:5)
  - 1. Two main features: idolatry and occult (Is. 47:9, 13; Jer. 50:2, 38)
  - 2. In the church: New Age Movement—mixture with pagan practices
- E. Geographically associated with the city of Rome (Rev. 17:9, 18)
- F. Spiritual descendant of Cain, a murderer of the righteous (Rev. 17:6; 18:20, 24)
- G. Antichrist will turn against her and destroy her (Rev. 17:16–17)
- H. Her judgment: Sudden, complete, permanent (Rev. 18:8–10)—nuclear weapon?
- I. God’s people warned to *come out* (Rev. 18:4)

**II. Picture of the True Church**

- A. Totally submitted to Christ (Eph. 5:22–24)
- B. Cleansed and sanctified by God’s Word (*rhema* = spoken word) (Eph. 5:26–27)—glorious, without spot, or wrinkle, but holy, without blemish
- C. Ready for marriage (Rev. 19:8). Dressed in fine linen—each thread a righteous act
- D. Adorned with jewels—gifts of the Holy Spirit

- 1.** Not lacking any gift (1 Cor. 1:4–7)
  - 2.** The bride adorned with jewels (Is. 61:10 [Gen. 24])
- E.** Continually longing for the bridegroom (Heb. 9:28 [Tit. 2:11–13])

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