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Lest We Forget A WStS Prologue to J.A. Wylie's "The History of Protestantism"

"Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men"
(1 Corinthians 7:23).

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Preface

The word "protestant" is a reactionary word. It objects to the errors of the Church of Rome. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" (2Corinthians 6:14). In 1755, Samuel Johnson's dictionary defined a Protestant as "one of those who adhere to them, who, at the beginning of the reformation, protested against the errors of the church of Rome." Error-- in the name of Christ-- is to be separated from and reprov'd. "Have **no fellowship** with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather **reprove** them" (Ephesians 5:11). To passively abide in the darkness of Roman Catholicism is to take sides against the LORD Jesus Christ. "He that is not with Me is against Me; and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad" (Matthew 12:30). Those whose objection to Rome is based upon the Truth, endeavor to serve the LORD, and refuse homage to Rome's substitute christ. "Little children, it is the Last Time: and as ye have heard that Antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the Last Time" (1John 2:18).

Remember the Martyrs' Blood

A Christian should be careful in their studies and not delve into the evil practices of the world simply for the sake of understanding evil. The LORD warns us through Paul, "I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil" (Romans 16:19). But, this warning to safeguard our innocence is not a license to ignore evil. To stand righteous before our LORD, we must be willing to "judge righteous judgment" (John 7:24). We must not close our eyes and ears and hearts to the cries of our martyred brethren, slain by the Whore (the Church of Rome), who have **proved their devotion** to their LORD, and have "endure[d] all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the Salvation which is in Christ Jesus with Eternal Glory" (2Timothy 2:10).

Their blood testified to **the strength of their faith causing them to endure** to the very end of their sojourn among wicked men. "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved" (Matthew 10:22). Their testimony remains for us a standard of the purest intentions and most selfless witness of love that could be given to the perfect sacrifice of the Spotless Lamb of God. They are saying to us: "The 'same sufferings which we also suffer' (2Corinthians 1:6) you must 'now rejoice in [our] sufferings for you, and **fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ** in [your] flesh for His body's sake, which is the Church'" (Colossians

1:24).

Martyrs willing died because they refused to deny their Saviour. But they also died because they knew that others were watching. "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on Eternal Life, whereunto thou art also called, and **hast professed a good profession before many witnesses**. 13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, Who quickeneth all things, and before **Christ Jesus, Who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession**" (1Timothy 6:12-13). "For all things **are for your sakes**, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. **For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory**" (2Corinthians 4:15-17).

We Have Become Partakers of Rome's Evil Deeds

The saints of old suffered for us. "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an Example, that ye should follow His steps" (1Peter 2:21). And what is the response of the Church, at large, in this Laodicean age? We have joined arm-in-arm with the enemy. We have embraced the Whore and welcomed her into our assemblies. We have become "partakers of her sins" (Revelation 18:4) and have bidden her God's blessings on her wicked work of binding men's souls into union with her lies and hellish doctrine. "For he that biddeth [her] God speed is partaker of [her] evil deeds" (2John 1:11).

We, to our shame, have called the "Mother of Harlots" the Mother of Christianity-- the one who birthed the Protestant Church-- thus robbing the LORD Jesus of the glory due Him for the travail He bore for His own Church. "Who gave Himself **for us**, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:14). "How much more shall the blood of Christ, Who through the Eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience **from dead works** to serve the Living God?" (Hebrews 9:14). "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your **vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers**; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot" (1Peter 1:18-19).

We should be ashamed to call "friend" the Harlot who spilled the life of those brethren "of whom the world was not worthy" (Hebrews 11:38). Woe unto us, who are called the children of God, and yet "call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for Light, and Light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! 21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! 23 Which **justify the wicked** for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! 24 Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have **cast away the Law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the WORD of the Holy One of Israel**. 25 Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against His people, and He hath stretched forth His hand against them" (Isaiah 5:20-25)!

Judgment is Coming

The coming judgments of the Tribulation Week demonstrate that the LORD is angry with any who have dared to lift their hand against His anointed servants. "Touch not Mine anointed, and do My prophets no harm" (Psalm 105:15).

- "4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. 5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O LORD, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because Thou hast judged thus. 6 For **they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.** 7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, LORD God Almighty, true and righteous are Thy Judgments" (Revelation 16:4-7).
- "8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the LORD God Who judgeth her. 9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, 10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come" (Revelation 18:8-10).
- "17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, 18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! 19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. 20 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her. 21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all" (Revelation 18:17-21).

The True Saints **rejoice** in the LORD's judgment of the Whore. "O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed; **happy** shall he be, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us" (Psalm 137:8). When God ordains the destruction of the Great Whore, how can we but rejoice?

- "1 And after these things I heard a great voice of **much people in Heaven**, saying, **Alleluia**; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the LORD our God: 2 For true and righteous are His Judgments: **for He hath judged the great Whore**, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, **and hath avenged the blood of His servants at her hand.** 3 And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever" (Revelation 19:1-3).

[See our series of articles, "Babylon the Great", -- <http://whatsaiththescripture.com/Timeline/Babylon.The.Great.Part.1.html> --to see how Roman Catholicism will be judged during the Tribulation Week.]

Who Can Honestly Doubt That Rome is the Whore of the Apocalypse?

How can you doubt the Whore's identity when the LORD's description is so plain?

- "3 I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, **full of names of blasphemy**, having seven

heads and ten horns. 4 And the woman was arrayed in **purple** and **scarlet** colour, and decked with **gold** and precious stones and pearls, having **a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication**: 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, **THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH**. 6 And I saw the woman **drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus...** And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth" (Revelation 17:3-6,18).

- "3 For **all nations** have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and **the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her**, and the merchants of the earth are **waxed rich** through the abundance of her delicacies... 6 Reward her even **as she rewarded you**, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. 7 How much **she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow** give her: for she saith in her heart, **I sit a queen**, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow" (Revelation 18:3,6-7).
- "16 And saying, Alas, alas, **that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!**... 23 And **the light of a candle** shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by **thy sorceries were all nations deceived**. 24 And **in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth**" (Revelation 18:16,23-24).
- "which did corrupt the earth with her fornication" (Revelation 19:2).

"...the dark mysteries of idolatry, immorality, degrading slavery, hatred of the Word of God, concealed behind the walls of that Modern Babylon" (excerpted from "Fifty Years in the Church of Rome"--<http://whatsaiththescripture.com/Voice/Fifty.Years.Church.Rome.html> --by Charles Chiniquy).

After reading even small segments of "The History of Protestantism", there is no other on Earth who is so worthy of this description, "**drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus**" as is the Roman Catholic Church. Her "spots" have NOT changed-- nor ever will they! "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?" (Jeremiah 13:23). "...modern Protestants have not only forgotten what Rome was, what she is, and what she will for ever be; the most irreconcilable and powerful enemy of the Gospel of Christ; but they consider her almost as a branch of the church whose corner stone is Christ" (excerpted from "Fifty Years in the Church of Rome" by Charles Chiniquy).

When the cruelties of the Papal headship join forces with the monstrous deeds of the Beast (the Antichrist); our nation, nay the world, **has yet to see** the full impact of the coming nightmare-- only briefly touched upon in this following excerpt: "The nation awoke as from a horrible nightmare; it saw the troop of dismal specters which had filled the darkness taking flight, and a future approaching in which there would no more be spies prowling from house to house, officers dragging men and women to loathsome gaols, executioners torturing them on racks, and tying them with iron chains to stakes and burning them; no more Latin Litanies, muttered masses, and shaven priests; it saw a future in which the Bible would be permitted to be read, in which the Gospel would again be preached in the

mother tongue of old England, and quiet and prosperity would again bless the afflicted land" (excerpted from "The History of Protestantism",-- <http://whatsaiththescripture.com/Fellowship/James.A.Wylie.html> --Volume 3, Book 23, Chapter 15).

We Owe These Martyrs More Than We Can Repay

It is true that our greatest debt is to our LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ for "His great love wherewith He loved us" (Ephesians 2:4); but, the martyrs have also added their testimony to the foundation laid by our LORD. "If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward" (1Corinthians 3:14). They have given us an heritage unto the LORD, a lineage of faith. They have given us their testimonies of a Love that the flames could not burn out. For example, "These homilies [religious writings-- testimonies] were golden cups, filled with living waters, and when the people of England pressed them to their parched lips, it well became them to remember whose were the hands that had replenished these vessels from the Divine fountains. The authors of the homilies—Cranmer, Ridley, Latimer—though dead, were yet speaking. They had perished at the stake, but now they were preaching by a thousand tongues to the people of England. Tyrants had done to them as they listed; but, risen from the dead, these martyrs were marching before the nation in its glorious exit from its house of bondage" (excerpted from "The History of Protestantism", Volume 3, Book 23, Chapter 15).

Even after all these many years, which were recorded by God's faithful servant, James Aitken Wylie, we can benefit from these heroes of the faith. We can follow their bravely honest example, and "love the LORD [our] God with all [our] heart, and with all [our] soul, and with all [our] mind" (Matthew 22:37). They prove to us, that the precious sufferings of our LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ are a "sweetsmelling" path for our imitation. "And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour" (Ephesians 5:2). "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with **so great a cloud of witnesses**, *let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1).

For those of you who refuse the wealth of condemnation that the ages have produced against the Catholic Church-- hard, blood-stained Truth-- tested in the fires by the multitudes, who have died loving the LORD, for you **there is need to fear!** You have resisted those honest reports, and have fellowshipped with the enemy, and called him a brother. "5 LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?... 5 They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage. 6 They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless... 8 Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be wise?" (Psalm 94:3,5-6,8). Beware. Jesus calls you "brutish". Jesus calls you "fools".

For those of you who **refuse** to hear the testimony of the slain righteous, which cry out for Christian compassion and understanding and justice from the brethren of today, may God in wrath remember mercy-- because **your turn is coming**. If you will not stand for Him now, it is only His mercy that would **allow** you an opportunity to stand for Him later. Only His mercy can grant you what you do not deserve-- a "space to repent" (Revelation 2:21). Only His mercy can bestow on you so great an honour as to "suffer for His sake." "For unto **you** it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake" (Philippians 1:29). May God Almighty have that mercy upon

you. "...that you may know that the monster Church of Rome, who shed the blood of your forefathers is still at work today, at your very door, to enchain your people to the feet of her idols" (excerpted from "Fifty Years in the Church of Rome" by Charles Chiniquy).

"Emptied of their usual occupants, and filled with the god-fearing people of England, "the prisons," as Fox states, "were become Christian schools and churches;" so that if one wished to hear good, he crept stealthily to the grated window of the confessor's dungeon, and listened to his prayers and praises. At last, in the beginning of 1555, the stake was restored, and now Taylor [Dr. Rowland Taylor] and his companions, as we have already said, were brought before Gardiner. Sentence of death was passed upon the faithful pastor. On the way down to Suffolk, where that sentence was to be executed, his face was the brightest, and his conversation the most cheerful, of all in the company. A most touching parting had he with his wife and children by the way; but now the bitterness of death was past. When he arrived in his parish, he found a vast crowd, composed of the poor whom he had fed, the orphans to whom he had been a father, and the villagers whom he had instructed in the Scriptures, waiting for him on the common where he was to die. "When they saw his reverend and ancient face, with a long white beard, they burst out with weeping tears, and cried, `Jesus Christ strengthen thee and help thee, good Dr. Taylor; the Holy Ghost comfort thee!'" He essayed to speak to the people, but one of the guard thrust a tipstaff into his mouth. Having undressed for the fire, he mounted the pile, and kneeled down to pray. While so engaged, a poor woman stepped out from the crowd, and kneeling by his side, prayed with him. The horsemen threatened to ride her down, but nothing could drive her away. The martyr, standing unmoved, with hands folded and eyes raised to heaven, endured the fire" (excerpted from "The History of Protestantism", Volume 3, Book 23, Chapter 14, concerning the murder of Dr. Rowland Taylor, Vicar of Hadleigh in Suffolk).

Conclusion

We challenge you to read "The History of Protestantism" to reaffirm to your mind that it is no mistake to avoid the Bishop of Rome as you would the Man of Sin. "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that Man of Sin be revealed, the Son of Perdition" (2Thessalonians 2:3). Allow the historical testimony of James A. Wylie's "History of Protestantism" strengthen your resolve that Roman Catholicism's present spiritual corruption follows the clear pattern of her abominable origin and history. "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind" (Romans 14:5).

May it not be your lot that God would judge you for your unwillingness to protest the errors of the Church of Rome. "13 Behold, He shall come up as clouds, and His chariots shall be as a whirlwind: His horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are spoiled. 14 ...wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?... 18 Thy way and thy doings have procured these things unto thee; this is thy wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reacheth unto thine heart. 19 My bowels, My bowels! I am pained at My very heart; My heart maketh a noise in Me; **I cannot hold My peace**, because thou hast heard, O My soul, **the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war**. 20 Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled... 21 How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet? 22 **For My people is foolish, they have not known Me**; they are sottish [foolish] children, and **they have none Understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge**" (Jeremiah

4:13-14;18-22). "It is that ignorance which paralyses the arm of the Church of Christ, and makes the glorious word "Protestant" senseless, almost a dead and ridiculous word. For who does really protest against Rome today? where are those who sound the trumpet of alarm?" (excerpted from "Fifty Years in the Church of Rome" by Charles Chiniquy).

"**Come out** from among them, and **be ye separate**, saith the LORD, and **touch not** the unclean thing; and I will receive you" (2Corinthians 6:17).

"**Come out** of her, My people, that ye **be not partakers** of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto Heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities" (Revelation 18:4-5).

Please, read

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