

CATHOLICISM IN THE REVELATION

By Mike Burnham

Others say that the punishment of Jerusalem by earthquake and the repentance of its people have been given already in chapter 11 and that *Rome is the city* called Babylon.

Though both views appear to have merit it is my opinion that the great city is *the Vatican city and Catholicism*, Rev. 14:8. The Vatican and Catholicism is both political and religious and is the epitome of the system of religion that has been around since the beginning. She has incorporated all other systems into her own, from their gods to their cloak of secrecy. She has ruled kings and nations. She has murdered the saints. She is rich in earthly possessions. She fits the *woman riding on the beast* in chapter 17 to well.

She appears to suffer less severely than the other cities of the earth, which all are destroyed by the earthquake as their buildings fall into worthless heaps. But she comes into God's remembrance and she herself is made to drink the cup of the fierceness of Gods' wrath. This is given in more detail in chapters 17:16 and 18.