

Questions About Lutheranism and Returning Back to Catholic Ceremonies

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Pastor the graphics from last night about the harlot was both disturbing and stimulating. It shows how God knew exactly how to provoke spiritual change using the most seductive imagery possible and still teach that apostasy is dirty and enticing. I'm Lutheran and we have returned to many of the Catholic ceremonies. Thoughts on that?

Answer:

Thank you for your thoughtful and heartfelt comment. I'm honored that you're engaging deeply with these prophetic messages, and I'm especially grateful for your openness as a Lutheran viewer to seek clarity on what you're seeing and feeling.

Let's walk through your statement and question together with both **respect and biblical clarity**:

The Graphics of the Harlot: Sensual but Symbolic?

You're absolutely right — the visual imagery from last night's message was intentionally bold. Not for shock value, but because **the Bible itself uses such provocative, even disturbing, language** to describe the danger of spiritual seduction:

"Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters..."
— *Revelation 17:1*

This harlot rides the beast, is decked in scarlet and gold, holds a golden cup filled with abominations, and is **drunk with the blood of the saints** (Rev. 17:4–6). These images are **not modest** — they're **meant to disturb**, to **wake up** spiritual complacency, and expose what Satan has beautifully masked as religious tradition.

God doesn't avoid confronting sin—He exposes it in its most seductive forms, so we recognize it and flee from it (2 Cor. 11:13–15).

So yes — while the graphics were intense, they matched the **language and intent of Scripture**. As you noted, *God knows how to spiritually provoke us to change*.

On Lutheranism and Returning to Catholic Ceremonies

This is a sensitive but essential observation.

You said:

“I’m Lutheran and we have returned to many of the Catholic ceremonies.”

This echoes something **prophecy actually warned about** — that in the last days, many Protestant churches would **return to their “mother,” the Roman Church**, instead of continuing the path of reform.

Ellen White wrote:

“The daughters are pointed to as harlots. By forsaking the truth and uniting with the world, they partake of the sins of the mother and will share in her plagues.”

— *The Great Controversy*, p. 382

And Scripture says:

“Babylon the great is the mother of harlots”

— *Revelation 17:5*

This doesn’t mean Lutherans or others are condemned. Far from it. It means God is still **calling sincere believers out of systems** that have returned to **human traditions, ceremonialism, and apostate worship** — even when they appear beautiful or historic.

Returning to incense, priestly vestments, sacred objects, liturgical calendar feasts not grounded in Scripture (like Lent, Ash Wednesday, etc.) — these can all *feel* deeply spiritual, but many originated from **Catholic and even pagan sources**, not the Bible.

Final Thoughts

What’s happening in Protestantism today was prophesied. The Reformation hasn’t ended — it’s being reversed in many places. That’s why God’s message in Revelation is so urgent:

“Come out of her, My people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.” — *Revelation 18:4*

You're asking the right questions. You're discerning the tension between **beautiful ceremony** and **biblical truth**. And you're seeing that **God doesn't use seductive imagery to glorify sin — but to expose it for what it really is.**

I believe God is calling people like you — sincere, truth-loving believers — to walk even more closely with Him and be **part of the final movement** that honors Him fully.

If you'd like, I can send you a study guide that shows which ceremonies have biblical foundations and which don't — including how the Protestant Reformation got pulled back toward Rome.

Would you like that?

With kindness and clarity,

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