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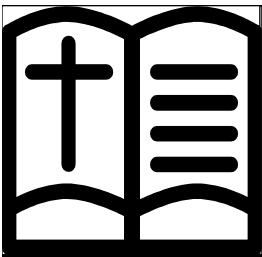
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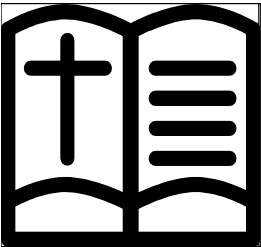
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 - 3. *She cries out to all the passersby in the market square to come attend her banquet of truth and wisdom Proverbs 1; 8; 9 and throughout*
 - 4. *Many promises are given to those who enter a learning relationship with her*
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- D. *The adulterous woman, the strange woman, the immoral woman, the foreign woman: the woman who wants to be free of her covenant to be her own person.*
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 3. *She is committed only to herself and cannot find it in her to do otherwise; she cannot be faithful to God and His covenant*
 4. *She is boisterous, loud and can be obnoxious*
 5. *She is lustful and wasteful*
 6. *Her door leads to death and hades*
- E. Wisdom is the gift of eternal life given to us in Christ*
- F. The adulterous woman is Babylon, the Whore*
1. *She has seduced nations, kings and the peoples of the earth since her creation after the Tower of Babel*
 2. *She has been around for centuries seducing people into conquest and theft of the stewardship of others; still here! Acts 17:26-27*
 3. *She has been responsible for the death of millions to satisfy her lusts*
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 6. *Describing the beast, the satanic creation of empires: out of the bottomless pit; he was, is not and will be; 7 head - 7 mountains, 7 kings, 5 have fallen, one is and one is to come; 10 horns - 10 kings w/o kingdoms in John's day*



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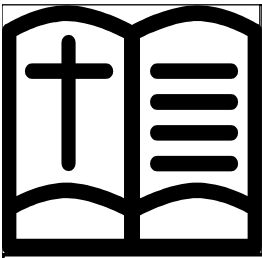
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