

CELIBACY

According to Hislop, the writer of "Two Babylon's", the higher order of priesthood of Semiramis (Ishtar), adhered to a doctrine of celibacy. This seems strange considering that many called Semiramis the prostitute goddess of Babylon. Most scholars are familiar with the celibacy established in the early years of the goddess Cybele's clergy. The city of Rome was thought to be a holy city because of the Papal existence, but the fact is, of its approx. 100,000 population, about 6,000 were prostitutes. The historians have told us that "all the ecclesiastics had mistresses and all the convents were houses of bad fame".

The violations in the nunneries, convents and monasteries, were so bad in the 9th. century that **St. Theodore Studita forbade even female animals (even dogs) on monastery property!** In 1477, the night dances and orgies were described by historians as being worse than the public houses of prostitution. The supposed holy men were known as "the husbands of all the women". Albert the Magnificent, Archbishop of Hamburg went on record exhorting the priests. He said "if you can't be chaste, at least be careful". A German bishop charged the priests a tax for each female they kept, and each bastard child that was born because of them. At that time he found through his taxes, that 11,000 women were being kept by the clergy of his diocese.

Our Bible tells us clearly that man should be married and multiply, so that there will be much fellowship upon the earth. The Bible warns us of doctrines of devils that would promote celibacy. **1Tim. 4:1-4** *"But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times **some will fall away** from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and **doctrines of demons**, by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron, {men} **who forbid marriage** {and advocate} abstaining from foods, which YHVH has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth. For everything created by YHVH is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it is received with gratitude;"* The apostles were married, and leaders mentioned were to be the husband of one wife. **1Cor. 9:5** *"Do we not have a right to **take along a believing wife, even as the rest of the apostles, and the brothers of Adonai, and Cephas?** 1Tim. 3:2 **"An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,"***

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