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1. What are the real objects?
(Women, one man, bread, apparel (garment), seven, eat, wear, adulterous women.)
2. What is going on when a woman is “called” by a man’s name?
(A **marriage** or **union** is made between them.)
3. What is happening between the 7 women and the man?
(The women take “hold” of the man.)
Hold #2388 – **help, make strong, repair**
So the women want to help or “repair” something to make the man stronger.
4. What **type** of women are these 7?
(They are **adulterous women** because they are **all marrying** the same man!)
5. What is the **reason** the women want to be “called” by the man’s name?
(To have their “**reproach**” taken away.)
6. What is the “**reproach**” of the women?
(They have **no children**, they are **barren**.)
Gen. 30:23 and Luke 1:24,25
7. What have the women agreed to do?
(Eat their own bread and wear their own apparel.)
8. Who is the man?
(The “husband” or head of an adulterous union.
The “man” can’t be Christ Jesus because the LORD has only one Bride. Rev. 19:7,8
9. When does this take place?
(During the Last Days or time of the Judgement.)

10. What do the **Real Objects** represent Spiritually?

Who does a Pure Woman represent?

Key Word 

WOMAN = ?
(Pure, dressed in white)



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WOMAN = God's church
(Pure) (True Church)

ISA 54:5,6 "Thy Maker is thy husband, the Lord of Hosts is His name. . . the Lord hath called thee, as a woman. . . and a wife. . ."


REV 19:7,8 ". . . the marriage of the Lamb is come and His wife. . . arrayed in fine linen, clean and white. . ."

A PURE "WOMAN" REPRESENTS GOD'S CHURCH

Who does an Adulterous Woman represent?

Key Word 

WOMAN = ?
(Harlot, whore dressed in purple, red with gold, precious stones and pearls)




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WOMAN = Satan's
(Whore) (Church system
(false church))


REV 17:1-6 ". . . The great whore. . . with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication. . . the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet. . . gold, precious stones and pearls. **REV 2:20** ". . . That woman Jezebel which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce my servants. . ."

ADULTEROUS "WOMAN" REPRESENTS A FALSE CHURCH

Who does the one man or head represent?

Key Word 

HEAD = ?



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HEAD = LEADER

MICAH
9 Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity.


PSALM 110 *he shall wound the heads over "many countries.

ONE "HEAD" OR ONE "MAN" REPRESENTS ONE LEADER

What does **bread** represent?

Key Word 

BREAD = ?




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BREAD = The Bible
(God's word)

Matthew 4:4 "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

"BREAD" REPRESENTS THE BIBLE

What does eating bread represent?

Key Word 



EAT BREAD = ?


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EAT BREAD = Read the Bible
(Read God's word)

JERE 15:16 "Thy words were found and I did eat them: and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart."

EATING "**BREAD**" REPRESENTS
READING AND UNDERSTANDING **THE BIBLE**

What does the **apparel** (garment) represent?

Key Word 



GARMENT = ?

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GARMENT = Character or life


Genesis 35:2 "... Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments.

Zechariah 3:4 "... Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment."

"**APPAREL**" (GARMENT) REPRESENTS **CHARACTER**

What does it mean to wear our own apparel?

Key Word 



wear apparel = ?
(clothed with) GARMENT

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WEAR APPAREL = Clothed with EITHER the Lord's Righteous Character or our own works


Job 29:14 "I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe."

Isaiah 59:6 " Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity.

Zech 1:8 "I will punish such as are clothed with strange apparel."

TO "WEAR OUR OWN APPAREL" MEANS TO HAVE
OUR OWN CHARACTER OR IDENTITY
(Instead of someone else's Identity or Character)

What does the number **seven** represent?

Key Word 

NUMBER 7 = ?

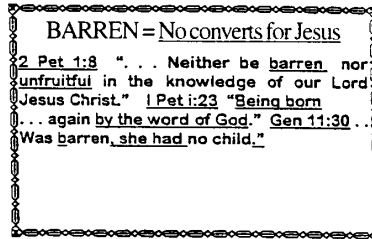
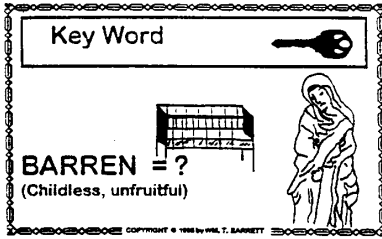
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NUMBER 7 = Completeness, rest, all

Gen 2:3 "And God blessed the seventh day, because He had rested from all his work.:

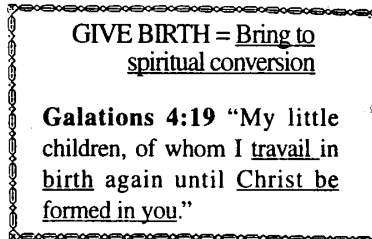
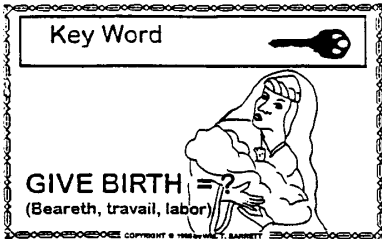
THE NUMBER "**SEVEN**" REPRESENTS **ALL, COMPLETENESS, AND REST**

What does a barren **Woman** or unmarried **Woman** represent?



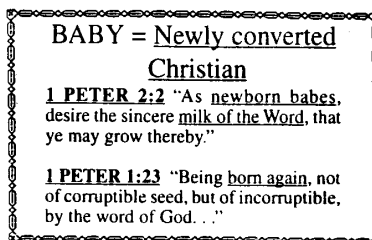
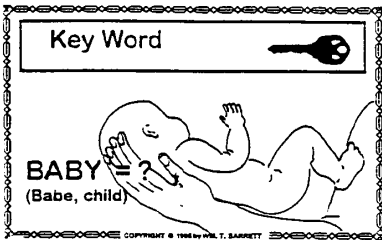
A "**WOMAN**" WITH NO CHILDREN
A "**CHURCH**" WITH NO CONVERTS

What does it mean to have a **child** or give **birth**?



TO MAKE A "**CONVERT**" OR
BRING TO "**SPIRITUAL CONVERSION**"

What does the **child** or **baby** represent?



THE "**CHILD**" OR "**BABY**" REPRESENTS A **NEW CONVERT**

Now, let's Summarize what we have learned about the **Spiritual Meanings** of the **Real Objects**.

**PHYSICAL
(REAL OBJECTS)**

SPIRITUAL MEANINGS

Woman (Pure)	=	God's Church
Woman (Adulterous)	=	False Church
One Man (One Head)	=	Head of adulterous relationship Head of Adulterous Churches
Bread	=	Bible
Eat <u>own</u> bread	=	Own understanding of Bible
Apparel (Garment)	=	Character, Identity
Wear <u>own</u> apparel	=	Have our <u>own</u> Character or Identity (Instead of <u>someone else's</u> <u>Identity</u> or Character)
Seven	=	All or complete
Barren or Unmarried Woman	=	Church without converts
Give Birth or Have a Child	=	Make a convert or bring to Spiritual Conversion
Child or Baby	=	New convert

Now let's Compare the **Physical** with the **Spiritual** so that we can see how they are Related.

Comparing the Physical and the Spiritual

1. What do the real objects represent Spiritually?

(See previous summary?)

2. What is going on when a woman is called by a man's name?

PHY (A PHY **union** or PHY **marriage** is made between them)

SPR (A SPR **union** or SPR **marriage** is made between them)

3. What is happening between the 7 women and the man?

(The women take "hold" of the man.)

Hold #2388 – **help, make strong, repair**

PHYSICAL

The PHY women want to **help** make a PHY man PHY stronger.

SPIRITUAL

The SPR women want to **help** make a SPR man SPR stronger.

The False Churches want to **help** make a SPR leader SPR stronger.

4. What **type** of women are these 7?

PHYSICAL

These are PHY **adulterous** women because they are **all** PHY **marrying** one man!

SPIRITUAL

These are SPR **adulterous** churches who **all** want to make a SPR **union** with one SPR man!

5. What is the **reason** the women want to be "*called by the man's name*" or make this "marriage" or **union**?

PHY (To have their PHY "**reproach**" taken away.)

SPR (To have their SPR "**reproach**" taken away.)

6. What is the "**reproach**" of the women?

PHYSICAL

The PHY women are unmarried or "**barren**" and have no PHY children.

SPIRITUAL

The SPR women (churches) are SPR "**barren**" and have no SPR children or "converts".

7. What have the women agreed to do?

PHYSICAL

The PHY women have agreed to PHY **eat** their own bread and wear their own apparel.

SPIRITUAL

The SPR women (churches) have agreed to have their own SPR understanding (eat) of the SPR **bread** (Bible) and to keep their own SPR Garment (Identity or Character). *The Churches want to keep their own names.*

8. Who is the man?

PHYSICAL

The PHY “husband” or PHY “head” of an adulterous PHY union.)

SPIRITUAL

The SPR “husband” or SPR “head” of an adulterous SPR union.

The SPR Leader or SPR “Head” of an adulterous SPR union of False Churches.

NOTE: The “man” can’t be Christ Jesus because the Lord has only one Bride. Rev. 19:7,8

9. When does this “**union**” take place?

During the “**Last Days**” or the time of the Judgement.

Isa. 3:12-26 and Isa. 4:1-4

CONCLUSION

Now, let’s go back to the text and Paraphrase it using the Spiritual meanings of the Real Objects to see what it says.

ISAIAH 4:1

And in that **day** (last days) **seven women** (all) (false churches) shall take **hold** of (help) **one man**, (one head or leader) saying, We will **eat** (understand, read) our own bread, (Bible) and **wear** our own apparel: (keep our own identity or character) only let us be **called by thy name**, (make a spiritual union) to **take away our reproach** (make spiritual converts).

PARAPHRASE:

In the **last days** all the **false churches** will **help one leader**. They will say that they want their own understanding of the **Bible** and they want to keep their own identity, but they want to form a **Spiritual Union** so that they can **convert people**.

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RELIGIOUS LIBERTY FEATURE

BY NATHANIEL G. HIGGS

The document, *Evangelicals and Catholics Together: The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium* is an instrument of reconciliation for evangelical Protestants and Catholic Christians. The document is an amicable attempt to bring all Christian churches, including the Eastern Orthodox Church, into one fellowship by the year 2000. If realized, this may well be the greatest misadventure of Y2K. The document infers that there is one Christ and one mission; hence, there should be one Christian church. This document was signed by dozens of influential Catholic and Protestant leaders.

According to *Religion Today*, it has been reported that nine Protestant churches have agreed towards steps of unity which will allow them to celebrate communion together, share one baptism and recognize each as authentic expressions of one church in Jesus Christ. These churches, Episcopal, Presbyterian (USA), Disciples of Christ, United Church of Christ, United Methodist, African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, the Christian Methodist Episcopal and the International Council of Community Churches signed an agreement to unite by 2002.

On June 25, 1998, the world Lutheran Church decided to reconcile with its mother church. Cardinal William Keeler of the Catholic Church said, "This is the most significant development in any dialog we have had with churches that came from the reformation."

FINAL COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

1. Is this Spiritual Union of all the False Churches a **good** thing?
2. What **position** does this Union of the False Churches put the **True Church** in?
3. If the **True Church** refuses to join the **Union of Churches**, what will be the response of the **Church Union**? To whom will they **appeal**?
4. Is there a **symbolic** "picture" of this Large Church Union anywhere else in the **Bible**? If so, how does the Bible say it enforces its **will**? (Read Revelation 17: 1-18).