

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Revelation 18

Revelation 18: Babylon's, Babylon's Destruction Seen

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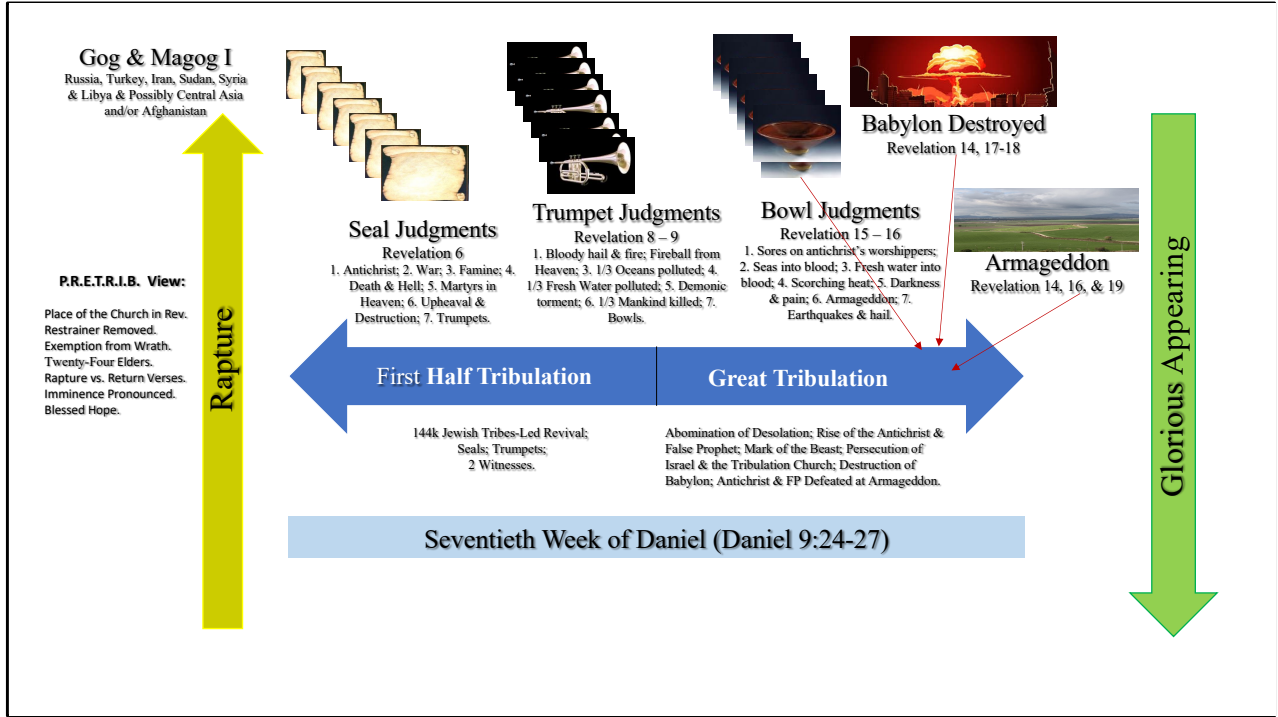
In our last session, we spoke of the evil prostitute. Today, we will continue that discussion.

Questions are from Danny Akin: *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in Revelation*.

Revelation Rhymes

Revelation Chapter 1: A Picture of the Eternal Son
Revelation Chapter 2: Work of the Church to Do
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Revelation Chapter 4: God Worshiped By 24 and More
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Revelation Chapter 7: Two Great Multitudes (One in Heaven)
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Revelation Chapter 11: Two Witnesses Ascend to Heaven
Revelation Chapter 12: Israel Into the Wilderness to Dwell
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Revelation Chapter 14: 144,000 in a Heavenly Scene
Revelation Chapter 15: Praise to the Lamb the Victors Sing
Revelation Chapter 16: Bowls of Judgment to Be Gleaned
Revelation Chapter 17: Scarlet Woman of Filthy Sheen
Revelation Chapter 18: Babylon's, Babylon's Destruction Seen





The Woman

- The Great Prostitute
- Sits on Many Waters
- Commits Adultery with Kings
- People Enamored by Her
- Sits on the Beast
- Dressed in Purple & Scarlet
- Glitters with Gold, Stones & Pearls
- Golden Cup
- Mark on Her Forehead
- Drunk with the Blood of the Saints & Those Who Love Jesus

This is a world system. "She" is often used biblically to symbolize a system, nation or the church.

While this been since the early days of rebellion, it will be especially so during the time of a one-world religion.

That she is referred to as a "whore" is significant. Greek "*Pornes*" is where we get English word "Pornography." She is opposite of godliness.

The ten horns represent nations, kingdoms, etc. These are those astray from God.

This world system is a depiction of religions which are the opposite of God's. She has played the spiritual harlot.

"Seven heads" are seven mountains...some believe Rome, some believe New York, and still others believe a rebuilt Babylon in Iraq.

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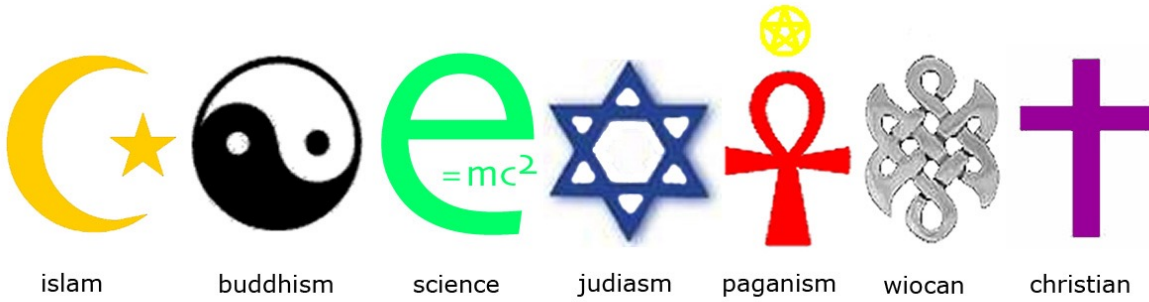
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Now I will expose her shame
in the sight of her lovers,
and no one will rescue her from my power (Hosea 2:10).



The False Message of Religious Babylon Tomorrow's Prophecy Today

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This is what an acceptance of “anything goes” leads to.



We see evidence of the destruction of Babylon even in the Old Testament in Isaiah 13-14; Jeremiah 50-51; and Ezekiel 36-28. This great city, representative of corrupt and worldly religious and economic systems, will be destroyed in the Last Days.

The Fall of Babylon the Great

18 After this I saw another angel with great authority coming down from heaven, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor. ² He called out in a mighty voice:

It has fallen,

Babylon the Great has fallen!

She has become a home for demons,

a haunt for every unclean spirit,

a haunt for every unclean bird,

and a haunt for every unclean and despicable beast.

³ For all the nations have drunk the wine of her sexual immorality, which brings wrath.

The kings of the earth

have committed sexual immorality with her,

and the merchants of the earth

have grown wealthy from her sensuality and excess.

⁴ Then I heard another voice from heaven:

Come out of her, my people, so that you will not share in her sins or receive any of her plagues.

⁵ For her sins are piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes.

⁶ Pay her back the way she also paid, and double it according to her works.

In the cup in which she mixed, mix a double portion for her.

⁷ As much as she glorified herself and indulged her sensual and excessive ways,

give her that much torment and grief.

For she says in her heart,

“I sit as a queen;

I am not a widow,

and I will never see grief.”

⁸ For this reason her plagues will come in just one day— death and grief and famine.

She will be burned up with fire, because the Lord God who judges her is mighty.



In Chapter 17, we noted the Great Prostitute is the eighth kingdom (the previous six perhaps representing the former kingdoms of Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, a conglomeration of many as the seventh which leads to the eighth, the Babylon of the Antichrist). Interestingly, and unsurprisingly, all of these kingdoms persecuted Israel.

Here in Chapter 18, we see that numerous sins are mentioned including sexual immorality, greed, pride, idolatry, demonic receptiveness, and overt, unrepentant sin. Here, as in Jeremiah 16 when Israel arrogantly refused to repent of her sin, Babylon will receive double-back in judgment for her own sin (read Jeremiah 16:17-18).

John notes Babylon’s unrepentance and pride. He then notes God’s righteous judgment.

The World Mourns Babylon's Fall

⁹ The kings of the earth who have committed sexual immorality and shared her sensual and excessive ways will weep and mourn over her when they see the smoke from her burning. ¹⁰ They will stand far off in fear of her torment, saying, Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the mighty city! For in a single hour your judgment has come.

¹¹ The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargo any longer— ¹² cargo of gold, silver, jewels, and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk, and scarlet; all kinds of fragrant wood products; objects of ivory; objects of expensive wood, brass, iron, and marble; ¹³ cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, and frankincense; wine, olive oil, fine flour, and grain; cattle and sheep; horses and carriages; and slaves—human lives.

¹⁴ The fruit you craved has left you.

All your splendid and glamorous things are gone; they will never find them again.



It's All About the Benjamins – Puff Daddy

Opportunities: Let's Make Lots of Money – The Pet Shop Boys

Gold Digger – Kanya West featuring Jamie Foxx

Got Money – Lil Wayne featuring T-Pain

Money Changes Everything – Cyndi Lauper

Money, Money, Money – Abba

Material Girl – Madonna

Money for Nothing – Dire Straits

The Money Song – Dean Martin

Santa Baby – Eartha Kitt

¹⁵ The merchants of these things, who became rich from her, will stand far off in fear of her torment, weeping and mourning, ¹⁶ saying,
Woe, woe, the great city,
dressed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet,
adorned with gold, jewels, and pearls;
¹⁷ for in a single hour
such fabulous wealth was destroyed!
And every shipmaster, seafarer, the sailors, and all who do business by sea, stood far off ¹⁸ as they watched the smoke from her burning and kept crying out, "Who was like the great city?" ¹⁹ They threw dust on their heads and kept crying out, weeping, and mourning,
Woe, woe, the great city,
where all those who have ships on the sea
became rich from her wealth;
for in a single hour she was destroyed.
²⁰ Rejoice over her, heaven,
and you saints, apostles, and prophets,
because God has pronounced on her the judgment she passed on you!



9/11 Comparison.

The Finality of Babylon's Fall

²¹ Then a mighty angel picked up a stone like a large millstone and threw it into the sea, saying,

In this way, Babylon the great city
will be thrown down violently
and never be found again.

²² The sound of harpists, musicians,
flutists, and trumpeters
will never be heard in you again;
no craftsman of any trade
will ever be found in you again;
the sound of a mill
will never be heard in you again;

²³ the light of a lamp
will never shine in you again;
and the voice of a groom and bride
will never be heard in you again.

All this will happen
because your merchants
were the nobility of the earth,
because all the nations were deceived
by your sorcery.

²⁴ In her was found the blood of prophets and saints,
and of all those slaughtered on the earth.



Akins states this regarding Babylon: There will be no record of her, rejoicing over her, rebuilding of her, reflection of her, recovery for her, respect for her, or redemption of her.



Prelude to the One World Economy of
Revelation 18

For the love of money is the root of all evil:
Which while some coveted after, they have
erred from the faith, and pierced
themselves through with many sorrows.

1 Timothy 6:10



World Economic Forum

One world ideas: tracking your carbon footprint; where and how are we traveling; what we eat, etc.

- Like the Great Depression, people will be in absolute despair over Babylon's destruction.
- Babylon will be destroyed in one hour – perhaps a nuclear destruction or something similar (I lean toward God's spoken or direct command).
- Those without the Mark are called out before the destruction, much like Lot & his family.



- Jeremiah's chapters 50-51 indicate the entire destruction of Babylon.
- Some view Babylon's destruction as the end of the Bowl Judgments; others, Armageddon.



1. What examples can you give of people looking to Babylon to provide satisfaction, joy, and meaning?
2. Consider Babylon's description in 18:1-8? Are there any of these in your life?
3. Why do you believe God is so opposed to arrogance and pride?