

6. The Two Babylons Judged, Revelation 17–18

a. The Apostate Church in the Great Tribulation, Revelation 17

1) Great Harlot Riding the Beast (Revelation 17:1–7)

- a) The Judgment of the Great Whore (A view of the picture of the end!) (Revelation 17:1)
- b) Violated kings of the earth (Revelation 17:2)
- c) Transported to the wilderness (Revelation 17:3a)

2) Description of the Whore (Revelation 17:3b-6)

- a) Her Beast (Revelation 17:3b)
- b) The Whore (Revelation 17:4-6)
 - i. Her clothing (Revelation 17:4)
 - ii. Her Forehead (Revelation 17:5)
 - iii. Her behavior (Revelation 17:6)

3) The Beast Destroys the Great Harlot (Revelation 17:7–18)

- a) The Beast is Satan (Revelation 17:7-8)
- b) If You Know you know (Revelation 17:9)

9 And here *is* the mind which hath wisdom.

Revelation 13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number *is* **Six hundred threescore *and* six.**

What we should Know

Matthew 24:15 When ye therefore shall see **the abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand **in the holy place**, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

- **Can't be the church because the Church has no holy place!**
- **We're looking for something different**
- **The Church has a blessed Hope to look for**

Titus 2:13-15

13 Looking for **THAT BLESSED HOPE**, and **the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ**;

14 Who **gave himself for us**, that he might **redeem us from all iniquity**, and **purify unto himself a peculiar people**, zealous of good works.

15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. **Let no man despise(depreciate) thee.**

- **Jesus is speaking of something different**
- **We're gonna look into what He was talking about**
- **We'll start trying to see what the "abomination of desolation" is referring to**

Daniel 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of **abominations he shall make it desolate**, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be **poured upon the desolate**.

Daniel Refers to 2 Abomination of Desolations

Desolation #1 Antiochus Epiphanes the Syrian destroyed Jerusalem in 170 BC

Daniel 11:31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place **the abomination that maketh desolate**.

- **100,000 Jews killed**
- **Daily Sacrifice removed from the Temple**
- **Offered Blood of pigs on the altar**
- **Set up the image of Jupiter in the Holy Place**

Desolation #2 Second Abomination of Desolation Daniel refers to

Daniel 12:11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and **the abomination that maketh desolate** set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

Matthew 24:21 For then shall be **great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Question: Why did God Reveal these secrets to Daniel

Daniel 9:1-27

Daniel's Prayer for Israel (He remembered how long the captivity was going to last and knew it was soon to be over)

1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;

2 In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 25:11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

He Prayed to the **right One**

3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer(**intercession - W1828 - prayer for someone else**) and supplications(**earnest prayer**), with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession(**to use the hand to throw a stone away**), and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, **keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;**

He Prayed in the **right way**

We rejected what You are all about

5 We(**joint venture - He took personal ownership of it**) have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and **have rebelled**, even by **departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:**

We have rejected your prophets

6 Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets(**inspired man**), which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

Where we should be - realize the error of our ways

7 O Lord, righteousness *belongeth* unto thee, but unto us confusion(**shame from idol worship**) of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, *that are near*, and *that are far off*, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass(**trespass; W1828 - to knowingly enter another man's property**) that they have trespassed against thee.

8 O Lord, to us *belongeth* confusion(**shame because of idolatry**) of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.

Realize that God is merciful

9 To the Lord our God *belong* mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;

Remember we are the ones that failed to do as He said

10 Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

11 Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might **not obey thy voice**; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that *is* written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.

If you won't Listen

Deuteronomy 28:15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

Deuteronomy 28:20 The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me.

Curses from God

Deuteronomy 28:45-47

45 Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee:

46 And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever.

47 Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things;

Nation Brought up against you

Deuteronomy 28:48-50

48 Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.

49 The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand;

50 A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young:

Nature shall be brought against you

Deuteronomy 28:58-61

58 **If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book**, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD;

59 Then the LORD will make thy **plagues(a wound; figuratively carnage, also pestilence: - beaten, blow, plague, slaughter, sore, stripe, stroke,)** wonderful, and the **plagues** of thy seed, even **great plagues**, and of **long continuance**, and **sore sicknesses**, and of **long continuance**.

60 Moreover he will bring upon thee all **the diseases of Egypt**, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee.

61 Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee, **until thou be destroyed.**

God had kept His Word...WE DESERVED IT!

12 And he hath confirmed **(to be clear)** his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, **by bringing upon us a great evil:** for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.

13 As *it is written in the law of Moses*, all this evil is come upon us: yet made **we not our prayer** before the LORD our God, that **we might turn** from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.

14 Therefore hath the LORD **watched (to be on the lookout)** upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God *is* righteous in all his works which he doeth: **FOR WE OBEYED NOT HIS VOICE.**

15 And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth **out of the land of Egypt** with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; **WE HAVE SINNED, WE HAVE DONE WICKEDLY.**

Plead for God's mercy - Turn Away Your Anger

16 O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, **I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem**, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people *are become* a reproach to all *that are* about us.

17 Now therefore, O our God, **hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications**, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.

18 O my God, **incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations**, and the city which is called by thy name: for **we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, BUT FOR THY GREAT MERCIES.**

19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

The Angel Gabriel Brings an answer

20 And *whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God* for the holy mountain of my God;

21 Yea, *whiles I was speaking in prayer*, even the man **Gabriel**, whom I had seen in the vision **at the beginning**, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

22 And he informed *me*, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, **I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.**

23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew *thee*; for **thou art greatly beloved**: therefore **understand the matter, and consider the vision.**

The Seventy Weeks

24 Seventy weeks are **determined(to cut off)** upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to **finish(hold back)** the transgression, and **to make an end of sins**, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

25 Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment **to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks**: the street **shall be built again**, and the wall, even in troublous times.

Nehemiah 2:1-8

1 And it came to pass **in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king**, *that wine was* before him: and I took up the wine, and gave *it* unto the king. Now I had not been *beforetime* sad in his presence.

2 Wherefore the king said unto me, Why *is* thy countenance sad, seeing thou *art* not sick? this *is* nothing *else* but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid,

3 And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, *lieth* waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?

4 Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? **So I prayed to the God of heaven.**

5 And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, **that I may build it.**

6 And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? **So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.**

7 Moreover I said unto the king, **If it please the king**, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah;

8 And a letter unto **Asaph the keeper of the king's forest**, that he may give me **timber** to make beams for the gates of the palace which *appertained to the house*, and for the **wall of the city**, and for **the house that I shall enter into**. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.

26 And after threescore and two(**62**) weeks shall Messiah be cut off(**crucifixion**), **BUT NOT FOR HIMSELF**: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall be* **with a flood(downfall of Babylon)**, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 And **he shall confirm the covenant** with many **for one week**: and in the midst of the week he shall **cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease**, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Daniel 10:1-21

1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia **a thing was revealed unto Daniel**, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing *was* true, but the time appointed *was* long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.

2 In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks.

3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

4 And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which *is* Hiddekel;

5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins *were* girded with fine gold of Uphaz:

6 His body also *was* like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

7 And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.

9 Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.

10 And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and *upon* the palms of my hands.

11 And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.

12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision *is* for *many* days.

15 And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb.

16 And, behold, *one* like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength.

17 For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me.

18 Then there came again and touched me *one* like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me,

19 And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace *be* unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.

20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come.

21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and *there is* none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.