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Title: Babylonism

Text: Revelation 17-18

Target: In the world, not of it, is our testimony!

I. The Overview of THE PROSTITUTE: The False Church

- A. Character Revealed: “great prostitute” (Vs. 1)**
- 1. Her Popularity:** “seated on many waters” (Vs. 1, 15)
 - 2. Her Perversion:** “the dwellers on earth have become drunk” (Vs. 2)
 - 3. Her Partnership:** “sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns.” (Vs. 3, 9)
 - 4. Her Prosperity:** “arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and impurities of her sexual immorality” (Vs. 4)
 - 5. Her Profanity:** “name of mystery: Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth’s abominations.” (Vs. 5)
 - 6. Her Persecution:** “drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.” (Vs. 6)
- B. Conclusion Rendered: “When I saw her, I marveled greatly” (Vs. 6b)**
- 1. Worldwide Influence.**
 - 2. Tolerance in Message except for the cross.**
 - 3. Universalism in Doctrine.**
 - 4. Sensuality in Practice.**
 - 5. Wealthy in Status.**

II. The Overthrow by THE BEAST: Unification of Church/State.

- A. The Collusion with the Beast:** “I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries her.” (Vs. 7)
- B. The Counterfeit of the Beast:** “the beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to rise from the bottomless pit and go to destruction.” (Vs. 8)
- C. The Crowning of the Beast:** “These are of one mind, and they hand over their power and authority to the beast.” (Vs. 13) * 7/8 Heads & 10 Horns-Vs. 9-12
- D. The Confiscation by the Beast:** “they and the beast will hate the prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, devour her flesh and burn her up with fire.” (Vs. 16)
- 1. Autonomous Government**
 - 2. Affluence of Financial Wealth/Political Power**
 - 3. Authoritative Spirituality**
 - 4. Acceptance Globally**
- E. The Conquering of the Beast:** “They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of Lords and King of kings.” (Vs. 14)
- 1. Affirms God’s Power:** “those with him are called and chosen and faithful.” (Vs. 14b)
 - 2. Achieves God’s Plan:** “for God has put into their hearts to carry out his purpose...until the words of God are fulfilled.” (Vs. 17)

III. The Overcoming of THE SAINTS: “After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory. And he called out with a mighty voice.” (Revelation 18: 1-2)

- A. Declaration over Babylon:** “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place for demons...” (Vs. 2b)
- B. Devastation because of Babylon:** “For in a single hour all this wealth has been laid to waste” (Vs. 17)
- 1. Political Destruction: (Vs. 5-10)**
 - 2. Economic Collapse: (Vs. 11-19)**
 - 3. Religious Tolerance Unaccepted: (Vs. 2b)**

C. Decimation of Babylon: *“then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea saying, “so will Babylon the great city be thrown down with violence and will be found no more...” (Vs. 21)*

D. Deliverance over Babylon: *“Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets for God has given judgement for you against her!” (Vs. 20)*

Take Away: *“Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, “come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues”. (Revelation 18:4)*