



**UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF REVELATION – PT 9**

**Revelation 17 & 18**

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*After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for true and just are his judgments. He has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has avenged on her the blood of his servants." And again they shouted: "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever." The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried: "Amen, Hallelujah!" (Revelation 19:1-4)*

- You are a citizen of Babylon
- OR – you are a citizen of the new Jerusalem

**But you are a citizen somewhere!**

- The CHURCH needs to be mindful of **WHERE** we have built our home.

*A mysterious name was written on her forehead: "Babylon the Great, Mother of All Prostitutes and Obscenities in the World." (Revelation 17:5)*

**Babylon represents:** \_\_\_\_\_

*One of the seven angels who had poured out the seven bowls came over and spoke to me. "Come with me," he said, "and I will show you the judgment that is going to come on the great prostitute, who rules over many waters. The kings of the world have committed adultery with her, and the people who belong to this world have been made drunk by the wine of her immorality." (Revelation 17:1-2)*

*I stared at her in complete amazement. (Revelation 17:6b)*

- THIS – is a word of **WARNING** to the **Church!** "She's better than you think!"

*"Why are you so amazed?" the angel asked. "I will tell you the mystery of this woman and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns on which she sits." (Revelation 17:7)*

- **Babylon always ends in violence – toward the people of God.**

*Why are the nations so angry? Why do they waste their time with futile plans? The kings of the earth prepare for battle; the rulers plot together against the Lord and against His anointed one. "Let us break their chains," they cry, "and free ourselves from slavery to God." (Psalm 2:1-3)*

*He gave a mighty shout: "Babylon is fallen – that great city is fallen! She has become a home for demons. She is a hideout for every foul spirit, a hideout for every foul vulture and every foul and dreadful animal. For all the nations have fallen because of the wine of her passionate immorality. The kings of the world have committed adultery with her. Because of her desires for extravagant luxury, the merchants of the world have grown rich." (Revelation 18:2-3)*

*Then I heard another voice calling from heaven, "Come away from her, my people. Do not take part in her sins, or you will be punished with her. For her sins are piled as high as heaven, and God remembers her evil deeds." (Revelation 18:4-5)*

- #1. We are to be marked by **peace**.
- #2. We are to be marked by radical **generosity**.
- #3. We are to be marked by biblical **sexual holiness**.
- #4. We are going to be marked by radical **hospitality**.