

Revelation 18 Commercial Babylon

Lift Up the Lord Jesus Christ

- **Chapter 17: First 3.5 years of Tribulation**

- **Mystery Babylon**

Scarlet Woman: Worldwide False-Religious System begun at Tower of Babel now based in Rome and led by the False-Prophet who works together with the Scarlet Beast [AC] She is allowed control of the people for a time.

10/23/2019 Pope Francis: Christianity Welcomes Pagans but They Must 'Reject Idolatry'

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- **Commercial Babylon**

Scarlet Beast: AC demands worship and destruction on the Scarlet Woman. 10 Kings of the world destroy religious system and give their allegiance along with the false-prophet to the AC after he supposedly rises from the dead...begins to attack God's people.

- **Babylon:** What God hates and will ultimately destroy

1. **Mystery Babylon** Based in Rome and led by False-Prophet
2. **Commercial Babylon** Based in Iraq and led by the Anti-Christ

Revelation 16:19 ... great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.

Godless Economic System controlled by Anti-Christ
Allowed to flourish for a time by God...

Revelation 6:6 ...I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius [worldwide famine but...] do not harm the oil and the wine"

I. Babylon the Great Worldwide Greed

Luke 16:13 "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

During the Tribulation the Earth will be consumed by Greed

¹ After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory.

- **After these things:** *gr. Meta tauta*
 1. Worldwide Religion destroyed by Anti-Christ
 2. Anti-Christ demands worship...
- **Another Angel**
 1. Great Authority

2. Lights up whole earth!

2 And he **cried mightily with a loud voice**, saying, "**Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen**, and has become a **dwelling place of demons**, a **prison for every foul spirit**, and a **cage for every unclean and hated bird!**"

He cried mightily...with a Loud Voice
Babylon the Great is fallen...is fallen!!

- **Babylon is Fallen:** gr. tense speaks of coming events as if they already happened

Babylon the Great is as good as gone

Center of World Commerce will be destroyed and afterward become a...

1. **Dwelling** place of demons
2. **Prison** for every foul spirit
3. **Cage** for every unclean/hated bird

Glorious Babylon will fall and become a Literal place of Demon Incarceration

- Never to be inhabited by humans again...

Isaiah 13:19 ...Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, The beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, Will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. 20 It will **never be inhabited**, Nor will it be settled from generation to generation; Nor will the Arabian pitch tents there, Nor will the shepherds make their sheepfolds there. 21 But **wild beasts of the desert will lie there, And their houses will be full of owls**; Ostriches will dwell there, And wild goats will caper there. 22 The hyenas will howl in their citadels, And jackals in their pleasant palaces. Her time is near to come, And her days will not be prolonged."

Jeremiah 50:38 A drought is against her waters, and they will be dried up. For it is the **land of carved images, And they are insane with their idols**. 39 "Therefore the **wild desert beasts shall dwell there with the jackals**, And the ostriches shall dwell in it. It shall be **inhabited no more forever**, Nor shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation. 40 **As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah And their neighbors,**" says the LORD, "**So no one shall reside there, Nor son of man dwell in it**"

- **Literal Babylon Iraq:** No one left but demons. Why?

God judges Greed

- **Zechariah:** Underrated prophetic book of Bible. World economy moves to Iraq...

Zechariah 5:5 ...the angel who talked with me came out and said to me, "Lift your eyes now, and see what this is that goes forth." ⁶ So I asked, "What is it?" And he said, "It is a basket [Ephah]that is going forth." He also said, "This is their resemblance **throughout the earth**:" ⁷ Here is a lead disc lifted up, and this is a woman sitting inside the basket"; ⁸ then he said, "**This is Wickedness!**" [Lit. *the Wickedness*] And he thrust her down into the

basket, and threw the lead cover over its mouth. ⁹ Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there were **two women**, coming with the wind in their wings; for they had wings like the **wings of a stork**, and they lifted up the basket between earth and heaven. ¹⁰ So I said to the angel who talked with me, **"Where are they carrying the basket?"** ¹¹ And he said to me, "To build a house for it in the land of **Shinar**; [Babylon Iraq] when it is ready, **the basket will be set there on its base."**

- **Ephah:** Primary measure of volume/symbol of commerce in the ancient world

"The Wickedness" Covetousness/Greed of the World
Moving to Babylon [Shinar] to be set on a Base; i.e. a **pedestal**

Centers of world finance [New York, Geneva, etc.] move to **Babylon along with UN**

³ For all the **nations have drunk** of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the **kings of the earth** have committed fornication with her, and the **merchants of the earth** have become rich through the **abundance** of her **luxury."**

"...become rich through the abundance of her luxury"
lit. through the "power" [gr. *dunamis*] of her "strainings" [gr. *strenos*]

- **God's final judgment of Greed**

1 Timothy 6:10 ...the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many **sorrows.**

Colossians 3:5 ...put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and **covetousness, which is idolatry.** ⁶ Because of these things the **wrath of God** is coming upon the sons of disobedience

⁴ And I heard **another voice** from heaven saying, **"Come out** of her, my people, **lest you share in her sins,** and lest you **receive of her plagues.** ⁵ For **her sins have reached to heaven,** and **God has remembered her iniquities.**

Jesus tells His people to run from trusting in riches
If you share in her sin you will share in her judgment

- **Come out or her My people:** Some of God's people are still in Babylon today

2 Corinthians 6:14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? ¹⁵ And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." ¹⁷ Therefore **"Come out from among them And be separate,** says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive

you.”

- **Be separate?**

Q. Didn't Jesus eat with sinners? **A.** Yes...with those who listened

Mark 2:16 ...[Religious leaders...] “How is it that He eats and drinks with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹⁷ When Jesus heard it, [Jesus] said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”

- Jesus ate/drank with sinners who **would listen**
- Jesus ate/drank with sinners who **realized their need**

Same Word to those in bondage the Greed/World System...Come out from her

Both Religious/Commercial Babylon began at the Tower of Babel

Genesis 11:4 “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose **top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves...**”

- Pride of life

SUMMARY Babylon the Great: Final Humanistic World System before Second Coming

II. Babylon Cursed

⁶ **Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her.**

Obadiah 1:15 “ For the day of the LORD upon all the nations is near; **As you have done, it shall be done to you; Your reprisal shall return upon your own head.** [C.f. Psalm 137:1-3]

- But it was going so well...?

Galatians 7:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for **whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.** 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

Jeremiah 51:7 **Babylon was a golden cup** in the LORD's hand, That made all the earth drunk. The nations drank her wine; Therefore the **nations are deranged**

Babylon's Cup of Wickedness now becomes God's Cup of Wrath

Jeremiah 51:57: “And **I will make drunk** Her princes and wise men, Her governors, her deputies, and her mighty men. And they shall sleep a perpetual sleep And not awake,” says the King, Whose name is the LORD of hosts.

- Wealth from now destroyed Religious Babylon continues into Commercial Babylon

⁷ In the **measure that she glorified herself** and lived **luxuriously**, in the **same measure give her torment and sorrow**; for she says in her heart, **'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.'**

- Glorified herself/ Live in luxury. Lit. Deliciously

Judgment: Trade your delicious life for one on torment and bitterness

- **Arrogance Judged**

1. I sit as **queen**
2. I am no **widow**
3. I will see no **sorrow and that will never change**

Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before **destruction**, And a haughty spirit before a fall.

1 Corinthians 10:12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he **fall**.

Everything the world is trusting in is about to burn...

⁸ **Therefore her plagues will come in one day**—death and mourning and famine.

Therefore: Since you are a Happily Married Queen in no need of anyone
Your plagues will come in **one day**

- **Death**
- **Mourning***
- **Famine**

***NOTE:** Mourning is so intense it is referenced to among "plagues"

8b...And she will be **utterly burned with fire**, for strong is the Lord God who judges her.

SUMMARY Babylon Cursed

III. Worldwide Economic Collapse

⁹ "The **kings of the earth** who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will **weep and lament for her**, when they see the smoke of her burning, ¹⁰ **standing at a distance** for fear of her torment..."

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| ▪ Religious Babylon | Kings will destroy her |
| ▪ Economic Babylon | Kings will mourn her. They have... |

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| 1. Committed fornication with her. | Become one with her |
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2. Lived in luxury [deliciously]

Because of her

- Stand at a distance fearing what is happening to her...

10b... Saying 'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.'

- **Alas** lit. "Woe"

Mighty City/Epicerter of commerce/man's greed has been judged in a single hour!

- **Chronology**

1. Nearing the End of Great Tribulation
2. Kings of the earth on their way to Armageddon
3. Turn and see the smoke of Babylon...everything they loved up in smoke

Joel 2:30 ...I will show wonders in heavens and in the earth Blood/fire/pillars of smoke.

¹¹ "And the **merchants of the earth** will **weep and mourn** over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: ¹² merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble; ¹³ and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, **wine and oil**, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men.

First Kings cry Now Merchants cry

- **NOTE:** Rich were getting richer and poor getting poorer at this time
- **No one** buys their merchandise anymore...
 1. Precious metals
 2. Clothing
 3. Wood
 4. Spices
 5. Food

Rich are no longer purchasing the bodies and souls of men?

- Sex Slavery
- Human Trafficking

¹⁴ The **fruit that your soul longed for** has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all.

Forbidden Fruit that your flesh longed for...What you lived for/lusted after

Things Rich, Splendid, Delicious gone forever!

¹⁵ The **merchants of these things, who became rich by her**, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, ¹⁶ and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, **purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls!**

- **Merchants became rich** from this Humanistic Economic World System
- **Purple/Scarlet:** Wealth of now gone religious system; i.e. Vatican and its assets

Merchants stand at a distance as do Kings

Everything they trusted in gone forever...Only Eternal Judgment Left

James 5:1 Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you! ² Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. ³ Your gold and silver are corroded, and **their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh** like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days.

Harder for camel though eye of needle that rich to enter Kingdom of God
Come out from among her

Mark 10:21 [I keep all commandments] Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me." ²² But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. ²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!"

- Kings/Merchants stand weeping at a distance

¹⁷ For in **one hour** such great riches came to nothing.' Every **shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea**, stood at a distance ¹⁸ and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, '**What is like this great city?**'

- **Kings, Merchants, now Shipmasters** stand at a distance **sad and amazed at...**

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| 1. Swiftness of God's Judgment | One hour |
| 2. Thoroughness of God's Judgment | Once great...now nothing |
| 3. Intensity of God's Judgment | Invincible city destroyed |

It was never God's plan for sinful man to gravitate/congregate in "Great Cities"

- Twice God said to replenish; i.e. **fill the earth** [Genesis 1:28/9:10] not congregate

What is going on with this great city? City of the Anti-Christ

Revelation 13:4 ... they worshiped the beast, saying, "**Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?**"

- **World Trusted in a man. World Trusted in a city. Both will be destroyed...**

Psalms 52:5 God shall likewise **destroy you forever**; He shall take you away, and pluck you out of your dwelling place, And uproot you from the land of the living. Selah 6 The **righteous also shall see and fear**, And shall laugh at him, saying, "**Here is the man who did not make God his strength, But trusted in the abundance of his riches, And strengthened himself in his wickedness.**"

It all going to burn.

¹⁹ "They [those that work on the sea] threw **dust on their heads** and **cried out, weeping and wailing**, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in **one hour** she is made desolate.'²⁰ "**Rejoice** over her, O **heaven**, and you holy **apostles** and **prophets**, for God has avenged you on her!"

- **Rejoicing:** Heaven, the Apostles, the Prophets made right choice to follow Christ

God's Vengeance and Reward in Gods time...for us keep doing good

Romans 12:17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. 18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "**Vengeance is Mine, I will repay**," says the Lord. 20 Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Galatians 6:9 ...let us **not grow weary while doing good**, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

2 Thessalonians 3:13 ... as for you, brethren, **do not grow weary** in doing good.

Hebrews 10:24 ... let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the **Day approaching**.

SUMMARY Worldwide Economic Collapse Babylon on fire

IV. Babylon will Rise No More

²¹ Then **a mighty angel** took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus **with violence** the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore.

Mighty angel violently throws a stone like a Great Millstone into Persian Gulf

- Millstones award are given to those who cause others to stumble

Matthew 18:6 Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a **millstone were hung around his neck**, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Millstone Purpose: That the wicked would sink...never to rise again

Jeremiah 51:63 ...when you have finished reading this book, that you shall tie a stone to it and throw it out into the Euphrates.⁶⁴ Then you shall say, 'Thus **Babylon shall sink and not rise from the catastrophe** that I will bring upon her ...

**With violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down
...And shall not be found anymore. V21**

- **America a type of Babylon?**

"The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" Edward Gibbon written 1788

- Declining Steps to Collapse...

1. Undermine of the dignity/sanctity of the home...the basis for human society
2. Higher and higher taxes/spending of public money for free bread/circuses for populous
3. Mad craze for pleasure/sports becoming more exiting, more brutal, more immoral
4. Building of great armaments when real enemy within-decay of individual responsibility
5. Decay of religion; faith fading into form, losing touch w/life, losing power guide people

- Warning that "history repeats itself" has ominous meaning in the light of the above
- The average age of the world's great civilizations is 200-300 years.
- **Dead nations progressed through this sequence...**

1. From Bondage to Spiritual Faith
2. From Spiritual Faith to Great Courage
3. From Great Courage to Liberty
4. From Liberty to Abundance
5. From Abundance to Selfishness
6. From Selfishness to Complacency
7. From Complacently to Apathy
8. From Apathy to Dependence
- 9. From Dependence back to Bondage**

²² The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters **shall not be heard in you anymore**. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore.²³ The **light of a lamp** shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of **bridegroom and bride** shall not be heard in you anymore. For your **merchants were the great men of the earth**, for by your **sorcery** all the nations were deceived.

- **Babylon:** World Economy Collapses

1. No music, No work, no craftsman, no crafts
2. Your merchants **were** the great men of the earth: Responsibility
3. By your sorcery [Drug Abuse] **ALL the nations were deceived:**

- **Questions for us...**

1. Do all Super-Powers need to be deflated in order for AC to rise?
2. Will AC cancel all world/personal debt to gain popularity and power?
3. Will America be lulled into complacency by Greed and Pharmacia?

“With great power come great responsibility” [P. Parker’s Uncle]

²⁴ And in her was found the **blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth.**”

01/16/2019 A [25-year-old] Chinese man is now bedridden for life after he **sold his kidney** as a teenager [18] to the black market to buy the latest Apple products.

- **What men will do for riches:** Judas betrayed the Son of God for 30 pieces silver

Luke 16:13 “No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

Matthew 16:26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in **exchange for his soul?**

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Chapter 18

“Commercial Babylon”

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- Imprecation Declared: Babylon Cursed

- Worldwide Weeping and Lamentation: Kings, Merchants, Shipmasters
- Babylon will Rise No More