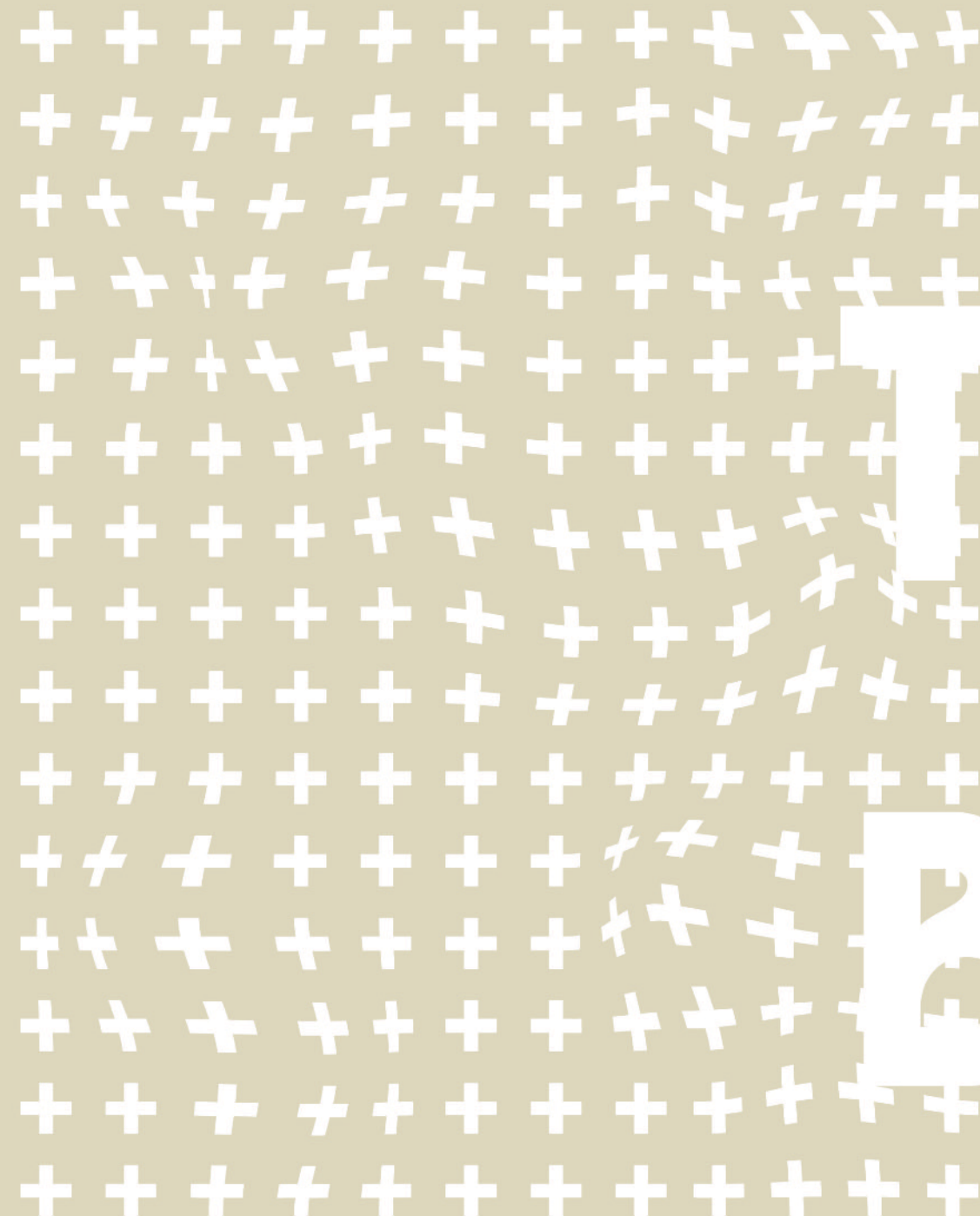


THE UNVEILING

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THE COSMIC BATTLE

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Charles Dickens – The Tale of Two Cities



BABYLON



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“and let us make a name for ourselves”



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“As he (Nebuchadnezzar) looked out across the city, he said, ‘Look at this great city of Babylon! By my own mighty power, I have built this beautiful city as my royal residence to display my majestic splendor.’ Daniel 4:30



“Babylon, to them, was the essence of all evil, the embodiment of cruelty, the foe of God’s people, [it represented] the lasting type of sin, carnality, lust and greed.”

Merrill C. Penney



Revelation 17:1-2

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"masses of people of every nation and language."

Revelation 17:15



BABYLON THE GREAT

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Revelation 17:3-16



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God's people 14:1 ... Beast's people 13:6 ... Babylon 17:5

Revelation 17:3-16



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the enemy ... THE WORLD ... the flesh

Revelation 17:3-16



“Come and I will show you...”



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Revelation 21 - The Bride

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Revelation 17 - The Prostitute

Into the wilderness



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Holy

Revelation 17 - The Prostitute

Into the wilderness

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“let us make a name for ourselves”

Genesis 11:4



“Come and I will show you...”

Revelation 21 - The Bride

A great, high mountain

Holy

Radiant & beautiful

Revelation 17 - The Prostitute

Into the wilderness

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Dripping in purple, scarlet & jewelry

“my mighty power ... my majestic splendor”

Daniel 4:30



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A great, high mountain

Holy

Radiant & beautiful

Wedding feast to celebrate

life together

Revelation 17 - The Prostitute

Into the wilderness

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Dripping in purple, scarlet & jewelry

Drunk on power through bloody

persecution



Revelation 17:3-16

The Beast from The Sea



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7 Heads = Dark Spiritual Power



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...Go to war against the Lamb...but the Lamb will defeat them because He is the **LORD** of all lords and the **KING** of all kings.

Revelation 17:14a



I stared at her in complete amazement.

“Why are you so amazed?” the angel asked.

Revelation 17:6b-7



The scarlet beast and his ten horns **all hate the prostitute**. They will strip her naked, eat her flesh, and burn her remains with fire.

Revelation 17:16



God gave them over to their:

foolish thinking ... wickedness ... sin ... greed ... hate ... envy
murder ... quarreling ... deception ... maliciousness ... gossip
backstabbing ... insolence ... pride ... misunderstanding
deceptiveness ... heartlessness ... mercilessness

Worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too.

Romans 1:28-32



The Fate of Empires

Age of Pioneers



The Fate of Empires

Age of Pioneers
Age of Commerce



The Fate of Empires

Age of Pioneers
Age of Commerce
Age of Affluence



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Age of Intellect



The Fate of Empires

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Age of Decadence



The Fate of Empires

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consumption ... voyeurism ... celebrity
violence ... sexuality ... substance abuse



The Fate of Empires

Age of Decadence

consumption ... voyeurism ... celebrity
violence ... sexuality ... substance abuse

self-loathing & self-destruction





Thy Kingdom Come
Thy Will Be Done
On Earth As It Is In Heaven



Babylon Is Fallen

“That great city is fallen!”

Ezekiel 26:17, 19, 21, 27-30

Revelation 18:1-3



Babylon Is Fallen

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culture ... nations ... kings ... merchants

“make a name for ourselves”

Genesis 11:4

Revelation 18:1-3



Babylon Is Fallen

“That great city is fallen!”

kings ... power and luxury

merchants ... wealth and exploitation

they will stand at a distance

Revelation 18:9-20



Babylon Is Fallen

For her sins are piled as high as heaven,
and God remembers her evil deeds.

brewed terror for others ... glorified herself and lived in luxury ...
boasted in her heart

Revelation 18:5-8



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**Do to her as she has done to others. Double her penalty for
all her evil deeds.**

Revelation 18:5-8



Babylon Is Fallen

Come away from her, my people.

Do not take part in her sins,
or you will be punished with her.

Revelation 18:4b



Babylon Is Fallen

I have given them Your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I'm not asking You to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. They do not belong to this world any more than I do. Make them holy by Your truth; teach them Your word, which is truth. Just as You sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world.

John 17:14-19



On Mission In Babylon - Sent Into

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Revelation 18:21-24

Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a huge millstone. He threw it into the ocean and shouted, "Just like this, the great city Babylon will be thrown down with violence and will never be found again."

NEVER AGAIN ... no creativity ... no relationship ... no light



Revelation 21

Creativity

the walls v18 ... the foundations v19-20 ... the gates v21

Relationship

Look, God's home is now among His people! v3

Light

For the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light. v23

