



## THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

### Chapter 18

#### “REJOICE! BABYLON THE GREAT IS FALLEN!”

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#### > (v1-8) THE JUDGMENT OF BABYLON!

(v1-2) Babylon is filled with demons, foul spirits (Ephesians 6:12-13 - *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*) & unclean bird (false religions – ref. Matthew 13:31-32).

(v3) All the nations (all peoples), kings (all governments), merchants (all corporations) have committed fornication with Babylon – Babylon is a global unification, politically, religiously and economically. Its leader will be the antichrist and its alliance will be found in the “*mark of the beast, 666*” (Rev. Ch. 13).

- Listen to exhortation and counsel found in James 5:1-11 - *Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you! Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. 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. Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter. You have condemned, you have murdered the just; he does not resist you. Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord — that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.*

(v4-8) In the Great Tribulation believers are called to come out of the Babylonian system. This is a call to holiness, a call to separation, a call to follow the Lord Jesus Christ! Lessons from Lot, Genesis Ch. 19 (Observe five C's of Sodom & Gomorrah - Carelessness, Compromise, Corruption, Confusion, Consequence!)

> How to overcome Babylon: (4 steps)

- Step #1 – FOLLOW JESUS! - Luke 9:23-26 - *Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.*

- Step #2 – COME OUT! - 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 - *Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? 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." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." 'I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.' (Joshua 24:14-28)*

- Step #3 – DO THE WILL OF GOD! - 1 John 2:15-17 - *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.*

- Step #4 – BE TRANSFORMED! - Romans 12:1-2 – *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

> (v9-19) THE SORROW FOR BABYLON!

In one hour Babylon is destroyed! The kings and merchants mourn.

(v9-14) The world will even merchandise “bodies & souls” (*bodies* – slave trade for work and sex. *Souls* – slaves to false religions.) The fruit that their soul longed for is now gone! (Riches, power, immorality!)

**> Trafficking and slavery still exist today.**

Slavery is illegal almost everywhere. But millions of men, women and children are trapped in modern-day slavery around the world. In India, entire families are enslaved in labor trafficking in brick kilns, rice mills, and garment factories working up to 20 hours a day. In the Dominican Republic, women and children are lured into sex trafficking with promises of school or a good-paying job. In the Philippines, children as young as two are sexually abused live for anyone in the world to watch through online sexual exploitation of children.

There are an estimated 50 million people held in slavery today.

An estimated 90% of labor trafficking takes place in the private economy—homes, business and supply chains.

Human trafficking generates about \$150 billion a year—with two-thirds coming from commercial sexual exploitation. (video)

**> WORLD'S LARGEST DRUG CARTELS - Generate a global business of \$400 billion per year.**

**The Sinaloa cartel, Mexico**

The biggest gang in Mexico right now is the Sinaloa, whose leader, Joaquín Guzmán Loera, known as "El Chapo" or "Shorty", is considered the most powerful drug lord in the world, perhaps ever. The Sinaloas smuggle cocaine, marijuana, methamphetamine and heroin by land or through tunnels into the US, often via Arizona.

**Yamaguchi-gumi, Japan**

The largest of Japan's Yakuza groups, the Yamaguchi has its base and origins in Kobe, but works on a global scale. With a membership running into tens of thousands, they deal in drugs, weapons, gambling, extortion rackets and prostitution.

**Solntsevskaya Bratva, Russia**

The term "Russian Mafia" describes a range of criminal *bratvas*, or brotherhoods, the largest of which is from Solntsevo district on the southern outskirts of Moscow. The group is known to have links to Semion Mogilevich, Europe's and perhaps the world's, most powerful criminal.

**The 'Ndrangheta, Italy**

The 'Ndrangheta from Calabria has now eclipsed the nearby Sicilian Cosa Nostra and the Neapolitan Camorra syndicates to become one of the biggest drug gangs in the world. Its annual income from cocaine importation and other businesses is estimated in the tens of billions of dollars.

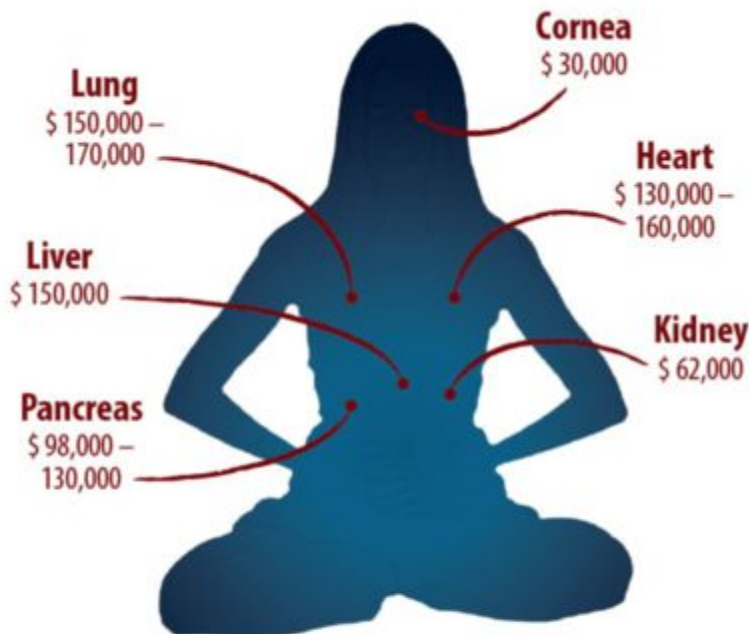
### **Abergil family, Israel**

The imprisonment last year of brothers Itzhak and Meir Abergil has done little to curtail the activities of the huge organisation they led. The Abergils have been one of the world's largest exporters of ecstasy, into the US and elsewhere, and prolific in gambling and embezzlement too.

### **- Fentanyl has killed over 100,000 in America alone.**

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), fentanyl is now the top cause of death among U.S. adults (ages 18-45) – more than COVID-19, suicide and car accidents. The CDC reports that of 100,000 adults who died of drug overdoses from 2018 to 2020, a staggering 19,400 – 19 percent – had died after overdosing on fentanyl. Over 150 people die every day from overdoses related to synthetic opioids like fentanyl.

### **> GLOBAL MARKET PRICES FOR BODY PARTS HARVESTING:**



Source: Kilgour & Matas

(v15-19) The world will weep and wail but will not repent!

> Top stock exchanges in the world will crumble:

- New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) – US. ...

- NASDAQ Stock Exchange –US. ...
- Shanghai Stock Exchange – China. ...
- EURONEXT Stock Exchange. ...
- Japan Stock Exchange – Japan. ...
- Shenzhen Stock Exchange – China. ...
- Hong Kong Stock Exchange – China. ...
- London Stock Exchange – UK.

> **(v20-24) REJOICE! REJOICE! AGAIN I SAY REJOICE!**

(v20-23) Rejoice for Babylon is destroyed, the corrupt, evil, and murderous world system is finished!

(v23-24) Why Babylon is judged – *“For your merchants were the great men of the earth for by your sorcery (“pharmakia” drug trafficking and occult practices) all the nations were deceived.” “And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth.”*

**Conclusion: John 15:18-27 – “the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me”**

*"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace  
Who bring glad tidings of good things!"  
Romans 10:15*