



THE COMING KING

LESSON 5

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VERSE FOR THE JOURNEY

- **1 Thessalonians 4:15-18** For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be **caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.
- Caught up: *harpazo* (Greek) *rapturo* (Latin)

WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR

- Antichrist is a person (not a world system)
- He uses a group of 10 kings that arise out of the former Roman Empire
- He seems to also come out of the Roman Empire
- He doesn't serve the god of his fathers
- He has no regard for the "desire of women"
- He uses his resources to build up military power
- He comes to power at the mid point of the tribulation but is probably influential during the entire period
- He is spiritually empowered from the abyss
- The spiritual empowerment was released
- He has a rider (something coming to power with him)
- He gets his authority from Satan (Dragon)

IS THE U.S. IN PROPHECY

- Half of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence had Seminary or Bible College degrees
- Many of the early states would not allow someone to serve in government if they were not Christians
- **Daniel 7:25-26** 'He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. But the court will sit *for judgment*, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever.'
- It is important to know our historical background; for help go to Wallbuilders. David Barton is carefully preserving important documents

SEEING THE US IN EZEKIEL?

- **Ezekiel 38:11-13** ...and you will say, 'I will go up against the land of unwalled villages. I will go against those who are at rest, that live securely, all of them living without walls and having no bars or gates, to capture spoil and to seize plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places which are *now* inhabited, and against the people who are gathered from the nations, who have acquired cattle and goods, who live at the center of the world. Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish with all its villages will say to you, 'Have you come to capture spoil? Have you assembled your company to seize plunder, to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to capture great spoil?'
- Tarshish = Britain Villages (young lions) = U.S.
- Problem: scholars believe Tarshish was Spain

WHAT ABOUT EAGLES' WINGS?

- **Revelation 12:13-14** And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male *child*. But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.
- **Exodus 19:4** 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself. (1400 BC)
- **Deuteronomy 32:11-12** "Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that hovers over its young, He spread His wings and caught them, He carried them on His pinions. The LORD alone guided him, and there was no foreign god with him."

WHAT ABOUT CUSH?

- **Isaiah 18:1-2,7** Alas, oh land of whirring wings which lies beyond the rivers of Cush, which sends envoys by the sea, even in papyrus vessels on the surface of the waters. Go, swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth, to a people feared far and wide, a powerful and oppressive nation whose land the rivers divide... At that time a gift of homage will be brought to the LORD of hosts from a people tall and smooth, even from a people feared far and wide, a powerful and oppressive nation, whose land the rivers divide— to the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, *even* Mount Zion.
- Problem: Cush seems to have been Ethiopia – but not the present one; Cush was divided either by a river, most likely the Nile, or the Red Sea

BABYLON THE GREAT

- **Revelation 17:3-6** And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns. The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality, and on her forehead a name *was* written, a mystery, "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus.
- The woman's description is identical to descriptions of Ishtar (Ashtoreth) coming out of Babylon and pictured on various relics

REPRESENTATIONS



Before Mohammed, there were 360 idols associated with the Kaaba (Arabic for "cube")
Mohammed changed it to the worship of one god, "al-ilah" (the god) shortened to Allah
The son/husband of Ishtar was Tammuz (Dumuzi;)
he spent part of the year in the underworld and reappeared in the spring at one of the "gates of hell"
His birthday was December 25

WHERE THE HARLOT RULES

- **Revelation 17:9-12** "Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits, and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while. The beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth and is *one* of the seven, and he goes to destruction. The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour.
- **Revelation 17:15** And he said to me, "The waters which you saw where the harlot sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues."

THE BABYLONIAN CULTS

- Headquartered originally in Babylon until Nabonidus abdicated and left his son Belshazzar to rule; then the Medo-Persians took over
- The Medo-Persians worshiped Ahura Mazda because they were Zoroastrians
- There arose conflict between the competing gods, and the Babylonian headquarters moved to Pergamum where they were located until the late 300's AD although Attalus of Pergamum had bequeathed the headship of the Babylonian religion to Rome in 133 BC; a war ensued and the Pergamum empire was divided among Rome, Pontus, and Cappadocia
- The last of the Babylonian priests relocated to Rome about 390 AD

DEMISE OF THE WOMAN

- **Revelation 17:16-18** "And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire. For God has put it in their hearts to execute His purpose by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled. The woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth."
- The United States hasn't slaughtered Christians
- The United States isn't a city sitting on seven mountains
- The United States has plenty of idolatry but we are not represented by a woman pictured as Ishtar