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Last time, we saw the seven angels come out of the Temple in Heaven, each holding a golden vial containing the final culmination of God's Wrath being poured out on the Antichrist's kingdom, on Lucifer's kingdom of darkness; in fact, the fifth angel poured out his vial and all the Antichrist's kingdom was plunged into complete and utter darkness.

We've seen 6 vials poured out: #1: terrible stinking excruciating sores. #2: the Sea becomes blood. #3: all fresh water becomes blood. #4: they finally get their long cherished global warming as the Sun becomes unbearably hot! #5: complete darkness. #6: the river Euphrates' waters are dried up to make way for the Kings of the East to come to Armageddon.

<u>Rev 16:13</u>: 'And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. ¹⁴ For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.'

All the armies of the World are being gathered to their destruction at Armageddon.

Verse 15: 'Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.'

This seems to be a rather jarring verse, inserted here, as John reports between the 6th and 7th vials of God's Wrath being poured out on the Earth.

Jesus says this same thing to Sardis in Rev 3 and to Tribulation Saints in Luke 12; Paul says it in 1 Thes 5; Peter says it in 2 Pet 3.

God's people are always warned to be ever vigilant against deception; we are to always watch and wait; we are ever to be walking in a manner worthy of our calling.

Here, Tribulation Saints are warned against the dark deception from these three demons coming out from the mouths of the Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet. Those being warned will not have taken the Mark of the Beast but, then, neither are we ever told that the Holy Spirit indwells them, guarding them supernaturally from deception. These are the ones of whom Jesus spoke when He said, 'And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. ¹³ But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.' Matt 24:12

It might seem odd that Jesus says this, 'Behold, I come as a thief,' to those living near the end of the Tribulation. To us, it makes sense because we do not know the day or hour of His return for us in the Rapture but Tribulation Saints can, in fact, know, almost exactly when He will return, at Armageddon, because it will be seven years after the Antichrist confirms the 7-year peace agreement at the beginning of the Tribulation and also exactly 3 1/2 years after the Antichrist enters the Holy of Holies to declare himself to be god and to demand that all take his Mark and worship him as god. However, in one sense, this still applies, here, in that Jesus also says, in Matt 24: 'And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.' So, they may not know 'exactly,' but very close.

Verse 16: 'And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.'

This verse naturally follows verse 14. All the armies of the Earth are being drawn to Armageddon, drawn by God, Himself... poor Lucifer and his false trinity think they are doing the planning and executing but this is all God's Great Work.

<u>Verse 17</u>: 'And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. ¹⁸ And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.'

It is done! God's Wrath has been poured out to the fullest on the World which has hated and rejected His Son and His offer of Life, eternal, freely given. All that has ever been required to receive God's gift of Life was to simply come to Him in Faith, trusting in His Son's finished work on the Cross but they would not; not only

would they not come in faith but even more, they not only rejected but they, then, did all in their power to cruelly, viciously, wickedly inflict as much pain, damage and suffering on His innocent Son as they could possibly imagine. That is their action for which God's Wrath has been poured out to the fullest extent.

Voices! Thunders! Lightnings! and the greatest, most powerful and destructive earthquake since man has been on the Earth!

Verse 19: 'And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.'

The identity of 'the great city' is not completely clear. It could be Babylon which some believe will be rebuilt to serve as the Antichrist's capital but, symbolically, Jerusalem is also called Babylon. On the other hand, Peter refers to Rome as Babylon.

Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots and of the abominations of the Earth, stands for the World's religious system which has led men astray since the time of the Nimrod and the Tower of Babel.

The reality, however, is that every city of every nation will fall during God's great, final earthquake.

Verse 20: 'And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.'

God will be using this incredible earthquake to prepare the Earth for the soon coming return of the Lord Jesus Christ at Armageddon. This earthquake will, actually, be reversing the upheaval of the Great Flood.

We're told that when God began the Flood, 'the fountains of the deep were broken up'.

Before the Flood, the Earth had been created to last forever with Man ruling over God's Creation. We're told that it had not rained before the Flood but that the ground was watered by a mist that rose up from the underground water system which was probably something like our own blood and vascular system: a great system of underground rivers and seas. When the fountains of the deep were broken up, probably by great earthquakes around the World, great chasms and mountains were created by the total upheaval of all the Earth.

Now... just before Jesus Christ returns to establish His 1000-year Kingdom on Earth, this greatest of all Earthquakes serves to bring the mountains down and valleys up while the seas drain back down into a similar underground water system to water His great Kingdom leaving no more deserts or floods or vast frozen spaces but that it will once again become a paradise under His Righteous Rule.

Verse 21: 'And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.'

We've seen photos or videos of huge hailstones the size of grapefruit or more... hailstones that smash up autos and shatter windshields... how big do you suppose these hailstones are... weighing one talent?

Well... probably larger than we would imagine...

The **talent** was the heaviest or largest **biblical** unit of measurement for **weight**, equal to about 75 pounds! One gallon of water weighs 8 lbs. These hailstones which God pours out as His final Wrath are the size of just under 8 gallon jugs of water. Those large water cooler jugs are 5 gallons. These hailstones are the size of one and 3/5's of those 5 gallon jugs put together... 75 pounds coming down at terminal velocity which is about 121 mph!

Those unbelievably huge hailstones will obliterate everything, everywhere.

When Jesus Christ returns, man's sin will have been responsible for the complete annihilation of everything on Earth!

That is what we will return to, at Armageddon, having spent the previous seven years in Heaven, with the Lord Jesus Christ, while receiving rewards and rejoicing in our Eternal Salvation with Him and the rest of His Bride.

The Earth will not be a paradise when we return with Him; it will be utter destruction but then, under His wise administration the Earth will become, day after day, year after year... that wonderful time of Peace on Earth, good will toward men:

'For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.' Hab 2:14 'And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.' Hosea 2:18

'And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴ And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.' Isa 2:3

'And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. ²⁰ There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹ And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. ²² They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. ²⁴ And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.' Isa 65:19

This is just a small glimpse of what we will experience under the Righteous Rule and Reign of the Lord Jesus Christ as we also do rule and reign with Him: first, for 1000 years and then, forever and evermore.

But before that can come, the World will experience all the horrific results of having been under the government by Man, led by the kingdom of darkness, over the course of the previous 6000 years: out of the absolute destruction from Man's governments unto the absolute perfection under the Lord Jesus Christ's government.

<u>Rev. 17:1</u>: 'And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: ² With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.'

This great whore is none other than what we'll see in verse 5: 'And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.'

We won't go into great detail in identifying her because that would take far too long.

Many, today, would identify this as being Papal Catholicism but it really goes far deeper than that; Catholicism is simply a more modern form of the Babylonian Cult.

Very soon, in Genesis, Eve and Adam do sin; God pronounces sentence upon all involved: Adam, Eve, the Serpent (Satan) and all of Creation. God said that One would come through the Seed of the woman Who would 'bruise' Satan's head but that Satan would only be able to bruise His heel; Satan was, in the future, going to be utterly defeated by a descendant of the woman and He would redeem all of Creation back to God.

Satan heard God's Prophecy and he understood. So, he immediately set about to corrupt and pollute the human line; he attempted this with the 'sons of God,' fallen angels, mating with human women as we see in Gen 6:1: 'And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, ² That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. ³ And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. ⁴ There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.'

But God preserved for Himself a pure human line through Noah: 'But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. ⁹ These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and **perfect in his generations**, and Noah walked with God.' Gen 6:8

The Hebrew word for 'perfect:' tamim/taw-meem, means: perfect, complete, without blemish. Obviously, this does not mean that Noah was perfect and sinless; he was a sinner just like me and you. It means that his generational, ancestral line, going all the way back to Adam, through Seth and Enoch was unpolluted... a pure, human line which God would keep pure through Shem, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, etc, even Rahab and Ruth... all the way to Mary.

And that brings us to the beginning of the Babylonian mother and child cult. Satan understood that the promised Deliverer would have a mother... 'born through the Seed of the woman.'

Soon after the Flood, we meet Nimrod, the first World Emperor. The beginnings of the Babylonian Mother and Child Cult centered around Nimrod and his wife, Semiramis.

*'The pagan system of sun worship had three main aspects: the father, mother, and the son. In ancient Chaldean times, these were the god Bel or Merodach, Ninus the son who was also worshiped as Tammuz, and the female goddess Rhea who was also worshiped as Ishtar, Astarte, or Beltis. She was also referred to as the "queen of heaven," and the "wrath subduer." Mary has received these same names in Catholicism.

Emperor Constantine melded paganism into 'cristianity' and created a Great Whore substitute for a true wife.

Mother and child worship was the basis of the ancient religions. In the various religions of the world, the same system of worship was perpetuated under different names. In Egypt, the mother and child were worshiped as Isis and Osiris or Horus, in India as Isi and Iswara, in China and Japan as the mother goddess Shing-moo with child, in Greece as Ceres or Irene and Plutus, in Rome as Fortuna and Jupitor-puer, or Venus and Adurnis, and in Scandinavia as Frigga and Balder. The mother and child were worshiped in Babylon as Ishtar and Tammuz, and in Phoenicia, as Ashtoreth and Baal. Moreover, the child was worshiped as both husband and son of the mother goddess.



The male component is a counterfeit of Jesus Christ. The Biblical names used for Jesus were also used for the child in ancient religions. Zoroaster was referred to as the seed, Mithra the Persian sun god was referred to as the Saviour, Dionysus as the sin-bearer, Bacchus as the branch, Vishna as the victim-man, and Osiris as the king of kings.

The Legend of Nimrod: The system of worship has its origin in the legend of Nimrod and his wife Semiramus. Nimrod (the great-grandson of Noah) rebelled against God, like his father Cush. Eventually Nimrod was put to death for his evil deeds, and according to the ancient patriarchal system, parts of his body were sent to various cities as a warning.

His wife Semiramus fled, but spread the rumour that he had ascended to heaven, where he had become one with the sun. When Semiramus later gave birth to a son, she claimed that it was the reincarnation of her deified husband, and that he had returned to save the human race.

She was later deified as the mother of the sun god, and it was supposed she had ascended into heaven as the queen of heaven. In the various cultures throughout history and around the world, the same basic deities have been worshipped under different names...'

*https://amazingdiscoveries.org/S-deception_paganism_Catholic_Nimrod_Mary#!

This same Babylonian *mother/son cult* made its way into the religious systems around the World and through the Centuries: Babylon, Assyria, Egypt, India, Greece, Scandinavia, China, Japan, through Rome and down to modern Catholicism.

As I said, 'very briefly.' We could spend hours in this but we won't.

Next, we will see God's final destruction of the Cult of Babylon, the cult of goddess/god-mother/son.