

As I was preparing this study, I discovered that I messed up the past two lessons. From the first part of chapter 17, I jumped to the middle part of chapter 18 and then somehow jumped back to 17 and then to 18 again.

I've confused myself but, hopefully, not you!

We'll continue through and eventually get back on track.

Revelation Chapter 18:

Rev 18:5 Recap: (*MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.*) *'For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. ⁶ Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. ⁷ How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.'*

Continuing on...

Verse 8: *'Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.'*

The evil false religion of Babylon has lived and flourished for 6000 years... undoubtedly from the time of Cain. After he killed his brother Abel, God cursed him: *'And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; ¹² When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth. ¹³ And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴ Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me. ¹⁵ And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him. ¹⁶ And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden. ¹⁷ And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.'* Gen 4:11

People ask, 'Where did Cain get his wife? What was the 'Land of Nod?'' People get it into their minds that Adam and Eve had Cain and Abel and the two grew up. They forget that Adam and Eve were having many more children all along... many of whom were daughters. Cain and Abel might have been near 100 years old at this time... children were having children and on and on. There could have been 1000's alive by the time Cain killed Abel.

Then, Cain moved east where, perhaps his descendants were living and growing. We're not told how old Cain was when he did so but he was, doubtless, many years old. This is the same time when fallen angels were also intermingling with humans and, perhaps, it was Cain and his descendants who were the more open to this evil.

We see, in the Book of Enoch, that it was fallen angels who taught human women various forbidden areas of knowledge and, also to the human men, the smelting of iron, and other metals, for weapons, etc.

It was, surely, the fallen angels who taught Cain the supposedly secret knowledge that became the Babylonian religion which has birthed all the World's false religions throughout human history.

Now, here, in The Revelation, we see the time when God will finally judge and completely destroy Babylon the Great. And, He will do it in one day and, actually, we'll see that God will destroy Babylon, the City and the False Religion, all in one hour.

Verse 9: *'And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, ¹⁰ Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.'*

The kings of the Earth, the Presidents, the corporate heads, the billionaires and all the hangers on and wannabees throughout history and throughout the present, they've all supported Babylon as Babylon has supported them; it's been a symbiotic relationship, an incestuous relationship and an adulterous relationship and they will all, eventually, go down together... and I do mean, literally, down into the bowels of the Earth, to the place of the dead, to Sheol... a hot and miserable place where they will spend the next 1000 years awaiting their final judgment from which none will escape and all will, then, be sent directly down into the Lake of Fire where they will all spend Eternity in never-ending torment and misery.

Whenever we see evil today, and we do see unprecedented evil all around us... we should not gloat over the fact that all these, today and throughout history, will spend Eternity in the Lake of Fire but, then, neither need we spend even a minute in misery for their sake. Just know... all of the gross and unimaginable evil we see today and all those committing it with no thought for their future... God is in control and He is a very harsh Judge toward all those who've rejected His Son's Work and free gift of Salvation.

Verse 11: *'And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more.'*

When God destroys Babylon, the upheaval will be so great that all commerce, all buying and selling (for which, by the way, they will all have had to have taken the Mark of the Beast) all will suddenly lose their riches and their sources of wealth. A merchant might own a million dollars worth of silk but if no one can buy it, he is simply a million dollars in debt because the Babylonian bank had loaned him the money to buy the silk so now, the Bank is the one which will fail; it will all come crashing down like a house of cards or dominoes.

Verse 12: *'The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,'*

All over the internet and on TV... including supposedly 'christian' TV... constant ads to sell you gold and silver as protection against the coming financial crash... everything, even down to iron... it will all fail and it won't matter how much gold and silver one has... if they don't have the Mark of the Beast on their right hand or their forehead, they will not be able to buy or sell... even gold will also be worthless. Every precious thing on Earth will become worthless:

'For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. ³⁶ For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? ³⁷ Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?' Mark 8:35

The only salvation is the True Salvation offered by the Lord Jesus Christ... everything else is worthless and will fail. Only God's Hand upon us offers hope, salvation, peace and safety. That's it!

Thyine wood is a fragrant wood, like sandalwood and cedar.

Verse 13: *'And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.'*

Every luxury and every staple will become both worthless and also unavailable... this will seem like hell on Earth but it's only the beginning for all these souls.

'... and souls of men'... remember... this is in reference to the Babylonian World Religion which has been responsible for billions of 'souls of men' being sent first, to Sheol and then, eventually to the Lake of Fire.

Verse 14: *'And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.'*

Today, the rich, the 'elite,' the 'beautiful people'... their power, their riches and domination are used to fulfill their every desire, no matter how it affects others; that will all end; it will come crashing down on their heads.

The rich, today, consume caviar, tenderloin and champagne while their plan for us is to eat bugs with fake meat. After we're removed in the soon coming Rapture, all the World will submit to the ruling elite's every whim, save God's Elect; they'll be hunted down and killed.

Verse 15: *'The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing...'*

Today, the rich are constantly being made richer, if they adhere to the Left's demanded so-called belief system. I say 'so-called' because most of those who do cry out the babblings of the woke left don't even believe what they embrace and, yet, they demand that you repeat it, believe it and join in the canceling of anyone with the courage to deny their '*universally*' ascribed-to doctrines.

Those who claim to believe their lies, and demand that all others believe, are allowed to live, basically unmolested. We, all who understand and believe objective Truth, are ever more molested, marginalized and hated until, finally, when the Holy Spirit stops restraining Evil, after we've been removed in the Rapture, those who come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ will be hunted down and executed, probably by sword and guillotine as the Word refers to those who will have been 'beheaded' for their faith.

In the waning days of the Tribulation, Babylon, the city and the universal religion, will be destroyed and the millions who've been made rich through worship and trade with Babylon will lose their wealth, their position and their power in one hour; they will weep and they will wail as they recognize that God's judgment has finally come upon them; there will be no escape. Remember, back in chapter 6, we read: *'And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; ¹⁶ And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: ¹⁷ For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?'* Rev. 6:15

Verse 16: *'And saying, Alas, alas that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! ¹⁷ For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!'*

Babylon, as John sees her as a woman riding a scarlet colored beast, is both a city and the worldwide religion.

Babylon includes all false religions but as a specific city, Jerusalem is called Babylon which then includes Rabbinic Judaism; Rome is called Babylon which obviously, then, includes Catholicism; Babylon is the specific physical city in the heart of Islam (we'll call that, Mecca.)

There is only one religion, today, which is wealthy beyond imagination and that is Catholicism. All other religions will be swept up into the Last Days religion of Babylon but it would be wrong to deny that Catholicism, today, is part of the modern face of Babylon. It is wealthy beyond imagination. Its hierarchy are clothed in purple and scarlet. It is the only false religion that can be called a whore in the context of True Christianity which is the context of God's Word; Catholicism is the false wife, the imitation bride of '*christianity*.' No other false religion comes close to the numbers of True Saints martyred during the past 1700 years.

Then, as being 'the mother of harlots,' only out of Catholicism came every 'liberal,' falling away apostate Protestant church: the branch of Lutherans who deny God's Word in embracing sinful leadership; the same kind of branches of Methodists and Presbyterians and then all of the 'churches' today who deny the truth of God's Word, while denying God's commands regarding sexuality, while denying God's promises to Israel and End Times Prophecies. I'm not saying that Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, Charismatics, Pentecostals, etc. are all unsaved; I'm saying that there are branches of all those which, in fact, are unsaved.

Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses can also be characterized as harlots born out of Catholicism.

When we think about it rationally, without the fear of the accusations of 'anti-Catholic' bigotry, we can clearly see that Catholicism is definitely a major player when it comes to Babylon the Great, Mother of Harlots and of Abominations of the World.

This great harlot of The Revelation must obviously be seen in the context of True Christianity being the True Bride of the Lord Jesus Christ, while the false and imitation wife of Jesus Christ must be seen as an imitation of

True Christianity at its foundational level. Islam doesn't fit; Buddhism doesn't fit; Hinduism doesn't fit; Rabbinic Judaism doesn't fit but they are all part of the all encompassing End Times Universal religion of Babylon the Great, Mother of Harlots and of Abominations of the Earth.

3 cities are called Babylon: Jerusalem, Rome and Mecca (as the capital of Islam: Babylon.)

3 religions: Judaism, Catholicism and Islam have been responsible for the vast majority of Christian martyrs; these 3 have killed more Prophets, Apostles and Saints than any other ever! They have become drunk with the blood of God's Saints and Martyrs through the past many centuries.

Today, all the World's peoples are being corralled, herded and dominated through the false premise of 'saving our planet,' 'caring for our mother earth,' reversing 'climate change;' it's all promulgated to force everyone, everywhere, into submission to our 'ruling elite:' our 'betters.'

But God, in His Justice, will almost destroy their precious 'mother earth;' almost every plague and punishment will come in the form of some various destruction upon, and of, the Earth. And make no mistake; all of what God pours out upon the Earth during this terrible 7-year period of the Tribulation is raw, unadulterated punishments meant to hurt, to kill and to destroy the Earth and the people who have rejected God, His Son and His free offer of forgiveness and Salvation. Even Creation was cursed and will be punished in God's Judgments; the Lord Jesus Christ did not die on the Cross to redeem the Earth, contrary to so much false teaching, today... after even the Earth is punished, then will all things finally be reconciled back to God.

When God deals with us, with His own People throughout the ages, His goal is always discipline, with guidance and correction. When He pours it out during the Tribulation... it's all hurt/kill and destroy for 7 long years without any respite or breather. Of course, all through the Tribulation, He will still be calling and saving His Elect but for the World who have rejected Him... there is no relief and no salvation whatsoever.