

The Coming Judgment Of The Church

Part 4

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The Narrow Way

13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Matthew 7:13-23

The Narrow Way

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

Matthew 7:13-23

The Narrow Way

- 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
- 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
- 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Matthew 7:13-23

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23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

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The Coming Judgment Of The Church

Part 1 – *Apostacy in the last days*

Part 2 – *That which has been, will be ...* (Ecc 1:9)
(*Israel's history repeated in the Church*)

Part 3 – *The future of the church seen
through the history of Israel*

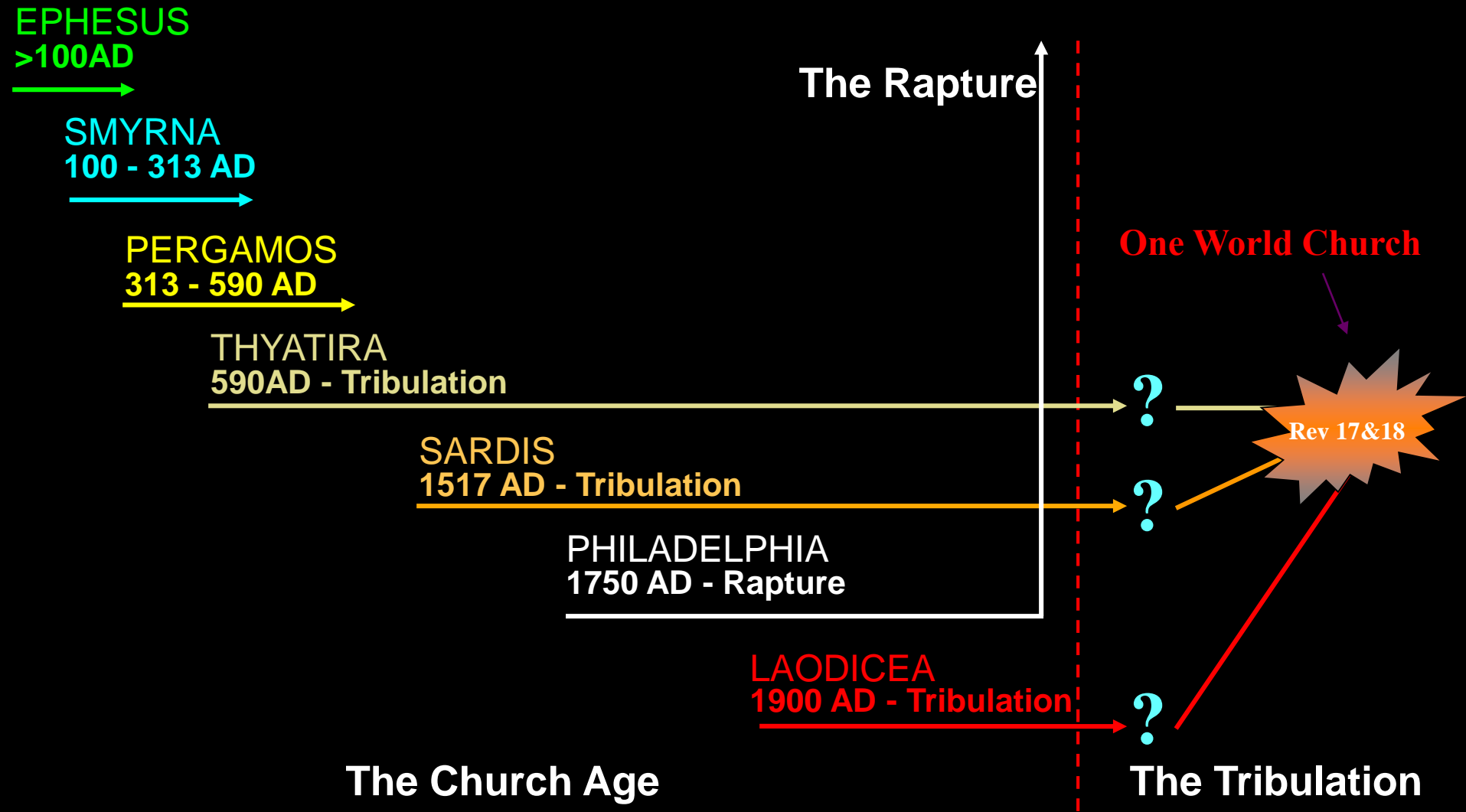
Part 4 – *The final One World Church
'Babylon The Great'*

Already Revealed

⁷ Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

Amos 3:7

Prophetic view of the Churches – Rev 2&3





Judgment of the Church Foretold

A Mixed Bag

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Matt 7:21-23

Matthew 13 – The Dragnet

⁴⁷ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: ⁴⁸ Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. ⁴⁹ So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, ⁵⁰ And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

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Matthew 13 – Wheat & Tares

²⁴ Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: ²⁵ But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. ²⁶ But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. ²⁷ So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

Matt 13:24-27

Matthew 13 – Wheat & Tares

²⁸ He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? ²⁹ But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together **until the harvest**: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together **first the tares**, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Matt 13:28-30

Summary

- The 'church' is a mixed bag
 - some good, some bad
- At the time (**kairos** = season) of the Harvest (Rapture) the angels will separate the good & bad
- First the bad are gathered into bundles, then the good are gathered into Christ's barn
- The bad are then cast into the furnace (Tribulation) to be burned

Matt 7:21-23
Jude 3,4,
2 Peter 2:1-2

Matt 13:30
Matt 13:49
Gen 18:25
Gen 19:1

Matt 13:30
John 14:3

Matt 13:30
Dan 3
Rev 18

History Repeating

9 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 1:9

As it was...

26 And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man....

28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; 29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

Luke 17:26-29

Genesis 18 & 19

The Destruction of
Sodom & Gomorrah

Genesis 18/19 Parallels

- God reveals His plan to His servants
Gen 18:17
Amos 3:7
- God will not judge the righteous with the wicked
Gen 18:25
1 Thes 5:9
- The angels come and do the separating
Gen 19:1
Matt 13:41
- The wicked are blinded
Gen 19:11
2 Thes 2:11
- Voice of an Angel announces time to go
Gen 19:15
1 Thes 4:16
- Righteous go, judgment by fire
Gen 19:24/28
Matt 13:42

Our Blessed Hope

¹¹ For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, ¹² Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; ¹³ Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; ¹⁴ Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Titus 2:11-14

Not Appointed to Wrath

9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

1 Thess 5:9

The Prophetic Plan

Israel

Espousal **Jer 2:1-2**
38 years **Deut 2:14**

Victory through time of war
cf: Promised Land

Complacency brings defeat **Prov 29:18**
Time of the Judges / Embracing the world

Rejection of Theocracy **1 Sam 8:7**
Beginning of the Monarchy - Saul

Division of Kingdom
Solomon's Apostacy

Israel (Idolatry) **Judah** (Not perfect)
Good works **(Jer 3:11)** worse than Israel **(Jer 3:10)**

Judgment foretold **Jer 25:9**
Faithful taken to Babylon **Jer 29:4-10**

Apostates / False Prophets Destroyed
Jer 52:12-13 Jerusalem burned with fire

Faithful return to inherit the land.
Temple built that Messiah will teach from **(Hag2:9)**

Church

Espousal **Rev 2:4**
38 years / Ephesus **AD32-70**

Victory through suffering
cf: Smyrna

Complacency brings defeat
cf: Pergamos/Constantine-Married to the world

Rejection of Theocracy **Rev 2:6**
Beginning of the Papacy / cf:Thyatira

Division of Church
Catholic Apostacy / cf:Sardis

Catholic (Idolatry) **Protestant** (Not perfect) **(Rev 3:2)**
Good works **(Rev 2:19)** Nothing good said

Judgment foretold **2 Pet2:1-2**
Faithful Raptured / cf:Philadelphia **Rev 3:10**

Apostates / False Prophets Destroyed
cf:Laodicea *"Lord, Lord...I never knew you"* **Matt 7:22-23**
'burned with fire' **Matt 13:30 / Rev 17 & 18**

Faithful return to inherit the land.
Temple built that Messiah will teach from **(Is2:2-3)**

The Tribulation

Church
Raptured

Second
Coming

The Beginning of Sorrows
3 1/2 Years

The Great Tribulation
3 1/2 Years



MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT,
THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND
ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH



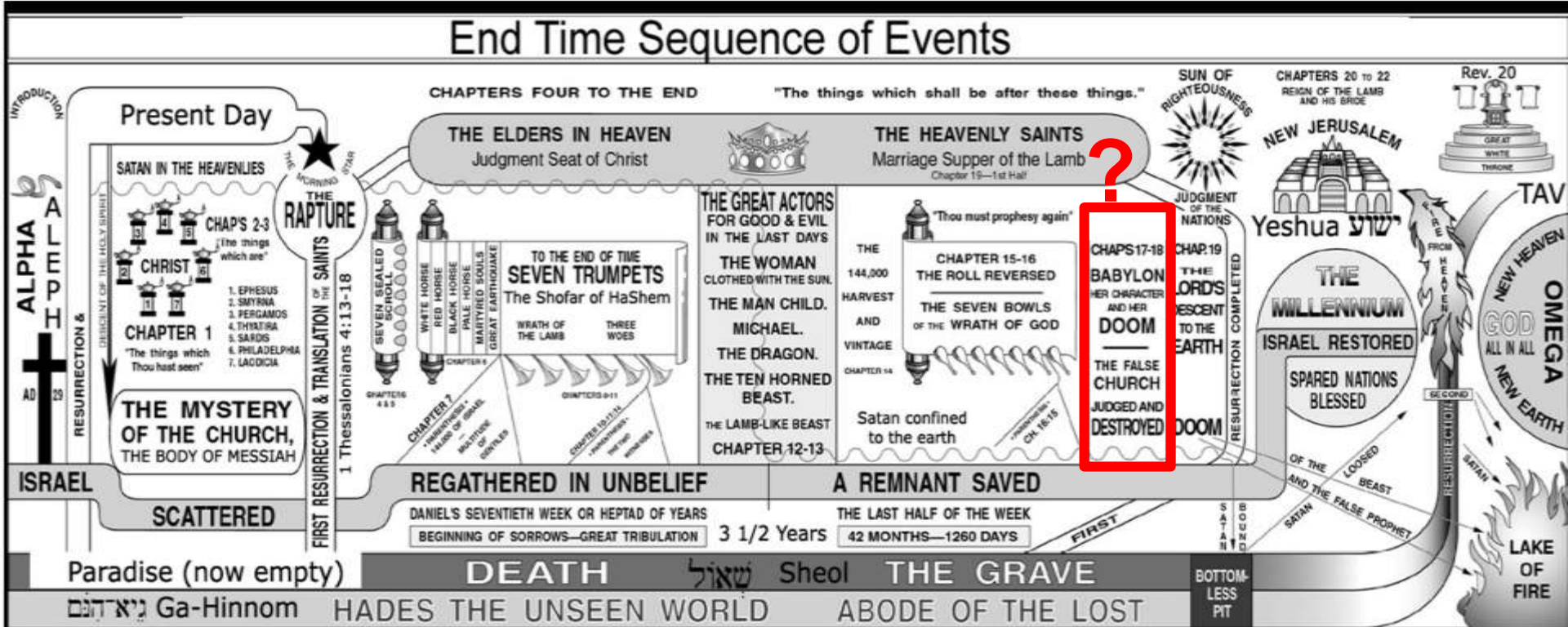
Ten Kings
Ruling
under
Antichrist

7 Years

Timing of Chapter 17 & 18

- Reasons it has to be 1st period of 3 ½ yrs
 1. Rule of the 10 kings who destroy 'Babylon' will not occur until the last 3 ½ year
 - The kings will have had enough of her rule
 2. Trade by sea impossible during last 3 ½ yrs
 - In Rev 18:17, those at sea observe 'Babylon's' destruction, so destruction must occur before the 2nd vial when the sea is turned to blood
 3. Antichrist worshipped by entire world 3 ½ yrs
 - This necessitates this false religious system being removed

Timing of Chapter 17 & 18



- Caveat: Acts 17:11

Chapter 17 & 18

- Note: one account (not two)
 - Some propose this is a duel judgment on a 'Spiritual Babylon' and 'Political Babylon'
- Theme - Judgment of the Great Harlot
 - Chapter 17 will give us Her Description
 - Chapter 18 will give us Her Destruction
- Chapter breaks were not included until the 12th century

An open scroll with Hebrew text is the central focus, set against a dark background. To the left, a wooden handle with a fluted design is visible. The scroll is unrolled, showing two pages of text. The text is in Hebrew, with some words clearly legible, such as 'כל אשר האמין' and 'אל בית המלך'. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the scroll and the wood of the handle.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Chapter 17

Missing Piece of the Jigsaw?



Missing Piece of the Jigsaw?

- Pivotal chapter in regard to our understanding of history
- It explains why there are so many false religions in the world
- Seldom taught and is replaced by misinformation and deceit
- It unveils a reality that will change the way we look at the world.

The Key Elements (Players)

- Great Whore
 - We will be able to identify WHAT she is
 - The challenge is to identify WHO she is
- Scarlet Beast
- Seven Heads / Seven Mountains
- Ten Horns / Ten kings

The Key Elements (Players)

- The symbols and imagery used are clearly explained in the verses that follow.
 - Remember; this was all new to John as well, and the purpose of allowing John to see these things was not to confuse him but to show him *“things which must shortly come to pass”* (Rev 1:1).
- Again, God is not the author of confusion (1 Cor 14:33).

Revelation 17

¹ 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:

Revelation 17:1

- This is one of three occasions in the book that John is told to 'come here' (Rev 4:1 / Rev 21:9), thus highlighting the following vision as something of great importance.

Revelation 17

- John is shown the judgment of someone or something described as 'the great whore'.
- Throughout scripture whoredom/adultery speaks of unfaithfulness to God, worshipping or serving someone or something instead of Him.
- This was the crime of Israel in the Old Testament and is graphically portrayed in books like Ezekiel and Hosea (cf: Hosea 1:2 / Ezekiel 23 etc).

Revelation 17

- The first commandment in Exodus 20:11 states that *'You shall have no other God's before me'*. *Lit. 'in My presence'*
- God does not want to be number one on a list of ten; God wants to be number one on a list of one.
- God is a jealous God and wants to be worshipped alone. *Ref Isaiah 40:12-31*

Revelation 17

- “many waters” = worldwide influence
 - confirmed in verse 15
- She draws people away from the worship of the One true God into spiritual adultery.
- This is possibly the greatest crime and so deserves the strictest of judgments.
- Penalty for kidnapping was death (Ex 21:16)

Revelation 17

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.

Revelation 17:2

- Not only 'common' people, but *kings* and *rulers* of the earth have been intoxicated by her
- She has become irresistible to them and exerted her power over them

Revelation 17

- “Fornication” comes from the Greek root word ‘porneia’
 - from where we get the word ‘pornography’
- It means “unlawful intimate indulgence”.
- In the Bible, worshipping false concepts of God are often referred to as:
 - “fornication” for the unbeliever
 - “adultery” for unfaithful believers
- Here ref. unbelievers, hence its spiritual fornication that is in view

Revelation 17

- “the kings of the earth committed fornication”
- “committed” indicates that these rulers made a conscious decision to be involved.
- This is a relationship of selfish convenience.
- One with pretended affection.

Revelation 17

- “drunk” = A state of Deception and Delusion

Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this [is] the time of the LORD'S vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence. Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD'S hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; *therefore the nations are mad.*”

Jeremiah 51:7

Revelation 17

3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

Revelation 17:3

- We have already met this beast in **ch 12 & 13**
- The scarlet beast represents:
 - 1) **The Devil himself**
 - 2) **Antichrist**
 - 3) **The Empire of Antichrist.**

Revelation 17

The Scarlet Beast is the Devil

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon [scarlet beast], having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads"....."

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

Revelation 12:3,9

Revelation 17

The Scarlet Beast is Antichrist

“And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.”

Revelation 13:1-2

Revelation 17

The Scarlet Beast is The kingdom of Antichrist

Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

Daniel 7:23-24

Revelation 17

- Thus the Beast is symbolic of
 - 1) the Devil,
 - 2) Antichrist and
 - 3) his kingdom that is yet to arise.
- Their mission and purpose are one
- Antichrist is empowered by the Devil and is the ruler of his kingdom, thus we have one image of the scarlet beast depicting the whole.

Revelation 17

- We should note from the context that it is the beast who is 'full of names of blasphemy' and who has 'seven heads and ten horns' and not the woman.
- What should grab our attention however is that this woman is riding the beast! Just who is she?
- We are now given a 'photo-fit'

Revelation 17

4 And **the woman** was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

Revelation 17:4

- 1st identifier: A woman!
- Deliberate contrast with Ch 12
 - ‘Mystical Eve’ - clothed with Israel
- This whore represents everything unrighteous
- She is to prepare the way for the false Messiah

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- 2nd identifier: Specific coloured clothing

Her Clothing

- 3 Primary Colours in the Jewish Tabernacle
Exodus 26:1 “Moreover you shall make the tabernacle *with* ten curtains of fine woven linen and blue, purple, and scarlet thread; with artistic designs of cherubim you shall weave them.
- Blue = Heavenly Realm
- Purple = Royal Realm
- Scarlet = Earthly Realm
- Notice that Blue is omitted from her clothing

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Revelation 17:4

- 3rd identifier: She is rich beyond measure

Revelation 17

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Revelation 17:4

- 4th identifier: She has a cup in her hand full of things that are an offence to God

Golden Cup

- In the Jewish Temple it was used to hold the blood of the sacrifice.
- Here it is “full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication”

Revelation 17

5 And upon her forehead was a name written,
MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE
MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND
ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Revelation 17:5

More Identity Clues

- 6. There is something mysterious about her, something hidden / spiritual
- 7. She is identified with Babylon
- 8. She is a mother
 - which means she has children
- 9. Abominations *started* with her
 - Mother of harlots AND abominations
- 10. Her influence is worldwide

Her Title

- “Mystery”
 - To be interpreted mystically or spiritually
- “Babylon”
 - From the Hebrew root word Babel (Confusion)
- “The Great”
 - Greek “megas” meaning “huge”
- One might say her title is:
 - “Huge spiritual confusion”

Revelation 17

6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

Revelation 17:6

More Identity Clues

- 11. She is responsible for shedding the blood of saints
 - (Deut 33:2-3 / 1 Sam 2:9 / 2 Chron 6:41 / Psalm 16:3 / Psalm 30:4 / Daniel 7:21-22,25 / Hosea 11:12)
- 12. She is also responsible for shedding the blood of the martyrs of Jesus

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Revelation 17:6

- When John saw her, the Greek implies that he 'perceived' and was amazed. It's as if the penny drops, all of a sudden the lights go on

Revelation 17

7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

Revelation 17:7

- The angel says ‘why was this such a surprise?’ This strongly suggests that by now John had understood to a point, but that it should not have been such a surprise if he had done his homework properly.

Revelation 17

8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

Revelation 17:9

- Q: when did the spirit of antichrist manifest itself in the past?
- A: in the person of Judas Iscariot

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Revelation 17:9

- Incredible fact for us to hold on to!

Revelation 17

9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

Revelation 17:9

- Mountains in scripture are symbolic of kingdoms (see [Dan 2:37](#) / [Isaiah 2:2](#) / [Matt 4:8](#)),
- Which is followed in the next verse by...

Revelation 17

¹⁰ And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. **Revelation 17:10**

- Seven kingdoms would suggest seven kings.
- We are then told that five are no longer,
- One is in power at that time,
- and the seventh is yet to come.

7 Heads = 7 Kings

- To understand you have to be 'Israel Centric': There are 7 Kingdoms that ruled Israel
- Before Daniel
 - 2 = Egypt & Assyria
- Daniel chapters 2 & 7
 - 4 = Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome
 - 1 = Final Empire of the Antichrist

7 Heads = 7 Kings

- “Five have fallen, one is, *and* the other has not yet come.”
- “Five have fallen”
 - Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia & Greece
 - one is”
 - Rome
 - the other has not yet come”
 - Final Empire of the Antichrist

7 Heads = 7 Kings

- “when he comes, he must continue a short time”
- **Revelation 13:5** *“And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months”.*

Revelation 17

- 11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.
- 12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.
- 13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

Revelation 17:11-13

Revelation 17

- 14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.
- 15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

Revelation 17:14-15

The Waters

- Symbolic of the whole world.
- Notice the position of the Harlot...
- She “sits on many waters”
- The whole world has been under the influence of this woman
- This influence has transcended the ages
- In all previous ‘kingdoms’ she has been exerting her intoxicating power

Revelation 17

- 16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.
- 17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

Revelation 17:16-17

- Fulfilled in Chapter 18

Revelation 17

¹⁸ And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

Revelation 17:18

- Who is the Woman?
- What is the City?

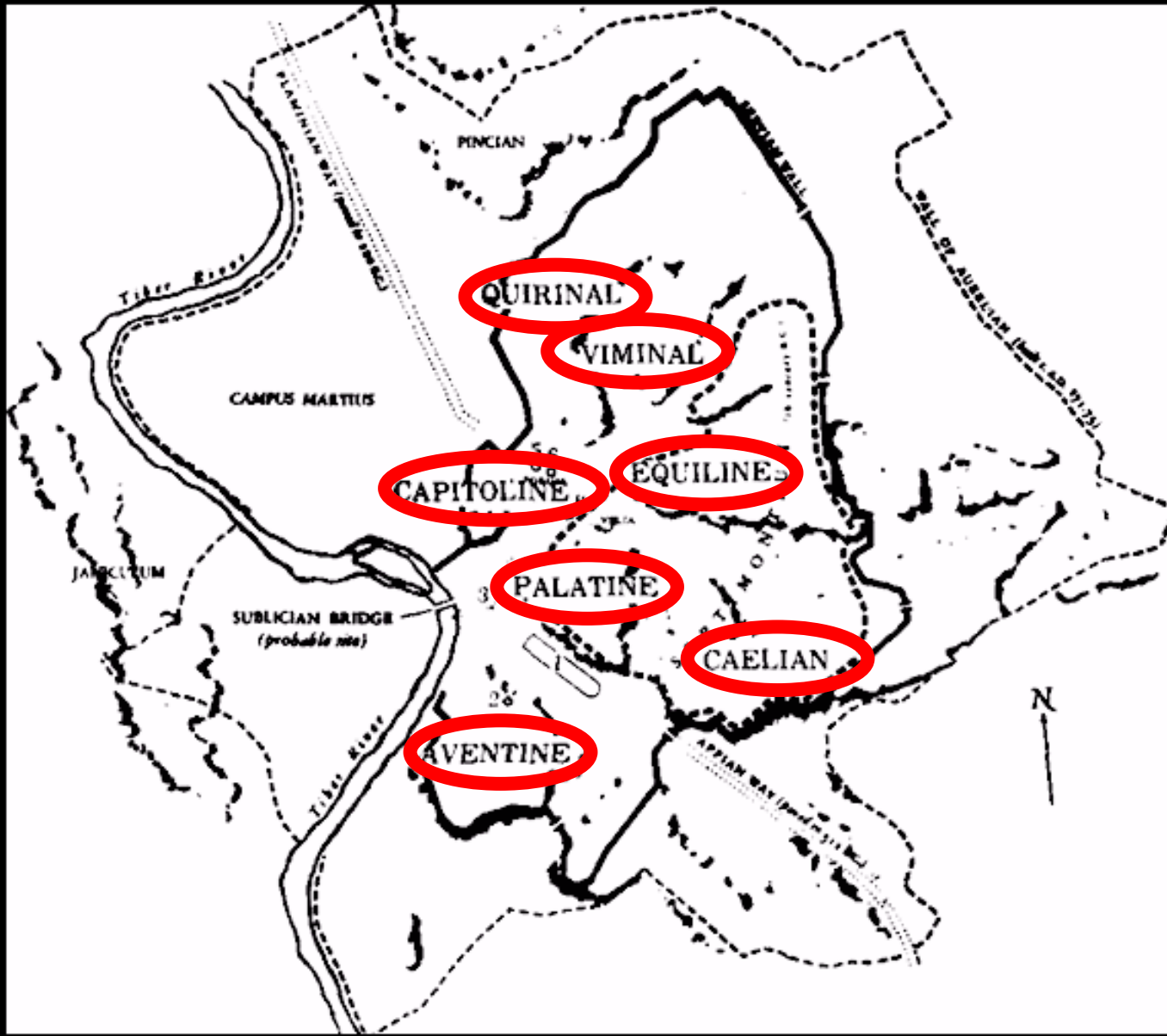
Identity of the Harlot

- Much speculation over her identity
- Some see her as:
 - The Roman Empire
 - The Roman Catholic Church
 - The United States of America
 - New York City
 - Revitalized nation of Babylon (Iraq)
 - Final One-world Religion centered in Babylon, Iraq

7 Heads = 7 Mountains

- Rome is built on 7 hills

7 Heads = 7 Mountains



The Roman Catholic Church?

- She is a woman: 'the Mother church'
- She is clothed in purple & scarlet
- She is rich (bedecked in gold, pearls etc,)
- Full of filthiness & fornication
- Full of mysterious inner groups
- Identified with Babylon
- Mother of harlots & abominations
- She sits on many waters – huge influence
- Has shed the blood of Jews & Christians

Identity of the Harlot

- The Roman Catholic church did not originate abominations
- Nor has it existed throughout the history of the world to deceive the nations
- The power that has dominated nations pre-dates Rome...
- And can be traced back to Babylon!

The Threefold Stratagem

- After the flood, Satan launched a more subtle threefold stratagem:
- World Government
 - To manipulate mankind (against the Seed)
- False Religion
 - To deceive mankind (into following a false seed)
- ‘Seek & Destroy’ Plan
 - To annihilate the ‘threat’ of the real Seed

The Threefold Stratagem

- 1) World Government
 - Abruptly halted at the Tower of Babel
 - But being re-established NOW
 - And will take up arms against the Seed
- 2) False Religion
 - Satanic stroke of genius

The Threefold Stratagem

- False Religion
 - Established at Babel (Babylon)
 - Cush (Grandson of Noah) built Tower
 - Nimrod – 1st World Dictator
 - Nimrod killed (by Shem?)
 - Wife (Semiramis) concocts plan...

The Counterfeit

“If there was one who was more deeply concerned in the tragic death of Nimrod than another, it was his wife Semiramis, who from an originally humble position, had been raised to share with him the throne of Babylon. What, in this emergency shall she do? Shall she quietly forego the pomp and pride to which she has been raised?”

Rev Alexander Hislop – The Two Babylons (p58)

The Counterfeit

“No. Though the death of her husband has given a rude shock to her power, yet her resolution and unbounded ambition were in flight. In life her husband had been honoured as a hero; in death she will have him worshipped as a god, yea as the woman’s promised seed ‘Zoro-ashta’.”

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The Counterfeit

- Rather than give up her throne, Semiramis told the story that her husband Nimrod, though dead, had been brought back to life as her baby son!
- And so began the worship of Mother and Child.

The Counterfeit

- Both Nimrod (supposedly now reincarnated as his own son) and Semiramis became worshipped as gods
- She being known as the 'Queen of Heaven'
- Her son (who she named Tammuz) was hailed as 'the promised Seed'
- Almost all false religion came from this origin.

The Counterfeit

- Thousands of years before the birth of the real Seed – Jesus Christ – false religions worshipping the ‘Mother and Child’ were spreading out all around the world.
 - In Egypt the Mother and Child were worshipped under the names of Isis and Osiris.
 - In India, even to this day as Isi and Iswara;
 - In Asia as Cybele and Deoious;
 - In pagan Rome as Fortuna and Jupiter
 - In Greece as Irene and Plutus;

The Counterfeit

“Even in Thibet, in China and Japan, the Jesuit missionaries were astonished to find the counterpart of [the Roman Catholic] Madonna and her child as devoutly worshipped as in Papal Rome itself; Shing Moo, the Holy Mother in China, being represented with a child in her arms, and a glory around her, exactly as if a Roman Catholic artist had been employed to set her up”

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The Counterfeit

- The Hebrew Mazzaroth, that told God's plan of redemption in the stars, became corrupted into the Zodiac
 - NB: the same in all the cultures around the world
 - demonstrating its single point of origin.

The Counterfeit

- Christmas, Easter, Lent, Lady Day, the Rosary, the sign of the cross (from the 'T' in Tammuz), worship of relics, the doctrine of purgatory, an elite priesthood, the sacrifice of the mass and so many other things all had their origin in Babylon.

Identity of the Harlot

- The false religious system that has led people away from the worship of the true God, and symbolised as this woman, has been skilfully established by Satan since the time of the Tower of Babel
- With one purpose: to unite all mankind, thus reversing the effects of the Tower of Babel where God confused the languages of the people (Gen 11:7).

Identity of the Harlot

- Once mankind has been reunited again (through this false religious system) Satan will have no further uses for it and will then cause all mankind to worship him in the person of Antichrist. (See again Rev 13:3-4 / also Isaiah 14:14)

Identity of the City

- Babylon, not Rome
- Jeremiah 50, 51
- Isaiah 13, 14
- All deal with the destruction of literal Babylon
 - This has not taken place to date!
 - Babylon has been inhabited though the ages
 - Cyrus makes it his capitol, followed by Alexander the Great

The Tower of Bab-El



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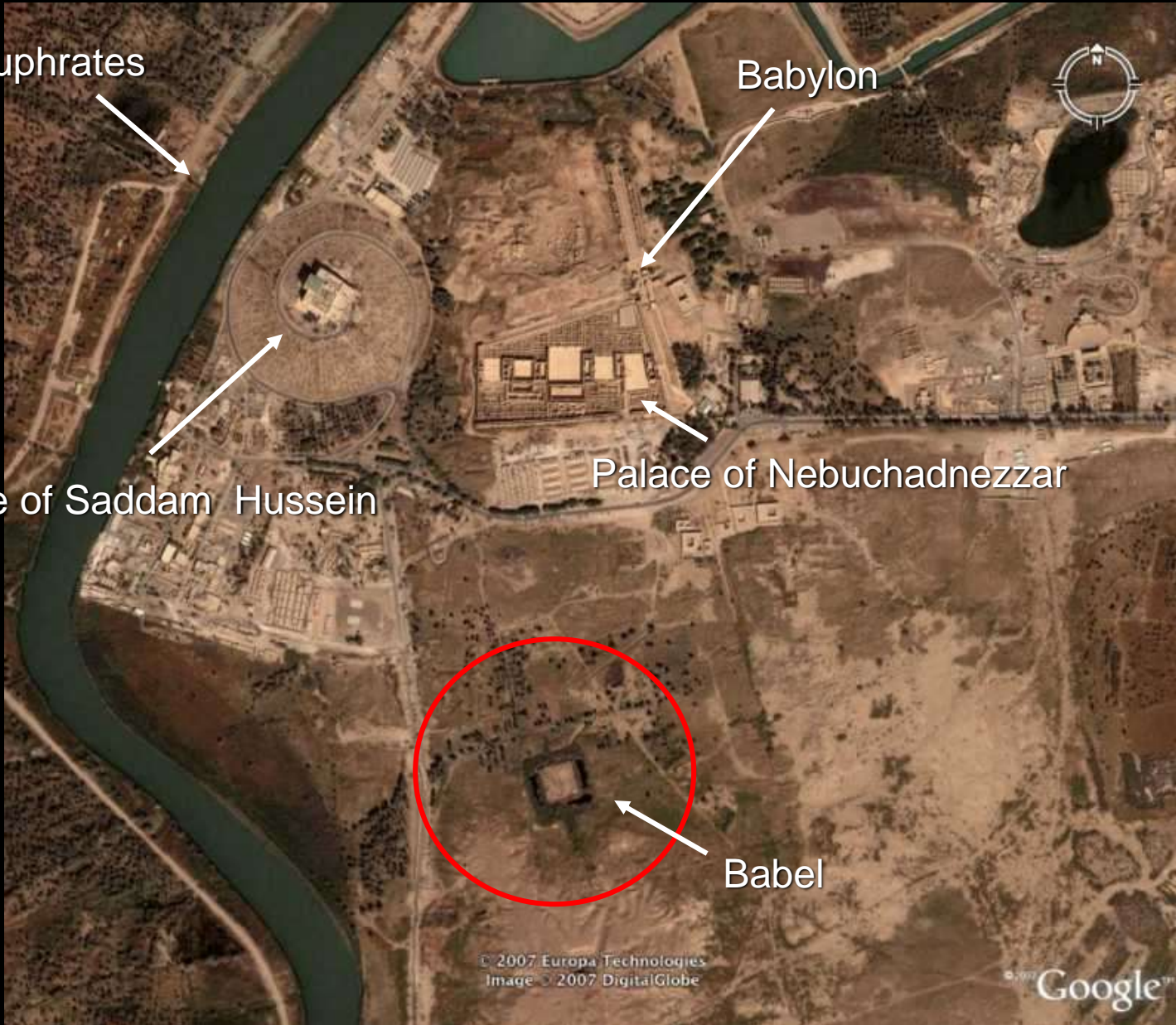
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Palace of Nebuchadnezzar

Babel



The Tower of Bab-El



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Zechariah 5

The Woman in the Ephah

Zech 5:5-7

Suggests a return of false religion to Babylon in the last days

An open scroll with Hebrew text is the central focus, set against a dark background. To the left, a wooden handle with a fluted design is visible. The scroll is unrolled, showing several lines of text in Hebrew script. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the paper and the wood.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Chapter 18

Revelation 18

¹ *And after these things...*

Revelation 18:1

- After what things?
- After 'Mystery Babylon'?
 - does our subject change to view 'Political Babylon' (whatever that may be)?
- There is no such thing as 'Mystery Babylon';
- It is 'Mystery, Babylon the great'. Cf 18:2
 - The 'mystery' denotes the spiritual influence the city of Babylon that has exerted throughout the ages since the time of the Tower of Babel.

Revelation 18

- Another problem with the idea that there are two Babylon's in view (one spiritual and one political) is that of Judgment
- John is invited to “*come and see the judgment of the great whore*”
- As we arrive at chapter 18 we still have not seen the judgment of the great whore;
- Ch 17 has shown who she is, and that she will be (future tense) destroyed by the 10 kings when they come to power.
- NB: No chapter breaks in the original

Revelation 18

- 'Babylon' is both a woman (representing a spiritual system) and a city.
- The same idea is carried on in this chapter
- The personal pronoun 'her' being used 29 times,
- The fact that we are also viewing a literal city being alluded to at least 19 times.

Revelation 18

- 1 And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.
- 2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

Revelation 18:1-2

Revelation 18

- Now we witness the destruction of Babylon.
- The double reference 'fallen is fallen' implies suddenness.
- This kind of destruction fits perfectly with what we read in Isaiah 13/14 & Jeremiah 50/51, and clearly has not yet occurred in world history.

Revelation 18

- 3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.
- 4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her, my people,** that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Revelation 18:3-4

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- The message is clear – have nothing to do with this woman, this false religious system
- But who is the message to?
- ‘My people’ – all who would class themselves as God’s people should therefore take note.
- The danger is to assume that this warning is not for us!

Unholy Alliance

- Seven times in scripture God's people are warned to flee from her:
 - Isaiah 48:20 / Isaiah 52:11 / Jer 50 8-9 / Jer 51:6-8 / Zech 2:6-7 / 2 Cor 6:17-18 / Rev 18:4
- Seven times in Matthew 24 Jesus warned of great spiritual deception in the last days that would lead many astray:
 - Matt 24:4 / Matt 24:5 / Matt 24:11 / Matt 24:23 / Matt 24:24 / Matt 24:25 / Matt 24:26.

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- Paul warns:

¹ Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

1 Timothy 4:1

Unholy Alliance

- Paul warns:

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, *and be turned aside to fables*".

2 Timothy 4:3-4

Unholy Alliance

- Jesus warned: “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves”. (Matt 7:15-16)
- “Take heed that no man deceive you. For **many** shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive **many.**” (Matt 24:5)
- “And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive **many**” (Matt 24:11)

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- When we see that Babylon signifies all false religion (originated at Babel), we understand the cry to 'come out of her'
- The world has committed fornication
- But for the believer to be entangled amounts to adultery
- Paul said:

² For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:2

Unholy Alliance

4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

2 Timothy 2:4

Unholy Alliance

- 14 *...what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?*
- 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?
- 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

2 Corinthians 6:14-16

The Destruction of Babylon

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The Destruction of Babylon

³ For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. ⁴ And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. ⁵ For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

Rev 18:3-5

The Destruction of Babylon

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. 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.

Rev 18:6-8

The Destruction of Babylon

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

Rev 18:9-11

The Destruction of Babylon

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, ¹⁸ And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! ¹⁹ And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

Rev 18:17-19

The Destruction of Babylon

22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; **23** And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

Rev 18:22-23

Justice is Done

24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth. 19:1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: 2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. 3 And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.

Rev 18:24-19:3

Ending Where It All Began

- Thus the prophecies of Isaiah and Jeremiah will be fulfilled
- What started on the plain of Shinar in Iraq almost 4500 years ago as a Satanic attempt to deceive mankind will be ended.
- In many respects this plan of Satan's succeeded in part...
- Countless numbers were led astray and just as Satan attempted at Babel, his man is now poised to take centre stage as the last three and a half years are about to begin.

Ending Where It All Began

- It is hard for us to understand how important 'organised religion' is to the governments of the world.
- The problems that are created by religious tensions provide enormous opportunity for the governments to exert control on the people.

Ending Where It All Began

- And how else would people willingly consent to things such as the introduction of personal ID cards if it were not for the threat of religiously inspired terrorism and events such as the July 7th Tube bombings in London?
- All of this gives the government far more power and control than they could have achieved without her.
- Yet they are also trapped and manipulated far beyond their comfort zones!

The Final World Religion

The Final World Religion

¹ And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

² And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

Revelation 13:1-2

The Final World Religion

³ And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. ⁴ And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? ⁵ And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. **Revelation 13:3-5**

The Final World Religion

¹¹ And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. ¹² And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. ¹³ And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

Revelation 13:11-13

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¹⁴ And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. ¹⁵ And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

Rev 13:14-15

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³ Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; ⁴ Who opposeth and exalteth himself **above all that is called God**, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

2 Thess 2:3-4

What About Islam?

The Ezekiel 38-39 Scenario

The Magog Invasion



The Magog Invasion

- Russia will lead a Islamic invasion of Israel 38:2,5
- They will violate a peace agreement 38:11
- The world will look on but not stop it 38:13
- God will fight for Israel who are victorious 38:18
- The Russian led Muslim forces lose 5/6^{ths} 39:2
- Israel will burn their weapons for 7 years 39:9
- Israel wait 7 months to begin clean up 39:14
- Bodies contaminated by radiation 39:14-15
- A special clean-up team is appointed 39:14

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The Roman Catholic Church

Pope John Paul told leading Hindu Sri-Chinmoy: “The Hindu life and the Christian life shall go together. Your message and my message are the same”

(A Woman Rides the Beast p417)

During his 1990 tour of Africa the pope “sought common ground with believers in voodoo” (A Woman Rides the Beast p417)

In 1985 speaking to Muslims in Brussels, Belgium, the pope said: “Christians and Moslems, we meet one another in faith in the one God....[and] strive to put into practice....the teaching of our respective holy books.”

(A Woman Rides the Beast p418)

Speaking to Shintoists and Buddhists in Tokyo in 1981, John Paul II commended the wisdom of their ancient religions which inspired them “to see a divine presence in each human being....[As Christ’s Vicar] I express my joy that God has distributed these [religious] gifts among you” – an unthinkable statement in view of the errors of Shintoism and Buddhism.

(A Woman Rides the Beast p418)

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The Emerging Church

Few are taking heed to the warning that the "Road to Rome" is being populated with former "evangelical Protestants" who are now zealous promoters of the Roman Catholic gospel. Warnings with regard to the Roman Catholic "New Evangelization Program" that will usher in the "Eucharistic Reign of Jesus (also called the Triumph of the Eucharist) are being ignored by pastors and church leaders who do not take these warnings seriously and say "we should only be known for what we are for and not what we are against."

Further, the **Emerging Church movement** is providing another major pathway back to Roman Catholic mystics, Roman Catholic unbiblical beliefs and Roman Catholic monastic disciplines that includes contemplative spirituality.

Every day, I receive letters and phone calls from concerned members of congregations who see their pastors and churches moving in the direction of the Emerging Church (this includes several Calvary Chapel pastors who apparently have chosen not consider the strong warning given by Pastor Chuck Smith to drop the name Calvary Chapel if they are going to embrace and promote emergent ideas and beliefs). The following article should be a sobering reminder, it is time to wake up and recognize what is happening and take a position for Biblical Christianity and the gospel according to the Scriptures: **The number of prominent Protestant clergy and theologians coming to the Catholic Church has been nothing short of remarkable.**

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The Emerging Church

The Roman Catholic New Evangelization program designed to rekindle amazement centered on the Roman Catholic Eucharistic Christ continues to escalate. Now that Pope Benedict has announced that the Roman Catholic Church is the "only true church," expect to see more and more people joining the ranks of Romanism as they are seduced by Emerging Church tactics such as "Ancient-Future" Christianity.

Next June's 2008 International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec City is meeting with such interest and enthusiasm, organizers may have to develop a "Plan B" to accommodate more people.

"We can sense that something is happening, something with profound implications for the faith of our country," said Ottawa-native Debra Violette, 32, in an interview from Quebec City, where she has been working for the past year and a half as the Congress's assistant director for youth.

"I think there is a renewal in our church, especially a renewal of the Eucharist," she said. "If the renewal works through the Eucharist, which is the center of our faith, it's a true renewal. I think it will bear a lot of fruit."

(Roger Oakland – Understand The Times)

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The Emerging Church

Over the past number of years I have been writing articles and producing radio programs in an attempt to urge evangelical Christians to wake up and see the light. Many Bible-believing Christians who were once concerned about false teaching and apostasy seem to have lost their passion for the truth and have little discernment. Instead of standing firm against unbiblical ideas and experiences, they now are promoting them.

While we have been able to document that the Emerging Church Movement is clearly another road to the Roman Catholic Church, it seems fewer professing Christians are concerned. Darkness has crept over the church the same way an avalanche sweeps down a mountain. Every day more and more unsuspecting victims are being swept up and buried.

In an attempt to sound another alarm, I am going to present a number of statements taken from a book titled ***The Road to Rome: Modern Journeys to the Catholic Church***. The book is authored by sixteen different contributors who have converted to Roman Catholicism.

(Roger Oakland – Understand The Times)

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The Emerging Church

On the back cover the following statement is made explaining what the book is about:

“This collection of conversion stories relates how former Baptists, Presbyterians, Salvation Army officers, Plymouth Brethren, New Age believers and Evangelical Anglicans all made their way along the Path to Rome.”

A second statement provides more information regarding the purpose for publishing the book. Quoting again from the back cover:

“By introducing some of the new wave converts, *The Path to Rome* gives a glimpse of a possible future for the church. As we enter the third millennium, Catholicism, Evangelicalism and Orthodoxy will continue to converge. From this book a vision emerges in which old cultural, national and doctrinal controversies become increasingly irrelevant. Then as the age of Reform draws to a close and the millennium of division gives way to a “Second Spring,” the Church may once more speak with a united voice.”

Working together for a common social cause has become the banner that has brought many evangelical Protestants together with Rome. Doctrinal differences with regard to salvation have been forgotten in order to form political alliances and programs that promise to make planet earth a better place to live in the future.

(Roger Oakland – Understand The Times)

The Ecumenical Bridge

The Ecumenical Movement

The following article was posted in the Online Edition of the Winnipeg Free Press, July 15, 2007. You can access this article but you will need to obtain an online subscription from the Winnipeg Free Press. This article, following the announcement earlier this week by Pope Benedict XVI, claiming that the Roman Catholic Church is the "only true Church," is a perfect example that reveals how well advanced the New Evangelisation Program has become.

Those who resist this trend (Christians who have a Bible-based faith) and refuse to embrace ecumenism with open arms, will soon be labelled as divisive, dangerous, fundamentalist fanatics that are hold outs to world peace.

"I embrace all Christians and non-Christians. We're all God's people," explains the North Kildonan resident who recently retired after five years with the Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land. "I would like to see all the lines between denominations disappear." Skalenda followed her passion for ecumenism by participating in a eight-month ground-breaking congregational dialogue between Catholics and Mennonites, which formally concluded last month.

Despite 500 years of separation and completely different church structures, Mennonites and Catholics have many commonalties, including a strong belief in the church and a commitment to spiritual life, explains Melo, who also co-ordinates Catholic dialogues with Jews, Lutherans and Anglicans in his job as director of ecumenical and inter-religious affairs for the Archdiocese of St. Boniface.

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The Anglican Church

“My job title is rather long but it's about enabling the church to communicate effectively with the increasing numbers who have no church background. This is about what is traditionally called evangelism, but my role is about thinking beyond such traditions! Indeed exploring evangelism as a journey of discovery **between seekers across many faiths and spiritual traditions**”

“I met at a recent gathering in Hong Kong, a group of us under the auspices of the Lausanne committee for World Evangelisation looking at new spiritualities. A fascinating group of people from Australia, the US, UK and Denmark, but also meeting with those connecting with the Taoist and Buddhist faiths in the east. We have a lot to learn from each other!”

“We met at Tao Fong Shan, a Christian monastery built on the lines of a Buddhist one, using Feng Shui! Worship in 'the Christ temple' was in Chinese style fused with western tradition. **The surroundings themselves asking us the kind of questions we grappled with. Can a Christian use feng shui, or for that matter Tarot to communicate the Christian message?**”

<http://www.onearthasinheaven.blogspot.com/>

Two Roads

13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: **14** Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Matt 7:13-14

Our Hope

¹¹ Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, ¹² Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? ¹³ Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

2 Peter 3:11-13

Time to look up!

28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Luke 21:28



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