

Understanding Babylon, the Fallen Church

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This passage is the message of the 2nd angel (of three) as recorded in Revelation 14. These three angels and their three respective messages essentially give us the headlines of the **eternal gospel** of Jesus Christ. The Scriptures contain the eternal gospel which these three angels summarized in their three messages. This is the gospel the true disciples of Jesus Christ need to be taking out to the world.

- 1. Fear God and give Jesus glory by true worship of Him.*
- 2. Beware man’s false religion and vain worship of the fallen church of Babylon.*
- 3. Anyone who doesn’t do #1 or gets caught up into #2 will be eternally condemned.*

The messages are then concluded with the bottom line about following Jesus.

Revelation 14:12 Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

For further details we need to consult the Scriptures and seek the whole counsel of God and more importantly follow the voice of the Holy Spirit who will guide us into all truth.

Babylon has figured out a different way to get to heaven than obeying the eternal gospel of Christ. It is called religion and is based on man-made traditions and doctrines of demons. It is a false way, the wrong way and the vast majority of professing Christians are on this broad road to destruction.

Matthew 7:13 Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

The original Babylonians tried to build their own tower into heaven. This was recorded back in Genesis 11. God was not pleased with their fleshly attempts at being religious and seeking Him and He scattered them to the ends of the earth.

Genesis 11:4 Then they said, “Come, **let us** build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”

Jesus builds His church, the spiritual city of Jerusalem. He chooses us, we cannot through the strength of our flesh put on a religious facade and become the church by our own choosing. Yet that is what Babylon did then and has us doing today, all in the name of Jesus with the wrappings of religion. Man’s religion is all based on selfish ambition, once you peel the onion back and find the root. This is how the false prophets come, looking like lambs but speaking religious lies.

Revelation 13:11 Then I saw another beast, coming out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon.

What is Babylon

The majority of Christians have no idea or a totally wrong idea of what the Babylon spoken about in the book of Revelation is speaking about. Very many believe it is the USA or western society in general; but Scriptures tell us clearly, it is the fallen away church.

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Wine is an allegory to religious doctrine as a quick study of Scripture will show.

Immorality refers to sin. So Babylon simply put is RELIGION that peddles doctrine that says it is okay to live and practice sin. Our flesh loves to hear this doctrine as it makes the road to eternal life very easy to follow. But it is all a lie. Babylon produces harlots that do not die to their flesh and claim to be married to Jesus.

All who follow this system of religion, no matter what “church” they go to drink judgment upon themselves and actually worship the image of Satan, who is the God and the spirit behind this gospel.

Babylon has nothing to do with politics, countries or nations the way we think of nations today. I see people advocating moving to Europe or some far away place to escape the judgment that is coming upon Babylon. From my eyes, this is pure folly and is based on a natural discernment of the Scriptures and the signs of the end versus a spiritual discernment. People that believe Babylon is the USA or some political entity, almost universally see the modern-day nation of Israel established in 1948 as the Israel of God. This country is not God’s Israel and the Israel spoken about in the Scriptures. The fig tree nation represents the people on this planet who believe on the Lord Jesus and have had their hearts circumcised by the finger of God. Everything else is just part of Satan’s big deception to deceive the whole world thru false religion. Did God Really Say? To stay on target, I will refer you to this post if you want to see who is the **TRUE ISRAEL OF GOD**.

Babylon is a church built via the works of the flesh, by men. Babylon simply put is man’s church. Another words, it is RELIGION. This includes churches of all types and all denominations that mix with the world and walk after the flesh. It most certainly includes the Roman Catholic church but it does not stop there, it includes ALL “christian” churches and denominations that share a common set of characteristics that we are going to look at below. I speak in general terms to the system, not the individuals that may be members of these systems. God judges each individuals hearts and He saves individuals that love Him with their whole heart even if they had membership in a false church. Still we are called to come out and be separate and touch not what is unclean.

Babylon is referred to in the angel’s message as a SHE. Babylon is later shown to be a woman and a mother in the Book of Revelation. A woman is a type and allegory to CHURCH, it is never a type for a nation or a political organization. **Babylon is CHURCH, it is RELIGION.** The Apostle John shares his vision with us.

Revelation 17 - Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a desert. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns. ⁴The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries. ⁵This title was written on her forehead:

Mystery Babylon the Great, **The Mother of Harlots** and of the Abominations of the Earth

⁶I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus.

Sin is the abomination. Babylon promotes and accommodates sin. Its congregations never purge sin, they are not sanctified. The false shepherds feed off the sin of her people. This system produces harlots, hence Babylon is a mother of harlots. Harlots are people who do not die to their flesh and claim to also be married to Jesus. This religious system deceives Christians into practicing sin by perverting and doing violence to the truth about God's Word.

The wine in her cup is religious doctrine that gets people spiritually drunk and makes them blind to the truth. The program is all about having a cup that is clean on the outside and promotes doing works of the flesh in the name of God. Yet the hearts of the people are not with God, they remain in love with sin and the pursuits of the lusts of the flesh.

This church sheds the blood (spiritually speaking) of the its members, sending them to eternal death. The priests have done violence in the sanctuary.

Ezekiel 22:26 Her priests **do violence to my law** and profane my holy things; they do not distinguish between the holy and the common; they teach that there is no difference between the unclean and the clean

In Babylon people are taught to put on forms of godliness. Forms of godliness are not godliness. These religious facades deny the power of Christ to transform us into a new creation. It teaches unbelief.

Why Babylon Falls

We simply need to go back to Daniel Chapter 5 to see how Babylon fell the first time to see how Babylon is going to fall again. You might just be amazed at the similarities. In both cases of Babylon falling, the sanctified vessels of God are filled with wine and defiled. In modern day Babylon, the wine is the false doctrines of the false gospel that leads to another Jesus.

Daniel 5:1 King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine with them. ² While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to **bring in the gold and silver goblets** that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them

Babylon fell the first time because it took the sanctified and holy things of God's temple and mixed them with things of the world and the flesh. The silver goblets were sanctified vessels from the Holy Temple of God and when Belshazzar brought them into an unclean and sinful environment at his "worldly" party, God got angry. These golden goblets are types and allegories to the true treasures of God. We are the temple of the living God and our souls are the treasure of God's temple today. When God's temple is plundered, it is souls that are taken captive.

Once Belshazzar served the worldly wine (religious doctrine) into the sanctified vessels, a very wierd and scary thing happened. A vision of a hand appeared and this hand wrote an inscription on the wall which terrified the king and all that were attending. To cut to the punch line, Daniel was called to come interpret the inscription and here is what he was given to say by God.

Daniel 5:27 This is the inscription that was written: **Mene , Mene , Tekel , Parsin**

²⁶ “This is what these words mean: Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end. ²⁷ Tekel : You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting. ²⁸ Peres: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”

If you read on in Daniel 5, this king was soon thereafter killed and Babylon quickly fell into the hands of an invading army. The reason the angel says Babylon is fallen twice is to indicate that Babylon will fall again. **It has already fallen.** An invading army, the powers of darkness, have completely surrounded the church and religious systems and have come inside its gates and occupy the dwelling places of God which is our hearts, minds and souls. Please wake up to the truth. Many religious kings are doing the same thing Belshazzar did.

Lamentations 4:12 The kings of the earth did not believe, Nor did any of the inhabitants of the world, That the adversary and the enemy could enter the gates of Jerusalem. Because of the sins of her prophets and the iniquities of her priests, who have shed in her midst the blood of the righteous

Like Belshazzar’s Babylon, our modern-day Babylon church has mixed with the world, inviting it and its sin to come in and fellowship with it and thereby spoiling the sanctified vessels of God. We are to come out and be separate and touch not what is unclean. Babylon walks after the flesh and looks no different from the world. Awaken O’ Sleeper and repent.

How We Arrive In Babylon?

If we truly come to know God and remain faithful to Him, we will not be taken captive to Babylon. But we are not once saved always saved, we can fall away, we can be deceived, we can return to Egypt. We must remain faithful to God and if we do so, nobody or nothing will snatch us out of His hands. We are taken captive when we let idols creep into our lives that get us to pursue to lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life; another words SIN. The deceitfulness of sin takes root in our hearts and we are unwittingly led astray into Babylon or we never really escape to begin with.

1 Chronicles 1:9 The people of Judah were taken captive to Babylon because of their unfaithfulness.

When we compromise with the world and sup with them in fellowship, eating at the table of God and the table of demons, we pour water on the truth. We begin to listen to the liars that say Did God Really Say? You Shall Surely Not Die if you sin..... When we practice sin or never purge it, God sends the enemy to take us captive and they carry us off into exile into Babylon. The few that speak the true gospel are despised and hated, scoffed at and mocked just like happened to Jesus, the Prophets and the Apostles. We are promised it will be the same for us. THE WORLD WILL HATE YOU.

2 Chronicles 33:16 But they mocked God’s messengers, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets until the wrath of the LORD was aroused against his people and there was no remedy. ¹⁷He brought up against them the king of the Babylonians... He carried to Babylon all the articles from the temple of God, both large and small, and the treasures of the LORD’s temple and the treasures of the king and his officials.

People want to believe that Christians cannot have demons. I see a different reality that says the people in Babylon all have demons. People practicing sin and following the teachings of Babylon are in bondage. The real Jesus, sets us free from these captors, but we need to submit

ourselves to God, resist these lying spirits, stand in the furnace and God will deliver us. It takes a little more than saying some words with our lips. Deliverance is the children's bread, it is God's purpose to deliver and set free those that are truly His children. His children are those born of the seed of Isaac and not the children that walk after the flesh.

2 Kings 2:17 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD. ¹⁷'Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house, and all that your fathers have laid up in store to this day will be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left,' says the LORD. ¹⁸'Some of your sons who shall issue from you, whom you will beget, will be taken away; and they will become officials in the palace of the king of Babylon.'

Egypt is a type and allegory to the WORLD. All that is in the world is under the dominion of Satan. Anyone who makes themselves a friend of the world is an enemy of God is readily taken captive into Babylon. **Babylon is the mixture of Christianity with the world.**

2 Kings 24:7 The king of Egypt did not come out of his land again, for the king of Babylon had taken all that belonged to the king of Egypt from the brook of Egypt to the river Euphrates.

Jeremiah 20:5 'I will also give over all the wealth of this city, all its produce and all its costly things; even all the treasures of the kings of Judah I will give over to the hand of their enemies, and they will plunder them, take them away and bring them to Babylon

The Wrath Against Babylon

Jeremiah 51:14 The LORD of hosts has sworn by Himself: "Surely I will fill you with a population like locusts, And they will cry out with shouts of victory over you

The locusts are the enemy, the demons that come to kill, steal and destroy a walk of faith. God sends them. I encourage you to read Jeremiah 51, which speaks to the judgment against Babylon. These words were written to us today and are being fulfilled before our very eyes, if you see it. Locust devour trees and all vegetation and bring famine in the land. We are the trees, our congregations are the forest and the famine is not a famine of food but a famine of hearing the true gospel and true word of God.

A voice is heard by the Apostle John warning us to flee from Babylon so we will not be partakers of her plagues. This plagues are already being poured out.

Revelation 18:4 Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues; for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. Pay her back even as she has paid, and give back to her double according to her deeds; in the cup which she has mixed, mix twice as much for her

I am terrified about staying in Babylon. We cannot continue to elevate the encouragement to fellowship with others above the clear and persistent warnings to not fellowship and hang out with professing Christians that practice sin. Paul told us to not even eat a meal with such a person, yet our modern-day churches have ignored the truth. Are you beginning to see this?

God will have vengeance for His Temple and its defilement. We are the virgin daughter of Babylon. Babylon will fall again. The harlotry of this religion (skirt) will be stripped away and the sin (nakedness) will be exposed and judged by the Lord. No one will be spared.

Isaiah 47 - Come down and sit in the dust, **O virgin daughter of Babylon;** Sit on the ground without a throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans! For you shall no longer be called tender and

delicate. ²“Take the millstones and grind meal, remove your veil, strip off the skirt, uncover the leg, cross the rivers. ³“Your nakedness will be uncovered, Your shame also will be exposed; I will take vengeance and will not spare a man

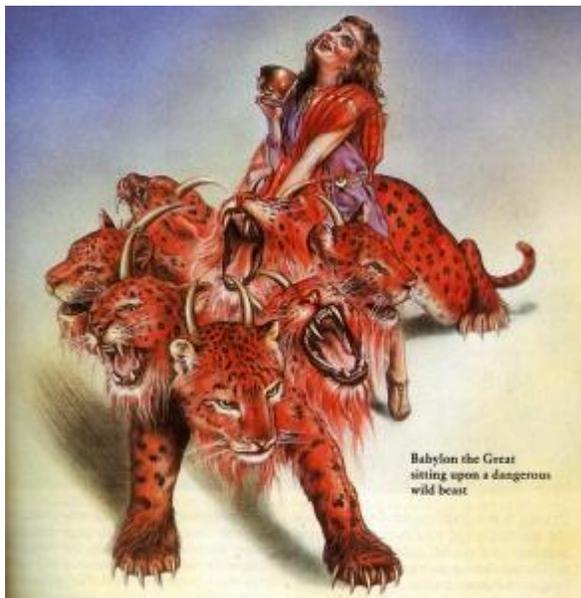
Psalm 137 – O Daughter of Babylon, **doomed to destruction**, happy is He who repays you for what you have done to us - He who seizes your infants and dashes them against the rocks. Nursing babies in Christ are even dashed against the rocks, which are the false gods that run this religious system that deceives the whole world.

Isaiah 13:19 Babylon, the jewel of kingdoms, the glory of the Babylonians’ pride, will be overthrown by God like Sodom and Gomorrah

I hope your fear of God has been enhanced. He is a very serious about our walk of Holiness with Him and in His jealousy demands our whole heart. We need to keep our covenant with God to stay under His hedge of protection and be spared the wrath that is coming upon Babylon.

There is much to say about Babylon and its judgment but for brevity let me end this post with a recap of some (but not all) of the key characteristics of Babylon. There will be much more to be said about the topic of Babylon.

Key Characteristics of Babylon



1. Babylon is a “she”, a woman, and a MOTHER, which is an allegory to a church.

Revelation 17:5 And on her forehead a name was written: **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS**

Of course this is the wrong “mother” and represents the covenant with Hagar and results in children of the flesh like Ishmael.

Galatians 4:24 These things may be taken figuratively, for **the women represent two covenants**. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: **This is Hagar**.

Slaves are people in bondage to sin and demons. They have not been set free by Jesus. I tell you the truth that what Paul says here in Galatians 4, will instantly wake you up if God reveals this truth about two covenants to your heart. I encourage you to go study it. There are very many descendants of Abraham but very few children of Abraham from the seed of Isaac.

2. Babylon Lives With a False Security and Self Exalts Itself

Zephaniah 2:15 This is the exultant city which dwells securely, who says in her heart, "I am, and there is no one besides me" How she has become a desolation, a resting place for beasts!

Daniel 4:27 "Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?"

Revelation 18:7 In her heart she boasts, '**I sit as queen; I am not a widow, and I will never mourn.**'

Babylon is indeed a widow. She and her followers are lost. They are not married to Jesus, they never died to their old man. They are harlots and adulteresses in God's eyes. They provoke God to jealousy with this idolatry. Babylon will indeed mourn, it will be astonished and stunned when the Lord returns.

When men go off in the strength of their own flesh (riding horses) and try to build God's Church, create religion, doctrine, and build a name for themselves they are readily deceived. The root of all of this RELIGION is pride, the very thing that got Satan kicked out of heaven. Pride is of the flesh and is often shown via the allegory of horses or horsemen in the Scriptures.

Church and religion become idols in people's hearts and while they think they are serving God and while they may well be doing good things that God uses, God brings judgment upon them because He said He was a jealous God and wants ALL of our heart.

Zechariah 12:4 In that day," declares the LORD, "I will strike every horse with bewilderment and his rider with madness. But I will watch over the house of Judah, **while I strike every horse of the peoples with blindness**

3. Babylon is a religious system organized into churches but is actually a dwelling place for demons

Babylon has become a dwelling place for demons. The fact demons exist is ignored but the real horror is that the demons, the spirits of antichrist actually run the churches, they are in charge. The people worship the image of the dragon, a false God, a God that only loves and does not judge. A god that does not want you or expect you to fear him. This is the wrong god. The whole world has been deceived.

Revelation 18:2 She has become a **dwelling place of demons** and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird. You see God actually sends the demons in there. God is the one that pours out the deception and brings about the delusion. You see this throughout Scripture but here is God speaking an oracle against Babylon thru the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 13:3 I have commanded My consecrated ones, I have even called My mighty warriors, My proudly exulting ones, To execute My anger. These are the demons, they work for the LORD, the creator of ALL THINGS. Babylon lives in total ignorance to the devil, how the enemy works and why God sends them. I have a 30 minute video called **OUR ENEMY** on my blog header that will give you a solid introduction of truth about our enemy.

Babylon ignores the devil and the devil does not flee. God's people are destroyed for lack of knowledge and there is no knowledge where there is no fear of the Lord. That is why Babylon sits securely saying peace and safety, but destruction will come on Babylon suddenly and those in this system of deception will not escape.

4. Babylon glorifies herself and lives sensuously

Revelation 18:7 To the degree that she glorified herself and **lived sensuously**, to the same degree give her torment and mourning

Living sensuously is walking after the flesh. Walking, talking and acting just like the world. This is the **MARK OF THE BEAST**, walking after the FLESH as a harlot. There is no spiritual discernment in Babylon, men trust in their physical discernment and carnal minds to know the things of God. Many in Babylon are ever learning but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. The religious works that get done are done with secret motives for gain, approval, and esteem. Love and grace are perverted. Torment is already here. I see many religious esteemed falling and being cut down by the enemy as I write this post. I pray God will wake them up before it is too late.

5. There is a spiritual famine and the millstone that produces food is tossed into the sea

Revelation 18:21 Then a strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and **threw it into the sea**, saying, "So will Babylon, the great city, **be thrown down with violence**, and will not be found any longer.

Spiritual Jerusalem is the true city of God and contains the true church of God. Babylon is also referred to as a city, but it contains the false church. It is full of many tares.

This system of religion and church, referred to as a millstone above, has already been tossed into the sea. As many of my posts have shown of late, the sea is an allegory to the powers of darkness (the demons). The clouds of judgment for sin have already take away the true light and true food that feeds our spirits in Babylon. This is why we must flee from this system and sup and fellowship with the relatively few that are seeking God with their whole heart.

God's judgments upon Babylon are righteous. It is right in God's eyes for sin and rebellion to be punished and eternally condemned. Violence is the perverting of the gospel and that is how Babylon is thrown down, down, down. Fearing God and obeying His commandments is not heard in Babylon anymore.

When will God shut the door to the ARK (Jesus is the ARK) and the period of abundant mercy end? I do not know. None of us know that day or the hour. But time is getting short. Those of us that by God's grace been shown some light about this religious deception need to step out in faith, risk everything, the approval of men, even our families, our very lives potentially to snatch our brothers and sisters from the fire that will soon follow the flood of deception (God sent delusion) which has already come to Babylon.

May God Bless You Richly!

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