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PART 24: WHO IS BABYLON THE GREAT?

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

This is a very difficult chapter to understand. We are not told when and how the Great Babylon fell, only that it has fallen. It is repeated that the fall of this great city will take place in one hour, which leads me to this question: Is it one hour of regular earth time or is it one hour measured according to God's timing?

It only took God a short time during the day to utterly destroy and burn crisp the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah (**Genesis 19:13-29**). My personal understanding is that the destruction of Babylon will be done in one earth day, taking no more than one earth hour. **Revelation 18:8**

VERSES 1-2

In these verses, this mighty angel proclaims that the great Babylon is fallen and does not exist any more. When it was destroyed we are not told, therefore, we cannot tie it into any predicted events in the Bible. The only thing that we know for certain is that it takes place prior to the second return of Christ.

VERSE 3

This verse makes it clear that Babylon is more than just a city. In the verses that follow, it becomes clear that Babylon is a great market of consumers and that the people living in this region have not only the means to buy necessities, but also large amount of luxury items.

VERSE 4

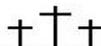
This is a message that has been inserted as a warning. At the time the revelation was given to the apostle John, the system of Babylon had not yet emerged on the earth and a warning was given to people in the future that will live in this region to get out and flee to some other place on earth. This indicates that there will be Christians living in Babylon during the end times on the earth. Compare this with **2 Corinthians 6:14-18, 7:1**

VERSE 5

This is not a new concept, that the Lord (Jesus) personally inspected a place that had become known for its sins. **Genesis 18:16-21, 19:13**

VERSES 6-7

The leadership and the people living in the region of Babylon are proud, arrogant and believe that there is no better place on earth.



VERSE 8

Pride is one of the chief sins born in the heart of Lucifer. **Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:14-19**

Since God did not spare Lucifer, neither will He spare the people of Babylon and their leaders.

It is noteworthy that in this chapter we find no reference to the Antichrist or the False Prophet. Instead, we find that Babylon is a city state which becomes more of a commerce center for the entire world. Babylon will be known for its economical power, followed by political and military power.

In order to understand the mind of God, read **Daniel 4:1-33**.

God does not tolerate pride in any way, shape or form.

VERSES 9-19

Political leaders around the world will commit fornication (spiritual) with Babylon, who will become like a god to all the nations of the earth. Factory produced products, food products, and raw material will be shipped from all nations to Babylon, which at that time will be the biggest consumer market in the world. Money will flow out of her and make people rich all over the world.

When Babylon falls, the world economy will crash and workers, businessmen and seamen will lament that their income is gone.

If we examine the world as it is today, the United States of America is the only nation that fits the description of being Babylon! Look at the following things:

1. The USA is the economic engine that drives the world economy.
2. Every nation on this earth, except for a few like Iraq, are living on their exports to America. The USA is importing automobiles from Europe, Japan and Mexico. Not to mention electronics, clothing, and household goods from China, Taiwan, India, and a host of third world nations. Oil and other raw materials flow in daily by the shipload from all corners of the world.
3. The New York stock market and all other commodity markets in the United States set the prices for all other nations in the world. The world currency is in U.S. dollars, regardless what nation you visit. All prices in the world are measured in U.S. dollars. All banks in the world are tied in to the Federal Reserve Banking system in the United States.
4. Container ships by the thousands are arriving and leaving the United States every 24 hour period, destined for every nation in the world.
5. Millions of foreign students are studying at American universities and colleges and will in the future become political, business and financial leaders in all foreign nations.
6. America will not be the seat of the Antichrist since he will be seated in Jerusalem, nor it is the seat of the False Prophet since he will be seated in

Rome. The United States of America as we know it is perfectly described in this chapter of the book of Revelation.

VERSES 20-22

When Babylon is destroyed, God tells His people to rejoice and not lament!

VERSE 23

Babylon will control the world through its witchcraft (pharmacia). America is the biggest legal drug producer in the world and also the world's leading supplier of alcohol and illegal drugs.

VERSE 24

Babylon will be a leader in enslaving and killing people. American, British, German and French banks financed the Russian revolution. America forced Eastern Europe into the arms of the Soviet Union in 1945, and gave North Korea to the communists in 1945. America crushed the freedom fighters in China in 1948 and gave that nation over to the Communists. America abandoned Vietnam in 1945, set up dictatorships in Chile, the Philippines, Indonesia and in all nations in Central and South America during the last 50 years. America crushed nations in Africa and is responsible for the terrible regime in Saudi Arabia. ***The American people have been betrayed by their leaders! Most Christians have gone to sleep and do not care!***

America is killing her babies, exporting violence and pornography, has taken God out from the public schools, and promotes homosexuality, fornication and adultery. Sports are a god of the nation, together with the lust of the flesh.

As we wait for judgment to fall, what can we do? It is all spelled out in the Bible, ***come out from among her and repent! James 4:1-10***

Do you have an ear to hear with?