**Mystery Babylon Part 1**

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**Revelation 18:1-24**

**Sunday Afternoon**

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**Revelation 18:1-24**

1 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. 2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!

3 For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury." 4 And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.

5 For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. 6 Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her. 7 In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, 'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.'

8 "Therefore her plagues will come in one day--death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her. 9 "The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning,

10 standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.' 11 "And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: 12 merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble;

13 and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men. 14 The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all. 15 The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

16 and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls! 17 For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.' Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance 18 and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What is like this great city?'

19 "They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.' 20 "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!"

21 Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore. 22 The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you anymore. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore.

23 The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived. 24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth."

Saints, we can’t find the words rapture, trinity, or the United States in Scripture. However, descriptions of these words are there.

The Second Coming of Jesus Christ climaxes at the end of the seven-year Tribulation period; however, an angel came to the apostle John and took him into the “wilderness” (an “uninhabited place,”

**Revelation 17:3**

So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

Saints, it was to show him certain events that would immediately precede the Tribulation period and Jesus’ Second Coming.

Interestingly, the angel did not take John to Rome, the ruling nation at the end of the first century, but instead to a mysterious, unpopulated location.

From this location, God would raise up a wealthy, powerful nation for His purposes.

Yet, He would be forced to judge this powerful nation because she turned her back on the Judeo-Christian covenant that was the source of all her blessings.

Prophecy teachers have speculated where this Mystery Babylon the Great would be for centuries. However, no nation has ever fulfilled all 53 biblical descriptions of her except the United States of America.

God gave those prophecies to Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, and John. God told Daniel to

**Daniel 12:4**

“seal the book” for the mysteries of prophecy were appointed for the “time of the end” when “knowledge shall be increased”

God then promised Daniel that the “wise will understand but the non-believers will not.”

This teaching contains 53 Scripture references describing commercial Babylon the Great and her connection to the United States.

As you read God’s Word and the 53 prophetic fulfillments, we pray that the Holy Spirit will personally unveil the hidden mystery of America’s role in Bible Prophecy and "show you things to come"

**John 16:13**

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

**Amos 3:7**

Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

**U.S. Providential Rise**

**1. Babylon Is Providentially Raised Up by God As A “Golden Cup In The Hand Of The Lord.”**

**Jeremiah 51:7**

“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.”

**2) Babylon Is The Seventh Of Eight Providential Nations.**

**Revelation 17:10-11**

10 “They are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; but when he does come, he must remain for only a little while. 11 The beast who once was, and now is not, is an eighth king. He belongs to the seven and is going to his destruction.

**3. Babylon Is A Mystery, Mysterion; A Secret Revealed To A Small Group Of People.**

**(The U.S. did not exist at the time of the prophecies.)**

**Isaiah 47:7**

And you said, 'I shall be a lady forever,' So that you did not take these things to heart, Nor remember the latter end of them.

**Revelation 17:5**

“And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH”

**Daniel 12:10**

“Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand”

**Deuteronomy 29:29**

"The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law”

**4.** **Babylon Appears Before The Antichrist And The Ten Nations Emerge.**

**Revelation 17:10-12**

10 There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. 11 And the beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition. 12 The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.

**5. Babylon Is Recognized By The World With The Symbol Of A Woman**. **(The global icon of the U.S. is Lady Liberty.)**

**Isaiah 47:5-7**

5 "Sit in silence, and go into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans; For you shall no longer be called The Lady of Kingdoms. 6 I was angry with My people; I have profaned My inheritance, And given them into your hand. You showed them no mercy; On the elderly you laid your yoke very heavily. 7 And you said, 'I shall be a lady forever,' So that you did not take these things to heart, Nor remember the latter end of them.

**Revelation 17:3**

So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

**Revelation 18:3**

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**6. Babylon Is The Wealthiest Of All Nations**.

**(The U.S. has the highest GDP in the world $ 25 Trillion)**

**Revelation 18:3-4**

3 For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury."

4 And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.

**Revelation 18:16**

and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls!

**7. Babylon Trades With Merchants At Her Deep-Water Ports.**

**(The U.S. has 40% of the worlds deep water ports)**

**Revelation 18:17-19**

17 For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.' Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance 18 and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What is like this great city?'

19 "They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.'

**8. Babylon Trades All Twenty• Seven Products Listed In Scripture**

**(The NYSE is the world's largest stock exchange)**

**Revelation 18:12-13**

12 merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble; 13 and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men.

**9.** **Babylon Has Traded in "Slaves and Souls Of Men."**

**(The U.S. practiced slavery until 1865)**

**Revelation 18:13**

and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men.

**10. Babylon Makes Merchants of The Earth Rich Through the Abundance of Her Delicacies.**

**(The U.S. is the largest importer of goods in the world)**

**Revelation 18:19**

"They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.'

**Revelation 18:15**

The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing…

**11. BABYLON HAS A WORLD CURRENCY THAT DOMINATES THE 7 MOUNTAINS (CONTINENTS) OF THE EARTH.**

**(The U.S. dollar has been the world currency since 1944 Britton woods agreement)**

**Revelation 17:9**

“Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits”

**Revelation 17:18**

And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth."

**Revelation 18:9**

"The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning…

**Revelation 18:15**

The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing…

**U.S. Providential Blessings**

**12. Babylon has the Greatest Military Force in The World**

**(The U.S. spends more annually on military than the next 4 leading countries combined)**

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“Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits”

**Revelation 17:18**

And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth."

**13. Babylon Uses Her Military to “Police” or “Rule Over” The Seven Mountains of the Earth.**

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Soon and Very soon, Jesus is about to appear, we are almost out of here!

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

**1 Corinthians 15:50-54**

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

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**Acts 2:38-39**

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

**Let’s Pray!**

**Benediction**

**"May The LORD bless you and keep you, May The LORD make His face shine upon you, May The LORD be gracious to you, May The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you His (Shalom) peace.”**