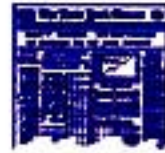


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INTRODUCTION

In **Revelation chapter 17**, John writes of a fearful vision of a woman who reigned over the kings of the earth; he described her this way in **verse 6**: *"And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus."* In **verse 5** she is given a name: *"Mystery, Babylon the Great"* What John saw was a great anti-Christian, world-ruling system, which would control all nations and which would bring such death and destruction upon the followers of Jesus Christ that John said she was *"drunken with their blood."*

Many today are prophesying the end of world freedom. Some speak of an antiChrist or an antiChrist system which will rule all the world and bring great tribulation upon the earth's people. Some have even begun to identify that system with such existing organizations as the U.N., the Council on Foreign Relations, and, in recent years, the Trilateral Commission headed up by Rockefeller. While the people of one nation are being killed by the people of another nation in wars waged sometimes on several continents at the same time; the ruling classes of each nation continue to travel safely between nations, lending money and selling food and the weapons of war to both sides of the conflict.

The Bible prophesies in Revelation chapters 17 and 18, that a mysterious power would control all governments at the end of this age; that it would plan and bring about wars, famines, and great distress upon the nations; that it would, then, be revealed to the people and its power broken by the direct intervention of God Almighty. Is it possible that the mysterious world-controlling power and the tribulation, which so many preach is yet

in the future, is already here in the earth and has just not been recognized?

In Revelation chapter 17, we read of a woman dressed in scarlet and riding a red beast. Since the woman is riding the red beast she would be the controller of the red beast, or the controller of red. Can that scarlet woman of Revelation chapter 17, called Mystery, Babylon the Great, and the red beast be identified in the world today? The answer is YES, as I will, also, prove in this study, God willing.

The Red Bolsheviks have stated for over one hundred years that their goal is the conquest of the world and the eradication of Christianity from the earth. They have over half of Europe, three-quarters of Asia, a large part of Africa, and are now taking over Latin America. They have slaughtered hundreds of millions of human beings in their bloody march to world rule. Was none of this known to God Almighty or written in His Word?

World Communism has claimed for itself the color *"red."* In Revelation an entity, called *"Mystery, Babylon,"* is prophesied to almost conquer the earth before it is destroyed. Mystery Babylon is described as "red" and riding a red-colored Beast. Could Mystery Babylon be connected with Red Communism and did God know about Red Communism?

In Revelation chapter 17, and Jeremiah chapter 50, Bible symbols given to this prophetic Babylon are the color red, the hammer, and the sickle. Quite obviously the Bible is describing what we know as Communism. If so, why do most ministers tell us that the antiChrist rule is off in the future when we can see it happening now?

There is a whole body of preaching today about a future seven-year tribulation, which is supposed to surpass anything the world has yet seen. People living in America may believe this to be true, but I wonder how far a rapture-evangelist would get in Cambodia today, or in Vietnam, or in Cuba? Would he preach his rapture doctrine to those who are starving, who have lost most of their relatives to murdering Communists; or who, themselves, are in the slave camps of the Soviet Union or China? Would they ask, "Mr. Preacher, when will your rapture come? When the Reds reach Paris, or London, or Mexico? How about when they reach Raleigh, North Carolina or Columbus, Ohio?" The Red world power has already brought tribulation and death to tens of millions of Christians in the last two generations. The great tribulation is not future; it is already here.

One of the first truths which will emerge from this study is that the Christians are to be on the earth during the rule of that antiChrist system called, Mystery Babylon. It is also quite clear that the Bible prophesies a total, anti-Christian, world dictatorship at the end of this age. However, most radio and TV evangelists insist that no Christians will be killed by that dictatorship and that, instead, they will be "raptured" off the earth into heaven. However, I will prove this to be a false doctrine and a deception of Mystery Babylon herself!

When nation after nation can fall to the rule of brutal Red Communism without a "rapture," could that mean the antiChrist rule is already here? Yes, there is much preaching today that an antiChrist world government will come upon the earth, only after all Christians are snatched off to heaven by Jesus. However, according to 2nd John 7, anyone

who does not confess that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is an antiChrist. Since none of the rulers of the nations are Christians, then antiChrists already rule the earth, do they not?

Millions of Americans are beginning to realize that many people in positions of power in America are doing everything they can to demoralize, degrade, and weaken Christianity, both in America and in other nations. This highly-successful and, almost, secret war being waged against America is resulting in the corruption of all Christian morality. Some believe that the many anti-Christian decrees, rulings and activities of the Federal Government are proof that the antiChrists already rule the nation. Is what we see happening to Christian America all by chance? Or is it prophesied in the Bible? How and by whom is this war being brought against Christian America?

U.S. President Woodrow Wilson, realizing he did not really rule America, once said, "There is a power somewhere so organized, so subtle, so watchful, so complete that they better not speak above their breath when they speak in condemnation of it" Is there a secret ruling power over our nation which can cause depressions, unemployment and bankruptcies? Can they plan wars, and control the laws and government ruling over the people, without the knowledge of most of the citizens of the nation? Could that power referred to by President Wilson be the one called in **Revelation 17:5**, "**Mystery, Babylon the Great**" and in **verse 18**, the power that "**ruleth over the kings of the earth.**"? The final answer on this must be found in God's Word! Stay Tuned.

Chapter One

The Foundation!

To lay the foundation of our study of Mystery Babylon of Revelation 17 and 18, we will begin in the visions which John saw just before he saw Mystery Babylon.

Revelation 15:1 says: *"And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God."* Whatever these plagues would be, they would be the last of or the end of God's wrath upon the earth. The prophets wrote many times of the Day of the Lord in which God's wrath would be poured out on the wicked of the earth. It is possible that the pouring out of these seven last vials of plagues would be during the time which the prophets called, the "Day of the Lord," of which we'll see more later in this study.

After John sees the angels with the vials, and before they pour them out, he goes on in **verse 2**: *"And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God."* That mark and number of the beast referred to here is, of course, the number "666" given in Revelation 13:18 and referred to again in Revelation 14:9. The number "666" is that of man or of man's rule in opposition to the rule of Jesus Christ. We could use the term "antiChrist" (which, by the way, means both in opposition to Christ and in replacement of Christ). I won't cover the number "666" in this study except to say that it already is in use on a worldwide basis.

For example: textiles being imported from Red China have the number "666"

imprinted upon them. The number "666" is used by the Jews in Palestine as the first three numbers of all license plates issued in Jerusalem. It is also the prefix of the phone numbers of the Israeli government offices. In the United States, the U.S. Treasury Department uses it on publications, which carry a U.S. Treasury agent's badge on the front. The number on the badge is "666." And it is still true today, as was taught by the great men of the Protestant Reformation in Europe, that the title of the Roman Pope in Latin, with each letter's numerical equivalent added, totals "666."

The number "666" is not future; it has been with us for centuries and it is openly used by antiChrist people and organizations in the world today. I think they know exactly what it means. They, also, know that most of the people of the world know nothing about any such number, which was to be an identifying mark of things which were antiChrist.

The people seen in Revelation 15:2 are those who had gotten the victory over the beast, his image, his mark, and the number of his name; and **verse 3** tells us, *"And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb...."* Two songs are referred to here and the substance of these two songs is then given in the rest of verse 3 and in **verse 4**: *"...saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest."*

These verses contain the promise that all of the people of the earth will ultimately-worship the God of the Bible. However, prior to all coming to worship God Almighty, only the saints who have overcome the beast, his image, his mark, and the number of his name are shown here as singing praises to God; and they worship Him by singing two songs. The song of the Lamb is quite-obviously what we call the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is the preaching and believing in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the redemption of Israel and the salvation of the world.

But what is the song of Moses? We don't hear much preaching about Moses in the churches today; and yet, John saw the overcomers singing what he called the "Song of Moses." In Deuteronomy 32 is found a long passage referred to as the "Song of Moses," which was given to the Israelites by God Almighty through Moses, as a witness against them. (A few years ago, I did a series of eight sermons, each of forty-five minutes in length, on the "Song of Moses" of Deuteronomy 32. Listen to Tapes No. 7215 thru 7217.)

Revelation chapter 15 ends with verses 5-8 as follows: *"And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the*

seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled."

Notice in the last verse that "...no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues [or period of great tribulation] of the seven angels were fulfilled" Some would have you believe that you go to heaven (the temple) as soon as you die and others say that before the great tribulation begins, Jesus will return secretly and take the believers off to heaven (the temple). However, here we are told that "NO MAN" was to enter the temple (whatever and wherever it is) until after all seven plagues had been completed on the earth. Jesus Christ, in **Revelation 3:12**, tells us that he would make overcomers *"....a pillar in the temple of my God"* This is the same temple of God referred to in. Revelation 15:8 into which the overcomers would enter after the seven plagues.

Chapter Two

The Seven Plagues

The First Vial

Revelation 16 tells us of the seven plagues. I'll have to be brief in commenting on them as I want to devote most of this study to Mystery Babylon, as we find her described in Revelation, chapters 17 and 18.

The angels now have the seven vials of God's wrath and we read in **Revelation 16: 1-2**: *"And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth. And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image."* The wrath, here, falls on those who follow the system designated by the number.

The Second and Third Vials

Going on in **Revelation 16:3-7**: *"And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea. And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink for they are worthy. And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments."* If these are all

yet future, we can go into any realm of speculation we want, as to what they mean. These obviously-cannot be taken literally, for the second vial would have killed all life in the sea and the third vial would have turned all the waters of the earth to blood. No, these are symbolic visions of great plagues or tribulations, which were to come upon the earth, sometime after John saw the visions and before the return of Jesus Christ at the end of this age.

The earth's history is just that — a history of wars, of destruction and of the violent deaths of millions upon millions of people in great and continuing calamities; brought upon the earth because men, so far, have refused God's rule over themselves and the earth. They have gone in the ways of Satan and man's own rebellion, bringing God's wrath or judgment upon themselves.

A Tragic and Violent History

Let's consider some of the earth's tragic and violent history from the first century until today:

- (1) The dispersion and killing of most of the Jews in old Jerusalem by the Romans.
- (2) The dispersion and killing of millions of the followers of Jesus by the Roman Empire.
- (3) The destruction of Imperial Rome by the Goths and the Vandals after Rome had deteriorated through internal decay.
- (4) The sack and pillage of most of southern Europe from the Black Sea and Caspian Sea to Gaul by Atilla the Hun

(this was such a scourge on what was then part of the new Christendom that Christian writers later referred to Atilla as "the sword of the Lord," and said he was a scourge sent from God for the blasphemy of the nations against God).

(5) The rise of the Holy Roman Empire ruled by a succession of Popes, which persecuted and put to death untold hundreds of thousands of professing Christians, who dared to have in possession, parts of the Bible and who refused to take part in the sacraments of the Roman priests.

(6) The drive of Genghis Khan and his mongol hordes from Asia to the very gates of Vienna and Berlin, burning to the ground every European city they conquered; raping the women, and enslaving all males above 10 years of age.

(7) How about the conquest of the old Greek Empire and most of the Mediterranean, by the Ottoman Empire which lasted 1,335 years, the exact time given in the book of Daniel, and which drove Christendom west and north?

(8) How about the so-called "Crusades" to recapture the Holy Land and the city of Jerusalem, which lasted almost two centuries and brought death to hundreds of thousands in southern Europe and in the land of Palestine; including tens of thousands of children who perished in what was known as the Children's Crusade?

(9) The Black Plague in Europe was less than five hundred years ago and it killed 25-33% of all the people who then lived in Europe, and unknown millions in Africa and Asia.

The Fourth and Fifth Vials

Revelation 16:8-11 tells of more plagues: *"And the fourth angel poured*

out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory. And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds."

Notice in the plague of the fifth vial that the wrath of God is poured out upon the seat of the beast. I believe it's possible that this indicates the destruction of Papal Rome's Holy Empire by the Napoleonic Wars. In these wars every Monarch of the Holy Roman Empire was deposed; Rome was occupied; the Pope taken captive; and the political power of the Pope over Europe, Mexico, and western America was ended. All this was accompanied with death and destruction so vast that it staggers the imagination to contemplate. Of course, the wars as such, brought no Christian revival to Europe, no repentance, no turning to God; just as we read that *"they repented not of their deeds."*

With such calamities and vast destruction upon the people of the earth during the past two thousand years, isn't it amazing that the majority of today's preachers reading these prophecies of great tribulation say, "All this will happen in a future seven year period of tribulation under a future 'AntiChrist,' which won't affect us believers as we'll all be gone to heaven in the 'rapture.'" This would be laughable if it were not preached by so many and believed by millions of professing Christians.

Revelation 16:6 says that some of these were punished because *"...they have shed the blood of saints and prophets."* In other words, those plagues are brought upon someone because they killed Christians. That is the same accusation made against Mystery Babylon, which is destroyed by the sixth and seventh vials of God's wrath. How could they shed the blood of saints and prophets, and how could Mystery Babylon shed the blood of saints and prophets, if the Christians are to be taken off the earth to be safe in heaven before these things come to pass? No, these things come to pass while the Christians are upon the earth, sometime after John wrote them down and before Christ returns in Revelation 19.

The Sixth Vial

We now learn of what will happen when the sixth angel pours out his vial in **Revelation 16:12-14**: *"And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty."*

Today, these verses are usually explained as being the preparation for the great battle, which the "futurists" say will be fought during the seven year reign of the antiChrist over in the Mid-East. I've heard them say that the drying up of the river Euphrates (which they always interpret as literal) is the actual drying up of

the river itself. This would allow the hordes of Chinese and other Asiatic armies to march directly against the Jews in Palestine, to fight the battle of Armageddon mentioned in Revelation 16:16. Many of them have maps in which they show the maneuvering of the armies of Russia and Egypt against the Jews, and they usually quote Ezekiel 38 and 39 as additional proof of the so-called Russian invasion of old Palestine. But remember that these visions are not actual or literal. They are symbolic and stand for something else than what the actual words describe, and they must be explained that way.

(Shortly after doing the radio broadcast on the drying up of the river Euphrates, I heard a nationwide radio preacher go into great detail as to how the Chinese, not having sufficient trucks and planes, would have to walk their soldiers across India and Afghanistan and so on, to this battle, and would not be able to get across the Euphrates unless it was dried up! He went on saying how tremendous it was that God's Word told of the drying up of the river for that purpose. Well, that radio preacher didn't tell how the Chinese were going to cross the Ganges in East India, or the Indus in West India, or the Tigris before they came to the Euphrates, or a hundred other rivers in between; but he was certainly happy that the Euphrates would be dried up so they could cross it!)

Invasion From The North

First of all, if this is taken at all literally (as the futurists do), we have a contradiction here between Revelation chapter 16, and Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39. We just read here in verse 12 that the sixth vial was to prepare the way of the kings of the east. However, in Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39, the prophet makes it quite plain

that the attackers will come from the north!

Ezekiel 38:6 reads: *"...Gomer; and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north, quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee."* If you will look at the maps in the back of your Bible, they will show that the lands of Gomer.. and Togarmah are in southern and western Russia, and not in China or India towards the east. Again, we see in **Ezekiel 38:14-16**: *"Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord God; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it? And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army: And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land..."* This is repeated in **Ezekiel 39:2**: *"...And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel..."*

The prophecy of Ezekiel 38 and 39 makes it plain beyond argument that the invading armies of Gog and Magog, coming against Israel, would come from the NORTH! And yet, men quote the invasion by Gog of Ezekiel chapter 38, and the way of the kings of the east of Revelation chapter 16, as being one and the same thing — the invasion of old Palestine — which, of course, they are not.

Jeremiah, also, gave many prophecies of the end-of-the-age battle against Israel by the enemies of God, some of which mention compass directions. **Jeremiah 4:6**: *"Set up the standard toward Zion: retire, stay not: for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruc-*

tion." **Jeremiah 6:22-23**: *"Thus saith the Lord, Behold, a people cometh from the north country, and a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth. They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea; and they ride upon horses, set in array as men for war against thee, O daughter of Zion."* This is the last great battle against the daughter of Zion, and Jeremiah wrote that they come from the NORTH!

Daniel gives a rather detailed vision of a battle fought by armies of what Daniel calls, *"the king of the north,"* which he repeats seven times in **Daniel 11**.

The first part of Joel 2 describes a great conquering force taking over the entire world. Verses 11 to 17 tell of them coming against God's people, Israel, and what Israel must do to be saved. Then we read the description of God saving Israel (here called Zion several times) in **Joel 2:18-20**: *"Then will the Lord be jealous for his land, and pity his people. Yea, the Lord will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen: But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things."*

Here, in Joel, not only is the great army of the enemy of Israel called the *"northern army,"* but somewhat of a description is given of the land into which the army will be driven and destroyed in a short phrase: *"a land barren and deso-*

late." It, also, mentions two seas; not one as there is on the border of old Palestine, but two seas. One is the east sea and, of course, there is no east sea anywhere near old Palestine. You would have to go all the way across ancient Persia, India and southeast Asia to the Pacific to get to an east sea, all the while travelling through land that is not all barren and desolate. The other sea in these verses is called the *"utmost sea."* **Strong's Concordance** says that the Hebrew word there means **"the last sea"** or, specifically, **"the western sea."**

Evil From The East

Of course, there is one land fitting that description and many other descriptions of this land in the end of the age and that land is this North American continent. We have an eastern sea (the Atlantic), we have a western sea (the Pacific), and the Pacific was the last sea to be discovered by our race. In the northern part of this continent, between the Atlantic and Pacific is, perhaps, one of the most barren and desolate areas of all the earth — Northern Canada. An army driven there would certainly perish rather easily from cold and lack of food or supplies. But, whether you go along with me that North America is the abode of the house of Israel today, and the site of the last great battle, or not, you can see that the last great battle against Israel, according to the prophets, was to be fought by an army coming against Israel from the NORTH. However, in **Revelation 16:12**, something, whatever it is, comes from the EAST.

The **"drying up of the river Euphrates"** and the **"way of the kings of the east"** cannot be taken literally. They must be symbolic of something other than what is commonly taught by most ministers and evangelicals. The word translated here to mean **"way"** is the same

as the one we read in **Jude** where Jude wrote, *"They have gone in the WAY of Cain."* Jude didn't mean that people had gone in the route or roadways which Cain walked; but he meant that they had gone in the religious and philosophical errors of Cain, in Cain's manner, or in the mode of Cain. The *"way of the kings of the east"* is their religious, political, economic ways or customs — their method of doing things. This is the more correct interpretation of this passage in **Revelation 16:12** as we'll see by turning to other Bible passages to see the significance of the word *"east."*

The best place to start in any doctrine is in the book of Genesis, where every truth of God's word begins. **Genesis 4:16** tells us that Cain was driven *"from the presence of the Lord, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the EAST of Eden."* Cain went east and left the presence of God.

In **Genesis 11** is the building of the tower of Babel, and we read in **verses 1 and 2:** *"And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there."* The margin of most Bibles will tell you that that could have been translated *"as they journeyed TO the east."* In other words, they, like Cain, were going east.

Genesis 11:4 says: *"And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth."* These people apparently were attempting to set up complete control over all the people, and they wanted to do this so they wouldn't be scattered or lose their power. However, God saw that with their power they would

do evil in the earth and He scattered them, stopping their building.

Genesis 11:9 tells us, *"Therefore is the name of it called Babel."* Almost every person who has ever attended a church has become familiar with that story. However, many do not know that the word Babel is actually the Hebrew word translated in all other places as **"Babylon."** This really was the first attempt to build something called Babylon — some sort of a government control apparatus in opposition to God — and it was by the same people who were moving east.

Some of you can, perhaps, see the comparison to what is known as the United Nations. It, too, is lodged in a tower, a rather tall tower located in New York — a city in the east of the United States — and on the bank of what, strangely enough, is called by the inhabitants — the East River. Perhaps not so strangely, it, too is attempting to build a world-control system in opposition to God Almighty. You can see why many Bible students call the UN. (United Nations) the modern Babel or Babylon. In this old account in **Genesis 11**, it says: *"God confounded their language that they may not understand one another's speech."* In the UN. building is proof of this diversity of languages, with almost as many tongues as there are nations represented. The U.N. is obviously anti-Christian and anti-Christ, allowing no mention of Jesus Christ in their deliberations.

Now don't get ahead of me by thinking that I have identified the UN. as Mystery Babylon; it is more complicated than that. Obviously, the UN. is part of Mystery Babylon, but only one of its more visible parts. Anyway, you can see a little of the significance of the direction here — east — in relation to those things in opposition to God.

In **Genesis 12** we read of God's call to Abraham, with **verse 3** telling us: *"And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."* In this call to Abraham is the beginning and the foundation of all subsequent Biblical history and prophecy. For, from Genesis 12 to the end of the book of Revelation, the entire word of God is about God's dealings with the descendants or the seed of Abraham — sometimes called the Israel people, God's chosen people, the Covenant people, and so on.

Abraham obeyed and left his father's house and journeyed to Canaan. On the way, he set up an altar to God as shown in **Genesis 12:8**: *"And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the Lord, and called upon the name of the Lord."*

Now, I am one of those preachers who believe that every passage in the Bible is important. It is interesting, here, that Abraham, immediately after his call, built an altar between Bethel (which later would be the place where the Ark of the Covenant was placed when God brought Abraham's descendants out of Egypt) and Ai (which was the place of Israel's first defeat when they came into Canaan land)- Ai to the east, Bethel to the west.

If you read the account of that battle at Ai in Joshua 7 and 8, you will find that Israel was defeated because a man in Israel took a wedge of gold and a Babylonish garment and hid them under his tent. In Revelation chapter 18, as we read of Babylon, we find her merchandise is listed; and number one on that list is GOLD.

Here, in Genesis 12, immediately upon receiving God's special call to him and to his descendants, Abraham set up an altar and worshipped between Bethel (representing the Ark of God's Covenant) on the west and Ai (the place of Israel's defeat because of Babylon's gold) on the east; inserting, as it were, himself and God's Covenant between the danger from the EAST and Israel. Yes! Babylon, gold, and east are all descriptions of things in opposition to God's people and the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. (By the way, I have three cassettes of six Bible sermons titled *Should We Put Our Trust In Gold?* This is a 4 - 1/2 hour Bible study from Genesis to Revelation on the Scriptural use and misuse of gold. Listen to tape numbers **7418** thru **7420** in the taped sermon section of the Sheldon Emry Memorial Library.

Because of space, I'll have to be brief on some further references to "east" in the Bible. In Genesis 13 we see that Lot chose the "east country" and Abraham chose the west. In Genesis 29 Jacob took his wives, Leah and Rachel, from his grandfather's kindred in the east and took them west to become the mothers of the twelve sons who became the twelve tribes of Israel. In Judges 6, 7 and 8, the enemies of the children of Israel, whom Gideon fought to deliver Israel from captivity, are called several times-the "children of the east." In the book of Judges, Gideon fought these children of the east to release Israel; in Revelation, John sees a vision of something called "the way of the kings of the east" just before the battle of Armageddon, which destroys Israel's captor, Babylon, in the end of the age. Could they be connected? They are, very definitely; and you cannot understand one without the other!

In Job and in the Psalms, "east" or

"east winds" are mentioned several times, always with some reference to destruction or some evil. **Psalm 103:12** says, *"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."* By implication the Psalmist says that east and west are greatly separated. Rudyard Kipling wrote, "East is east and west is west and never the twain shall meet."

Today, any student of world history knows the differences between the ways of Western man and the ways of the mysterious Orient or the mysterious East. The world is divided, roughly, into two parts today: those under what is erroneously called Communism (or some form of it), or the nations of the East; and the other part of the world, which is often called the nations of the West, the Western nations, or the Christian West. The world is round and yet, ancient custom has given the nations and the people which follow Christ the descriptive title of "Western Nations"; while those which follow heathen religions are largely classified under the name "East" or "Eastern." Coincidence, or is it all recorded by the infinite hand of the Creator God who knows the end from the beginning?

In **Isaiah 2** we read of God forsaking the house of Israel in **verse 6**, *"...because they be replenished from the east, and are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers."* Today, the Christian West, including America, is being overwhelmed by the religions of the East, such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Animism (the worship of animals and trees), soothsaying or fortunetelling with cards, reading palms, and reading the stars (astrology). We even have classes on Hindu in our schools, and we see young Americans in our large cities going around in long robes

with Hindu turbans on their heads, chanting "Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna." Even the religious pages in our newspapers have advertisements for services at temples of understanding or temples of Krishna. A thorough study of the so-called ecology movement in America with its concern for animals over the needs of the people will show you that it is founded on the Hindu religion of the reincarnation of man into any animal. All of this has its origin not in Christianity or in God's word or in the West, but in the EAST.

Isaiah also wrote in **Isaiah 2:6** that, *"...they please themselves in the children of strangers." We are "pleased"* to set over ourselves aliens and the heathen. We bow down to the U.N., which is made up of the Asiatics and colored of the world. Instead of honoring God, we honor the heathen. We integrate and intermarry to please the edicts of the Communists and of the heathen.

Where do these philosophies come from? The Bible says "...from the EAST. " Could it be that the "way of the kings of the east" is actually the mode, manner, customs, and religious philosophies of the Orient? Obviously it could. It is not a physical army made up of 200 million Chinese as the fundamentalists teach. It is an army of alien philosophers and religious teachers who have taken over most of the nations of the world, even invading the Christian West-the land of God's people, Israel-and have deceived us into following their heathen philosophies and their vain deceits. We have even fallen for their false ideology of government called Communism which is destructive of Western man and Western Nations.

Now the drying up of the river Euphrates would also have a meaning other than the physical drying up of water out of a river bed. From the Bible it seems

probable that the Garden of Eden was there in the Euphrates River valley of Mesopotamia or near there. It was there that the descendants of Adam settled. Later, Abraham was born and raised there; and from there he was called to leave and follow God. This same area is referred to by archaeologists and historians as the "fertile crescent" or "the cradle of civilization" or more specifically-- "Western Civilization." History and archaeology, also, show that the White race or Caucasian race (which are synonymous) originated in this area, and it was this race which was responsible for spreading Western Civilization to the Mediterranean, Europe, and finally North America. The river Euphrates is symbolic of our White, Western Civilization.

The drying up of the Euphrates symbolizes the drying up of the power of the Caucasian race, along with our Western Civilization or Christian customs, and ways of government, religion, and economics. This **"drying up"** or loss of our way of life has opened the way for the customs and methods of the people of the East to prevail in the Western Nations. We are under attack by the forces, the ideology, and the religious philosophies of the East which has taken over much of the world and has infiltrated our own Western Nations, all in preparation for the last battle, as described in God's Word.

Many people do realize that an ideology called "Communism" has engulfed all the nations of the East, of Asia, Eastern Europe and is taking over much of Africa, has infiltrated and surrounded the Arab nations, and has designated the Western Nations as their last battleground and conquest. However, this last battleground will be for their defeat and not victory, as is verified in the Word of God.

The culture or way of life of the East is entirely different from our Western

Civilization and originated in a different place and time. Our race is descended from Adam; the mongolian (Asiatic) races are descended from people who were on earth before Adam was formed from the dust of the ground. If you have wondered why there is this great difference between the White race and other races, you should listen to my cassette tape titled **The Two Creations (tape No 7228)**. It explains the creation of men on the earth in Genesis 1 before Adam and Eve and then the creation of Adam and Eve, the progenitors of the White race. Adam and Eve were in the Garden of Eden, which was just west of the Euphrates River valley. As a result, after they were driven east out of Eden, they populated the Tigris and Euphrates valley, which became the cradle of Western or White Adamic Civilizations.

The Dragon, The Beast and The False Prophet

After John saw the sixth vial dry up the river Euphrates, **Revelation 16:13** goes on with this vision: *"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet."* You'll notice that John did not say in verse 12 that the kings of the east attacked or made war in any manner we would call a military war. This is not a vision of the moving of great armies of soldiers or of air and naval attack; but an attack of ideas, philosophies, and words in opposition to the true religion — Western Christianity. They are the philosophies of Hinduism, Buddhism, Moslemism, Taoism, Judaism, ancestor and animal worship, worship of the sun and stars (astrology), occultism, devil worship, witchcraft, black magic and on and on. Here, in **verse 13**, they are called *"three unclean spirits like frogs"* and they come out of the mouths of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet.

These are ancient symbols and terms but can be explained, today, this way:

A. The dragon, since time immemorial, has been the symbol of China or the symbol of the mongols, the people of Asia. The dragon would represent this source of part of the unclean spirits.

B. The beast is the same beast described in Revelation chapter 17, upon which the woman (Mystery Babylon) is riding. It is there described as a *"scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns."* The color *"scarlet"* is, of course, a clue to its present day identity — the color *"red"* of what we call World Communism. The Communists have always called themselves *"reds."* The scarlet-colored beast is undoubtedly World Communism, the blasphemer of Christendom.

C. The third source of unclean spirits is called *"the false prophet."* The word prophet, as used in the Bible, covers anyone who represents himself as teaching God's Word. A false prophet would be anyone who professes to teach God's word or Christianity, but teaches false doctrine.

These three sources of evil, falsehood, lying propaganda — these unclean spirits — cover all of those things which come to deceive the world. No matter who you are or from what part of the world you come, you would be affected by one or more of these three sources of unclean spirits.

As Western or White culture is dried up or destroyed, the *"way of the kings of the east"* — the customs, manners, and the religion of the race of the East — then flows into the White or Western nations. That which comes from the East is not armed men of war, but deceiving words and thoughts from the mouths of men; and all of this is a part of Mystery Babylon.

In **Revelation chapter 17**, after the angel calls Mystery Babylon the *"great whore that sitteth on many waters,"* **verse 2** then says: *"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."* To be drunk is to be both mentally and physically impaired. Even in medicine it does not necessarily mean the imbibing of alcohol, but the taking of anything which impairs the function of the mind and the body. Here the people of the earth are drunk with something coming from *"Mystery Babylon."*

In **Revelation chapter 18**, as the angel announces the destruction of *"Mystery Babylon,"* he says in **verse 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."* **Verse 3** repeats that the nations had *"drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."* Fornication is often used in the Old Testament to mean idol worship as well as illicit sexual acts. Therefore, false religion and illicit sex is a part of Mystery Babylon's deception. In **verse 5**, she is said to have sins and iniquities. Sin is transgression of God's law; so Mystery Babylon represents the violation of God's laws.

As her destruction is completed the people will see, according to **verse 23**, that "by her sorceries were all men deceived" The Greek word translated "sorceries" is "pharmaceia" or in modern English — drugs. In **verse 23** it would not be wrong to read, *"by her drugs were all nations deceived"*

Most of you know that a drugged condition of a person can be brought about by

a chemical substance or by mental control, such as hypnosis or powerful propaganda. Again the result is what the Scripture calls "drunken" or incapable of natural reason. The mind is affected and the person acts irrationally, even doing things which are harmful to himself, to his loved ones, or to his nation.

Kahlil Gibran — A False Prophet

And this brings us to Kahlil Gibran and his book "The Prophet," which is one example of thousands of books which have insinuated the religion of the East into our Western Civilization. I won't be able to go through the whole 100 or so pages; but, beginning in the Table of Contents, you will notice that the book is divided into 28 sections, dealing with 27 different subjects. the first one is on love, then marriage, children, giving, crime, laws, pain, friendship, good and evil, pleasure and so on, describing all his fascinating philosophy. I have met professing Christians who have told me they have patterned their life on the philosophies of Kahlil Gibran and The Prophet. As I comment on this, think of its effect on young people, as it is not written to affect older people. It is directed at the young, as shown by the pictures in the book.

The first subject is love:

*When love beckons to you, follow him,
Though his ways are hard and steep.
And when his wings enfold you yield to him,
Though his voice may shatter your
dreams as the north wind lays waste the
garden.
For even as love crowns you so shall he
crucify you. Even as he is for your growth
so is he for your pruning.*

In this passage he says, "fall in love, go, follow, yield, even though you might be

hurt." At the same time he connects that with crucifying you, with growing and pruning — only, of course, if you follow, if you go, if you yield to it. He continues on:

*He threshes you to make you naked.
He sifts you to free you from your husks.
He grinds you to whiteness.
He kneads you until you are pliant;
And then he assigns you to his sacred
fire, that you may become sacred bread
for God's sacred feast.*

On the opposite page, in this book, is a dreamlike drawing of a naked young man and a naked young girl, seemingly asleep on a cloudy background. What is the message planted in young immature minds? It is that young love — naked and physical—is of sacred fire and you become sacred bread for God's sacred feast. This is, of course, the philosophy and religion of the Hinduism of India and of Baal of Babylon. If our young people had been schooled in the law and the Prophets of the Bible, they would know that in Leviticus 18, the children of Israel were told by Moses that one of the sins of the Canaanites for which God was destroying them was nudity and illicit sex. There are twelve verses opposing nudity and twelve others against sex crimes. God says, ***"For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit them, shall be cut off from among the people."*** In other words, they would be put to death. However, in the first 16 pages or so of Gibran's book, young people are told to follow love, to yield to it; it will make you naked and white and a sacred fire, and you will become God's sacred bread by doing that.

Young minds are captured by the smooth and seemingly beautiful flow of these ideas. This is from India, from the East, the unclean spirits from the mouth of the dragon of **Revelation 16:13**.

Gibran continues in this manner for more pages with the same theme — give yourself in love; it is for your perfection. The next section is on marriage as follows:

Ay, you shall be together even in silent memory of God.
But let there be spaces in your togetherness,
And let the winds of the heavens dance between you.
Fill each other's cup but drink not from one cup.
Give one another of your bread but eat not from the same loaf.

There is an obvious implication here: go ahead and have more than one lover; have more than one husband; go from one to another. This is the wisdom of Kahlil Gibran and The Prophet. Do you see where this is the basis for hippy free love, for the communes where they share partners, for the living together without marriage so you can leave one .and go to another? He brings God into it, also. Go ahead, fornicate and be adulterers, for God is silent on this, says Gibran. Gibran goes on:

Sing and dance together and be joyous,
but let each one of you be alone,
Give your hearts but not into each other's keeping. For only the hand of Life can contain your hearts.

On the opposite page there is a picture showing a naked young girl lying in the foreground, with one arm raised more or less in farewell, as a naked young man walks away with another naked girl in the background. This visually shows what the verses teach: leave one to take up with another, and it is all presented as if it is beautiful and good, even related to being close to God. Where have millions in Western Nations been indoctrinated with premarital sex with multiple sex part-

ners? It is in books such as this from the East. Of course, don't forget that this same anti-Christian, Eastern, religious philosophy is presented to our young people in magazines and movies, and to the older people in soap operas on television, corrupting and degrading Christian civilization with its damnable sins. That is the *"way of the kings of the east,"* the *"sorceries"* of Babylon, *"the wine of the wrath of the fornication of Mystery Babylon"* and we see its results in our nation and among our people.

The morality of the Christian Bible is entirely the opposite. God says of marriage in **Proverbs 5: 15-18:** *"Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets. Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee. Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth."* Kahlil Gibran says, "Fill each other's cup but-drink not from one cup," meaning — take other mates.

God says in **Proverbs 5:20:** *"...be not ravished with a strange woman, and embrace not the bosom of a stranger."* God says, *"Covet not thy neighbour's wife,"* in the tenth commandment. God says in **Proverbs 6:32-33:** *"Whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away."*

In **Proverbs 7:22-23** the Word of God describes a man who has intercourse with another man's wife: *"He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks; Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to*

the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life." In recent years doctors have finally begun to admit that when anyone has sexual intercourse with other than their legitimate mate, it is very destructive to their vital organs — especially their heart and, yes, to the liver — just as God wrote over 2,500 years ago.

America is drunk on the wine of the fornication of Mystery Babylon and she does not know the source of the spring from which she has become drunken. It is from the East, the "way of the kings of the east," promoted by the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet. Revelation chapter 16 is not future; it is being fulfilled in our time and in our land.

The third subject is on raising children. Here you will see from where permissiveness and letting children do their own thing came. It originated from the EAST. It begins this way:

And a woman who held a babe against her bosom said,
Speak to us of children.

And he said:

*Your children are not your children.
They are the sons and daughters of Life's
longing for itself.
They come through you but not from you,
And though they are with you yet they
belong not to you. You may give them
your love but not your thoughts,
For they have their own thoughts.
You may house their bodies but not their
souls,
For their souls dwell in the house of
tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not
even in your dreams.
You may strive to be like them, but seek
not to make them like you.*

What is the message from this Hindu from India? Children do not belong to par-

ents. Parents should strive to be like their children and not make their children like themselves. When this is followed by parents, their children will grow up following whatever is funnelled into their minds by the schools, the news media, T.V., the entertainment world, and so on. Christian parents then do not produce Christian children, which is, after all, the goal of every antiChrist in the world. How better to reduce the Christian population of the world than to convince Christian parents not to train nor discipline their children according to the Christian Bible and the Christian Faith.

This same deadly advice has been given to millions of Christian parents by the Jewish philosopher, Benjamin Spock. Don't spank your child; don't correct him; let him do his own thing; if you chastise him you might break his spirit; let him have his own person to reach his own potential; and on and on. Dear Abby and Ann Landers write the same bad advice which is read by millions. Let children choose their own life-styles. Children should be given information, but let them make up their own minds. Abby even tells parents that if their children take drugs, they are not to punish them, but join some sort of a parent's group and try to understand them!

The Christian Bible says in **Proverbs 13 :24**, *"He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes."* **Proverbs 19:18** commands, *"Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying."* **Proverbs 23:14** says, *"Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell."* God Almighty commands in **Deuteronomy 6:7** that parents are to teach God's laws, statutes, and judgments *"diligently unto thy children."* In **Deuteronomy 4:9** God says of His laws,

"teach them thy sons and thy sons' sons."

Kahlil Gibran, the Eastern philosopher, says, "Do not teach your children anything. Let them flyaway for they are their own person." Meanwhile, thousands of secret antiChrists in America parrot this same heathen and antiChrist philosophy, couching it in seemingly sweet and wise words, by which millions have been deceived. Our rulers urge mothers to work and to turn their children over to government-paid workers for indoctrination and training outside of the Christian home. The government even forbids that God's Word be taught in government schools or day-care centers. Ten million of our young people are on drugs; 8 million are alcoholics (some as young as 12 years of age); one million run away from home every year; millions of young girls become pregnant before marriage; and tens, perhaps hundreds, of thousands are living with boyfriends without marriage. Something is destroying Christian morality and with it Christian civilization in a deliberately planned way.

In the front of this book by Gibran is a little banner with tiny letters which says, "Books Are Weapons in the War of Ideas." Yes, they are weapons against Christianity.

Gibran's same evil philosophy is put forth in a section on teaching where he says, among other things: "No man can reveal to you aught but that which already lies half asleep in the dawning of your knowledge." In other words, search your mind for wisdom. The Bible says that wisdom is from above — from God. If any man seeks wisdom let him ask of God. Jeremiah wrote that man's heart or man's intellect is desperately wicked above all things. In the New Testament we are told to seek the mind of Christ. Gibran says, in effect, "seek your own mind."

He goes on of the teacher: "If he is indeed wise he does not bid you enter the house of his wisdom, but rather leads you to the threshold of your own mind." Again, what is it? Exaltation of man's mind over the wisdom of God, and of the parents, in the family and nation.

You have heard of transcendental meditation or self-meditation, self-realization societies or meetings, awareness groups, self-help groups, and sensitivity training sessions. In such groups and organizations anyone with problems such as prisoners, drug-pushers, divorcees, cripples, alcoholics and so on, are all urged to gather in a circle to express their feelings and emotions, to talk over their problems, to listen to each other, to give each other advice, even to shout at each other and accuse each other. All of this, somehow, is supposed to solve their problems and make them better persons. Of course, in each, they are guided by an instructor who is usually a secret practitioner of the religion of the East — Gibran's Hinduism, self-worship, the exaltation of man's mind instead of seeking the mind of God. It is anti -God and anti -Christianity instead of Christianity.

To prevent his readers from thinking of any source of knowledge from God Almighty outside of the person's own mind, Gibran concludes this section on teaching this way: "So must each one of you be alone in his knowledge of God and in his understanding of the earth." So you must understand God from your own mind and not impart it to others. What more devilish philosophy and vain deceit could be put in the minds of our young people than to convince them that they can know God only from their own mind? Add to that Gibran's previous phrase about the teacher not leading the student to the house of his wisdom, and you can see how this Hindu philosophy of not

going to the source of wisdom but, instead, going to your own mind, is, also, quite cleverly-concealed, today, in what is called Christian Evangelism.

Gibran says that the teacher does not send the student back to the source of wisdom but, instead, sends him to his own mind. The call of the modern evangelist is to LET Christ come into your heart and He will change your mind. The hearer is then led to believe that all he has to do is make a confession about Christ in front of some other people and, somehow, from that moment on, he can trust his own mind. He is not instructed that the source of wisdom is in God's law. He is not instructed that only in God's law can he find answers and guides for his life or that only in God's law will he find knowledge of the difference between right and wrong. In fact, many of the evangelists keep the new professing Christian away from God's law by, also, telling him that God's law has been put away by the same Christ who he has now confessed and who is supposed to direct him into correct thinking through his mind.

The Apostle Paul, who experienced a startling and miraculous conversion, wrote a whole section in his letter to the Romans on how God's law was the only thing that taught him right from wrong. In **Romans 2:23** he said that *"breaking the law dishonored God"* In **Romans 3:20** he said that *"by the law is the knowledge of sin."* In **Romans 3:31** he said that *"faith establishes God's law."* In **Romans 7:7** Paul, that genuinely converted Christian, wrote, *"I had not known sin, but by the law; for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet"* Christian Paul admitted that in his mind he didn't even know that lust was a sin until he read it in the law. In **Romans 7:12** he said that *"God's law is holy and just and*

good." In **Romans 7:14** he said that **"the law is spiritual"** Yet today, ministers tell their hearers that all they must do to become holy and just and good and spiritual is to come down to the altar. And then the ministers actually go out of their way to discourage that hearer from turning to the wisdom which Paul said was in God's law.

Quoting Gibran again about teachers: "If he is indeed wise he does not bid you enter the house of his wisdom but rather leads you to the threshold of your own mind." Paraphrasing that, he would say that if the evangelist is wise he will not bid you enter the Bible and read God's law, rather, he will lead you back to your own mind; and they do exactly that. The listener is led away from God's law right at the very time he is told he is now a Christian and can trust his own mind. No wonder so many professing Christians, who disobey much of God's law and accept that disobedience in others, don't even know what God's law teaches. Instead, they obey whatever doctrine it is the evangelist teaches, thinking that he must be right since, after all, he is the one preaching Christ.

As a final comment on this book by Gibran, I could have pointed out this devilish and anti Christ philosophy in a thousand different books, in thousands of movies, and millions of magazines, all of which are destroying the morality and strength of the Christian West, which comes only from God's wisdom in God's Word. Instead, we are being turned inward to our own minds to seek the solution to the problems of the individual and the nation, and the solutions are not there, only more problems. We have turned from seeking our instruction in God's Word and His law, and we are being deceived by the traditions, the teachings, or the "ways of the kings of the east." They

are the deceptions of Mystery, Babylon the Great.

Our people must turn to God and to His Word; and I believe that that day is soon coming. When it comes, there may be the greatest burning of books in all recorded history as God's people burn the books, the magazines, even the movies, of Mystery Babylon. Even **Revelation 18:8** implies this with the phrase, **"and she shall utterly be burned with fire."** Both Paul and Peter wrote of the day when the evil works of the wicked would be burned up, leaving nothing but ashes. May God speed the day!

As we go on with other phases of the deceptions and actions of Mystery Babylon, one will see they are actually warfare against Christendom. Not the warfare of some future antiChrist after the Christians are all gone, but a war against Christians going on today in our own time, if we would but look for it from the light of God's Word.

The Three Unclean Spirits

In **Revelation 16:14** God says that these three spirits of verse 13 are working miracles, and, apparently, their call is to the kings of the earth and to the people **"to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty."** So, you dear Christian people, as much as you perhaps would like to do battle with the heathen religions, as much as you would like to fight Communism, as much as you would like to oppose the wolves in sheep's clothing who call themselves Christians in the churches today, it seems obvious here that three sources of evil spirits do their work with the express permission of God Almighty. God is allowing this. God is allowing all of these unclean spirits to gather all the people of the earth under their banner, because God is going to, once

and for all, destroy all these evil spirits, which are seducing and destroying the peoples of the earth. God tells us in His Bible of those who have no love of the truth in **2 Thessalonians 2:11**, *"And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie."* Yes, these things are allowed by God Almighty.

Today, the three unclean spirits from the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet permeate the earth. It is a time of great deception. Jesus said it was a time when *"...there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and they shall show great signs and wonders; inso-much that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect"*

Matthew 24:24.

Revelation 16:16 completes the train of thought of verse 14 in the following way: *"And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."* HOWEVER, God in His mercy, right in the middle of this fabulous vision of our world today, inserts this in **verse 15**: *"Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."*

Right there, many of you will breathe a sigh of relief and say that that is the "rapture"; that is when Jesus will come as a "thief in the night" and secretly and silently remove all the born again believers before the "battle of the great day of God Almighty." But that verse doesn't say that at all! It doesn't say one thing about taking anyone anywhere. That verse simply says that I (meaning Jesus) will come as a thief and goes on to say that "he that watcheth and keepeth his garments" will be blessed; and quite-obviously it implies that if he loses his garments, he will be naked and they (meaning someone) will

see his shame.

First I'll explain the meaning of the "garments." Much of the New Testament was written in the language of the people of that day, which was Aramaic, and like all languages they had phrases, sayings, witicisms, riddles, and so forth which were peculiar to that time and to that language. When used they must be understood in that way, otherwise they make no sense. Is Jesus saying that if we don't stand around and look up into the sky for his coming, that someone will steal our clothes and we'll have to stand around naked? Obviously not! However, a custom of that day, well-known to John and to the people of Christ's day, and shown to us in historical records, makes sense of all this. The custom used here involved the practice in the Roman army in which, if a man was found asleep on guard duty, he was not to be awakened. The sergeant of the guard, or whatever, would walk quietly up to him, take his sword and his shield, slip off his outer garment, and then awaken him to the accusation of sleeping while on guard duty. This was done so that the man, if he had just been called awake, could not make up excuses about his eyes being closed, having dust in his eyes, or whatever. If the officer had the soldier's sword and his clothes taken from him, the proof was positive and all could see that he had not been watching and was guilty of sleeping. The soldier was then forced to walk naked back to his barracks for trial and everyone saw his shame.

This is the symbolism used here by Jesus. He is issuing, of course, the same warning he gave in **Matthew 24:42-44**: *"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered*

his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." In Revelation 16:15, having read of the warning not to lose your garments, we find at the end of that same story in **Matthew 24** that Christ says of the servant who did not watch (**in verse 50-51**): *"The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."* Notice that this man was called a servant. He was not called an enemy of God or the enemy of Christ. He was supposedly in the service of the master but he shirked his duties, he betrayed his trust, he fell asleep on guard duty, and he lost something when the master returned.

Paul knew the truth that believers are to continue in true faith and doctrine in order to be accounted worthy to escape and to stand before the Son of man, and that they couldn't turn to false worship and false doctrines and still expect to be saved just because they had once professed to believe Jesus Christ was the Son of God.

Colossians 1:19-23 speaks of Christ and what He has done for you: *"For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblamable and unreprouvable in his sight: If ye continue in the faith*

grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister...." [Paul then goes on to speak of himself.] So Paul, writing later, came up with the same doctrine: Keep the faith; be not moved away from the hope of the gospel. By deduction we can say that if you turn to false doctrines not taught in the Bible, you can lose something. In Revelation 16:15 that something is called a garment.

Paul describes this garment we are to keep and wear in **Ephesians 6:13**, *"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand"* Paul goes on in **verse 14**: *"Stand therefore, [and this word 'stand' means the same as 'watch'] having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God..."* What is this garment we are to keep, and to watch that we do not lose? Why, the garment of the word of God; the garment of the gospel; the armour of the truth of God's word.

Revelation 16:13 and 14 is a warning of unclean spirits, which would work miracles in the whole earth, deceiving most of the people and kings of the earth, being allowed to do so by God. Here, right in the middle of it, He inserted a warning to believers not to be deceived by these spirits of devils, but to stay in His word in truth. Yes, be not caught naked; be not

turned to false doctrine; be not deceived by the unclean spirits; be not asleep; be watchful of the truth of God's Word.

In **Revelation 16:12-15**, we have seen that the work of the sixth vial was to release the spirits of devils, which would work miracles and gather the kings of the world to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. **Verse 16** continues the thought by telling us: *"And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."* Now that gathering of all nations into one great world federation, which is in opposition to Christianity, is well along to completion. Over 60 different organizations, which control various parts of all nations, are in operation now in what is called the United Nations. No mention of Jesus Christ is allowed in the U.N. The most powerful nations in terms of influence and secret agents are Russia and China, which are declared enemies of Christianity. Ninety percent of the remainder of the nations in the U.N. are under the control of men and governments hostile to Jesus Christ and to the Christians.

Most men who know what the U.N. organization is, and what the aims of the world Communists are, see no way in which a great World War III can be avoided, except by an abject surrender by the Christian people of their sovereignty and their religion. In other words, the only thing which would stop the antiChristians from eventually-attacking Western Europe, America and the other Christian nations, would be our surrender and our acceptance of rule by Communists. The Communist goal is world rule. They have worked at it for years. They have stated they will make no compromise in their goals and they claim Marx and Lenin as their guides.

Karl Marx once wrote that the goal of

the Communists was to "enter into mens' minds and cast God down from His throne." The chairman of the American Communist Party stated some years ago: "The Christians are always singing about the blood. Let us give them enough of it. Let us cut their throats and drag them over their altar and let them drown in their own blood. I dream of the day when the last priest is strangled on the guts of the last preacher." That is quite a statement! Yet this man is an American citizen and still one of the highest officials in the U.S. Communist Party. Neither he nor any other member has ever repudiated that statement or indicated that that is not their final goal. The world is moving on to a violent confrontation between the forces of the anti Christians and the followers of Jesus Christ. Many professing Christians do not even know that we are under attack.

The Seventh Vial

Revelation 16:17 then gives us the vision of the seventh angel: *"And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done."* The pouring out of the seventh vial in the air is the end of the pouring out of God's wrath upon the earth. The work of the seventh vial, as we shall see, is the destruction of Mystery Babylon.

Earlier, we saw that Revelation 15:7 and 8 makes it quite plain that no man could enter into the temple of God until the work of the seventh vial was complete. Modern theologians have the Christians going to stand in the temple of God either upon their death or in the "rapture," before any of these wraths of God come upon the earth. Not so! None will stand in the temple of God until after all the events portrayed in Revelation chapters 16

through 18 are complete. (I have a pamphlet titled **Where Is Your Soul After Death?**, which will help explain the truth of what happens at death. Also, I have a booklet titled: **The Rich Man and Lazarus**, which is pertinent to this study, as the "rich man" is symbolic of Mystery, Babylon the Great. The Rich Man and Lazarus is not about men in heaven and hell as is taught. The word "heaven" is not even in this story or parable of Christ.)

The seventh vial is poured out in **Revelation 16:17** and then the following is related in **verse 18**: *"And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great"* Here it appears that the seventh vial is to be poured out upon Mystery Babylon. Remember, as we read these things, that all of Revelation is a series of visions given in symbols. If Mystery, Babylon the Great is not an actual woman (as she is not), if the beast is not an actual beast (which it is not), if these vials are not actually large golden containers poured out above the earth (which they are not), then why do we expect this earthquake to be a physical shaking of the earth? No, the earthquake spoken of here must be the earthquake spoken of by the prophets.

In **Isaiah 13:1** the prophet writes: *"The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see."* He speaks in **verse 9** of *"the day of the Lord"* and in **verse 13** of **chapter 13**, which is entirely about Babylon, God says, *"Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the Lord of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger."* That is the symbolic earthquake that John saw in Revelation 16:18.

The book of Revelation is a series of visions given to John in which he saw, in symbolic vision, the fulfillment of the writings of the prophets. Modern churches do not teach enough out of the law and the Prophets. In fact, some of them tell people they are not necessary because "We are New Testament Christians and that is what we should read." Therefore, people do not understand the book of Revelation because they are strangers to the books of the prophets.

In **Isaiah 24:1** we read: *"Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof."* After 16 verses of describing the earth as being in great and terrible tribulation, he says in **Isaiah 24:18-20**, *"For the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake. The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly."* Yes, the windows of heaven are opened to do what? The answer is to pour out the vials of God's wrath. As well, what would you call "the earth moved exceedingly" if you wanted to use just one word? Earthquake, of course.

Going on in **Isaiah 24:20**, *"The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again."* Now some quote these verses to imply that this is the actual destruction of the planet earth, itself. No! He is talking about the world system, about what Isaiah calls Babylon, the ways of the transgressors, or the ungodly upon the earth. If you will read to the end of **Isaiah, chapter 24**, you will see that he foretells of the punishment of the kings of the earth and finally, in **verse 23**, *"...the Lord of hosts shall reign in mount*

Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously." That is what was shown to John in the visions of Revelation concerning the gathering of the kings of the earth to battle — a battle or a shaking, which will end in their destruction, followed by the establishment of Christ's kingdom upon the earth.

In **Jeremiah 25:33** it says that the *"...slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth"* In verse **35** he says, *"And the shepherds shall have no way to flee."* The ministers who have preached peace will suffer with the enemies of God's people and with the wicked kings of the earth.

In **Isaiah 13:14**, after we read that God would shake the heavens and the earth, God says, *"They shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land"* Today, most of the liberal and modernist churches actually teach that if we but learn to get along with all of the other races and integrate with them, if we just love everyone, and if we cease being so bigoted and narrow-minded, we will be able to develop a peaceful world. Nonsense! God's Word says that we will not have peace. Instead there will be a great battle at the end of this age, which will involve the entire world and will separate the people. The propaganda of peace and integration is not Scriptural, but is a deception. If Christians understood the Bible, they would not fall for the phony peace and love propaganda of the enemy; and much of that propaganda comes to us under the guise of Christian preaching!

That is what Paul meant in **1 Thessalonians 5:2-3** when he wrote, *"... that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sud-*

den destruction cometh upon them." God will punish the ministers for not warning the people of the battle.

At the time of preparing this study, I was preaching a series on Ezekiel chapter 13, which is a prophecy of this day of battle and destruction. The entire chapter is a rebuke to the ministers. In Ezekiel 13:5 God charges the ministers that they have not prepared His people to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord. We find, in our time, that they have not done so. Many, instead of warning our people of impending war, are telling them that they will not see war, but instead, they will be whisked off to heaven some night in the twinkling of an eye. That is a false hope which prevents Christians from being prepared to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord.

The above-mentioned battle is described by all of the prophets, often with the word "shake" or "shaking," meaning literally "earth shaking," or as in Revelation 16:18 — an earthquake. The earth or worldly system, called Babylon by the prophets, is being shaken. Because of our ignorance of the Word of God, we do not recognize that it is God's hand doing the shaking.

Other prophecies of that "shaking" are given in **Ezekiel, chapter 38** (the invasion of Israel by Gog and Magog, which is Russia) where God calls it in verse **19**, *"a great shaking in the land of Israel"* In my book **The Bible Saws Russia Will Invade America**, I show that that invasion has already begun. It is not something future; it is already happening.

The entire chapter of Joel 3 is a description of the battle of the day of the Lord. **Joel 3:16** says, *"The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heav-*

ens and the earth shall shake." The prophet in **Haggai 2:6 and 7** says: *"For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts."*

In **Hebrews 12:25** it says: *"See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven."* Here, the writer is reminding us of our Israel forefathers, who so disobeyed God in the wilderness after He spoke at Mount Sinai, that they perished in the wilderness and did not go into the promised land of Canaan. Going on in **verse 26**: *"Whose voice then shook the earth: [referring to the shaking at Mount Sinai] but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven."* (This is a quote from **Haggai 2:6**.) The heaven referred to here, as I have explained in other Bible studies, represents the organizations of rulership or governments upon the earth.

The writer goes on to explain the shaking and what will be accomplished by it in **verse 27-28**: *"And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear....."* It is the kingdom of Jesus Christ upon the earth which is to be left after the shaking is done.

That is what the whole Bible is about and what Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the Israel people were promised. That is what Paul meant in **Romans 4:13** when he said that Abraham was to be *"heir of the world"* That is what Haggai meant when he followed the prophecy of the shaking of the heavens and the earth with these words in **Haggai 2:7**, *"And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts."* That is the time when every knee will bow and every tongue confess, when the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. That is what the seventh angel announced in **Revelation 11:15**: *"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."* That is the stone of **Daniel 2**, *"...the stone cut out without hands which smote the image upon its feet and brake them in pieces."* The angel told the prophet in **Daniel 2:44**: *"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever."*

So many of our people are convinced that they will be raptured before any of these great things happen, that they shut their eyes to the truth that this "shaking" is going on now and has been going on for some time. They will be here right on through Babylon's fall and the beginning of the kingdom. None of the passages already mentioned says anything about the believers being gone. In fact, **Hebrews 12:28** has an alternate rendering in the margin of most Bibles for the phrase, *"let us have grace,"* that would make the first half of that verse read, *"Wherefore, we receiving a kingdom*

which cannot be removed, let us hold fast...." Our rapture-minded Christians want to let go, to leave the earth. Yet God warns us to hold on. Jesus told us quite plainly in his parable about the tares and the wheat, that the tares would be removed first, not the wheat. After the tares are removed, *"Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father"*

Matthew 13:43

The shaking of the earth by God in order to destroy the anti-Christian, Babylonian system of world rule was clearly understood by the writer in Hebrews 12:25-29. That earthquake is the shaking and destruction of the wicked, and of course, it is not the removal of the Christians. To teach that the earthquake of Revelation 16:18 is an actual earth-

quake, or that no matter what it is Christians won't be here to witness it, hides the truth that it is happening now right before our eyes. It is God Almighty who is shaking up all of the world systems of government and who is shaking the power of the anti-Christ systems of Babylon which is now here. The writer, also, understood, in this passage, that that shaking would remove those things which can be shaken (those things not of God) so that the things which cannot be shaken (those things which are of God) shall remain. That is the opposite of the false doctrine of the rapture. This passage in Hebrews 12 is an excellent rebuke to those who teach that Revelation 16:18 speaks of a world-wide, literal earthquake.

Chapter Three

Evil In Three Parts

In Revelation 16:19, it seems that the great city (Mystery Babylon) is then divided into three parts by that shaking, just before she is totally destroyed and before Christ's rule is set up on the earth. Those three parts of Babylon are already formed upon the earth. A look at our present world shows that Russia controls one sphere of influence in the world, with its power centered in Moscow, and has as its main area of control, Russia and Eastern Europe. Another sphere of influence centers in Peking and rules China, Southeast Asia, and is now taking over much of Africa. The final sphere of influence is what we know as "capitalism," which centers out of New York and "rules" over the Western Hemisphere and Western Europe. Each of these three claims the other two are their enemies. However, an examination of their total policies reveals an amazing amount of cooperation among these three parts in their oppression of the people. They can even conduct wars in which millions of people die; yet the power base of the rulers remains intact and even grows stronger.

Other terms which demonstrate this division of world control into three parts are actually in use today; but most people do not recognize them. One would be Communism for Moscow and its satellite nations. The second would be capitalism for the banking and money-control system out of New York and other major Western cities in their area of control, which includes our own beloved America. This second part, under capitalism, is often called for propaganda purposes "the Free World." That is to make us think we are still free; although, some few are beginning to see that we are not really free at all because of the growing dictatorship

which is taking over this nation. The third part of Mystery Babylon has already been named by the news media, surprisingly enough, as the "Third World." Sometimes it is referred to as the "non-aligned nations" in an attempt to convince their readers that somehow these "third world" nations are not under anyone's control. However, they are as much controlled in their freedoms, trade, war and propaganda, as we are. The world control is here. It is complete and is divided into three parts, just as Revelation 16:19 said it would be.

As the great city (Mystery Babylon as shown in Revelation 17:18) was divided into the three parts, **Revelation 16:19** goes on to say that "*the cities of the nations fell.*" The cities of the nations would be the governments of the nations just as Mystery Babylon is the "city" or government over all the kings of the earth. The governments of the nations of the world fell, according to this phrase in verse 19, and the current world situation shows that this has largely been completed. Almost every non-Communist government in all of the earth has fallen, and has been replaced by a government controlled by secret or open Communists, or what is being described in these chapters as Babylon.

That Babylon operates today in three parts is obvious to students of current events, although many of them know nothing of Bible prophecy. John was given a vision of this great anti-Christian power in control over most of the earth, and was shown that as the governments of the nations fell, this power would be carried out in three parts. Mystery Babylon would not seem to be a monolithic world structure, but would be a tripartite world-rul-

ing system. The fact that Communism is one of the world-ruling systems is obvious to anyone who studies current world history.

As the U.S. fights on one side of a war in Vietnam, and Russia and China fight on the other side, and publically declare each other to be enemies, the rulers of America, China, and Russia carry on negotiations, trade, exchanges, information, and visit each other just as if they had no disagreement. In truth, they have none. The rulers are in complete agreement. The disagreements are, but show, to fool the people into thinking that they must be prepared for war, and even fight in wars against each other. The wars and the preparations for war, necessitate unbelievable taxation, which goes into the hands of the rulers of each of these three parts of Mystery Babylon, making them rich. That is why our Secretary of State and our President can put their arms around and hug Mao Tse-tung of China, and Kruschev and Brezhnev of Russia, and smile fondly upon each other and show genuine friendship. They ARE friends. They are fellow compatriots in the plunder and robbery of all of the peoples of the earth! Their robbery of the people would not work if the people realized that there was no real reason for war, and for preparedness for war, against other people. Americans would not allow themselves to be taxed 80 billions of dollars for defense, or over two and one-half trillions of dollars since 1950, unless they were convinced by their statesmen that America must fear Russia and China. The same thing goes on in Russia and China. In this way Babylon's world government is never seen by the people of the world as one entity.

All of the people see it as disagreeing nations and peoples who must continually be armed for war and in fact, must often

fight great battles and wars such as WWI, WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and a score of other minor wars around the world. All of these wars end up without destroying any of the power of the ruling antiChristians, but are, in actuality, exalting their power over the nations. The Christian people usually are the major suppliers of money and blood for the wars. You would think that after sixty-five years of the growth of World Communism, some of these Christian people would begin to suspect that their rulers are not opposed to World Communism, but actually support it! Few seem to see and understand such an obvious truth.

Our fields, factories and pocket books are stripped to build up Russian industry and to send food to save the Communist government of China. Meanwhile our foolish Christians still think our rulers are opposed to Communism. No, my friends in Christ, what you are watching are the three parts of Mystery Babylon, operating in cooperation to control and enslave all the peoples of the earth.

That the robbing of the people of their wealth is the major goal of Babylon the Great is obvious in some of the phrases in **Revelation chapter 18**, such as in **verse 3**, *"...the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies;"* **verse 11**, *"And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her;"* **verse 19**, *"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!"* That last verse is obviously being fulfilled today, for much of the wealth of the merchants of the earth is coming from trade between nations and continents.

Consider this example: American-owned oil companies sold gasoline and oil to North Vietnam and to the U.S. Army

during the Vietnam War, making hundreds of millions of dollars from both sides on that one product alone. Natural gas is used to make both fertilizer and explosives used in bullets, shells, bombs, and so on. Both sides of the war bought their natural gas from the same world oil cartel, pouring more billions into the pockets of the merchants of Babylon. Merchandise made in Communist countries by people forced to work for low wages, makes almost-unbelievable profits for the merchants, who handle their sale in other countries. Babylon profits on trade between continents on merchandise moved by ships in the sea.

Wheat is grown in America, paid for by the taxes forcibly taken from the American workers, then given outright to the rulers of Russia and China, who in turn sell it to the countries in Africa and Eastern Europe! Profits of hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars go to a few thousand people who call themselves Communists, but who work in cooperation with the same people in other countries who call themselves capitalists. All of them are part of an oppressive system of rule, prophesied in detail in the Bible. This is not in the future; it is happening before our eyes. The anti-Christian rule of Mystery Babylon the Great is here to see, for any who will read God's Word, and look at today's world through eyes enlightened by God's truth.

In **Revelation 16:20** it says, *"And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found."* Now mountains and hills and islands are terms often used by the prophets to indicate nations. Almost every nation of the world had its right of self government or sovereignty, but has now lost this sovereignty and is ruled by treaties and agreements engineered through the United Nations and controlled by the secret rule of the three parts of Mystery Babylon.

South Vietnam is an example of a nation which refused to follow a U.N. order to form a coalition government with Communists. The result was that America was ordered by the UN. to send in an army under the guise of saving South Vietnam; but in the process they destroyed almost every city and village in that nation. America, operating under UN. orders, destroyed not one city or village in North Vietnam, but confined all fighting to the soil of the people who resisted Communism! Today, ten years later, South Vietnam is under World Communism or Mystery Babylon.

In America, new laws on equal rights for women, for control of small business, and the thousand-and-one controlling laws on pollution, land use, zoning, and so on, all originate in the U.N. The UN. has ordered that the U.S. disarm its citizens, resulting in the passing of gun registration and gun confiscation laws. The U.N. has also ordered the US. to supply free food to other nations. Thus, the men who rule us are arranging shipments of our food to wherever the UN. orders. That means nothing to the wicked rulers of our people. What matters is their place in the multi-billion dollar operation of the world trade of Mystery Babylon.

Hope In Destruction

However, praise God for the hope in the last part of **Revelation 16:19**, where we are told that when Mystery Babylon is divided into three parts she would then *"come in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath."* Her division into three parts is observable today, making the time for her disposal soon at hand.

Consider **Revelation 16:21**: *"And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a*

talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, for the plague thereof was exceeding great." The strangeness of this verse makes it sound as if all that God can do about all of this is cast down chunks of ice from heaven. Remember, these visions are symbolic and must fit that which is prophesied by the prophets, which they do.

In only one other place in the Bible is the destruction of the enemies of God prophesied to be by hailstones. That is in Ezekiel 38 and 39 — the prophecy of the war and invasion of the nations of Israel by Gog and Magog, which ends with the destruction of the armies of Magog, partially by hail. (I cover these chapters in more detail in my book. [The Bible Says Russia Will Invade America and be Destroyed.](#))

If you can understand what was to happen before Mystery Babylon's destruction, according to Revelation chapters 15 and 16, then you would know that Mystery, Babylon the Great was not something that was to come upon the earth only after you are gone, but would be a great, mysterious, and powerful system which ruled over Christians to the point of persecuting and killing them. The teaching that all living Christians are to be snatched off the earth in what is called the "rapture," prior to the rise of a world-ruling antiChrist, is a most common teaching today, and it is false. If it were true, Mystery Babylon would not now exist, but would be something, yet future. However, we have seen in Revelation chapters 15 and 16, that such a world control system, by those who hate Jesus Christ, is already here, just as prophesied by the prophets and recorded in this book of Revelation.

In **Revelation 17:1** John writes: *"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....." Now remember the last half of this verse as we go on in **Revelation chapters 17 and 18**. The angel said, *"I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters."* John is not describing a vision of Mystery Babylon's beginnings and her rise to power over all of the earth; he is describing a vision of her judgment-of her destruction. That is what we read in **Revelation 16: 19**, *"...and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath."*

John will see and describe to us God's wrath upon Mystery Babylon. That wrath will work those things necessary to bring judgment upon her and that judgment is total destruction. That it is total destruction is testified in **Revelation chapter 18** in phrases such as **verse 8**, *"and she shall utterly be burned with fire,"* and **verse 21**, *"with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all."*

Many people reading Revelation chapters 17 and 18, and not realizing it is not a vision of her beginnings but only a vision of her end, have thought that this great world-ruling system must be yet future. This is not the case — as she is already here! Millions of your brethren have already been killed by Mystery Babylon and more are being killed as the years go by. It is training and equipping the greatest army the world has ever seen in Russia and China for a future invasion of Western Europe and America. However, Christians still cannot see that Mystery, Babylon the Great rules the earth.

A Drunken World

Revelation 17:2 says, *"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."* The inhabitants are drunk. When a person is drunk his brain is foggy, not functioning correctly, and he does things which are wrong, even to his own injury. That is a good description of the whole planet. It is drunk with Babylon's wine or with Babylon's false ideologies, teachings, and propaganda. One simple example will show the meaning of this.

God's Word — God's ideology if you please — teaches us that we must execute murderers, homosexuals, rapists, blasphemers, and habitual criminals. God's philosophy or reason for this is given in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy a number of times in phrases such as this: *"And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously"* (Deuteronomy 17:13). **Deuteronomy 19:20** says, *"And those which remain shall hear, and fear and shall, henceforth, commit no more any such evil among you."* In other words, if the criminals are punished, the rest of the people will not be criminals!

The philosophy with which we are being made drunken, by which we are being put in a stupor (made stupid on this one subject) is that murderers, rapists, and thieves are just victims of their environment; we must change the environment; we must blame society; and society must then spend its time and money, not in executing the criminal, but in educating and rehabilitating him! This stupor or drunkenness on our part has now overrun us with criminals. Our whole society is being torn apart and destroyed. From

what is it? It is from the fornications of Babylon or the false ideologies of Mystery Babylon.

We could explore God's laws on other things, things which the political and religious voices which guide America are at variance over, whereby they always come up with means and solutions which are antagonistic to God's laws, and which bring confusion upon us. God has economic laws: laws on gold, on usury, and debt. God has laws on marriage, on raising children, on the education of those children, on health, on foods, on treatment of diseases and on war. Yes, God has laws on warfare. I dare say that not a handful of new readers could even write and tell me where these laws are in the Bible. According to Revelation 17:2, Babylon has caused the peoples of the world to live and act as if they were drunk.

A City On Seven Hills

Let us continue with **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."* What the seven heads and ten horns are is given a few verses later on, and will be discussed when we read those verses. Briefly, in verses 9 and 12, it says the seven heads are seven mountains and the ten horns are ten kings. Many have said that because of this phrase about the seven mountains, that Mystery Babylon is the Roman Catholic church, because Rome is built on seven hills, or small mountains. It is true that the headquarters of the Roman Catholic church is in Rome and that Rome is built on seven hills; but there is another city of great importance in the present world, anti-Christ system, which is, also, built on seven hills.

Collier's magazine of April 28, 1951, in an article titled: This Is Moscow Today says, "Moscow, showcase of the U.S.S.R., sits on a large plain on the banks of the Moscow and Ursa Rivers, which are frozen about five months of the year. Out of the plain rise SEVEN LOW HILLS [my emphasis], on the highest of which is the Kremlin, the walled fortress of ancient Moscow and, now, the guarded citadel for the politburo. From the Kremlin comes the politburo's booming challenge to the Western world." Moscow, capital of Communist Russia and headquarters of the vast political and propaganda apparatus, which has invaded the Christian West, is a city built on seven hills!

If you have a preconceived idea that Mystery, Babylon the Great can be explained by simply labelling the Roman Catholic church as Babylon, perhaps you had better give that a little more thought. It is not Mystery Babylon which is on the seven mountains. If you read Revelation 17:3 again, you will see that the seven heads, which are the seven mountains, are on the scarlet-colored beast upon which Mystery Babylon sits. Moscow has seven mountains. Moscow's flag is red or scarlet and they even call themselves, "the REDS."

John saw the woman sitting on a red beast and then in **Revelation 17:4-6** he says: ***"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: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. 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."***

Several things are evident in these verses. She wears purple and scarlet. She is decked or gilded (as the margin says) with gold and precious stones and has a golden cup of abominations and fornications. Her Biblical name is given and she has apparently caused the death of so many of the saints that she is drunken with their blood.

Remember that Revelation 17:6, alone, is enough to prove that this is no great antiChrist ruling over the earth, after the Christians are snatched off to heaven. Mystery Babylon could not be drunken with the blood of the saints and with the martyrs of Jesus, if all she can persecute and kill is unbelievers and the heathen who are the only ones supposedly-left for her to rule, according to the rapture teachers. Most men who preach the "pre-tribulation rapture of the church" tell you that all of the book of Revelation, after chapter six is completed, after the "rapture." And they read chapter seven about the sealing of the 144,000 of the tribes of the children of Israel saying, "Oh, see! That is going to happen to the Jews during the great tribulation, while you Christians are all in heaven." However, here we are, reading Revelation 16 and 17, discovering that here are described things that are happening in the earth now long after Revelation chapter 6, where their so-called "rapture" is to take place.

Some rapturists say the rapture occurs after Revelation chapter 4, and some say after Revelation chapter 6, but they all say before Revelation chapter 7, because they say that the 144,000 are Jews who come out of tribulation. A good part of their error is in their thinking that the Jews are the Israel people and that we so-called "Gentiles" are just some heathen race, a few of whom have found Christ and have become Christians. No, my friends! We are the Israel people. God is dealing

with us. We are fulfilling the prophecies to Israel, and we are the people who will be delivered in the day of God's wrath upon Mystery Babylon.

You will notice in Revelation 17:5, where the angel gives the name of the woman riding on the scarlet beast, that her name is not just Babylon the Great; but it is prefaced with the word, Mystery — MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT. That name, MYSTERY, is very fitting, for I would guess that not one human being out of ten thousand, upon the earth today, knows about the world-ruling system, which now controls all nations and all governments upon the earth. We are living in the time of the fulfillment of the sixth and seventh vials of God's wrath, with the seventh vial specifically being poured out, NOT upon God's Christian Israel, but upon the wicked and anti-Christian peoples of the earth — the people who hate Jesus Christ, who blaspheme His name and who refuse to obey His Word.

Jesus said in Luke 19:27, "But those, mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me." The work of the sixth vial was to gather all nations to the battle of that great day of God Almighty, as told in Revelation 16:14, the battle in which the wicked and the antiChristians of the earth would be destroyed.

The nations are being gathered together under the U.N., which is anti-Christian, and under a score of lesser organizations, all subservient to the United Nations. Even America is being ruled today by treaties and edicts emanating from that cesspool called the UN. in New York. The UN. building is on the former site of a slaughterhouse, and the land was donated to the UN. by the Rockefellers. The rise and final destruc-

tion of the U.N. is prophesied in Ezekiel chapter 13. The UN. is Communist-controlled-controlled by the "REDS." Mystery Babylon is clothed in red and rides a red beast.

In Revelation 17:6, we see that whatever Mystery Babylon or the woman is, she is drunken with the spilled blood of the followers of Jesus. That she was, actually, responsible for their death is verified after she is destroyed, in **Revelation 18:24**, where John writes: *"And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth."* This is quite a charge of murder against this woman clothed in purple and scarlet and decked with gold and precious stones.

Going on in **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."* The angel is going to tell or reveal the mystery of the woman and the beast, to John. If we understand what was revealed to John by the angel, we will understand how she will be destroyed.

The angel goes on in **verse 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."* We seem to have a riddle here. A beast that was, and is not, and yet is. Something that existed once, but seems not to exist now, and yet does exist. What in the world can that be?

Before answering the above question, I would like to explain **verse 9**: *"And here is the mind which hath wisdom."* In other words, here is the explanation which will make you wise regarding this woman and beast. **Verse 9** continues, *"The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth."* Following the literal meaning of the use of "mountains," we have already seen the answer to the seven mountains of this verse in the seven hills of both Rome and Moscow. However, since these visions are highly symbolic, a study of the word, mountain, in the prophetic sense would be in order.

The Seven Nations

In **Daniel 2**, the stone which destroyed the image is, then, said to become *"a great mountain and fill the whole earth."* That mountain is obviously the Kingdom of Christ upon the earth. Babylon is called in **Jeremiah 51:25**, *"O destroying mountain."* In **Ezekiel, chapter 38**, the forces of Gog and Magog were to invade *"the mountains of Israel"* Since there were to be many nations of Israel (as father Abraham was to be the father of many nations), that phrase refers to the modern-day nations of Israel. These nations are in Western Europe, North America, South Africa and Australia — generally-called, Christendom or Christ's domain. That would be the nations of Christ or the nations of Christ's Kingdom.

Using the same Biblical principle that mountains are nations or kingdoms, the seven heads of the red beast, which carries Mystery Babylon, become seven nations or seven kingdoms. They are not just seven hills as some think, who then call the Roman Catholic Church "Mystery Babylon" because Rome is built on seven hills. Remember what we learned about Moscow.

In Revelation 17:9, the seven heads or seven mountains are to be interpreted as seven nations. In today's international scene, we find that every nation of the world is controlled to some extent by treaties and pacts made under the U.N. organization. Although there are over 100 members in the U.N., her control is vested in five nations called, after World War II, "the big five": Russia, China, the United States, Great Britain, and France. Each of these big five were given power by the U.N. charter to veto any U.N. action by the other nations.

This does not seem to have much to do with the seven nations of Revelation 17:9. However, the answer becomes clear, when one realizes that these five nations in the U.N. are actually voted as SEVEN nations, a fact not too well-known. In 1945, when the U.N. charter was adopted, Communist Russia was given THREE votes instead of one. Russia has three delegates and the other four nations each have one, making a total of seven ruling nations in the U.N. These seven nations control that world organization known as the U.N., which is very leftwing or Communist in its functions. (I have identified Communism as the beast of Revelation 17:3.) These seven heads or seven nations are the brainpower of that beast of verse 3, of which they are a part.

By now, Bible students will see the similarity of this vision with another vision recorded in the books of the prophets. Before turning to those prophets, I will quote Revelation 17:10-12 to be kept in mind as we find out what the prophets have to say about this subject.

Revelation 17:10-12: *"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. And the beast that was,*

and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. 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."

Remember again, these visions seen by John on the Isle of Patmos about 95 A.D., would have to be identical with those which were written by the prophets; for God, who knows the end from the beginning, gave all of the future history of the world to his prophets before the time of Christ.

Isaiah 42:9 says, *"Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them."* We read in **Isaiah 46:9** and **10**: *"Remember the for-*

mer things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure." God is not saying that He will reveal the future just before it comes to pass. He is saying that He HAS revealed the future from ancient times. **Amos 3:7** says, *"Surely, the Lord God will do nothing, but He revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."* Therefore, to understand what the angel was showing John, having seen the book of Revelation using the same signs, symbols, and descriptive words used by the prophets, we should turn to that prophet and see what he has written about this same thing.

Chapter Four

The Four Beasts

Let's turn to **Daniel 7:1-3**: *"In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters. Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another."* Here are beasts appearing in a dream or vision to the prophet Daniel. Going on in **verse 4**: *"The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it "*

To save time I will tell you what these beasts are in brief, as it would take far too much space to prove my point. This first beast is ancient Babylon. Some of you students of archaeology know that the gates of the ancient city of Babylon were guarded by monstrous stone lions, with eagle's wings coming out of their sides. That was the symbol of Babylon.

Daniel 7:5, *"And behold another beast, a second like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh."* This is the Medo-Persian Empire and it had three ribs in its mouth. If you remember your history, the Medo-Persian Empire conquered Babylon, Egypt, and Libya; IN FACT, it conquered Babylon while Daniel was there, as is shown in Daniel 5 concerning the handwriting on the wall; and then Babylon fell to the Medo-Persian

Empire. The three ribs represent the three empires that the Medes and Persians devoured.

Daniel 7:6, *"After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it."* This beast represents the Grecian Empire which, under Alexander the Great, conquered and ruled over or ate up the Medo-Persian Empire, including its conquered nations of Babylon, Egypt, and Libya. Alexander, then, conquered all of the known civilized world. Tradition tells us that, after conquering Egypt and Libya, he wept, for he had no more nations to conquer! This verse says that this beast had four heads; and, strangely enough, shortly after Alexander completed these conquests, he died, and his empire was divided among his four top generals. Each of them became the head of a part of the Grecian Empire.

In Daniel 8, two of these beasts are named: Medo-Persia in verse 20, and Greece in verse 21. Greece's four kingdoms formed (verse 22) after Alexander's death. These visions were fulfilled exactly as written in God's Word.

Daniel 7:7, *"After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns."* In other words, this fourth beast then devoured the third one, just as each had been devoured in turn.

This fourth one is, obviously, the Roman Empire, which did conquer Greece, Persia, Babylon, Egypt, and Libya, along with all of the other territories over which they had ruled. Each successive beast or empire being made up of all of the others and becoming larger with each successive change. This beast, also, has ten horns, just like the beast of Revelation, chapter 17, which carries Mystery Babylon.

You should begin to see how the phrase in **Revelation 17:8**, "*the beast that was, and is not, and yet is*" fits the visions of Daniel. Each beast was, and then it was not, and then it was; in other words, although each beast kingdom existed and was then taken over, it never really ceased to exist. It just became a part of another beast kingdom. The Grecian Empire was not just Greece; it was, actually, Greece, Medo-Persia, and Babylon, acquiring and keeping all of the characteristics of all of the beasts or previous empires. The same occurred, when Rome ascended to power after Greece.

This makes more sense if you will recall the image vision in **Daniel 2**. It had a head of gold, breasts of silver, belly and thighs of brass and legs of iron extending into feet of partly clay and partly iron. In **verse 38**, Daniel said to Nebuchadnezzar, "*Thou art this head of gold.*" In other words, Babylon was the beginning or the head of this image. This image was then destroyed by the stone cut out without hands. However, **Daniel 2:35** tells us what happened, after the feet were struck by the stone: "*Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together.*" In other words, all of these kingdoms continued to exist as a part of a greater beast kingdom, until their final destruction.

The beast that was, and is not, and yet is — all three forms still exist today. Many

churchgoers do not see this, having been fooled by their preachers into thinking the beast system is something which will rise in the future. No! These beast systems have been here since before Daniel's time and will remain until all of Revelation chapters 17 and 18. are fulfilled. As we go on in Daniel 7, you will see that God's Christian people will be here on earth during the reign of the last beast system, and that we will be instrumental in its destruction. We will not be off up in heaven, but will be here on the earth doing the work of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

I am going, to quote Daniel 7:8-14; without making any comment, because Daniel did not understand the things he was seeing and asked the angel for an interpretation. It is given in Daniel 7:17-27, on which I WILL comment. We are concerned with the interpretation, as this chapter makes it quite plain that the followers of Jesus Christ will be right here on earth as this age draws to a close.

Daniel 7:8-14, "*I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up, by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things. I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head like the pure wool: His throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened. I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast*

was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time. I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before Him. And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."

This is what Daniel saw, and here is his reaction in **Daniel 7:15**: *"I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me."* Apparently, Daniel was troubled, but did not understand the dream, for **Daniel 7:16** says, *"I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things."*

In **Daniel 7:17-18**, the angel then gives a very short interpretation of Daniel's entire dream: *"These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth. But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever."*

The word "kings" could have been translated as "kingdoms," which makes more sense, for, as we will see, their existence extends over many centuries, much longer than four mortal kings would live. These are four kingdoms which would arise out of the earth.

This phrase, "out of the earth" and the previous one, "out of the sea," implies that

they are of the earth, not of God. Jesus told his enemies in his day, "Ye are from beneath, I am from above." He, also, told them, "My Kingdom is not of this world." Some take that statement by Jesus to mean that His Kingdom will not be ON the world; but that isn't what He said at all. He said it was not OF, or originating from, this world. Jesus, in effect, said the same thing of His disciples in **John 17:16**: *"They are not of the world even as I am not of the world"* Jesus' Kingdom is not of the world. It is OF or FROM Heaven. Christians have prayed for 1,900 years *"Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven"* (**Matthew 6:10**). That prayer will be answered; Jesus' Kingdom will be established on the earth; but first, these earthly systems must be destroyed!

In these two verses, the angel told Daniel what the whole vision was about. Four beast kingdoms would rise from the earth; but, in spite of that, the saints of God would take the kingdom for ever, even for ever. We, also, see that same sequence of events in Revelation, chapters 17 and 18, where we read of the destruction of Mystery Babylon. Then, in Revelation chapter 19, the next event is the return of Jesus Christ, which is followed by the establishment of His Kingdom upon the earth.

Daniel wasn't satisfied that he understood all he wanted to know about the fourth beast (the one that had the ten horns); so he asked a longer question in **Daniel 7:19-22**: *"Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet; And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and*

before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, [Christians] and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the Kingdom."

Before going on with the angel's answer in the next verses, I should point out how Daniel's vision of the fourth beast and Daniel's question about the fourth beast prove that the saints will be on the earth until Christ's Kingdom. The "little horn" made war and prevailed against the saints (verse 21), which continued until the Ancient of days came (verse 22).

The so-called "rapture" theologians identify that little horn as the great antiChrist who, they say, is supposed to rule the world at the end of this age; hastening to add, that it won't be until after the rapture when the Christians are all gone. However, Daniel said that he saw that little horn "make war with the saints and he prevailed against them." An example of this kind of teaching follows.

A widely-known American evangelist was in Phoenix several years ago preaching on our local Christian television station about the rapture and the antiChrist, out of the book of Daniel. He was on TV every night for a week. He read MOST of Daniel 7, but in reading it, he skipped verses 21 and 22 and verses 25 and 26. WHY? He did this in an effort to convince his hearers that the Christians would be removed from the earth prior to the rule of this little horn, which he called antiChrist. But, verses 21, 22, 25, and 26 make it plain that he was wrong and that the Christians would be here and would

be warred against by this little horn. He skipped those verses, knowing that 90 percent or better of his listeners would not be following him in their Bibles and they would not know that he skipped certain verses. He could lie to them, telling them they will be raptured, and most of them would never know that Daniel's vision of the fourth beast showed the eleventh horn which was on it, actually at war with the saints and prevailing against them. The angel said in **verse 25, "and they [the saints] shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."** Yes, the saints of the most high God would come under the hand and under the control of what the fundamentalists call the great antiChrist. These men deny it and skip the reading of verses in God's Word which would prove them wrong.

Daniel 7, other visions in Daniel, and Revelation 17, show that much of this has already come to pass. Christians have been warred against in the past, as well as the present, and we are under the control of a great anti-Christian, world dictatorship. Except for the direct intervention of Jesus Christ, we should be destroyed. Instead, the enemies of Christ will be destroyed and the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ or — Christian nations.

As to Daniel's question of Daniel 7:19-22, let's study the angel's answer, which verifies what I have just said about no removal of the saints from the earth, and then compare it to Daniel 2 and Revelation 17 and 18.

Daniel 7:23 says, *"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."* The fourth. beast is the last of the beast

systems and it shall devour the whole earth. Mystery Babylon, described by the angel in Revelation 17 and 18, was that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth. The fourth beast of Daniel 7 reigns over the whole earth and so does Mystery Babylon.

Now I have identified the fourth beast as the Roman Empire; but Imperial Rome never did rule over all of the earth. Let's read on in **Daniel 7:24**: *"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."*

In **Revelation 17: 12** we read, *"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."* The ten horns or ten kings are part of the beast system.

In Revelation there is no specific mention of the three kings which are overcome by the one horn or the one king. Instead, the three are presented in a negative way in that, instead of the three being spoken of, the remaining seven are mentioned in **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."* These ten kings or kingdoms are presented both as having existence at one time and, also, as being successive. This is confusing, unless one sees that the same thing is true of the four beasts; they are successive, yet they all exist at the same time as well.

In Daniel 2, the image is described as having the head of gold (Babylon), the breast and arms of silver (second kingdom), the belly and thighs of brass (third kingdom), the legs of iron (fourth king-

dom), and the feet of part iron and part clay. The whole image stood intact until the stone cut out without hands struck it on the feet; and, from Daniel 2:34-35, we see that not just the feet, but the entire image was destroyed by the smiting of this stone. All of the kingdoms which made up the whole image, even the head or Babylon, continued to exist right up until the feet were struck by the stone, resulting in the destruction of all of the empires together. Although there are ten kingdoms, and at one time seven and even yet one was, and one was yet to come, they are all considered as making up the whole world ruling system called, Mystery Babylon. With the destruction of Mystery Babylon in Revelation 17 and 18, we learn of the end of the entire series of beast systems, and not of some single system which has not yet appeared upon the world scene.

In Daniel 2, the only part of the image given a name was the head of gold, which was called Babylon, which was the same name used in Revelation 17 and 18. In Daniel 7, none of the beasts are given names. However, in Daniel 8, we, also have another vision involving three beasts. The first one, the ram with two horns, is named in verse 20, as Media and Persia or the Medo-Persian Empire. The second one is named Grecia or Greece. In verses 3 and 4, the first one, the ram with two horns, is seen by Daniel as pushing westward and northward and southward; so that no beast might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand, but he did according to his will and became great. Since the angel, Gabriel, identified that ram as Medo-Persia, it is obviously the second beast of Daniel 7. Daniel 8:4 refers to the conquest of Babylon, for that is exactly what happened while Daniel was in Babylon, as Daniel 5 relates.

Medo-Persia was, in turn, conquered by Alexander the Great of Greece, and all of these kingdoms were, in turn, conquered by Imperial Rome. It is quite logical and Scripturally-correct to name the four beast empires of Daniel 7 in that order: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and then, Rome. For the same reason, it is logical and Scriptural to name the four parts of the image of Daniel 2 with the same names: Babylon, the golden head; Medo-Persia, the silver breast and arms; Greece, the belly and thighs of brass; and Rome, the iron legs.

Now, many people think that the feet, part of iron and part of clay, are a fifth empire or kingdom. The answer is NO to this teaching. The feet of part iron and part clay are not a fifth kingdom, but a continuation of the fourth kingdom, represented by the iron legs. This is what Daniel explains to Nebuchadnezzar in **Daniel 2:38**, *"thou art this head of gold,"* and in **Daniel 2:39**, *"And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth."* The third empire would be Greece, which did bear rule over all the earth, from India to Spain. Going on in **verse 40**, Daniel says, *"And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these shall it break in pieces and bruise."* Rome did conquer all of the third empire and more; eventually, bringing all of Europe under her dominion.

The next three verses make it plain that the feet of clay and iron are not another kingdom, or fifth beast kingdom, but a continuance of the fourth. **Daniel 2:41.43**: *"And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potter's clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be*

divided; but there will be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay." The iron is, of course, the legs of iron or the original fourth beast's kingdom—the Roman Empire. The clay is described as potter's clay, also miry clay, and in verse 43, as the seed of men.

Think with me of the history since the time of Imperial Rome — the fourth beast—which seemed to be destroyed. (I say "seemed" because a strict interpretation of all of these interpretations of Daniel makes it plain that each succeeding beast empire did not disappear, but only reappeared in another city, called by another name; but still part of the same Babylonian succession of beast empires.) After Imperial Rome fell, and the city of Rome was sacked by the Vandals and the Goths, it seemed as if central control over Europe and the Mediterranean areas ceased to exist.

But did it? Not quite. The final fall of Imperial Rome came about in the fifth and sixth centuries. The date of its loss of power is hard to pinpoint because its final convulsions lasted over a hundred years. While Imperial Rome was losing power over the nations, another source of control was rising from the same empire. It seemed to be religious, even Christian; and by the fifth century after Christ, it exerted total religious control over the once political and military Roman Empire. We know it as the Roman Catholic Church. By 600 A.D., he who had been known as the Bishop of Rome was

crowned the "Pope of the World," and claimed to be the vicar of Christ upon the earth. In another 200 years, by 800 A.D., Charlemagne was crowned Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire by the Pope, and given authority to rule, amazingly enough, over ten nations in Europe. The feet and ten toes, part of iron and part of clay, replaced in the pages of history the legs of iron. It was not another beast, but only a continuance of the fourth one in a slightly different form. From the time of Charlemagne and on, Papal Rome and its allies, both political and military, ruled over most of the nations which were once a part of Imperial Rome.

If we are to believe Daniel's vision, the feet and toe empire would continue in existence until it was destroyed by the stone. That stone kingdom is identified in Daniel 2:44,45, along with what it will do and become. **Daniel 2:44: *"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever."*** Here it is made plain that it is the kingdom, set up by the God of Heaven, which will break in pieces the other kingdoms. This is, then, made plainer in **verse 45: *"Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it break in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure."***

Now I know that this doesn't fit modern theology to any large extent. Many ministers, today, tell us that the great antiChrist kingdom is yet future. However, Daniel's interpretation of

Nebuchadnezzar's dream leaves little room to doubt that these four successive empire systems would reign upon the earth, and that they would continue their reign right up until God's kingdom smote them and destroyed them. In verse 45, as in verse 35, the breaking by the stone is not confined to the ten toes and the feet, but is to include the entire image.

It seems a great thing, today, to talk of the revival of the Holy Roman Empire. Many claim the ten nations of the European Common Market are the ten nations of the Roman Empire, which are represented by the ten toes in these verses and the ten horns of Revelation 17. They say that this is in the future and it will serve as the seat for the rule of the future antiChrist, which will come after the removal of the Christians from the earth. However, that doctrine doesn't make any sense at all if you try to fit it in with Daniel 2, 7, and 8, or Revelation 17 and 18, or any other Bible prophecy.

Some say that the antiChrist will reign until Christ returns from Heaven and destroys him and that Christ is the stone of Daniel 2. Christ is NOT the stone of Daniel 2, for Daniel made it plain that the stone was the Heavenly kingdom set up by God and he said it was set up while these other kingdoms existed! He did not say that the stone was the Messiah, or the Redeemer, or even God Himself. He said it was the kingdom which would break in pieces and consume all these other kingdoms and shall stand forever. Compare that to **Daniel 7**, where we are told of the interpretation of that vision of the four beasts in **verses 25 and 26, *"And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."***

But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end "

Who will consume and destroy the great beast kingdom of the end of the age? It will be the saints of the most High God. Who in this world of those who profess to love and obey Jesus Christ and who want to serve Him with their whole heart, mind, and body would look forward to leaving the earth in some sort of a "rapture," when the Bible itself (God's Word to us) tells us we are the ones who will destroy the kingdoms of the antiChrist! That is what Daniel writes and that is what the angel told John in **Revelation 18**, when he described the destruction of Mystery, Babylon the Great in **verses 4 and 5**: *"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. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."*

Many ministers do read that and exhort their people to come out of Babylon, without ever telling them that Babylon is, actually, the ruling system on the earth today. However, very few of them read the very next phrase in **Revelation 18:6**: *"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." Who is commanded, yea, ordered to fight against and destroy Mystery, Babylon the Great? God's people are the ones so ordered!

Are you a child of God? Do you claim to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? What are you doing about coming out of Babylon and preparing to reward her double according to her works? How much torment and sorrow have you provided to Mystery, Babylon the Great? Some of you must admit to not doing very much. Regardless of that, God says that she will be destroyed.

Reading on in **Revelation 18:7 and 8**: *"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. 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."* It is God who is doing the judging; but it is God's people who are called upon to bring about Mystery Babylon's destruction. How in the world can they do that if they are all up in Heaven where they are supposed to sit on clouds and play harps of gold, while the great antiChrist rules the earth?

Chapter Five

The Rapture Neutralization Process

The doctrine of the "rapture," the doctrine which has neutralized hundreds of thousands of professing Christians, is not a doctrine from God. It is not a doctrine which will move Christians to obedience to God's Word — to God's call to destroy Babylon. It is a doctrine which will prevent them from resisting the power of the antiChrist.

Returning to Revelation 17:12, we read that there are, also, ten kings which have received no kingdom as yet, but receive power as kings — one hour with the beast. Everyone is watching with interest the European Common Market nations, which presently number nine nations and will probably reach the number of ten soon. The Holy Roman Empire of 800 A.D. began under Charlemagne with ten nations. Although the boundaries of Europe have changed innumerable times in the last one thousand years, those same European territories still constituted all of the power of the beast system, which ruled over the peoples of Europe during that time. Now be careful that you do not think of the people themselves as part of the beast. Notice here that it says **KINGS** are the ones who receive that power. By and large, the people of Europe have never been free in the manner that we in America consider free. They have always been under the rule of powerful monarchies or dictatorships — same good and same terrible. But still, it is those monarchies or ruling dictatorships, which have been responsible for most of the wickedness and anti-Christian activities of those nations. Even when a large number of the citizens were nominal Christians, much of the government activity, itself, was still directed against

the best interests of the Christians — sometimes even directed to the killing of the Christian people.

We see this now in America. Since the U.S. government agencies have largely passed into the hands and control of those who are for U.N. domination of all governments, our own government has become more and more anti-Christian. That still does not make America a nation of anti-Christians, nor does it make America, prophetic Babylon, as some teach. In fact, I will show you from the prophets, that regathered Israel, in a place called Zion, was to come under the control of Babylon of Bible prophecy. Zion would NOT be Babylon. Zion would be the **CAPTIVE** of Babylon, just as previously-free Christian America is now a captive of the anti-Christ.

Before turning to this question in the prophets, let us read on in **Revelation 17:13**: *"These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast."* In other words, these ten kings, which are possibly the ten kingdoms of Europe, will allow their power and their wealth to be used by World Communism. In **verse 14** it says, *"These shall make war with the Lamb."* That means they will allow their power and wealth to be used against Jesus Christ and His followers. To a great extent this is already true of Europe. The governments of the European nations, like our own, allow wickedness and anti-Christian teachings to flourish in their nations, to the detriment of the people. Even the Vietnam War bore out that the rulers of the nations of Europe were not on the side of righteousness; for they all continued to

trade with Communist Russia and China, and even with North Vietnam.

Several years ago, some of these nations also armed the Nigerians of Africa to carry on a war of extermination against the Ibo tribesmen of Nigeria. This war resulted in the death of over one million of the Ibo tribesmen. These Ibo people, considered by the anthropologists to be the most intelligent of all of Africa's black tribes, are the only Negro tribe in Africa to have accepted the Christian religion as a tribe. They do not have witch doctors or idols, but attempt, as a people, to follow the teachings they adopted from the Christian missionaries in the late 1800' s. That war in Nigeria proved the anti-Christian nature of several governments, two of which are supposedly anti-Communist.

The Nigerians were armed for killing the Christian Ibo people by three nations: Russia, Great Britain, and Jewish Israeli. All three cooperated to destroy the Ibos as a separate people, whose only crime seems to have been their desire to establish their own nation on Christian principles.

Now, thank God, that this continuing victory over Christians by the antiChrists will soon come to an end, for **Revelation 17:14** continues: *"...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."* It is not only Jesus who overcomes the antiChrist, but those who are with Him. This is identical to what we read in **Daniel 7**, where Daniel spoke of the horn on the head of that beast, saying that that horn, *"... made war with the saints and prevailed against them*

until the Ancient of Days came and judgment was given to the saints of the most High, and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom."

Christians were prophesied to be on the losing side of this battle until judgment is given to them — in other words, until they receive the power to bring judgment on the antiChrist. The conflict is already here; the great tribulation is already begun; the antiChrist already rules; Mystery Babylon is already in power; and there has been no "rapture," nor will there be! We are combatants in a war in which most Christians do not even know they are engaged. You people who believe in the "rapture" should learn something from Vietnam, as you should have learned from the fall of Cuba, China, and Eastern Europe to World Communism. Tens of thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands of people, in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia were murdered by the Communists, because they either were professing Christians, or they were related to professing Christians! This same procedure was followed in Russia, Eastern Europe, and by Mao Tse-tung and the antiChristians who conquered China. Torture and murder of anyone connected with the teachings of Jesus Christ are what happens when Communism takes over. There was no "rapture" for them, and there is none taught in the Bible. Tribulation, YES! Rapture or removal from the earth, NO! On this Jesus and the prophets agree.

Chapter Six

The Regathering, Captivity and Deliverance Of Israel

In Micah 4, the first three verses are practically identical to Isaiah 2. Then God speaks of the regathering of the Israel people in Micah 4:6 and 7. After reading these verses, we will go on to see that it was prophesied that Zion would be in captivity to Babylon at the end of this age. **Micah 4:6:** *"In that day, saith the Lord, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted....."* This would be cast off Israel. **Micah 4:7:** *"And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the Lord shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever."* Cast off Israel being regathered would become a strong nation and that nation would be called Mount Zion. I believe this refers to the United States of America. The Anglo-Saxon and kindred peoples who constitute latter-day Israel have been gathered here and we have been made, by God, into a strong nation.

In **Micah 4:8** he goes on: *"And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem."* The kingdom of Christ was to be given to that strong nation called Zion. Jesus told the Jewish Pharisees in **Matthew 21:43**, *"Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof."* The kingdom would go to this strong nation; a nation basically Christian, for it could not possibly bring forth Christian kingdom fruits, if it were anything but a Christian nation.

However, that Zion nation gets in trouble, as we find by reading on in **Micah 4:9 and 10:** *"Now why dost thou cry out aloud? is there no king in thee? is thy counsellor perished? for pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail. Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail"* Something is going to be born out of all this trouble. He goes on in **verse 10:** *"...for now shalt thou go forth out Of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go even to Babylon....."* Can you imagine that? Micah pictures regathered Israel, in Zion, made into a great nation during a time of trouble, and then Zion going even to Babylon!

What will happen when Zion comes under the control of Babylon? The next phrase in **Micah 4:10** answers, *"...there shalt thou be delivered; there the Lord shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies."* Here we have the same prophecy, the same story, the same teaching as Daniel, Revelation, and Jesus Christ, in which God's people are to come under the control of the antiChrist rulers of the world and then, in a time of conflict and great tribulation, are to be delivered from that control into the kingdom of Christ upon the earth.

The subsequent verses of Micah describe the gathering of the nations against Zion and how Zion will fight in that battle and be victorious. All the nations of the world are being gathered against the United States of America, the greatest nation of all history; — a nation made great by its founding on Jesus Christ and the following of Christ's teach-

ings and His law from our beginnings. There has been no other nation like it in all of history. Yes, America is the Zion of Bible prophecy!

In **Isaiah chapter 52**, there is a similar prophecy. In **verse 1** we read, *"Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean."* BUT, Zion must do something first, as told in **verse 2**: *"Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion."* In other words, Zion has been captured and God tells her to loose herself from that captivity. In **verse 5** we see that captivity as an oppression of God's people, which is anti-God or anti-Christ. **Verse 5**, *"...they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the Lord: and my name continually every day is blasphemed."*

Where is that to happen? Believe it or not, it is to happen in Zion. If you have been told that Zion is in Heaven or that it exists only in relation to the kingdom age, you have been told wrong! Zion is a nation — a nation of regathered Israel, a great and mighty Christian nation — and before the full kingdom age, Zion will go through a terrible time of trouble and tribulation.

Zechariah wrote of the same thing in **Zechariah 2:7** where God speaks to Zion: *"Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon."* Yes, prophetic Babylon, called Mystery Babylon, Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth in Revelation chapter 17, is to actually-conquer God's Zion nation at the end of this age; to make the Israel people captive, to persecute them and to attempt to destroy them.

Then, through God's spirit and power, God's Israel people will break the power of Mystery Babylon over Zion and destroy her rule over themselves and all of the earth.

That is described in Revelation chapter 18, (to be studied later) including the call in **Revelation 18:4**, *"...Come out of her my people..."* and then in **Revelation 18:6**, *"Reward her even as she rewarded you...."* In other words, God's Israel people are to come out from under the control of Babylon and then to destroy her! Yes, my Christian Israel friends, we have a great and holy mission of God for the glory of our Christ and of His Kingdom. We have the mission to destroy the power of the antiChrist in America and then in the earth. Let us not ignore it nor attempt to escape it!

Babylon's allied nations are described in **Revelation 17:10-16** and we find in **verse 14**, that *"These [the ten nations] 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."* These nations make war with or against the Lamb — Jesus Christ — and the Lamb has an army of those who are called, chosen, and faithful. Those words (called, chosen, and faithful) can only describe Christian believers; so, they must be here while this war is going on. Yes, **verse 14** indicates war, battle, and conflict against Jesus Christ and His followers by those nations allied with Mystery Babylon.

This is what we find today: Almost all of the nations of the world work against the best interests of the Christians and the Christian religion. The governments of even the so-called civilized nations have banned God's Word from their educational systems. A definite and effective effort

has been made to keep Christians out of political and government offices. This is often done by the leaders of the churches themselves, who teach their flocks not to get mixed up in politics, often on the grounds that politics is dirty. This teaching by ministers has given the non-Christians control of the governments in formerly Christian nations. Those government powers are then used to suppress the teachings of Jesus Christ. Atheism, humanism, evolution, socialism, collectivism and Marxist Communism are taught in the public schools of Europe and America; but the teachings of Jesus Christ are forbidden by law! Is this not further proof that the war, spoken of in Revelation 17:14, is already under way?

Marxist Communism and its slaughter of all who profess Christ is now taking over in Indo-China and much of the rest of Asia. Mystery Babylon continues her drive for control of a world without Christians, while most of the Christians of America and Western Europe do not even know that this war is directed against them and has as its aim their elimination!

It is well to bear in mind that the reason we read so much of Mystery Babylon's description in the vision of her judgment, is that most of the people of the world will not know of or recognize Mystery Babylon until her existence and power is terminated. In other words, they will not see this wicked system until it is destroyed. Mystery Babylon already exists in the world, today, as a world-ruling entity which controls the governments of the nations of the earth. Scarcely one person in ten thousand even knows that there is a world government of the nations, today. Only sincere Christians, who believe that the future of the world has been accurately foretold in God's Holy Word, seem interested in finding out the truth of world events in this age. Thus, the subsequent

verses in Revelation chapters 17 and 18 describe how Mystery Babylon will be destroyed.

Revelation 17:15, "*And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.*" The whore, Mystery Babylon, rules over people of different races, nations, and languages. Going on in **verse 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.*"** The very nations which gave her the power to work her will against the followers of Jesus and to consolidate her power over all of the earth, are the same nations which will turn against her and will be instrumental in her destruction.

Now some believe and teach — and it seems to make fairly good sense — that those ten nations could be the ten nations of the European Common Market. However, I am more inclined to think that it means, simply, the ten nations which have been most instrumental in accepting Mystery Babylon's rule and enforcing it on other nations. If so, one of those ten could very well be the United States of America. It is true that our wealth, power, and prestige have been used to build up and save World Communism from internal collapse for over half a century. Even Hitler's Germany was well on its way to drive the Communists from control of their home base in Moscow and Russia in the 1940's, when massive military aid from the United States turned the tide of battle against the Germans on the Eastern Front.

U.S. government officials have admitted that the Russian Communist government was facing a crisis of survival in

1971 and 1972, without enough food supplies to prevent widespread famine and revolt inside Russia. The immediate shipment of tens of thousands of tons of American grain to Russia and Eastern Europe was undertaken with the full cooperation and insistence of those who rule America. The interests of the American people were completely-ignored as our own government acted with haste to save Communist rule over Russia.

Scores of other events, where direct American intervention saved the Communists from overthrow, could be cited. Most of you know of some. But what is this? It is the visible action of an invisible world government. Who told the U.S. President to strip American granaries of wheat to send to Russia? Who told the U.S. Congress to authorize payment of the wheat with American taxpayer's money? Actually, God has allowed these "ten nations" to help the secret world rulers, temporarily, as we read in the next verses:

Revelation 17:17-18, *"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. And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth."* In other words, God is allowing nations, even Christian nations, to assist Mystery Babylon in exalting herself and then God will use those same nations to bring her low and to destroy her. You will recall in our study of Daniel 7 that this anti-Christ kingdom would make war with the saints and would prevail against them (verse 21) and then the saints of the most high God would destroy the world anti-Christ power. John continues in verses 26 and 27: ***"But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end And the kingdom and***

dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him."

All of the prophets tell the same story of the rise of a great anti-Christian, world-ruling entity in the last days, which will be destroyed when the power and the spirit of God is poured out upon His people, and then the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of Jesus Christ upon the earth. What a glorious promise! What a destiny for God's people to play out in the history of the nations and of the earth! No wonder the enemies of Christ want you Christians to believe that you have no part in the battle being waged upon the earth today. We are in the conflict of the ages in this war of all history! We are certain to win, and yet many shirk their duty to enter into battle with the forces of antiChrist.

Revelation chapter 18 then describes the filth and corruption which will be revealed to the inhabitants of the earth as Mystery Babylon is destroyed.

Revelation 18:1-2, *"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. 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"* It is during her judgment — her destruction — that her wickedness and corruption is revealed unto men.

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." We shall see, as we read on that Mystery Babylon is primarily an economic power controlling the world through money and reaping great plunder from the people for the merchants of the earth. The angel of God said that not only was Babylon anti-Christian and full of devils and foul spirits, but that she made the merchants of the earth rich through the abundance of her delicacies. Trade between nations — multinational corporations dealing in the production and the raw materials of nations — is part of Babylon's system. Men are as slaves-gold as king.

The World's Shipmasters

Before going on in Revelation chapter 18, I want to call your attention to the difference between what the U.S. government does to save privately-owned merchant ships and what it will do to save the lives of people. Think of our own supposed inability to save the millions in Cambodia, South Vietnam, Afghanistan, or even our own citizens in Iran, compared to what President Ford did in 1975; when Cambodian Communists seized the merchant vessel "Magwase," which was a vessel owned by an international corporation. This was shortly after the fall of South Vietnam. Our government had announced that it was unable to save even the South Vietnamese who had helped us during the war, and our military vessels were leaving the area. Then, suddenly, a Cambodian vessel seized the merchant ship "Magwase" and demanded a ransom for it and its 39 member crew. President Ford immediately launched an air strike inside Cambodia, with army helicopters strafing Cambodian military units and navy helicopters dropping poison gas on the

Cambodian navy ship, which was hauling away the 39 crewmen, most of whom were not even U.S. citizens! The Cambodian Communists immediately released the merchant vessel--and Ford was lauded as a hero. Suddenly, in 1975, the American citizens had had a quick glimpse of the dreadful force which would be used immediately against anyone, Communist or not; who would make the mistake of seizing or damaging a privately-owned merchant vessel. The left-wing politicians, who opposed any sort of military action to save the people of Southeast Asia, applauded President Ford's immediate reaction to save the merchant ship. The news media, which opposes U.S. intervention in Latin America, Asia, Mghanistan, or Iran for the people, commended President Ford's warlike action against the Communists over this one merchant vessel.

How does this fit Mystery Babylon in Revelation 18? If you will read **Revelation 18:17-19**, you will see that the merchants of the world, who own ships will mourn over the destruction of Mystery Babylon. In **verse 19** we read, *"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."* In other words, the men who own the ships of the world are protected and made rich by this entity called Mystery Babylon. We saw the strange situation where a President of the U.S., who could hardly save his own men and could not save the lives of people of the country that they were supposed to be saving, suddenly launched an attack against a foreign country to save a merchant ship.

Many Americans have known that the world shipmasters traded with both sides

all during the Vietnam War. British, Dutch, Liberian, American, Australian, Polish and other freighters of the world carried military supplies to both sides during the so-called war, without being molested by either side. Russian freighters hauling rockets and missiles to North Vietnam were towed through the Panama Canal by American tugs and sent on their way. Japanese and European-owned tankers off-loaded gasoline in both Haiphong and Saigon all during the war without being shot at or molested by the military forces of either side. The Communist Vietcong fired thousands of 120 mm. Russian rockets into Saigon, Da Nang and Cam Ranh Bay during the last eight years of that war; without one rocket landing on any ship, oil tanker, dockside warehouse, or oil storage depot in Cambodia or South Vietnam. People are turned over to Communist rule by the millions, but no one dares lay a hand on a ship or tanker in any harbor in the world! Who is giving the orders preventing either side from sinking merchant ships hauling the bloody supplies of war?

We had the amazing spectacle of the U.S. doing nothing to force the release of hundreds, possibly thousands, of its own soldiers missing and captured in that war by the Communists, but when those same Communists took possession of one of these privately-owned merchant ships, the whole might of the U.S. Navy struck immediately! Do the secret rulers of the earth, called in the Bible Mystery Babylon, have enough control of both the Communists and the so-called "free world" that they can prevent the destruction of their ships right in the middle of a so-called war? That merchant ship was operated by Sealand Transport which is the same billion-dollar corporation which supplied Saigon and the U.S. Army in South Vietnam during the war. The Communist Vietcong and the North

Vietnamese never destroyed, nor damaged one of their ships during ten years of war. But, apparently some young Communist in Cambodia did not understand that they were allowed to kill people, but not allowed to damage the ships of Mystery Babylon!

Returning to Revelation 18:3, we see that Mystery Babylon would exist in a time of great world trade where the rich men of the earth would gain great fortunes by partaking in the wickedness and fornications of her evil system. I believe we can see this going on today.

In **Revelation 16:19**, we had read that she had *"come in remembrance before God"* and we saw in Revelation 17:1, that God was going to judge and destroy her. Here, in Revelation chapter 18, before God delivers the death blow to Babylon, He calls to His people (listen, my brothers and sisters in Christ, this is to you) in **Revelation 18:4**, *"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."*

The Law And Sin

Do not join in Babylon's sins. Remember that John tells us in **1 John 3:4** that, *"sin is transgression of the law."* Paul wrote to Christian believers in **Romans 6:1 and 2**, *"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?"* We find in Revelation chapters 17 and 18 that Mystery Babylon is being destroyed by the wrath of God because of her sins, or because of her transgressions of God's laws. The present world system is in violation of God's laws on money, interest, debt, punishment for crime and agriculture. The government

and propaganda apparatus of Babylon leads its people to break God's laws on marriage, the raising of children, agriculture or farming, the military, government and the social order.

Christians are told throughout the New Testament that they are to obey God's laws; they are not to transgress them, nor are they to sin. Although many teach that Jesus Christ, the author of the Christian faith, put away God's laws, the Bible teaches the exact opposite (Matthew 5 and Romans 3:31). That makes sense in the light of Revelation, chapters 17 and 18; for there, Mystery Babylon is revealed as a great anti-God, world-ruling system which fights against and kills Christians. If faith in Jesus Christ establishes God's law, then it makes reasonable sense that the world entity known as Mystery Babylon the Great, would not only war against God's law, but would, also, war against the Christians — the faithful in Christ who uphold God's law. In fact, **Revelation, chapter 17** tells us that the scarlet woman on the red beast was actually *"drunken with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus."*

In all of these attacks on God's law, the organizations called churches play a great part, for it is they who proclaim that God's laws are no longer in effect and that Christ put away the law at the Cross. The organized church is now promoting a corrupted paraphrase of God's Word called, The Living Bible. In **Ephesians 2:15**, the King James describes Christ's atoning death in these words, *"Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances."* We know this to be the blood and sacrificial ordinances which were ended by Jesus' sacrifice once for all. **The Living Bible** has made this to read, *"By His death He ended the angry resentment*

between us, caused by the Jewish laws which favoured the Jews and excluded the Gentiles, for He died to annul that whole system of Jewish laws." I emphasize the last phrase of this quote because some of you dear people have been buying and giving The Living Bible to your children and grandchildren without realizing what is in it!

God's true Word tells us that Mystery Babylon is an entire world-ruling system, violating God's laws. How can God's people come out of Babylon when they are being taught that there is no such thing as God's law and that it was annulled by Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary?

Jesus, Himself, tells us in **Matthew 5:17** of the King James, *"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil."* Jesus goes on in **Matthew 5:19**, *"Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven:"*

In **Isaiah 42:21**, God says of His end-of-the-age deliverance of His people that, *"he will magnify the law, and make it honorable."* Many churches, today, do not magnify God's laws nor make them honorable. In fact, they dishonor God and His law by teaching that Jesus did something to the law which He did not do. You should try reading the New Testament substituting the phrase *"transgression of the law"* for the word *"sin."* You will see how much in error are they, who teach that the law is no longer in effect. Paul asks in **Romans 3:31**, *"Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law."*

In **Romans 7:7** it says, *"What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid, Nay, I had not known sin, but by*

the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet." How can we, without teaching God's law to our children, teach them right from wrong? The answer is obvious that we cannot. We are now raising a whole nation of people who do not know God's law. In **Romans 7:12**, Paul writes that *"the law is holy"* and in verse 14, that *"the law is spiritual"*

The epistle to the Galatians is often used, today, to prove that we are no longer under God's law. However, if you will carefully read that letter, you will find that it is about the law of physical circumcision; it is not about the whole body of God's law. Circumcision is mentioned five times in that letter, and a study of it, makes it plain that the problem facing the church in Galatia was the teaching, by some, that the Christians must be circumcised in order to be brought under the Abrahamic Covenant. Paul speaks three times of the yoke of bondage and in **Galatians 5:1**, he makes it plain what that yoke of bondage is: *"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and not be tangled again with the Yoke of bondage."* Some teach that the yoke of bondage is the law. The truth of what it is follows in the next verse, *"Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing."*

That was the question in Galatia; that was the problem Paul was attempting to straighten out — whether Christians should be circumcised. His answer, of course, takes up the whole letter and he says, NO! In **verse 3** he says, *"For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he be is a debtor to do the whole law." In other words, if those people believe that they must be circumcised to be saved, then they must, also, offer the animal sacrifices for*

the atonement for sin, because Verse 4 says, "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace." Did the people in Galatia think they were justified by keeping the whole law? That was not the question. The question was about the law of physical circumcision.

Yes! Today, a few verses of Galatians are being used to teach that the whole law was put away, and yet, it was never understood nor taught that way by men of the Reformation. Luther, Wesley, Tyndale and a host of others all taught that God's law is an eternal standard of right and wrong and that violation of it is sin. The ordinance of circumcision was put away as were the animal sacrifices; Paul explained that if physical circumcision were necessary, then all of the sacrifices were necessary, for Jesus would have accomplished nothing with His death. **Galatians 5:6**, *"For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor un-circumcision; but faith which worketh by love."* **Verse 11**, *"And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? Then is the offence of the cross ceased."*

Galatians 6:12, *"As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised, only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ."* When Paul said in **Galatians 3:24**, *"Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith,"* what law did he mean? The whole law? Nonsense! He meant the law he was writing about from Chapter 1 to the end of this letter; the law of circumcision which had become a controversy in Galatia. That must be true or the next verse would make no sense, for there he says in **Galatians 3:25**, *"But after that faith is*

come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster." He could not have meant the whole law of God, else why would he have written in Romans 3:31 that faith establishes the law? Would Paul say to the Galatians that faith ends the law and then say to the Romans that faith establishes the law? No, he was saying to the Galatians that Jesus had come and faith in Him had ended the ordinance of circumcision of the flesh and had begun the circumcision of the heart.

Circumcision was the seal of the covenant with Abraham (Genesis 17:9-11); it was necessary for the Abrahamic covenants. In Galatians, Paul was but protesting the false teaching of those who insisted that they must be circumcised in the flesh, as was Abraham, to come under the Abrahamic covenant. Not so! Paul knew better, as we should, and said so in **Galatians 3:29**: *"And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."* Physical circumcision was not only NOT necessary; but to practice it, was to deny the sacrifice of Christ and the workings of faith in Him to make us heirs according to the promise.

Whole books have been written and unknown thousands of sermons have been preached, quoting a few of Pauls' statements in Galatians to mean that the law of God was put away by Jesus and that we are no longer under the law. Millions of our people in Christendom partake of the sins of Babylon because they do not know what the law of God says or that they should study it and attempt to obey it. They charge or pay interest on money, which is forbidden in God's law. They eat swine's flesh and go to early graves from disease and worms, not knowing that God's law forbids them from even touching the dead carcass of a swine. They approve robbery and plunder by their own government, which is forbidden in the law

of God. They allow and approve of their nation making treaties with non-Christian nations; such treaties are forbidden in the law of God. They elect, or allow to be appointed over them, aliens to their race and aliens to their religion, who rule them to their hurt. These are all forbidden in the law, which is cast aside and trampled underfoot by the very ones who profess to believe in the author of that law: Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of Israel. No wonder that God will have to send out a special call to remove His people from Babylon; for we are entwined with her sins and many of our people do not even know that they are in Babylon. *"Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."*

Coming Out Of Babylon

I mentioned before that the book of Revelation is a series of visions, paralleling the books of the prophets. Jeremiah 49, 50 and 51 give the same prophecies that we read in Revelations 17 and 18. Contained in those chapters is the call to God's people, as recorded by. Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 51:1 says, *"Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I will raise up, against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against me, a destroying wind."* He goes on describing the destruction of Babylon as we, also, read it in Revelation chapter 18, and then in **Jeremiah 51:6, and 7**, he says, *"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." The word for mad means insane!

Going on in verses 8 and 9, "Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed. We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed. " Millions of the people of Christendom think that we can patch up the old system and that we can save that which God has decreed must be destroyed. No, my Christian friends, get out of the way and let Babylon fall! **Verse 9** continues, *"Forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country: for the judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies."* In **Jeremiah 51:45**, God repeats the warning: *"My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the Lord."* Yes, it is God's anger which is going to fall on those who insist on staying with Babylon.

God commands us to abandon Mystery Babylon, and as we go on in Revelation chapter 18, we shall see that we are not only to abandon her, but we are going to be God's weapons of war against her. We are going to be used of God to destroy her, to bring her down to the dust! We must, and we will, use the **"sword of the lord"** — His Word and His Spirit.

From Revelation 18:4, we learn that Christians should not be partakers of Babylon's transgressions of God's laws, thus avoiding the receiving of her plagues. **Revelation 18:5** continues, *"For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."* Now, Revelation 18:4 and 5 are quite often quoted by preachers and religious writers, today, to warn Christians of joining or partaking in what they call false religions. One denominational minister will use this

phrase to tell people to come out of another denomination. Also, men who call themselves non-denominational will tell you that all denominational churches are daughters of the harlot mother, Mystery Babylon. One fast-growing religious group in America insists that every church group which does not belong to their church group is in Babylon, and that you can come out of Babylon by forsaking all other churches to join their church. But, as I have attempted to point out in this study, Mystery Babylon the Great, is more economic than religious. This is born out by Mystery Babylon's relationship with the kings of the earth shown in Revelation 17:18, and her involvement with the merchants of the earth exposed in Revelation 18:3, 15 and 19. All of these phrases, coupled with similar ones in the books of the prophets, give every indication that Mystery Babylon is a system of economic, money and trade control, operating in every nation of the world.

People send me literature in the mail and quite often it is about the Catholic Church; typically, the articles state that it is the wealthiest religious entity in the world, that the Catholic Church owns this and that, and on and on. Therefore, to them, the Catholic Church is the scarlet woman of Revelation, chapters 17 and 18. Well, the Rockefeller family of New York is not Catholic, as far as I know, and I suspect that they could buy up every piece of property owned by the Catholic Church in America and still have enough money left over to buy one or two Protestant denominations! They are only one family of world traders. The Rothschilds of Europe are not Catholics. Someone wrote a book about this family a few years ago in which he estimated their wealth and came up with the startling observation that a child born to this family in Europe, if he could get his inheritance in cash, would immediately be worth 100 million dollars!

Members of the Rothschild banking family of Europe have personal incomes in excess of six million dollars per year. They could spend for their own personal desires \$500,000.00 per month, \$16,000.00 per day, and get richer!

Jackie Kennedy, an American who married shipping magnate, Aristotle Onassis, was spending, according to News magazine, in excess of one million dollars per month for her personal expenses; and she didn't make a dent in her husband's shipping fortune! Several hundred multi-billionaire families control, through their thousands of corporations and through whole governments of smaller nations, most of the trade of the world. Not one minister in ten thousand ever mentions the economic plunder and control of the people, nations and the earth.

Several months ago a Dr. E. Muller, coauthor of the book Global Reach, was in Phoenix speaking to students at the American Graduate School of International Management. The newspaper reported his speech in this manner: "Global corporations, huge transnational conglomerate organizations controlled 70 percent of the world's private business in 1973," Muller said. "The giant firms threaten the sovereignty of the nation states that they transcend by evading or influencing their powers to tax and to control their own money supplies," he told the audience of about 200 persons. "Because of their ability to plan on a worldwide scale from a central point, their power outstrips the basically national abilities of governments and labor unions," he asserted." He said much more; but boiling it all down and putting it in layman's language, what he said was that multi-billion dollar, multinational corporations controlled the trade of the world and they control governments and nations.

Isn't it strange how so many ministers can read Revelation, chapter 17 and 18 and live in this age; when multinational and world trade and banking organizations are owned and controlled by a literal handful of people, with so much wealth at their disposal that the average American cannot even imagine it, and not see the obvious? Yet the ministers never even seem to suspect that these wealthy powers might have some connection with what God's angel told John would be happening in these last days. The angel told John in **Revelation 17:18**, *"And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the Kings of the earth."* The wealth controlled by these multinational giants and their control over whole nations of the world makes the wealth of the Roman Catholic church pale into insignificance by comparison; and few there are who oppose or expose it.

In the tenth chapter of Isaiah is a prophecy of just such an economic power, which would rise to control the earth. God puts words in the mouth of this great world power and we hear it saying in **Isaiah 10:13 and 14**, *"For he saith, By thy strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man: And my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the people: and as one gathereth eggs that are left, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped."* Isaiah, chapter 10, is also a parallel prophecy of Revelation, chapters 17 and 18. (There is much more in Isaiah chapter 10 which I have covered on a cassette tape titled Isaiah 10: The Destruction of Prophetic Assyria.)

I do agree that false religions are a part of the secret world-control apparatus called Mystery Babylon the Great; but they are really more of a tool of the controllers than a major part of Mystery Babylon. The actual world-control apparatus uses false religion to pacify the people and keep them from revolting against Babylon's plunder and robbery. False religions teach the people that the world is just a place where they must work and suffer and finally die, and that their real reward is beyond the grave after they die. Therefore, why try to make the world a better place now? This kind of philosophy (it really is a philosophy, not a religion) keeps millions of people under the heels of the exploiters and the robbers of the earth.

Jesus Christ used violence only one time, during His ministry, and that was against the money changers. Jesus spoke and taught continually, concerning what He called the **"kingdom of heaven"** and the **"kingdom of God"** He made it plain that it was God's intent that man would live on an earth devoid of sin, an earth without poverty, and an earth without disease and death. He taught the people that man's highest duty was to love God with all his heart, mind and soul and to obey His commandments. And the second commandment was like unto the first, **"Love thy neighbor as thyself."** How can a people obey the commands of Jesus Christ and at the same time allow a system of worldwide plunder and robbery to exist; which destroys their neighbor and makes him a debtor and slave to the moneylender and the multinational conglomerates which control his government, kill his sons in foreign wars, and rob him of the fruits of his labor? The obvious answer is that they cannot! This is why we find in the next verses of Revelation, chapter 18, that God calls His people, not only to come out of Mystery Babylon, but to destroy her!

God tells His people to come out because Mystery Babylon's sins (her violations of God's laws) have reached unto heaven. Then in **Revelation 18:6** God commands, ***"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."*** There is no command here to get ready to leave the earth in some sort of a secret rapture now that Mystery Babylon is ruling; no, that is false doctrine; that is part of the deception of Babylon herself! God's command is to reward her, destroy her, end her rule of sin upon the earth!

Revelation 18:7, ***"How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously."*** Yes, she glorifies herself. She tells the people how her system is responsible for the good life, that she has the best system on the earth, that if you will follow her, she will bring peace and safety to the earth and end the scourge of war. She does this, while at the same time she secretly plans wars, destroys nations, robs the people and promotes lust and sin; for the secret world rulers of Babylon thrive on sin and corruption.

Continuing in **verse 7**, ***"...so much torment and sorrow give her."*** Now my Christian brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, this is the angel of God giving God's command to His people. Does He say to turn away and not get involved? Does He say that these things of the earth do not concern you, that you Christians have no responsibility to see justice and righteousness done on the earth? NO! On the contrary! God Almighty orders His people into battle against Mystery Babylon, against the system which is corrupting and destroying the earth.

Some have accused me of being quite harsh, at times, about ministers who teach the false doctrine of the secret rap-

ture of the church, because they feel that these ministers are sincere. Well, some of them may be, but their doctrine is the exact opposite of God's Word! God's Word calls Christians to battle, to strive for righteousness and justice in the land and in all the earth, to destroy Mystery Babylon out of the earth. The doctrine of the secret rapture is a call to inactivity, to cowardice, to retreat before the enemies of Christ. It is, actually, a neutralizing theme insinuated into the teaching of the churches, for the purpose of preventing Christians from actively opposing Babylon's evil rule; and it has been quite effective.

I wonder how many of you dear Christian people have ever realized the blasphemy against the sovereignty of God that is found in this doctrine — the teaching that Christ only has power to save a handful of people from the earth, while the rest of His creation is consigned to the antiChrist and finally to a "burning hell." No wonder our young people have no vision of the great and mighty power of the God of the Bible! I might add that tens of thousands of Christians are beginning to question this doctrine and are searching the holy Bible, where they find no foundation for the so-called "rapture." For this we thank Almighty God!

Continuing in **Revelation 18:7-9**, *"...for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. 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. 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."*

You notice, here, that the kings of the earth are not only in agreement with this scarlet woman, called Babylon the Great, but the Scripture says that she lived deliciously and that they lived-deliciously with her. This indicates that they lived in great wealth and splendor, lacking nothing in the material realm. The word kings does not necessarily-mean monarchs as some might think. It actually-means leaders or rulers, those who control the nations or the people. Some nations do have what they call kings, but they are often nothing more than figureheads, and the real control is in the hands of a man or men behind the scenes.

We can see that that is true, even in the so-called democracies like the U.S. We have a President, but he is not really the one who controls the operation of the government of the U.S. In America, at the present time, the Secretary of State, actually has been given more power than the President. The President is the visible head, but few Americans know that some years ago, then-President Nixon signed an executive order giving Henry Kissinger, as Secretary of State, power to act for the President in all matters involving foreign nations. This power has never been rescinded, either by Congress or following Presidents. The Secretary of State can sign secret agreements and treaties with both non-Communist and Communist nations upon his own authority; binding the government and people of America to these treaties and agreements, without even consulting the President or the Congress!

This power was revealed in the so-called "war scare" in 1973 between the Egyptians and the Jews. Mr. Kissinger, acting as Secretary of State, gave the order to alert all U.S. military forces all over the world, cancelled all leaves, ordered all military personnel to report to their bases, ordered

the movement of U. S. soldiers and marines to Europe, all without consulting President Nixon. In fact, President Nixon did not even know the alert had been ordered and was in operation, and the troops were moving, until he was informed of it the next morning by aides!

This same situation continues with the President going around making speeches and carrying out protocol with the heads of foreign states; but the actual control of the U. S. government is in the hands of the Secretary of State and others who have been appointed to positions of control. In this fashion, they would qualify for the title of kings, as given in Revelation 18:9. For this reason, don't necessarily look for crowned monarchs to be allied with Mystery Babylon. It would be any person or persons who control a nation. They could be dictators, elected presidents, or others who may have gained control through bribery, blackmail, or deceit. Control is the deciding factor not their title.

We, also, see in **Revelation 18:7-9** that Mystery Babylon is completely sure of her power and is not fearful that she shall lose it. She says in **verse 7**, *"I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow."*

Isaiah 47 is a parallel prophecy to Revelation chapters 17 and 18. In the first verses of this chapter, God warns her of her coming destruction and accuses her in **verses 7 and 8** of this audacity and confidence: *"And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it. Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children."* [Then He tells her through the prophet what will hap-

pen to her in **verse 9**] *"But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day."* Remember, it also says *"one day"* in Revelation chapter 18.

Going on in **Isaiah 47:9-10**, *"the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments. For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me."* God tells her that she trusted in her wickedness, but note the phrase, *"thou hast said, None seeth me."* In other words, she thinks that no one knows about her, that no one knows of her existence, and she thinks her power is secret and hidden from the people.

Banksters And Communists

Previously, we have seen that the red beast upon which the woman sits is literally World Communism — the red system of subversion, murder, and war on which the scarlet woman rides to her conquest of the world. The scarlet woman is not Communism, but is the power which controls and directs Red Communism and has control of world trade and money, as well as political control of the governments of the nations of the world. Although many people do not see that there is a secret control behind Communism, which controls and directs all Communist activity in the world, they do see the Communist threat to Christianity .

Bella Dodd, who was a member of the Communist Party in America during the 1930's, broke with the Communist Party during World War II and gave extensive

testimony to Congressional committees about her years in that party. One part of her testimony was especially revealing, and gave proof of the existence of a secret power, over and above, the Communist Party. She stated that during the first months of WWII, after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and we declared war on Germany, there was a breakdown in contacts between Moscow and the American Communist Party because of the newly-instituted restrictions on travel in America by noncitizens. To her amazement, and somewhat to her confusion, she and other high American Communist officials were directed by Moscow agents to make contact with certain Wall Street banks in New York City. This they did; and she testified that they then received orders for carrying on the activity of the Communist Party in America, directly from those Wall Street bankers! She continued in the party for some years after that, finally becoming disillusioned when she realized that Communism was nothing more than a tool of the international bankers and financiers to further their economic control of all the nations and the peoples of the world. Communism provided the revolutionists, the bomb-throwers, and, to some extent, the wars, by which international financiers obtained mortgages against every nation and every worker on the earth.

Her testimony was given many years ago and yet, young people all over the earth and in America continue to be deceived into joining Communist agitation and revolution, shouting slogans against Wall Street: not knowing that the international financiers in New York, London, Paris, Switzerland, and Moscow are the real controllers of all revolutions and disruptions all over the world, and that Communists are not working to release the people from international fin-

ancier control, but to make that control complete.

Although, liberal and left-wing commentators and writers in America and other nations pour out tons of propaganda against what they call "exploitation of the workers" by capitalism, they are totally silent about such things as those workers being forced to pay bankers one hundred thousand dollars in interest for a \$40,000 loan on their home or farm! They remain silent when those workers are being taxed several thousand dollars a year, by their government, to pay those bankers interest on the national debt, on the state debt, on school bonds, highway bonds, sewer bonds, street bonds, bonds for civic centers and so on. Communists always rail at the businessman and the factory owner and the producers, but they say absolutely nothing about the parasitic banking system, which drains hundreds of billions of dollars in usury from the workers of America every year!

The Rockefellers, the Kissingers and other rulers of the so-called capitalist nations, travel scores of times in and out of the nations which are supposed to be their deadly enemies and nothing happens to them. They smile, embrace, toast each other with vodka, and take vacations at resorts guarded by red soldiers at the very same time other red soldiers, in other parts of the world, are busy slaughtering millions of human beings! The Kissingers, Rockefellers, and others are, supposedly, the top representatives of the hated capitalists, but have you ever heard of a Communist demonstration against Kissinger? No, you have not.

What power is it that prevents liberals and Communists from writing or speaking or demonstrating against the Kissingers? Is it some power higher than Communism? Could that power be what

God is describing in the books of the prophets and in the book of Revelation, called Babylon? Can it be the scarlet woman which rides on and controls the red beast of Communism? Could it be the power that says in **Isaiah 47:10**, "*None seeth me,*" and in **Revelation chapter 17** is called a "*mystery?*" Of course it is! It is the power Bella Dodd found out about when communications within the Communist Party were disrupted and she was ordered in the emergency to go directly to the source of that power, right to the plush offices of the billionaire bankers in New York City.

Our people look on in confusion as nation after nation falls to what is called Communism; and billionaire bankers and financiers go right on doing business with the new red government, even as that red government is exploiting and even killing its people. Is it ignorance on the part of the billionaire financiers or, is the ignorance on the part of our people, who do not see their connection?

Revalo Oliver once wrote, "It takes hundreds of millions of dollars to bring about a revolution in a nation." Yet the gullible Americans still think Communism is a movement of the poor. NO! Communism has never been a movement of the poor. It has always been financed and controlled in secret by the super-rich. Students of Bible prophecy should ask themselves, "What is the power that can see that none buy or sell without a certain mark," called in the Bible, "the mark of the beast," if it is not control of money? The poor of the world do not control the money of the world, nor do the Communists. That control is in the hands of the international financiers!

Babylon's Destruction

This hiding of the real control of Red Communism is why God surnames that

red power with the name "Mystery." To the vast mass of humanity and even to the majority of Christians, it was and still remains, a mystery. But thank God that the wicked rulers of Mystery Babylon have not hid themselves from a just and righteous God! As we see here in Isaiah chapter 47 and Revelation chapters 17 and 18, their destruction, the end of their rule over America and over the earth, will come in a very brief span of time. It will come as a surprise to them and they will be helpless to save themselves. In **Revelation 18:8**, God says, "*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.*" In **Isaiah 47:9**, God says, "*But these two things shall come to thee in a moment, in one day,*" and then lists her destruction.

Turn to James 5, where we read of rich men and of destruction by fire. Remember that Babylon represents wealth and will be destroyed by fire. **James 5:1-3**, "*Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat you flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.*"

Then James speaks of exploitation of the workers, which is exactly what Communist nations do to produce cheap goods, which are then sold on the markets of the world by the capitalists who control world trade. In **verse 4** we read, "*Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of*

Sabaoth." Then it says in **verse 5**, **"Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton."** That phrase, charging the rich men of the earth with having been wanton, has the same meaning as the phrase in Revelation 18:3, where it says that the kings and merchants of the earth are committing fornication with Mystery Babylon the Great. Previously, we saw that Jeremiah 49, 50, and 51 are parallel prophecies to Revelation chapters 17 and 18, except that Jeremiah's prophecies are given in more detail. From this prophet we will see how this truth, that it is God's people who will destroy prophetic Babylon, is described. Many Bible students are not aware that Jeremiah gave a detailed prophecy about this end-time world power called, Babylon, five hundred years before Christ and almost six hundred years before John saw the visions, which he recorded in Revelation. By the way, this principle holds true for the entire book of Revelation. Most of the erroneous interpretations of Revelation, being taught today, are coming from men who think that the book of Revelation is all new prophecy. That is not so. Everything that John saw and recorded of this series of visions in symbols, had to do with events which were already-written in the books of the prophets. Just as Revelation chapters 21 and 22 is foretold in Isaiah chapter 60 and on (and of course corroborated by other prophets), so Revelation chapters 17 and 18 is foretold by Jeremiah and other prophets.

Jeremiah 51:1-2, **"Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against me, a destroying wind, And will send unto Babylon fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about."** This word, fanning, is used in other places

in the Bible to indicate fanning as you would grain. The tares being lighter than wheat are blown away with the destroying wind while the wheat falls to the ground or earth. The wheat is not taken up into heaven in God's fanning.

Jeremiah 51:5, **"For Israel hath not been forsaken, nor Judah of his God, of the Lord of hosts; though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel."** It must be that Babylon is to be fanned, to be destroyed to save Israel. If you think that the little Jewish land of Palestine is the Israel of the Bible, then of course this makes no sense. In the context of Israeli, today, there is no Babylon which would fit. But, in the truth that America and the other Anglo-Saxon nations of Christendom or the lands of Christ's dominion, are the lands of God's people-Israel, and that they are ruled over by a system of debt, money, war, and plunder called Babylon, the words in Jeremiah and Revelation become clear.

Then follows the call to come out in **Jeremiah 51:6**, **"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 recompense."** In **Revelation 18:4** we read the call to **"come out of her my people that ye be not partakers of her sins."** That this Babylon of Jeremiah, chapter 51 is not the ancient city of Babylon is made plain in **verse 7**, **"Babylon hath been a golden cup in the Lord's hand, that rule all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad."**

This Babylon, in Jeremiah chapter 51, is worldwide. It affects all nations and fits John's vision in Revelation of Mystery, Babylon the Great. There the angel told

John that this scarlet woman was *"that great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth."* In **Revelation 18:3** we read, *"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."* The ancient city of Babylon of 2,500 years ago, controlled only a tiny portion of the earth and only a handful of nations. If you read Ezekiel 17 and 18, Ezra, Nehemiah and Daniel, you find that ancient Babylon took captive only a portion of the kingdom of Judah, which, in turn, was only a small part of the nation of Israel. Ancient Babylon never did have rule over all of Israel, much less all the earth. But here, this prophetic Babylon not only rules over all of Israel, but rules over all the nations of the earth! Jeremiah could have been prophesying, only, of prophetic Mystery Babylon as was John in Revelation chapters 17 and 18.

Jeremiah 51:7, also, says that Babylon hath made all the earth drunken, just as we read in **Revelation 18:3**, *"For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."*

Reading on in **Jeremiah 51:8-9**, *"Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed. We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed."* Many are trying to heal, to prop up or to save the present world system of debt and usury, war, plunder and oppression known as Babylon. In other words, they do not want her to be destroyed. However, God has other ideas as we go on in **verse 9**, *"...foresake her, and let us go every one into his own country: for her judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up even to*

the skies." That is what we read of Mystery Babylon in **Revelation 18:5**, *"...her sins have reached unto heaven and God hath remembered her iniquity."*

Zion-Israel's Home

Now read carefully **Jeremiah 51:10**, *"The Lord hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the Lord our God."* We are to declare in Zion, God's work. What is God's work? Here it is plain that it is the destruction of this Babylon which has made the earth drunken, which has made the nations mad.

Zion, as we have seen, is the New Jerusalem. In **Isaiah 2** and **Micah 4**, it is called the *"mountain of the Lord of hosts."* and *"my holy mountain."* In **Isaiah 66:20** we read of *"my holy mountain of Jerusalem."* In Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel, we find the use of Zion, Jerusalem, holy mountain and similar phrases over thirty times and in many of them it is easy to see that it is a land, even a nation. Such as in **Isaiah 57:13**, where it says, *"... he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain."* In Isaiah chapter 60 through Isaiah chapter 62, it is called a land several times. Zechariah gives a geographical description of it which is covered in some detail in my booklet: "The Old Jerusalem Is Not The New Jerusalem" There it is shown as being between two great seas; it is divided or quartered by rivers; it is a land that has been surveyed and marked off with lines; it runs from the river to the ends of the earth and on and on. Only one place in all the earth fits all of the Bible descriptions of Zion and the New Jerusalem; and that is the North American continent! Zion is also described in the Bible as the place of regathered Israel, the place where God

has gathered His people, Israel, to bless them according to His covenant. Once again, the only place in all of the world which fits that description is the United States of America.

So when God says to declare in Zion His work, I believe that work will be done in the nations of this North American continent, the United States and Canada. Come, let us declare In Zion that God is destroying Babylon!

It should be more apparent in comparing Revelation chapters 17 and 18 with Jeremiah chapters 50 and 51 that we Christians will have much to do in the work of destroying Mystery Babylon. We have a false teaching, which is taught over and over, that we Christians will have nothing whatsoever to do in the destruction of the antiChrist world power; that the Bible prophesies will rule the earth at the end of this age. That false teaching known as the pre-tribulation rapture is used to tell Christians that we will not be here when the antiChrist rules. However, God's Word has an entirely different set of instructions to His people. In Revelation 18:6, God actually commands His people to destroy Babylon, a far cry from escaping in some rapture from the antiChrist's rule! How are you going to obey that command of God, if all you are doing is waiting for a nonexistent ride off the earth?

Revelation 18:7 says, *"How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her."* It is God who judgeth her, but anyone at all familiar with the Holy Bible knows that God always assigns human instruments to assist in His judgments. Even in the cases where seemingly miraculous destructions of enemy powers and enemy armies took place in ancient Israel; God always had the faith-

ful few carrying out those things, necessary to bring about that destruction.

Jericho's walls fell down flat, according to God's Word, but Israel had to march around them a prescribed number of times. God delivered Israel from captivity, six times in the book of Judges, but each time God raised up a few men, required that they do certain things against the enemies of Israel; and then He brought about the deliverance, recorded there. Where do you think we would be today if our Puritan and Pilgrim forefathers in England had been taught the doctrine of the pre-tribulation rapture of the Church? Would they have risked their lives to establish a Christian civilization 6,000 miles away on an unknown continent, in a wilderness? No, they would have waited in England for God to do everything, as so many are doing today! God's events come to pass when God's people act upon His Word and they will hear Jesus say in that day, *"Well done thou good and faithful servant."*

Returning to Jeremiah chapter 51, we will go on and read the call to battle against Babylon. **Jeremiah 51:11-12**, *"Make bright the arrows, gather the shields: the Lord hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device is against Babylon, to destroy it; because it is the vengeance of the Lord, the vengeance of His temple. Set up the standard upon the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set up the watchmen, prepare the ambushes: for the Lord hath both devised and done that which He spake against the inhabitants of Babylon."* Notice here, God says that He is doing it at the same time He tells us to *"set up the standard, make the watch strong, prepare ambushes against Babylon."*

Jeremiah 51:13 makes it certain that this is about prophetic Babylon, not

ancient Babylon: *"O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness."* In Revelation 17:1 the angel said to John, *"Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters..."* and then he names her **"Babylon"** Regardless whether you take the "many waters" to mean many people, as some do, or literal waters and seas and oceans, ancient Babylon hardly-fits either. She ruled over but a small portion of the earth; and her sea trade was confined to the eastern Mediterranean and the southern shores of Asia, hardly many waters in any sense. Most of the other verses in Jeremiah chapters 50 and 51 will not fit ancient Babylon, either, but all will fit prophetic Babylon of Revelation.

In **Jeremiah 51:14-17**, God speaks of His own power and ridicules the graven images or idols of men, indicating there will be no salvation in them. He then says in **verse 18**, *"They are vanity, the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish."* This indicates that with the visitation of destruction upon Babylon, all false religions will be destroyed, also. This again could not be the old city for that did not happen at her destruction. In Isaiah 2, where God proclaims the deliverance of Zion and Jerusalem from their enemies and false religions, He says in **verses 17 and 18**, *"And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. And the idols he shall utterly abolish."* Other prophets confirm that in the day of destruction of the great anti-Christian, world power, all false religions and all idols will be ground into dust; and Christ shall reign over all the earth.

In Jeremiah 51:19 and on, God tells us who He will use in this battle of destruc-

tion against Babylon. **Jeremiah 51:19**, *"The portion of Jacob is not like them; for he is the former of all things: and Israel is the rod of His inheritance: the Lord of hosts is his name."* In other words, God is the portion of Jacob. Other races worship idols, which are of no help, but Jacob has God Almighty on His side. God will use the people of Jacob, the people of Israel, to destroy Babylon.

God goes on speaking to the Israel people in **Jeremiah 51:20**, *"Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee win I destroy kingdoms."* This confirms the premise I stated before, that God will be the one who is doing this; BUT, He uses His people (Israel) to destroy all these nations and peoples, which have aligned themselves with Babylon. Do not let the title of Jacob or Israel confuse you. He is not talking, here, of the people known today as Jews. They are not the Israel people; they are not God's people! God's people are found in Christendom — the people in whom God has worked for the last two milleniums; the people who have carried out His work in this age. We are Israel. We are the physical descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and America is an evident-fulfillment of the promise to Abraham, *"I will make of thee a great nation."*

Even in the beginning of this section in Jeremiah, in Chaper 50, we see that the destruction of Babylon will come about after a migration of the children of Israel (**verses 4 and 5**): *"In those days, and in that time, saith the Lord, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah. together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the Lord their God They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join our-*

selves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten."

The United States of America was begun in just that manner — by God's people coming in weeping and supplication. These verses could be fulfilled only by a people of Christ, not a people of antiChrist! When our Christian forefathers landed on these shores, they did join themselves together in a perpetual covenant with Jesus Christ. Read the Mayflower Compact! Read the charters and constitutions of the early colonies! They not only bound themselves to seek Christ's Kingdom and His ways, but most of them included phrases such as "For ourselves and our posterity" thereby binding we, who have descended from them, in a perpetual covenant with Christ.

God describes Israel's coming to Zion in **Jeremiah 3:14** this way, *"Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion."* Does that sound like a place off up in heaven or even in old Palestine? To prove it is certainly not the return of the Jews to Palestine, let us read about what would happen when His people were brought to Zion in **Jeremiah 3: 15**, *"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."* That would have to be spirit-filled, Christian pastors and not Jewish rabbis, or else you would be denying everything the Bible teaches!

In **Jeremiah 3:18**, the land from which they would come is called the **"land of the north."** All of the early Christian settlers of these colonies came from the land north of Palestine-Europe. In **verse 19**, Zion is called *"a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the host of nations."* An alternate translation in the margin says that that could read, *"a land of*

desire or a desirable land, an heritage of beauty." What nation of all nations, in spite of the vicious propaganda against it, stands out as the most desirable of all lands? What land is so beautiful and so bountiful that it has been known for centuries, and rightly so, as God's country? Only one, and that is America! — the nation that stands at the head of all nations, the land which the Lord has blessed above all others, the land that has more churches and Christians among her over 200 million people than the rest of the world has in its over three billions or so. Our nation, today, still acknowledges Jesus Christ, in its official and unofficial functions, by having a minister open its meetings with a prayer in Jesus' name. The antiChrist is trying to eliminate all of that, but the perpetual covenant of our forefathers in Zion cannot be broken!

When the battle is finally joined against Babylon in this Zion nation, we shall see come to pass that which **Isaiah** writes about Babylon in the **13th chapter** in **verse 14**, *"...they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land."* Jeremiah said that, also, in **Jeremiah 50:16**, *"Cut off the sower from Babylon."* In other words, cut off those who sow wickedness and iniquity. Going on in **verse 16**, *"...and him that handleth the SICKLE in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land."* That this separation of the peoples will take place during Babylon's fall and that Babylon has something to do with World Communism, is obvious from this verse where the sickle is mentioned, and from **Jeremiah 50:23** which says, *"How is the HAMMER of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! How is Babylon become a desolation among the nations!"* Consider the hammer and the sickle of Babylon. Could

that be the hammer and sickle of Red Communism, or the red beast upon which Mystery Babylon the Great is seen riding in Revelation chapter 17? Of course it is; and she exists and controls a land called Zion in these same prophecies; the Zion of which is the abode of the people who have a perpetual covenant with Jesus Christ. Zion could only be America and it is here, between the great sea and the eastern sea, that Babylon will meet her doom.

As we study Jeremiah 51:19-23 and think back on our history of the world, we can see that this passage makes certain that it is not the old city of Babylon which is destroyed in this prophecy of Jeremiah, chapters 50 and 51. Here, an entity called Babylon, is destroyed by an entity called Jacob, or Israel, carrying out the work of God Almighty. The Bible, as well as Secular history, tells us that it was the Medes and Persians who destroyed the ancient empire of Babylon. This prophecy in Jeremiah is about end-time Babylon or Mystery Babylon of Revelation, and Israel (who many try to spiritualize or forget about completely) is involved in this destruction of Babylon, prior to and during the return of Jesus Christ, at the end of the age.

Jeremiah 51:21-24, *"And with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider; With thee also will I break in pieces man and woman; and with thee will I break in pieces the old and young; and with thee will I break in pieces the young man and the maid; I will also break in pieces with thee the shepherd and his flock; and with thee will I break in pieces captains and rulers. And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the Lord."*

Notice that the work of Babylon is not being condemned because it is in Babylon, but because it is in Zion!

Verse 25, *"Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the Lord, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain."* God will use His Israel people to break in pieces and destroy every part of society, business, and government, which is not in line with the Word of God; instead, they are parts of Mystery Babylon. Notice in **verse 23**, God said, ***"I will also break in pieces with thee the shepherd and his flock,"*** indicating that the Israel people will be the instrument for the destruction of false churches and false religions.

In the book of the Kings and Chronicles, you will see that each time God brought a turning in Israel, a revival if you please; one of the first things they did was to burn down and destroy Baal worship, all idols and all heathen temples out of their land. In the years to come, as God turns our people to Himself, I believe we will turn and destroy all false religions out of this land.

Today, false religions are not only allowed in America, they are growing. Worship of the earth, sun, moon and stars, witchcraft, the occult and blasphemy of Jesus Christ are common in America today. Even the bringing of refugees from Indo-China, as sad as is their plight, is bringing more false religions here. Many, perhaps most of them, are Buddhists and they now have Buddhist ceremonies at their refugee centers and army camps. All of this is blasphemy against the true God of Israel, Jesus; and God is going to break all of this in pieces as He moves to destroy Babylon.

In **Jeremiah 51:23** we read, *"...and with thee will I break in pieces captains and rulers."* Remember **Revelation chapter 11**, where we read of the third and last woe coming on the earth, and the triumph of Christ's Kingdom in **verse 15**, *"And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."* That of necessity must be interpreted to mean that there would be an overthrow of all authority in all kingdoms — or all nations, as we call them today — and the establishment of Christ's authority over those nations.

In **Isaiah chapter 24**, God actually likens Christ's takeover of the earth to the turning of the earth upside down. That charge was leveled against the apostles, by the way, starting in **Acts 17:5**: *"But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people."* Here we have civil riots and revolution in the city. Why? The answer is in **verse 6**: "And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither, also. *"John said, "He is antiChrist that denyeth the Father and the Son" (1 John 2:22).* These antiChrists recognized that the true teachings of Jesus would turn their world upside down, which it eventually shall as this age closes.

Some denominations teach from **Isaiah chapter 24**, that the earth will be turned upside down, destroyed and left in ashes. That is not what it teaches at all; it is the

wicked, anti-Christ, world system which will be turned upside down, burned and destroyed! The last verse of **Isaiah chapter 24** makes it plain that it is a prophecy of the coming reign of Christ, for it ends; *"... when the Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously."* To understand that better, you must know what New Jerusalem really is instead of what the churches teach that it is.

Returning briefly to **Revelation 11:15**, which we read, we see clearly-taught that the kingdom of Jesus Christ is to be on the earth, although some deny that plain doctrine. That the kingdom will come when the blasphemous rule of the God-haters is ended, is evident from **Revelation 11:18**: *"And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth."* That which is destroying the earth is Babylon and all of its parts. We just read that in **Jeremiah 51:25** where God said to Babylon, *"Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the Lord, which destroyest all the earth."* In **Revelation chapter 11**, the last great act of God on His timetable of ushering in Christ's rule over all the earth, is the destruction of Babylon and all of her harlot daughters. That destruction will be accomplished by God using the descendants of Jacob, the Israel people, just as we read in **Jeremiah chapter 51**. Where in the world does that leave you people who are preaching about and looking forward to what you call the "rapture of the church" or the secret removal of the believers from the earth? It makes you deserters from the army of the Lord of hosts!

A few years ago the hippies and the drug addicts were singing a song about "stop the world, I want to get off." Has that become the theme song of the professing church? If so, it is the trumpet of retreat, not the trumpet of victory in Christ Jesus!

Galatians 3:7 says, *"Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham."*

Galatians 3 :29 says, *"And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."* If God's Word says He will use Jacob-Israel — whom we know to be Abraham's seed — as His battle ax and weapons of war in the destruction of Babylon (**Jeremiah 51 :20**), then that means every professing Christian in the world is a soldier in the army of Jesus Christ in this, the conflict of the ages! Let us be about our duties and our service and not making plans, from a false doctrine, for an escape to the heavens.

God goes on to tell us how completely the Babylonian system will be destroyed from off the earth in **Jeremiah 51:26**: *"And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be desolate for ever, saith the Lord"* We will not find a single unit or memory of the wickedness of Babylon, which can be used to contaminate the earth again, after her final destruction.

Jeremiah 51:27-32 tells us of her destruction and of all nations turning against her. Then we read in **verse 33**, *"For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; The daughter of Babylon is like a threshingfloor, it is time to thresh her: yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come."* Here, she is called *"the daughter of Babylon."* This is not the old city, the city of history. This is the same Babylon of

Revelation, chapters 17 and 18 — the end-of-the-age, world-controlling system.

Jeremiah 51:35 tells us that Zion and Jerusalem are against Babylon: *"The violence done to me and to my flesh be upon Babylon, shall the inhabitant of Zion say; and my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say."*

We, also, read in **Jeremiah 51:49**, *"As Babylon hath caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth."* Again, these are prophecies which make no sense at all, if you try to fit them into the ancient city of Babylon or into any sort of a future prophecy where the New Jerusalem is a huge cube-shaped city, which will be lowered down to sit upon the earth. Jerusalem is an entity upon the earth, now, and it is under attack from Babylon. It is Babylon's desire to destroy Zion and Jerusalem.

We have already seen that World Communism is at least a great part of the scarlet woman and the red beast of Revelation, chapters 17 and 18. Now, what is World Communism's target? Is it not attempting to destroy the people of Jesus Christ from off the earth? Is not the target the nations of Christendom? Is not the target Christianity? The battle is already joined; Babylon is well on her way to destroy Jerusalem; and neither of them are the old, ancient cities; both are large, well-defined entities in the world today. Babylon is the world of the anti Christian and the people of the antiChrist. Jerusalem is the world of Jesus and the people of Christendom. We are Jacob-Israel. We are Jerusalem. We live in the Zion of Bible prophecy. Why do you think that the Communists hate America so, because we have more cars than they do? No, they hate America because we are the

Zion and the New Jerusalem of Bible prophecy, and they know that to control the earth they must destroy prophetic Jerusalem and God's Israel people or be destroyed themselves!

The Birthright Battle

That God's people, the people of Jacob-Israel, will be the instruments which will destroy Red Communism and Mystery Babylon the Great, is made plain by another prophet in the Old Testament. In Obadiah, the wicked rulers are identified as the descendants of Esau (Jacob's brother) and his Canaanite wives. These people became known as the Edomites. It is of Edom or their descendants that Obadiah speaks. If you know your Old Testament, you know that Esau sold his birthright to Jacob for a mess of pottage. It says in **Genesis 25:30**, *"therefore was his name called Edom."* The margin, or any good concordance, will tell you that Edom means **"red."** Isn't it strange that it is the same color as that of Mystery Babylon, and the same color as that of the beast, and the same color used by the Communists to identify themselves to all the world? — **RED!**

Red Communism has visible control of many of the nations of the world and exerts invisible or secret control of the rest of the world. Red is the color of Jacob's brother Esau, here called Edom in Obadiah where the entire prophecy is about the destruction of Esau-Edom. Edom is identical with Mystery Babylon the Great. Yes, the daughter of Babylon or the descendants of Esau are still trying, today, to steal back and take by force the birthright, now belonging to Jacob's descendants. That is what this whole world conflict is all about! That is what you see happening in the world, today. Romans 4 tells us that Abraham was to be "heir of the world;" Esau-Babylon, the Red

Communists — are trying to conquer the world, negate God's covenant with Abraham, and destroy true Israel. One of their major weapons is to tell us that we aren't really Jacob's descendants anyway, that we are just a bunch of "Gentiles," without covenant relationship with God. They tell us that we are all bound for heaven or hell, even though Revelation 5:10 says that we shall reign on the earth.

Let's see who will destroy Edom, (the Reds) according to **Obadiah 17 and 18**: *"But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for the Lord hath spoken it"* Where will this take place? IN ZION! No more "reds"! No more Edomites! No wonder the Communists try to force us to believe that all the races are the same, that God loves everyone alike. God says that the race (or the descendants) of Jacob will destroy the race (or the descendants) of Edom, *"and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for the Lord hath spoken it."*

Paul knew that Jacob was chosen and that Esau was rejected when he quoted God in **Romans 9:13**: *"As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated"* The modern church doesn't like it, but that is what God has said. That the destruction of the Edomites (or the reds) in Obadiah, is an end-of-the-age prophecy is obvious from the last verse of that prophet: *"And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord's."* The judging and the destruction of Esau-Edom (the reds) is identical to the

judging and the destruction of the scarlet (red) woman, who rides the red beast in Revelation chapters 17 and 18. Both come at the end of this age; and their destruction is then followed by the ushering in of the rule of Jesus Christ over all the earth.

Jesus, in **Luke 21:22**, called these days, *"the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled"* He called it a *"time of trouble, such as was not since the beginning of time world to this time; no, nor ever shall be."* Those days of tribulation, the days of the destruction of the antiChrist, are upon us and so few see it! May God open the blinded eyes of our Christian-Israel people that they may see how wonderfully His Word and His prophecies are coming to pass upon the earth! Surely, a God who could foretell the history of our age in such detail, can bring to pass all that He has written and bring us into the world to come — into the kingdom of Jesus Christ upon the earth.

Returning to Jeremiah we learn of the destruction of false religion and the deliverance of all nations in **Jeremiah 51:44**, *"And I will punish Bel in Babylon."* Bel is another Hebrew word for Baal worship or the worship of Satan. **Verse 44** continues, *"...and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up: and the nations shall not flow together any more unto him; yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall."* That wall of Babylon, or the protecting device of Babylon, is described in Ezekiel chapter 13. Reading that Scripture closely, you will see that it is a description of the United Nations. The U.N. building, itself, actually looks like a wall or, as the Hebrew word in Ezekiel chapter 13 means, a part of a wall. The U.N. is the place of the flowing together of all nations under the red beast of World Communism.

Many of you know that the U.N. is anti Christ and will allow no mention of Jesus Christ in its deliberations. It serves to work out plans for the destruction of any vestige of Christianity in each nation, as the Communists take complete control. The U.N. is upset with South Africa and Rhodesia because they won't let Blacks vote, but the UN. was silent when Russia, Jewish Israeli and Great Britain armed the Nigerians, a few years ago. Those Nigerians killed a million Ibo tribesmen in Nigeria in Africa. It wasn't even mentioned in U.N. debate for over one and one-half years and most Americans don't even know to this day that the Ibo tribesmen were the only Black tribe in all of Africa, which adopted the Christian religion as a tribe! They put away their idols over forty years ago. I talked about it on the radio at the time, but, as far as I know, I was the only radio preacher in America publicly protesting the slaughter of these Black Christians.

The American news media spent months and millions of dollars worth of newspaper space and other millions of dollars of TV and radio time, publicizing the killing of one hundred Vietnamese by American soldiers at My Lai, but they did not have space to cover the murder and starvation of a million Blacks in Africa, just as they now have no space to tell us of the slaughter of, perhaps, a million Cambodians by the "red beast" of Revelation chapter 17. Red Babylon is devouring the nations of the earth!

God says in **Jeremiah 51:44**, *"And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up."* At that same time God says, *"I will punish Bel in Babylon."* Bel means Baal worship which is the antiChrist religion of the god "Baal" and his wife "Ashtaroth," who are condemned by God in the Old Testament.

With the destruction of Mystery Babylon all false worship will also be destroyed. I should interject, here, that most Christians have been told that Communism is atheistic and that Communism is against all religions. That is only half-true and a half-truth is much more effective than a lie, as it certainly is in this case. Red Communism is actually a religion. Unknown to most Christians, Communism is the religion of Baal! Most Christians don't know of this because they don't know what Baal worship was or is.

(Space forbids me to describe this Baal worship. However, I do have two cassette Bible studies of ninety minutes each, titled There Are Baal Worshipers In America. There are thirteen specific rituals and doctrines of the religion of Baal described in the Bible and on these tapes. I list them, show where they are in the Bible, and show how they are carried out by many people right here in America. There probably isn't one churchgoer in a hundred, perhaps even a thousand, who recognize them for what they are! I will give you one clue. One of the rituals of Baal worship was the killing of little babies, as a blood sacrifice to Baal and Ashtaroth, preferably the killing of the firstborn child of a young woman. If you have wondered at the fantastic drive in America, by tens of thousands of people in all walks of life, to promote, to force and to make acceptable pre-marital sex: and then to follow that with forcing, promoting, and making legal, abortions or the murder of little babies in the womb, wonder no longer; it is a religious ritual of Baal worship!)

As God promises to end Baal worship, he issues the same call to His people that we read in Revelation, chapter 18, here in **Jeremiah 51:45**: *"My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the Lord"* Notice that God isn't

telling us to flee from Babylon to escape the anger of Red Communism or the red Babylonish system. We are to flee to escape God's anger, when He brings judgment on Babylon.

As an example, my wife and I left a major denomination some years ago, before I went into the ministry; after we discovered that the denomination's official rule book for its ministers stated that one of their major missions was to prevent criticism of the United Nations. We knew, as I know today, that the U.N. is a Communist organization. Millions of Christians still attend that denomination's churches, most of them blissfully ignorant of the fact that its ministers have been trained to act as protective agents for the "little wall" of Babylon — the United Nations. However, God says that the *"wall of Babylon shall fall."*

That many ministers will be secret supporters of Babylon seems evident from **Jeremiah 51:51**, where the prophet speaks of the people as saying, *"We are confounded, because we have heard reproach: shame hath covered our faces."* In other words, when they found out what was actually happening, they were ashamed. Here was what was happening, as told in the rest of **verse 51**, *"for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the Lord's house."* Yes, strangers, enemies of Christ and the Christians, are in the churches of Jesus Christ in Zion at the end of the age. Thus, "coming out of Babylon" must of necessity also mean coming out of the rituals and doctrines of Baal, for Baal was the god of Babylon.

We have spent considerable space studying the parallel passages on Mystery Babylon in Jeremiah chapters 50 and 51. As we have seen, there are many similarities between Revelation chapters 17 and

18 and Jeremiah chapters 50 and 51. For the remainder of this study, we will return to Revelation chapter 18 to see the completion of the destruction of Mystery Babylon, as revealed to John.

In **Revelation 18:8** it says, *"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."* Her destruction will bring sorrow and fear upon those who have been made rich by the plunder and wicked rule of Babylon. We, then, read in **verses 9 and 10**, *"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, Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come."*

The present evil economic systems of the world, which have made serfs and servants of the world's people, including the citizens of America, will end in a short period of time. It says, *"for in one hour is thy judgment come."* Prophetic time of one day being equivalent to a year would make that about 15 days, a very short time for the transition from the rule of Mystery Babylon to the rule of Jesus Christ upon the earth. Notice here, that only the extremely-wealthy merchants and kings are sorry to see her end, as shown in **verse 11**, "And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her, for no man buyeth their merchandise any more."

Here is the merchandise of the world system of trade and plunder, (Mystery Babylon) described in **verses 12 and 13**: *"The merchandise of gold, and silver,*

and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scar let, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men." This goes in descending order of value down to slaves and souls of men. Under this terrible Babylonian system, gold is the most precious commodity, with the lives of men being the cheapest.

The wars of the world are proof of this. The recent Vietnam War enriched the merchants and bankers of the world by at least 250 billions of dollars in direct profit and mortgages against the future earnings of the U.S. worker. This was accomplished by forcing our young men to fight and die, but not allowing them to win! You have heard from competent military authorities that the Communists could have been beaten any time during that ten years by our forces; but the kings and rulers of America prevented it and required both the South Vietnamese and Americans to die by the hundreds of thousands so the profits, the taxes, and the plunder could continue.

Previously, I mentioned the war of genocide against the Ibo tribesmen of Nigeria. It happened that the occupied territories contained the richest oil fields in Central Africa, which could not be exploited by the oil barons as long as a Christian way of life was practiced by the local population.

The kings of the earth provided arms for a ragtag band of 80,000 Nigerian mercenaries and sent them ip to attack and kill the defenseless Ibos and drive them

from their land. This unequal contest lasted 18 months, while a million Ibos died. Before the killing was over the multinational oil companies were drilling for oil, while the jungle still reeked with the odor of rotting flesh. The oil merchants were in so quickly that one Shell Oil drilling rig was actually captured by the Ibos when they made a counter-attack against the Nigerian mercenaries. In 1961, U.N. troops invaded Katanga province in the Congo in Africa, driving the Dutch and others from the huge Katanga copper mines. Katanga Copper was then taken over by a European conglomerate, headed up by the brother of the man who headed the United Nations! The news media of the world and the politicians would have us believe that the U.N. and the Communists are idealists attempting to better the lot of the workers of the earth. The truth is that the U.N. and the Communists are the assault forces for the international billionaires, who plan to rule the entire earth and to make its people their subjects and slaves. In the Bible it is called Mystery Babylon the Great.

But thank God their system of rule and plunder is about to end and when it does God says in **Isaiah 13: 11 and 12**, *"And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir."* God's order is the opposite of Babylon's. Man is the most precious; gold is worthless. Speaking of that day, in **Isaiah 2:20** He says, *"In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats."*

James writes in **James 5:1-3**, *"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered, and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days."* Revelation 18:8, says that Mystery Babylon will be utterly-burned with fire. James says the gold of the world's wealthy will eat their flesh as if it were fire. No wonder Isaiah says that they will attempt to throw it away, attempt to get rid of it; for it shall witness against them.

I have said, as we have studied these prophecies, that Mystery Babylon is the wicked system of plunder of the workers and the poor by the wealthy ruling class. This is born out in the writings of James in the fifth chapter. After he tells the rich men that their gold will testify or witness against them, he tells them their sin in **James 5:4**: *"Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth."* In America, today, this plunder, under the guise of taxation, is known as withholding taxes. God says it is the *"hire of the labourers kept back by fraud"* — or stolen from the workers. American workers pay in taxes to their powerful government controllers, or in usury to their "friendly" bankers, over 50 cents of every dollar of wages that they earn. Much of it is kept back by withholding, with the earner never seeing it.

God goes on in this condemnation of the rich men who rule the earth, in **James 5:5 and 6**: *"Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wan-*

ton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you." Wars, carried on for no purpose but to enrich the already rich, fit this condemnation, perfectly. In fact, in most cases, the people don't even know how they are being robbed and plundered. In reference to gold, I see it as a very important sign that the American people refuse to buy and hoard this precious metal. Gold has got to go! God has decreed it. I believe He is already allowing the rich men of the earth to accumulate most of the gold and they will have it as a witness against them, when God causes it to be nothing but worthless metal. William Jennings Bryan uttered this statement at the end of his famous speech against gold, "You shall not crucify mankind on a cross of gold." He knew that gold was a curse, a means of robbing the poor, and of little or no value in comparison to the necessities of life; such as food, clothing and shelter. I would add this, especially and sincerely, for any reader who may have traded some other wealth such as money, property, goods and services or whatever for gold and is hoarding it and keeping it, thinking that it will serve a good purpose sometime in the time of trouble that lies ahead: my mend, please search the Scriptures for what God has to say about this matter. (If you need help in finding what the Bible says about gold, I have three cassettes of ninety minutes each titled Should We Put Our Trust In Gold?)

When we went to Washington, one of the things we told the Congressmen was that God was going to see that the gold is taken from America. God will not allow gold to be the basis for His Kingdom. It must go; and men will cast it to the bats and moles. If you think you are going to use it to save yourself, you are in error. The deliverance and salvation of our peo-

ple in this end of the age is through the blood and the Word of Jesus Christ!

Going on in Revelation, chapter 18, John writes how the rich traders, merchants, and rulers of the earth will bewail the fall of Mystery Babylon in verses 14-19: *"And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, And saying, Alas, alas that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! 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."*

These multinational, billionaire corporations that are reaping the wealth of the world and plundering the workers and citizens of all nations will weep and cry when this anti-Christian, antiGod, anti-Bible system is destroyed. God will destroy it and replace it with His rule in the kingdom of Christ upon the earth. In these verses (14-19), we can see that much of Mystery Babylon's wealth comes from the transfer of goods and services between nations and even between continents, because of the reference to ships in this passage.

I will refer again to a newspaper article that I used earlier about a speech made here in Phoenix by a world trade expert, and cite a few of his conclusions in the article: “Global corporations, huge transnational, conglomerate organizations controlled 70% of the world's private business,’ Mueller said.” As we have seen in this Bible study, the red beast, upon which Mystery Babylon rides, is Red Communism. In Communist countries, all business is controlled by the government. If Mystery Babylon the Great is the multinational, world economic and money-power and conglomerate corporations and the beast is Red Communism, then together they would control all, but a tiny fraction, of the financial and trade transactions of the world. The article goes on: “The giant firms threaten the sovereignty of the nation states that they transcend by evading or influencing their powers to tax and control their own money supply,’ he told the audience.” Just recently, here in America, it has been revealed that these billionaire corporations pay hundreds of millions of dollars in bribes, each year, to men in the governments of other nations. It doesn't take much intelligence to see that they can actually-buy effective control over those governments.

Here in America, during the hearings on the acceptance of Nelson Rockefeller as Vice-President of the United States, it was revealed that he often gave gifts of ten thousand dollars to fifty thousand dollars, and perhaps more, directly to individuals who were in U.S. government service. One can only speculate how much control of even our own government has actually been purchased by men and multinational corporations, with hundreds of millions of dollars at their disposal.

The angel told John in Revelation, chapter 17, that Mystery Babylon was that great city, or that great system,

which reigneth over the kings of the earth. These billionaires and worldwide corporations do not need soldiers to conquer a nation; they can do it much easier by simply bribing a few hundred men in the government of that nation; and then they reign over the kings, the leaders, of that nation, just as Mystery Babylon was to do. Since the vast majority of the citizens of that nation would know, absolutely, nothing about such bribery, they would not know that their leaders were acting as the agents for the billionaire world corporations instead of for the people.

If you had read between the lines during the long and wearying Watergate exposure in America, many of you would have realized that those so-called committees to reelect so-and-so, which received millions of dollars supposedly to reelect so-and-so; were-actually covers for the transfer of bribe money to so-and-so and his cohorts. Only a tiny part of that bribery was revealed in the Watergate affair, but it should have been enough for us to realize that our own nation is being conquered much the same way. If the organization of the dairy industry, a year or two ago, could give a few tens of thousands of dollars to one of those committees for reelection, and then have the government price controls removed for their dairy products; how many millions would it take for an oil company to buy permission to raise its prices? Or how many billions would it take for Communists to buy the votes of politicians, or the decisions of high government officials, and on and on?

Red Russia and Red China are spending many scores of billions of dollars each year on armaments to eventually-fight and conquer America. It would be only common logic to assume that they would spend a few hundred millions, perhaps a few billions, each year to bribe U.S. government officials. This is how Mystery,Babylon the Great operates!

God said through His angel to John that this scarlet woman and the scarlet beast reign or rule over the kings of the earth. If some of our Christian people would get out from under the delusion that this world dictatorship is all future, they would more-easily see that world control is already here, even in our own nation. How else can one explain why the American people come out second best in every transaction involving the Communists? Are our leaders and officials fools, or are they under the control of Mystery Babylon the Great?

Chapter Seven

Israel Triumphs Over Mystery Babylon

Praise God, her end is coming and, from the context here, she will remain a mystery to most of the people until her destruction is finally complete; then they will see just what she was. **Revelation chapter 18**, continues the description of Babylon's end in **verse 20**: *"Rejoice over her, thou heaven and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her."* We, who are Christians, are to rejoice at her end, and not be sorrowful that the present world system is passing away, but joyful that its wicked control and destructive influence is at an end. We have already been told in this same passage that she is the cause of the death of the Christian martyrs. In **Jeremiah 51:25**, God calls her, *"O destroying mountain which destroyeth all the earth."* And we read in **Jeremiah 51:49**, *"As Babylon hath caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth."*

Babylon is guilty of causing the death of the Israel people and, as she falls, it will be revealed that she is actually the cause of death of the people of the earth. In other words, this iniquitous and wicked system of secret rule over the nations and the governments of the nations is responsible for all wars and for the deaths of untold millions upon millions of the people of the earth, in this last age. That is why we read in **Revelation 18:24**, *"And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth."* It will be found and it will be disclosed that she was the cause of wars, of famines, of pestilences upon earth. How could all of these Scriptures be fulfilled in a short seven-year reign of some future man called

antiChrist? Obviously, they could not; but they are fulfilled in the secret, behind-the-scenes control of the nations, which has existed in this age. Now, at the end of this age, it is being made visible to the inhabitants of the earth. Mystery, Babylon the Great and the wicked people, who are her operatives, are being revealed just prior to their destruction and the end of their wicked rule.

Reading on in **Revelation 18:21**, *"And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all"* This last verse again-shows the parallel with **Jeremiah 51:60-64**: *"So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, even all these words that are written against Babylon. And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When thou comest to Babylon, and shalt see, and shalt read all these words; Then shalt thou say, O Lord, thou hast spoken against this place, to cut it off, that none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate for ever. And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, that thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates: And thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her: and they shall be weary. Thus far are the words of Jeremiah."* The symbolism of the stone sunk in the river is identical in both prophecies. Mystery Babylon shall, utterly and everlastingly, be destroyed from off the face of the earth!

Revelation 18:22, "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 stone shall be heard no more at all in thee." None of the people or the workers and producers of the earth will ever work for the wicked of Babylon any more. **Verse 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."** I believe this has reference to the Christian church coming out from under Babylon's control.

Throughout this study, I have shown that the doctrine of the pretribulation rapture of the church is false, that it has no foundation in Scripture; and that it is, actually, a doctrine which hides the present existence of Mystery Babylon from the Christian people. By getting the Christians to look for a future antiChrist, they do not see the present antiChrist. By getting them all to desire to leave the earth and turn the earth over to antiChrist, they are removed from the field of battle. So, today, many professing Christians are in Babylon protecting her, propping her up, supporting her secret power over the people and even siding in with her to urge the people to war against each other, rather than against Mystery Babylon. However, they will come out as Babylon falls and they will not support her, but instead will join with those of us who are exposing and fighting this most wicked of all of the wicked dictatorships of the earth — that of Mystery, Babylon the Great.

The next phrase of **Revelation 18:23** reads, **"...for thy merchants were the great men of the earth."** Yes, the multi-billionaire merchants of world trade and

commerce are the great men of the earth; the most powerful, the ones who actually and secretly control nations and their governments. The last phrase in **verse 23** says, **"...for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived."** The word "sorceries" is from the Greek word "**pharmakeia**," which means drugs or anything which confuses or befuddles the mind. Lies, propaganda, mental conditioning and even actual, mind-affecting drugs, all fit this and the world is saturated with them today. As mentioned earlier in this study, the resulting state of mind is what the Scripture calls drunken or incapable of natural reason. The mind is affected and the person acts irrationally, even doing things which are harmful to himself, to his loved ones or to his nation. It will end only with the destruction of this Babylonian dictatorship system.

As this revealing of her secrets progresses, we are discovering her guilt in the deaths of "all that were slain upon the earth"; this guilt will condemn her and then destroy her with the completion of God's work, in this age. This is the time spoken of by Jesus in **Luke 21:22, "For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled."** Paul wrote in **1 Corinthians 2:7 and 8, "But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew, for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."** When the antiChrist crucified Jesus, they sealed their own doom; for His death bought our life and His resurrection made Him victor over even death itself!

The last act of this glorious drama is about to be enacted upon the stage of the world. The time is soon coming when Jesus' words in **Matthew 13:41 and 42,**

will be fulfilled: ***"The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth"*** Who shall be gathered out, the church, the Christian believers? No, the wicked will be gathered out! **Matthew 13:43, *"Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."***

In this Bible study, I have identified this mysterious control, this mystery, if you please, from Revelation, Bible prophecies, and from the obvious proof which can now be seen as we come under greater dictatorial control by the enemies of Christ. Part of this control is shown to be operated through the U.N. Also, part of it is obviously religious in that few if any of the churches of America, either Protestant or Catholic, ever gave any warning or understanding of the actions and the control of the antiChrist. The phony oil shortage, which disrupted many small businesses, bankrupted thousands, and put millions of Americans out of work, is but one example of economic control; where just a handful of people — perhaps numbering in the thousands — can plan and carry out a program to force millions of citizens of scores of countries to pay them double for one product in a matter of months. This total, collected in excess prices on oil, will reach over one hundred billion dollars per year

by the end of this year. That is the equivalent of ten percent of the production of America!

If an enemy or an enemy ruler sent us an ultimatum and told us they wanted ten percent of the earnings of every working man in America, we would rise up and fight. But powerful and secret economic manipulations can take ten percent of the earnings of every worker in America. The workers, by and large, know they have lost that much, that somehow hundreds of dollars have been taken from them, but they do not know who did it, they don't know how it was done, and they do not know what to do about it. No wonder the angel called this secret world power, "Mystery"; for that is what it is to most of the world.

However, as spiritual, political, and economic conditions continue to worsen on the world's stage, the informed Christian can take great hope, since he recognizes the signs pointing to the collapse and eventual destruction of Mystery Babylon. The heartbreaking sufferings and injustices she has inflicted upon God's people will be redressed and Israel will go free at last, ever to be with her God. Faithful obedience to His commandments qualifies us to overcome the deceptions and oppressions of Mystery Babylon and live in God's Kingdom forever! Are you ready? Israel's turn is coming — don't miss it!
