



WEEKLY CHRISTIAN FOCUS

WARM GREETINGS!

Well, we have finally arrived at
PART II of The Two Babylons!

Our first edition covered the actual
earthly empire of Babylon and its
kings and its relationship to certain
prophets in the Old Testament.

But there are two Babylons in the
Bible. Here in part II we are dealing
with 'Spiritual' Babylon.

Let's get started! Exciting and
mind-boggling to say the least! This
could be quite a long edition with
somewhere around 40 Bible verses
we are looking at. I pray you are
ready for it! Praise the Lord.

What to expect in this article,
although not necessarily in order,
are:

1. Background to Babylon the
Great Whore.
2. How long has spiritual Babylon
existed?
3. Who loves Babylon and why?
4. The two distinct worlds
of Babylon-lovers and the
followers of Jesus Christ.
5. The Final and complete and
total utter destruction of the
Great Whore Babylon!
6. How can we apply these
amazing texts for us today?
7. What should we be doing about
all this true knowledge going
forward?

The vast bulk of Biblical text about
Babylon occurs in these sections
of Revelation. Chapters 16 v19,
Revelation 17:1-9, and 16-18.



THE TWO BABYLONS. PART II

Revelation 18 all, and Revelation 19: 1-5

Some of this text in the Amplified
Translation has frequent cross
references which will help you
understand even more as you go
along.

Background to Babylon the Great
Whore. This information about
Babylon comes to us during the final
time of the Anti Christ Kingdom,
while the earth and its populations
are experiencing the 'Wrath of God'
being poured out (via seven bowls or
'vials') by Angels upon the earth. We
learn the following:

That Spiritual Babylon is a Spiritual
Whore of great power, having sat on
the seven heads of world empires
past and present across human
history. We see she is a spiritual
power and we will come to more
specific characteristics in a minute.

Let's start with this section from
Revelation 17

17 One of the seven angels who
had the seven bowls then came and

spoke to me (John the Beloved),
saying, Come with me! I will show
you the doom (sentence, judgment)
of the great harlot (idolatress) who
is seated on many waters, (Jeremiah
51:13)

2 [She] with whom the rulers of the
earth have joined in prostitution
(idolatry) and with the wine of
whose immorality (idolatry) the
inhabitants of the earth have
become intoxicated. (Jeremiah
25:15,16)

3 And [the angel] bore me away
[rapt] in the Spirit into a desert
(wilderness), and I saw a woman
seated on a scarlet beast that was
all covered with blasphemous titles
(names), and he (the beast) had
seven heads and ten horns.

**4 The woman was robed in purple
and scarlet and bedecked with gold,
precious stones, and pearls, [and she
was] holding in her hand a golden
cup full of the accursed offenses and
the filth of her lewdness and vice.
(Jeremiah 51:7)**

5 And on her forehead there was inscribed a name of mystery [with a secret symbolic meaning]: Babylon the great, the mother of prostitutes (idolatresses) and of the filth and atrocities and abominations of the earth.

6 I also saw that the woman was drunk, [drunk] with the blood of the saints (God's people) and the blood of the martyrs [who witnessed] for Jesus. And when I saw her, I was utterly amazed and wondered greatly.

The woman, officially and mystically called 'Babylon the great'. This spiritual and demonic power is portrayed here as the mother of all prostitutes and represents all the filth and abominations that are in the world since humanity began to expand after the fall. The rulers of the earth and the inhabitants of the earth have spiritually joined with her and are intoxicated with her sins.

Part of her sins is that she is also full of the blood of the martyrs of Jesus Christ. All people who died for Christ are a direct result of her persecuting them.

The Great Whore of Babylon, has existed for millennia, as she has sat on the seven heads (hills) all the way up to her judgement which is coming soon. Face-sitting at its highest level!

Here's more from chapter 17:

15 And [the angel further] said to me, The waters that you observed, where the harlot is seated, are races and multitudes and nations and dialects (languages).....

.....

18 And the woman that you saw is herself the great city which dominates and controls the rulers and the leaders of the earth.

So the Great Whore, Harlot, Babylon is still today and has been for millennia the controlling and dominating power over mankind. And how does she control everyone? We will see now very specifically what her sins and crimes are that make

God so furious, as we enter chapter 18 of Revelation as she receives deep destruction and judgement from God Almighty.

have joined with her in committing fornication (idolatry), and the businessmen of the earth have become rich with the wealth of her excessive luxury and wantonness.



Revelation 18

Then I saw another angel descending from heaven, possessing great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his radiance and splendour.

2 And he shouted with a mighty voice, She is fallen! Mighty Babylon is fallen! She has become a resort and dwelling place for demons, a dungeon haunted by every loathsome spirit, an abode for every filthy and detestable bird.

3 For all nations have drunk the wine of her passionate unchastity, and the rulers and leaders of the earth

(Jeremiah 25:15,27)

I make a small comment about this angel, what a truly powerful angel, although not named here, but, "possessing great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his radiance and splendour" When God has a great job to do, he sends one of his most powerful angels.

Babylon has become progressively worse in evil, so it is now filled by every form of wickedness and abominable creatures.

4 I then heard another voice from heaven saying, Come out from her,

my people, so that you may not share in her sins, neither participate in her plagues.

5 For her iniquities (her crimes and transgressions) are piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her wickedness and [her] crimes [and calls them up for settlement]. (Jeremiah 51:9)

A second heavenly being makes further announcements. This time it is for God's people to get out of Dodge, or Babylon, NOW, otherwise if you stay, you may become wicked like her in the long run.

6 Repay to her what she herself has paid [to others] and double [her doom] in accordance with what she has done. Mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed [for others]. (Psalm 137:8)

7 To the degree that she glorified herself and revelled in her wantonness [living deliciously and luxuriously], to that measure impose on her torment and anguish and tears and mourning. Since in her heart she boasts, I am not a widow; as a queen [on a throne] I sit, and I shall never see suffering or experience sorrow— (Isaiah 47:8, 9)

8 So shall her plagues (afflictions, calamities) come thick upon her in a single day, pestilence and anguish and sorrow and famine; and she shall be utterly consumed (burned up with fire), for mighty is the Lord God Who judges her.

A fascinating look into how God thinks and 'measures' up His fierce judgements. Everything is proportionate. How much evil we have done is doubled back to us, after no repentance is forthcoming. I wish we could all learn that. And all that judgement and final destruction comes in one day. It's all going to be over in ONE DAY.

And what was one of Babylon's greatest sins?

She glorified herself and revelled in her wantonness [living deliciously and luxuriously], and the same again repeated in this following verse:

9 And the rulers and leaders of the earth who joined her in her immorality (idolatry) and luxuriated with her will weep and beat their breasts and lament over her when they see the smoke of her conflagration. (Ezekiel 26:16,17)

The rulers and the leaders of the earth luxuriated with her and joined in her immorality.

'Well, Jenny, what will you be doing this weekend? Thank God, it's Friday, right? 'Well, I'm planning a bit of luxuriating first, followed by some 'passionate unchastity'. You know I am very partial to some lewd unchastity whenever I get the chance' (verse 3).

THE JUDGEMENT AND DESTRUCTION OF THE GREAT WHORE.

10 They (rulers of the earth,

businesspeople, etc) will stand a long way off, in terror of her torment, and they will cry, Woe and alas, the great city, the mighty city, Babylon! In one single hour how your doom (judgment) has overtaken you!

11 And earth's businessmen will weep and grieve over her because no one buys their freight (cargo) any more. (Ezekiel 27:36)

Isn't this amazing, even today, one of the most important shipping lanes on planet earth is blocked, ships can barely transport anything at the present time.

12 Their merchandise is of gold, silver, precious stones, and pearls; of fine linen, purple, silk, and scarlet [stuffs]; all kinds of scented wood, all sorts of articles of ivory, all varieties of objects of costly woods, bronze, iron, and marble; (Ezekiel 27:12, 13, 22)



13 Of cinnamon, spices, incense, ointment and perfume, and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, fine flour and wheat; of cattle and sheep, horses and conveyances; and of slaves (the bodies) and souls of men!

14 The ripe fruits and delicacies for which your soul longed have gone from you, and all your luxuries and dainties, your elegance and splendour are lost to you, never again to be recovered or experienced!

15 The dealers who handled these articles, who grew wealthy through their business with her, will stand a long way off, in terror of her doom and torment, weeping and grieving aloud, and saying,

16 Alas, alas for the great city that was robed in fine linen, in purple and scarlet, bedecked and glittering with gold, with precious stones, and with pearls! (Ezekiel 27:31, 36)

17 Because in one [single] hour all the vast wealth has been destroyed (wiped out). And all ship captains and pilots, navigators and all who live by seafaring, the crews and all who ply their trade on the sea, stood a long way off, (Isaiah 23:14; Ezekiel 27:26-30)

18 And exclaimed as they watched the smoke of her burning, What city could be compared to the great city!

19 And they threw dust on their heads as they wept and grieved, exclaiming, Woe and alas, for the great city, where all who had ships on the sea grew rich [through her extravagance] from her great wealth! In one single hour she has been destroyed and has become a desert! (Ezekiel 27:30-34)

Well, there it is, all the commerce and business by the seas, transporting every conceivable item you could think to create or buy or sell, and the more luxurious the better. The great sin of Babylon was Luxury, and the commerce to move it and offer it to humankind, at whatever human cost it took. 'The dealers who handled

these articles!' (v 15) wow!

All the leaders and businessmen were totally deceived, because she offered it to them and they wanted it also. Their spiritual sins were identical, both that of the Whore and the merchants of the earth. It's worth looking at this again:

14 The ripe fruits and delicacies for which your soul longed have gone from you, and all your luxuries and dainties, your elegance and splendour are lost to you, never again to be recovered or experienced!

Haven't you met many people in your life who loved and desired and yearned for 'luxury and splendour'? Were they not obsessed with it, did not these things consume their minds for decades? Yes, they surely did!

Nobody could help the Great Whore now, that Great City. It was too late. You will never get your luxury and splendour back! It is gone from you, never to return praise the Lord.

20 Rejoice (celebrate) over her, O heaven! O saints (people of God) and apostles and prophets, because God has executed vengeance for you upon her!

21 Then a single powerful angel took up a boulder like a great millstone and flung it into the sea, crying, With such violence shall Babylon the great city be hurled down to destruction and shall never again be found.

22 And the sound of harpists and minstrels and flute players and trumpeters shall never again be heard in you, and no skilled artisan of any craft shall ever again be found in you, and the sound of the millstone shall never again be heard in you.

23 And never again shall the light of a lamp shine in you, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall never be heard in you again; for your businessmen were the great and prominent men of the earth, and by your magic spells and poisonous charm all nations were led astray (seduced and deluded).

Yes, the Millstone came, all music

and dancing and performance and ungodly and demonic singing is wiped away. ALL NATIONS WERE SEDUCED BY HER POISONOUS CHARM.

24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all those who have been slain (slaughtered) on earth.

God tells us the second time that in her was found the blood of the prophets and saints.

LOTS OF AMAZING AND TERRIBLY BEAUTIFUL PHRASES God inserts in these chapters. Let's look at a few of them.

- *Passionate promiscuity*
- *Mother of prostitutes*
- *her excessive luxury and wantonness*
- *Poisonous charm.*

Before we attempt to say exactly who is Babylon and is there another word for Babylon that we have not yet put into this message, let us finish with the remaining verses about her:

Revelation 16:19b

And God kept in mind mighty Babylon, to make her drain the cup of His furious wrath and indignation.

Revelation chapter 19: 1-3

After this I heard what sounded like a mighty shout of a great crowd in heaven, exclaiming, Hallelujah (praise the Lord)! Salvation and glory (splendour and majesty) and power (dominion and authority) [belong] to our God!

2 Because His judgments (His condemnation and punishment, His sentences of doom) are true and sound and just and upright. He has judged (convicted, pronounced sentence, and doomed) the great and notorious harlot (idolatress) who corrupted and demoralized and poisoned the earth with her lewdness and adultery (idolatry). And He has avenged (visited on her the penalty for) the blood of His servants at her hand.

3 And again they shouted, Hallelujah (praise the Lord)! The smoke of her [burning] shall continue to ascend forever and ever (through the eternities of the eternities).

So what is Babylon?

How can we sum up what Babylon is? Is she a city, she is actually mentioned as a city several times in these passages, a Great City, a Might city! Yet at the same time she is depicted as a woman and Whore that rules over the great men of the earth and has seduced the whole planet. She has offered the world's populations luxuries and every possible material thing including the souls of men, and she has killed all of God's people that it was possible for her to do.

Several great Biblical scholars once

But there comes to me another meaning or application of Babylon 2.0 and that is the verse the Bible uses frequently in the New testament: It is 'The World'. Let's look at 3-4 of these verses, plus an example of a person who gave up the 'world'

(Jesus speaking) **John 15: 18** If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will

17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Indeed there are many more in the Bible. And a great example was Moses who dropped out of Babylon/ Egypt in his youth:

Hebrews 11: 24

By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; (Babylon)

26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ



believed that we were looking at America. America certainly does fit to some extent this description.

But what we are looking at is a creature of spiritual power manifested in physical things.

We are not really told too much about Babylon the Great. Just these small but significant phrases, I have just mentioned. Whatever she is or whoever she is, she is going down! and all her sycophants will lose everything also! That will be their punishment.

keep yours also.

Romans 12: 2

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

2 Corinthians 6: 16

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

greater riches than the treasures in Egypt (Babylon): for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.

27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

Ultimately we see that with Babylon, the Great Whore, she has deceived all nations, and kills God's people. There are really only two paths in this life, we either plug into Babylon and try the luxury and passionate

unchastity for a short time, or we **follow Jesus** as best we can with all our hearts by His Grace.

I do pray this message although long is a great blessing. I have learned so much from studying these verses, even though I do not understand all of it, I think I have received the main gist of it and know the path God wants me to follow.

God bless you.

Until next time,

Jerry for the WCF Team



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