



# THE REVELATION

a study of the book of Daniel + Revelation

Fall 2014

Session 10:

Revelation 17-18

a survey of the book of Daniel +  
a ten week study of the book of Revelation

# Resources

- Holy Bible – NASB, ESV
- The End, Mark Hitchcock
- Bible Knowledge Commentary, Walvoord & Zuck
- Charts and other reference material taken from Dr. Charles Ryrie, Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum and Harold W. Hoehner

# Recap Session 9

## Revelation 15: Prelude to Bowl Judgments

15:1-4 Victory Song

15:5-8 Temple opened

7 Angels

7 Plagues

## Revelation 16:7 Bowl Judgment is Poured Out



# Session 10 This Week

## Revelation 17 & 18

### Revelation 17: Religious Babylon

- The Description
- The Interpretation

### Revelation 18: Commercial Babylon

- Announcement
- Appeal
- Anguish
- Acclaim

# Revelation 17 & 18

- Both Chapters 17 & 18 are Parenthetical. They provide supplementary information about the destruction of Babylon.
- Babylon in Chapters 17 & 18 represents the head of the Gentile power (Time of the Gentiles).

# Revelation 17 & 18

- Chapter 17 focus is on the religious system that God identified with Babylon in Scripture.
- Chapter 18 focus is on the commercial system God identified with Babylon.
- Babylon is the name of a city in the Middle East.
- Babylon is also a name that symbolizes the chief characteristics of the city throughout history.
- Babylon is a city and a system.

# Religion During the Tribulation

## The Description

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, “Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, <sup>2</sup> with whom the kings of the earth committed acts of immorality, and those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her immorality.”

Revelation 17:1-2 (NASB)



# Religion During the Tribulation

## The Description

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

Revelation 17:3 (NASB)



# Religion During the Tribulation

## The Description

The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality, <sup>5</sup> and on her forehead a name was written, a mystery, “BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”

Revelation 17:4-5 (NASB)

# Religion During the Tribulation

## The Description

And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. When I saw her, I wondered greatly. <sup>7</sup> And the angel said to me, “Why do you wonder? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.”

Revelation 17:6-7 (NASB)

# Religion During the Tribulation

## The Interpretation

“The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come.”

Revelation 17:8 (NASB)

# Religion During the Tribulation

## The Interpretation

“Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits, <sup>10</sup> and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while.”

Revelation 17:9-10 (NASB)



# Religion During the Tribulation

## The Interpretation

“The beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth and is one of the seven, and he goes to destruction. <sup>12</sup> The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour.”

Revelation 17:11-12 (NASB)

# Religion During the Tribulation

## The Interpretation

“These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast. <sup>14</sup> These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful.”

Revelation 17:13-14 (NASB)

# Religion During the Tribulation

## The Judgment

And he said to me, “The waters which you saw where the harlot sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues. <sup>16</sup> And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire.”

Revelation 17:15-16 (NASB)

# Religion During the Tribulation

## The Judgment

“For God has put it in their hearts to execute His purpose by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled. <sup>18</sup> The woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth.”

Revelation 17:17-18 (NASB)



# Revelation 18

## Economic – Political Babylon

# Revelation 18

## Commerce During the Great Tribulation

- God leads John to reveal the destruction of commercial, economic and political Babylon.
- Babylon is the city that rules the world, it also represents what the city stood for and promoted throughout history.
- Babylon is a CITY and a SYSTEM (Wall Street).

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7. CONSUMMATION: New Jerusalem – Revelation 21, 22

# “The Great City”

## Jerusalem...

Revelation 11:8

Revelation 16:19

## Babylon...

Revelation 17:18

Revelation 18:20

Revelation 18:18

Revelation 18:21

# Commerce During the Tribulation Announcement

After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illumined with his glory. <sup>2</sup> And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird.”

Revelation 18:1-2 (NASB)

# Commerce During the Tribulation Announcement

“For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality.”

Revelation 18:3 (NASB)



# Commerce During the Tribulation Appeal

I heard another voice from heaven, saying, “Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues; <sup>5</sup> for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. <sup>6</sup> Pay her back even as she has paid, and give back to her double according to her deeds; in the cup which she has mixed, mix twice as much for her.”

Revelation 18:4-6 (NASB)

# Commerce During the Tribulation Appeal

“To the degree that she glorified herself and lived sensuously, to the same degree give her torment and mourning; for she says in her heart, ‘I sit as a queen and I am not a widow, and will never see mourning.’<sup>8</sup> For this reason in one day her plagues will come, pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for the Lord God who judges her is strong.”

Revelation 18:7-8 (NASB)

# Commerce During the Tribulation Anguish

“And the kings of the earth, who committed acts of immorality and lived sensuously with her, will weep and lament over her when they see the smoke of her burning,<sup>10</sup> standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come.’”

Revelation 18:9-10 (NASB)

# Commerce During the Tribulation Anguish

“And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargoes any more –  
<sup>12</sup> cargoes of gold and silver and precious stones and pearls and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet, and every kind of citron wood and every article of ivory and every article made from very costly wood and bronze and iron and marble...”

Revelation 18:11-12 (NASB)



# Commerce During the Tribulation Anguish

“...and cinnamon and spice and incense and perfume and frankincense and wine and olive oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep, and cargoes of horses and chariots and slaves and human lives. <sup>14</sup> The fruit you long for has gone from you, and all things that were luxurious and splendid have passed away from you and men will no longer find them.”

Revelation 18:13-14 (NASB)

# Commerce During the Tribulation Anguish

“The merchants of these things, who became rich from her, will stand at a distance because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning, <sup>16</sup> saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city, she who was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls...’”

Revelation 18:15-16 (NASB)

# Commerce During the Tribulation Anguish

“...for in one hour such great wealth has been laid waste!’ And every shipmaster and every passenger and sailor, and as many as make their living by the sea, stood at a distance, <sup>18</sup> and were crying out as they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, ‘What city is like the great city?’”

Revelation 18:17-18 (NASB)

# Commerce During the Tribulation Anguish

“And they threw dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning, saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea became rich by her wealth, for in one hour she has been laid waste!’”

Revelation 18:19 (NASB)



# Commerce During the Tribulation Acclaim

“Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, because God has pronounced judgment for you against her.” <sup>21</sup> Then a strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, “So will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence, and will not be found any longer.”

Revelation 18:20-21 (NASB)

# Commerce During the Tribulation Acclaim

“And the sound of harpists and musicians and flute-players and trumpeters will not be heard in you any longer; and no craftsman of any craft will be found in you any longer; and the sound of a mill will not be heard in you any longer; <sup>23</sup> and the light of a lamp will not shine in you any longer...”

Revelation 18:22-23a (NASB)

# Commerce During the Tribulation Acclaim

“...and the voice of the bridegroom and bride will not be heard in you any longer; for your merchants were the great men of the earth, because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery. <sup>24</sup> And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints and of all who have been slain on the earth.”

Revelation 18:23b-24 (NASB)

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# Appendix: Continuation

Then the angel who was speaking with me went out and said to me, “Lift up now your eyes and see what this is going forth.” <sup>6</sup> I said, “What is it?” And he said, “This is the ephah going forth.” Again he said, “This is their appearance in all the land <sup>7</sup> (and behold, a lead cover was lifted up); and this is a woman sitting inside the ephah.”

Zechariah 5:5-7 (NASB)

# Appendix: Continuation

Then he said, “This is Wickedness!” And he threw her down into the middle of the ephah and cast the lead weight on its opening. <sup>9</sup> Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and there two women were coming out with the wind in their wings; and they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heavens.

Zechariah 5:8-9 (NASB)

# Appendix: Continuation

I said to the angel who was speaking with me, “Where are they taking the ephah?” <sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, “To build a temple for her in the land of Shinar; and when it is prepared, she will be set there on her own pedestal.”

Zechariah 5:10-11 (NASB)

# Appendix: Cataclysm

Isaiah 13



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- Isaiah 13, 14 (FTOM, 313-327)
- Jeremiah 50, 51

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## Book of Life / Lambs Book of Life

### BOOK OF LIFE:

Psalms 69:28; Philippians 4:3; Revelation 3:5, 20:12, 15

### LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE:

Revelation 13:8, 17:8, 21:27

### BOOKS:

Revelation 20:12, 15; Daniel 7:10

# Reading Assignment for Next Week

The Second Coming of Christ

Revelation 19





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