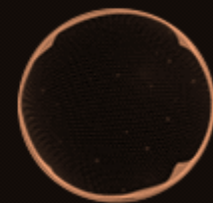


W E L C O M E



— THE STUDY OF — REVELATION

WHICH IS, WHICH WAS, AND WHICH IS TO COME

Revelation 18: 4-5 (NASB)

*I heard another voice from heaven,
saying, "Come out of her, my
people, so that you will not
participate in her sins and receive
any of her plagues; for her sins
have piled up as high as heaven,
and God has remembered her
offenses.*

The original Hebrew text alludes to stacked one on another until it reached heaven. Who else tried to stack bricks on top of each other to reach heaven?

Nimrod! We see God gives us another link to ancient Babylon.

Remember this is one of the three parts of Babylon. We have the beast government located in Rome, the beast church located in the rebuilt temple in Jerusalem and the beast financial city of Babylon located somewhere in the area of ancient Babylon in middle east.

In the next verses of Revelation 18
God is telling us about the
destruction of the beast city.

Revelation 18: 6 (NASB)

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.

Question?

Do you remember what deeds this Babylonian world has done?

They have cursed God, committed spiritual adultery, committed all kinds of sexual sins and perversions, taken the mark of the beast and murdered countless children of God to name a few.

Revelation 18: 7 (NASB)

To the extent that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, to the same extent 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.'

Note the reference to the great luxury this city will have, they will be given twice that amount in torment and grief. Also note that the boasting and arrogance in the statement that "I will never mourn". The phrase "I am not a widow" means I don't have just one husband but many in the original text.

Question?

Do you remember who else sat enthroned as queen mother?

Semiramis-Note again the future Babylon's ancient Babylonian link.

Revelation 18: 8 (NASB)

For this reason in one day her plagues will come, plague and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for the Lord God who judges her is strong.

Question?

How will this great city of luxury
be destroyed?

By fire, just like Sodom and
Gomorrah.

Question?

How long will it take to burn down
this great city?

Within a day, we will see a little
later that the destruction is
actually completed in one hour!

Revelation 18: 9 (NASB)

"And the kings of the earth, who committed acts of sexual immorality and lived luxuriously with her, will weep and mourn over her when they see the smoke of her burning,

Revelation 18: 10 (NASB)

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.'

Question?

Why are the onlookers not only mourning but are also standing at a distance because they are terrified?

They know who is in charge and what is coming for them.

Revelation 18: 11 (NASB)

*"And the merchants of the earth
weep and mourn over her, because
no one buys their cargo any
more—*

Revelation 18: 12 (NASB)

cargo of gold, silver, precious stones, and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk, and scarlet; every kind of citron wood, every article of ivory, and every article made from very valuable wood, bronze, iron, and marble;

Revelation 18: 13 (NASB)

*cinnamon, spice, incense, perfume,
frankincense, wine, olive oil, fine
flour, wheat, cattle, sheep, and
cargo of horses, carriages, **slaves,**
and human lives.*

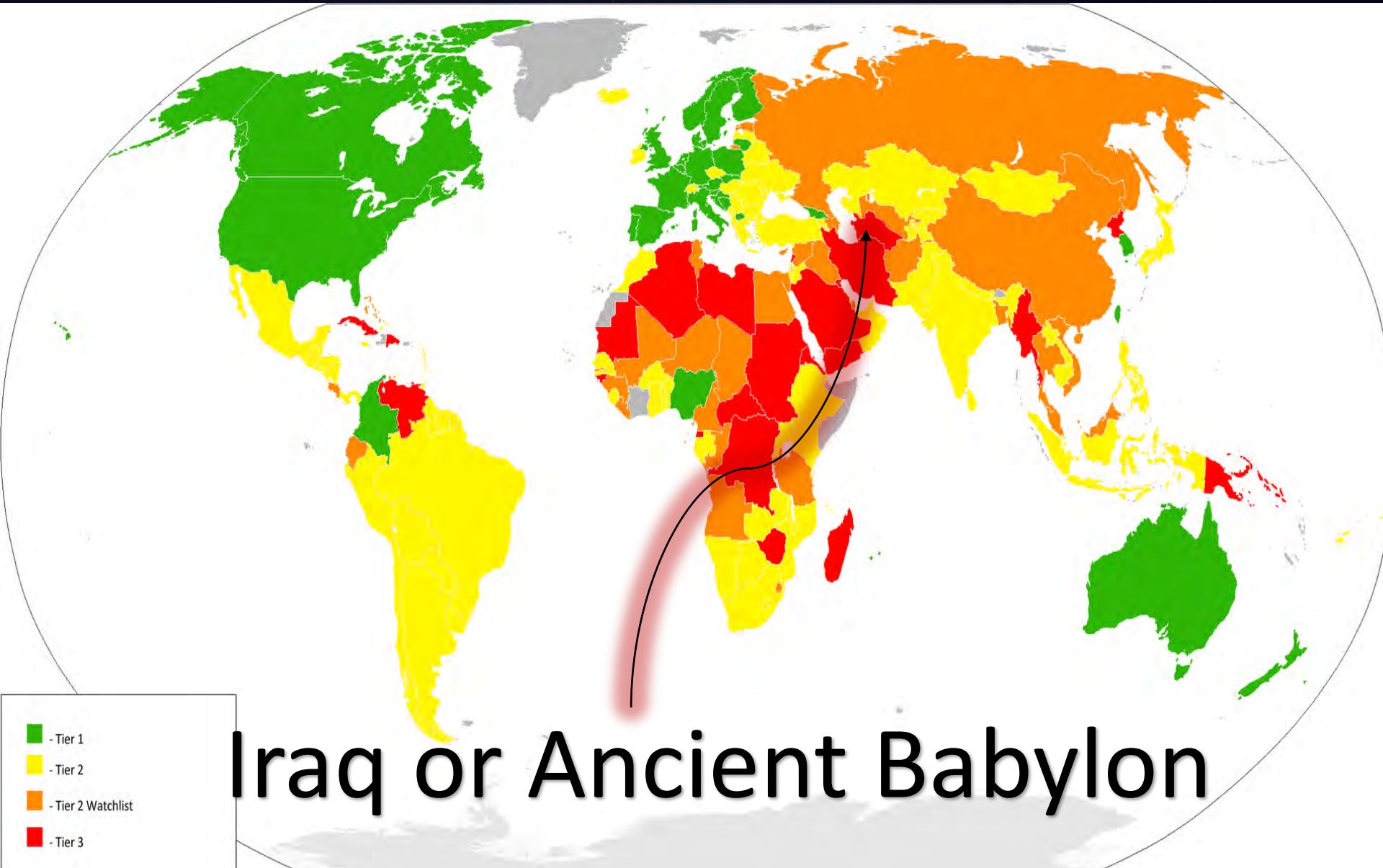
Question?

Note that this city will be on with great wealth and an exporter of fine goods, but it will be no more.

What do you think it means that they were exporting human lives?

This is talking about human
trafficking!

Human Trafficking



Iraq or Ancient Babylon

Revelation 18: 14 (NASB)

*The fruit you long for has left you,
and all things that were luxurious
and splendid have passed away
from you and people will no longer
find them.*

Revelation 18: 15 (NASB)

*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,*

Note: the onlookers are said to
again be terrified.

Revelation 18: 16 (NASB)

*saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city,
she who was clothed in fine linen
and purple and scarlet, and
adorned with gold, precious stones,
and pearls;*

Revelation 18: 17 (NASB)

for in one hour such great wealth
has been laid waste! And every
shipmaster and every passenger
and sailor, and all who make their
living by the sea, stood at a
distance

Note: They can't get near the city likely not only due to fear but also because of the heat, flames and smoke.

The people of the world have no water and now they have no wealth and no merchandise.

Revelation 18: 18 (NASB)

*and were crying out as they saw
the smoke of her burning, saying,
'What city is like the great city?'*

Revelation 18: 19 (NASB)

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 from her prosperity, for in one hour she has been laid waste!'

Revelation 18: 20 (NASB)

Rejoice over her, O heaven, and
you saints and apostles and
prophets, because God has
pronounced judgment for you
against her."

Question?

The people of the earth are mourning over the destruction of the center of their world trade and trembling in fear, so who is rejoicing?

Hint: the view is switched from
Earth to Heaven in verses 20-24

Revelation 18: 20 (NASB)

*Rejoice over her, O heaven, and
you saints and apostles and
prophets, because God has
pronounced judgment for you
against her."*

The people of God-we the church,
the apostles, the tribulations saints
and the old testament prophets
who all are in heaven!

We will be rejoicing!

Question?

Why are they rejoicing?

Revelation 18: 20 (NASB)

*Rejoice over her, O heaven, and
you saints and apostles and
prophets, because God has
pronounced judgment for you
against her."*

God has brought revenge against
those who have harmed His
people.

Revelation 18: 21 (NASB)

Then a strong angel picked 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 never be found again."

Revelation 18: 22 (NASB)

*And the sound of harpists,
musicians, flute players, and
trumpeters will never be heard in
you again; and no craftsman of
any craft will ever be found in you
again; and the sound of a mill will
never be heard in you again;*

Revelation 18: 23 (NASB)

and the light of a lamp will never shine in you again; and the voice of the groom and bride will never be heard in you again; for your merchants were the powerful people of the earth, because all the nations were deceived by your witchcraft.

Question?

What is this passage telling us
about the new Babylon?

Revelation 18: 23 (NASB)

and the light of a lamp will never shine in you again; and the voice of the groom and bride will never be heard in you again; for your merchants were the powerful people of the earth, because all the nations were deceived by your witchcraft.

Questions

Who are the powerful people of the earth?

The leaders in this beast government.

Questions

What witchcraft was used to lead the nations astray?

Witchcraft is translated again from the Greek word pharmakeia
φαρμακεία

Questions

Why is God destroying this city?

Revelation 18: 24 (NASB)

And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slaughtered on the earth."

Themes Of The Next 3 Chapters

Chapter 19: The second coming of Christ.

Chapter 20: The 1000 year reign of Christ.

Chapter 21: Eternity with Christ.

Revelation 19: 1 (NASB)

After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying,

"Hallelujah! Salvation, glory, and power belong to our God,

Questions

Who do you think this great
multitude in heaven is?

Questions

Why is all of heaven celebrating?

Revelation 19: 1 (NASB)

After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying,

"Hallelujah! Salvation, glory, and power belong to our God,

Revelation 19: 2 (NASB)

because His judgments are true and righteous; for He has judged the great prostitute who was corrupting the earth with her sexual immorality, and He has avenged the blood of His bond-servants on her."

Question?

Remember Revelation Chapter 6?

Revelation 6: 9-11 (NASB)

When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been killed because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained,

Revelation 6: 9-11 (NASB)

and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who live on the earth?"
And a white robe was given to each of them;

Revelation 6: 9-11 (NASB)

and they were told that they were to rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers and sisters who were to be killed even as they had been, was completed also.

Revelation 19: 3 (NASB)

*And a second time they said,
"Hallelujah! Her smoke rises
forever and ever."*

Question?

Who is they?

All of us in Heaven. This is a time
of celebration.

Question?

Who is her?

The Beast city that has been
destroyed by fire.

Question?

How do you say Praise the Lord in Hebrew?

Allelujah!

Question?

How do you say "Praise the Lord
in Spanish?, in German?, in
French?, Chinese, in Swahili?

ALLELUIA! It is the universal word
for praise the Lord.

Interesting Fact

Do you know another universal word?

Amen- which means so be it or be it true.

Revelation 19: 3 (NASB)

*And a second time they said,
"Hallelujah! Her smoke rises
forever and ever."*

Question?

How long is forever and ever?

What do you think this is referring to?
Hint-where else will fire burn for ever
and ever?

Remember verses 1 and 2- *"Salvation,
glory and power belong to our God,
because His judgments are true and
righteous"*

Question?

Is absolute truth created in the
laws of Government?

Question?

Is absolute justice created in our
court system?

Question?

Where do you find truth and
justice?

Question?

What is justice?

The administering of deserved punishment or reward.

Conformity to the law or truth

Question?

Where do you find the absolute
law and the absolute truth?

Question?

What is the punishment for murder?

Question?

What is the punishment for violating any of the laws of the Almighty God?

Question?

If God is absolute justice, which is by definition the administration of deserved punishment for violation of the law, is it possible for God not punish those who sin?

This is the answer to the common question: If God is a God of love, how can He punish someone by tormenting them for ever and ever?

Question?

As a Christian, since God represents absolute justice, why are we not punished by everlasting torment?

Because when we accept Christ as our Lord, He accepts our debt or our punishment. God loves us so much that he punished His Son in our place.

God must punish with the righteous and just penalty of everlasting torment for violating the Law of God, however it is our choice to accept this punishment or accept Christ who paid the penalty on our behalf.

This is the great deception of satan.

He realizes that we cannot comprehend eternity or everlasting punishment so he plays on the love of God so many people believe the lie that a loving God would not send someone to hell, when it is not God's desire to punish us, it is our choice!

We must warn everyone of this great deception.

Revelation 19: 4 (NASB)

And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!"

*Note they are shouting: It is True,
Praise God!!!

Revelation 19: 5 (NASB)

And a voice came from the throne, saying,

"Give praise to our God, all you His bond-servants, you who fear Him, the small and the great."

Question?

Who is sitting on the throne?

Our Lord Jesus Christ!

Question?

Does God want us to be afraid of him?

No, it means to be in awe of God and give Him respect and honor.

Question?

What is he asking?

For everyone in heaven to join in
praising God!

Revelation 19: 6 (NASB)

Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters, and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying,

"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

Question?

What do you think John means when he describes something as *"like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters, and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder"*

So many people are shouting that it loud!!!

Revelation 19: 7 (NASB)

*Let's rejoice and be glad and give
the glory to Him, because the
marriage of the Lamb has come,
and His bride has prepared
herself."*

Revelation 19: 8 (NASB)

*It was given to her to clothe herself
in fine linen,* bright and clean; for
the fine linen is the righteous acts
of the saints.

Question?

Who is the Lamb?

Jesus

Question?

Why do you think that out of all his names such as King, Lord, Messiah, etc. He chose Lamb?

Question?

Who is His bride?

Brides

God has two spiritual brides
mentioned in His Word.

The Jewish Nation (Bride of God)

Jeremiah 3:14 (NIV)

"Return, faithless people," declares the Lord, "for I am your husband. I will choose you—one from a town and two from a clan—and bring you to Zion.

Jeremiah 31:32 (NASB)

*It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to
them,"
declares the Lord.*

Hosea 2:19 (NLT)

I will make you my wife forever,
*showing you righteousness and
justice,
unfailing love and compassion.*

Brides

God has two spiritual brides
mentioned in His Word.

The Jewish Nation (Bride of God)
The Christian Church (Bride of
Christ)

Ephesians 5: 22-32 (NASB)

Wives, subject yourselves to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

Ephesians 5: 22-32 (NASB)

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

Ephesians 5: 22-32 (NASB)

that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. So husbands also ought to love their own wives as their own bodies.

Ephesians 5: 22-32 (NASB)

He who loves his own wife loves himself; for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, because we are parts of His body.

Ephesians 5: 22-32 (NASB)

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

Question?

Who is His Bride?

We are!!!

The Bride of Christ is the Church.

Revelation 19: 7-8 (NASB)

Let's rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, because the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His bride has prepared herself." It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

Question?

Who was given the white bridal
linen?

The Church!

Question?

Where is the Church?

In Heaven

Revelation 19: 1 (NASB)

After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying,

"Hallelujah! Salvation, glory, and power belong to our God,

Question?

How did it get there?

The rapture!

Note: The Church is described as wearing fine white linen, which is reference to a wedding gown. All others are wearing white robes.