



W E L C O M E

— THE STUDY OF —
REVELATION

WHICH IS, WHICH WAS, AND WHICH IS TO COME

Revelation 17: 6 (NASB)

*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.*

Revelation 17: 7 (NASB)

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.

Now that we are all confused, we are going to have all this explained to us!

Note John was confused. This could be because he recognizes some of the symbols used by the beast.

Revelation 17: 8a (NASB)

"The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction.

Question?

What government was, is not and then comes back in the future?

This beast is the system or government of the antichrist which once was, now is not and yet will come.

Most scholars agree this is the Roman empire which once was the world leader, was not or lost it's position as world leader, and then will again rise up as the world leader in the role as the headquarters of the beast government.

Revelation 17: 8b (NASB)

*And those who live on the earth,
whose names have 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.*

Question?

Who does not have their names
written in the book of life?

Those who are not Christians.

Question?

What are they astonished by?

This new government which will be a beautiful and powerful organization/religion.

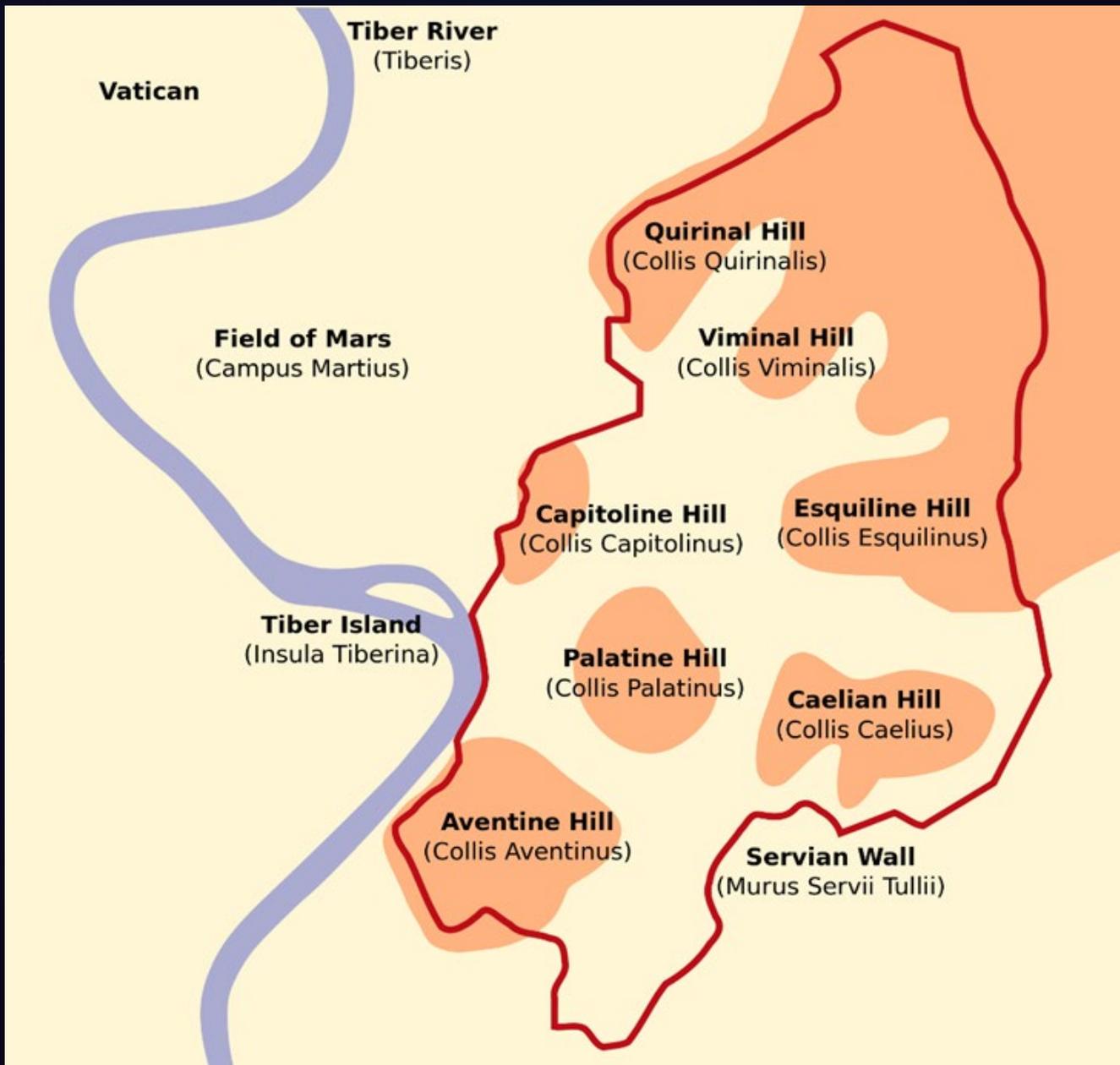
Revelation 17: 9 (NIV)

*"This calls for a mind with wisdom.
The seven heads are seven hills on
which the woman sits.*

Question?

Any guess to what city is known as
the city of seven hills?

Rome



Revelation 17: 9 (NIV)

*"This calls for a mind with wisdom.
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which the woman sits.*

Revelation 17: 10 (NASB)

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.

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Let's walk through this one step at
a time.

Revelation 17: 10 (NASB)

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When John wrote this five great world empires had fallen:

1. Egyptian
2. Assyrian
3. Babylonian
4. Medo-Persian
5. Greek

Revelation 17: 10 (NASB)

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When John wrote this the Roman
empire was in power.

Revelation 17: 10 (NASB)

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: 11 (NASB)

The beast which was, and is not, is himself also an eighth and is one of the seven, and he goes to destruction.

This is telling us that the Roman empire will disappear and Europe will unite in a new European/Roman empire, the seventh empire, which will only remain a short period.

From this empire will arise the antichrist who will transform the seventh empire into the new satanic beast world government, also known as the eighth empire.

Revelation 17: 12 (NASB)

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: 12 (NLT)

The ten horns of the beast are ten kings who have not yet risen to power. They will be appointed to their kingdoms for one brief moment to reign with the beast.

This is telling us that there will be ten leaders or kings who will be sub-rulers under the antichrist over ten districts, not kingdoms.

This will be a one world kingdom. The one hour means for a short time or as we know for no more than 3 ½ years.

The single purpose of this government is to force the world into this satanic pagan religion previously described as Babylon or the beast.

Interesting fact. There is an example in our history of the government joining powers with a religious organization.

Do you know what it is?

A Little History Lesson

In 311 AD, the dying Roman Emperor Galerius ended the Persecution of the Church by the Romans.

A Little History Lesson

In 313 AD, Roman Emperor Constantine issued the Edict of Milan, granting Christians "the right of open and free observance of their worship".

Constantine then began to utilize Christian symbols in the Roman government during his reign while still encouraged traditional Roman religious practices, including sun worship.

As a result Constantine melded together Christianity, Roman rituals and pagan rituals into one government organization.

Question?

What is the origin of sun worship?

Pagan Babylonian worship of Nimrod which included idols of Semiramis holding a baby with a halo or a sun over her head.

The official title of the Roman emperor during Constantine's rule was Pontifex Maximus.

Today Roman Emperor Constantine is known as Saint Constantine.

In 440 AD Leo I became leader of this new Roman religious organization and he was called Pontifex Maximus, which was a Roman government title and merged it with his religious title and became Pope Leo.

Many historians agree that Pope Leo is the first to claim universal jurisdiction over the worldwide Church, thus initiating the rise of the papacy, a uniquely Roman Catholic structure.

We clearly see how government can meld with religion to form a unique religious organization.

This provides us with a historical example of what John is describing will happen with the beast government and the one world religion.

Revelation 17: 13 (NASB)

*These have one purpose, and they
give their power and authority to
the beast.*

Revelation 17: 14 (NASB)

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."

This is describing the battle of Armageddon, also previously described as the trampling of the grapes in the wine press.

Question?

Any thoughts on who will be riding into this battle with the Lamb?

I believe we will!!! We are the chosen and faithful followers.

Revelation 17: 14 (NLT)

Together they will go to war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will defeat them because he is Lord of all lords and King of all kings. And his called and chosen and faithful ones will be with him."

Revelation 17: 15 (NASB)

And he said to me, "The waters which you saw where the prostitute sits are peoples and multitudes, and nations and languages

This is telling us that this beast government will sit on or rule over the whole world.

Revelation 17: 16 (NASB)

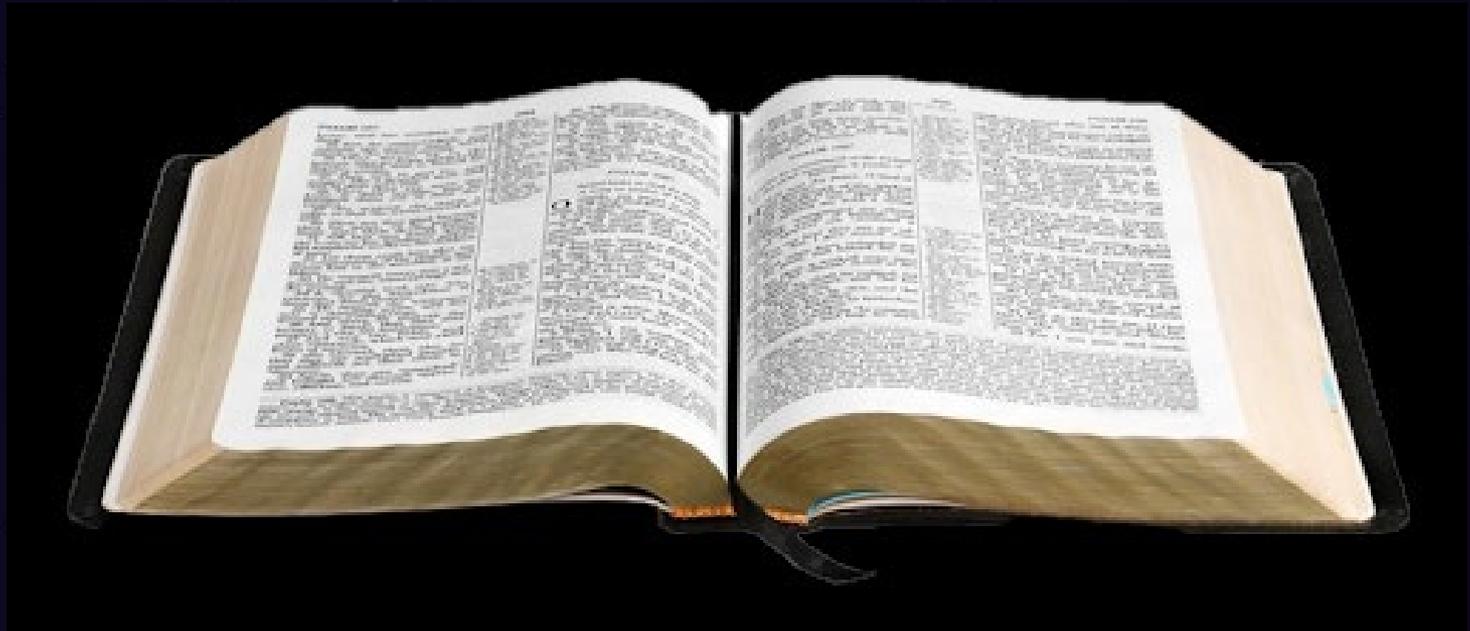
And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the prostitute and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire.

Question?

What is happening here?

In the end, when the world realizes they are losing the battle they will mutiny and turn against satan, the antichrist and the false prophet in the very end. Although it will be too late for repentance, the people of the world will realize they have been eternally duped.

In the end the world will realize
what a loser satan is!



Turn to: Isaiah 14: 9-17

Isaiah 14: 9-17 (NLT)

"In the place of the dead there is excitement over your arrival. The spirits of world leaders and mighty kings long dead stand up to see you. With one voice they all cry out, 'Now you are as weak as we are!"

Isaiah 14: 9-17 (NLT)

Your might and power were buried with you. The sound of the harp in your palace has ceased. Now maggots are your sheet, and worms your blanket.'

Isaiah 14: 9-17 (NLT)

*"How you are fallen from heaven,
O shining star, son of the morning!
You have been thrown down to the
earth, you who destroyed the
nations of the world.*

Isaiah 14: 9-17 (NLT)

For you said to yourself, 'I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God's stars. I will preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north. I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.'

Isaiah 14: 9-17 (NLT)

Instead, you will be brought down to the place of the dead, down to its lowest depths.

Isaiah 14: 9-17 (NLT)

Everyone there will stare at you and ask, 'Can this be the one who shook the earth and made the kingdoms of the world tremble? Is this the one who destroyed the world and made it into a wasteland? Is this the king who demolished the world's greatest cities and had no mercy on his prisoners?'

Question?

Why did the people turn against the beast?

Because God is in control and has put it in their hearts to accomplish HIS purpose.

Revelation 17: 17 (NASB)

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.

Now we know the beast is the
antichrist government/religion.

We know the waters the beast is
sitting on represents the people of
the world.

Who is the woman?

Revelation 17: 18 (NASB)

*The woman whom you saw is the
great city, which reigns over the
kings of the earth."*

Question?

Can you guess what world empire or great city ruled over the earth when John wrote this(95 AD)?

Rome

Coincidences?

On October 24, 2004 the constitution establishing the European Union was signed, the European Union was born and the stage is now set for the rise of the new Roman empire.

Do you know where they signed this new constitution establishing the one world Europe?

European Constitution to be signed in Rome today



The signature will take place in the same room that hosted the signature of the founding Treaty of Rome in 1957
(Photo: European Commission)

Coincidences?

Do you know what the currency of the European Union is?

The Euro.

Here are some interesting pictures of some Euro coins.

(Remember how Revelation 17 opens!)

Revelation 17: 1-4 (NASB)

One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute, who sits by many waters."

Revelation 17: 1-4 (NASB)

With her the kings of the earth committed adultery, and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries."

Revelation 17: 1-4 (NASB)

Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns.

Revelation 17: 1-4 (NASB)

The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold, precious [b]stones, and pearls, holding in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her sexual immorality,

Coincidences?



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What is the Color of their robes?



The History of Carnival

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The history of the carnival has its origins in antiquity, being a traditional and popular party that arrived in Brazil during colonization.

The word carnival is originally from Latin, *carnis levare*, meaning removing the flesh. The meaning is related to the fasting which is held during Lent and also with the control of worldly pleasures. This demonstrates an attempt by the Catholic Church to frame a pagan holiday.

In ancient Babylon, two feasts possibly originated what we know as carnival.

Coincidence?

There is a religious organization today that has the following similarities to the pagan Babylonian religion:

- They pray for people in the underworld (purgatory)
- They have a 40 day lament or lent fast annually
- They have an annual immoral celebration of sex, nudity and drunkenness before the ritual Lenten fast

- They are associated with worship of an image of a woman with a halo or sun over her head
- They have a person like Nimrod who becomes the gate to God and believes they intercede on your behalf for forgiveness

- They have ties with the government in Rome and are headquartered in Rome
- Their leaders wear purple and scarlet robes
- They have historically killed millions of Christians

A CALL FOR SOLIDARITY TO
THE RELIGIONS OF THE
WORLD

RELIGIONS
FOR
PEACE

Francis Cardinal
Arinze

As the head of the Pontifical Council for Inter-Religious Dialogue, Cardinal Arinze has met with religious leaders from around the world. Drawing on his vast experience and his deep-seated faith, he offers insights and ideas that could prove to be the catalyst for a new era of inter-religious cooperation the world so desperately needs.

He writes on issues ranging from safeguarding the world's children, to protecting the environment, to promoting efforts for disarmament. At its core, his message emphasizes that the fundamental requirement for peace is respect for the human right to religious freedom.

Written by one of the important religious leaders in the world today, Religions for Peace provides thoughtful, real-life answers to questions that once seemed highly abstract.

Resounding with a refreshing awareness of people of all backgrounds, it is a book that is needed more than ever today.



Pope Francis and the Grand Imam Ahmed el-Tayeb of al-Azhar after signing the Document on Human Fraternity in Abu Dhabi on Feb. 4, 2019



Abrahamic Family House in Abu Dhabi to open in 2022

The cultural landmark in the UAE capital, which includes a synagogue, a church and a mosque, is meant to be a beacon of understanding and peaceful coexistence, inspired by the Document on Human Fraternity.

Martin Luther

1483-1546



He was a Bible scholar who believed everyone should have access to the Bible and not just the leaders in the Catholic church so he translated the Bible into the vernacular (instead of Latin) and made it more accessible, which had a tremendous impact on the Church and German culture.

His theology challenged the authority and office of the Pope by teaching that the Bible is the only source of divinely revealed knowledge from God and opposed the catholic church by considering all baptized Christians to be a holy priesthood.

Luther wrote a list of 95 propositions that he wished to discuss and, according to most accounts, nailed it to the door of the Wittenberg Cathedral.

Because of this he became an outlaw in Rome and was persecuted by the Catholic church.

Martin Luther's 1534 Bible



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f. Baumgarten
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*Das Buch ist von dem heiligen Geiste
geschrieben und ist die heilige Schrift
des Alten Testaments und des Neuen
Testaments. Es ist die heilige Schrift
des Herrn Jesus Christus. Es ist die
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Conf. S. Baumgarten. Mainz, am 21. Juli. 1534.
Der VI. p. 81. wurde abgedruckt. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48.*

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Mart. Luth.
Wittenberg.
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Martin Luther's Drawing of John's vision of The Beast Government



Another Drawing from a Bible printed in the 1500s



Pope Alexander VI (1431-1504)

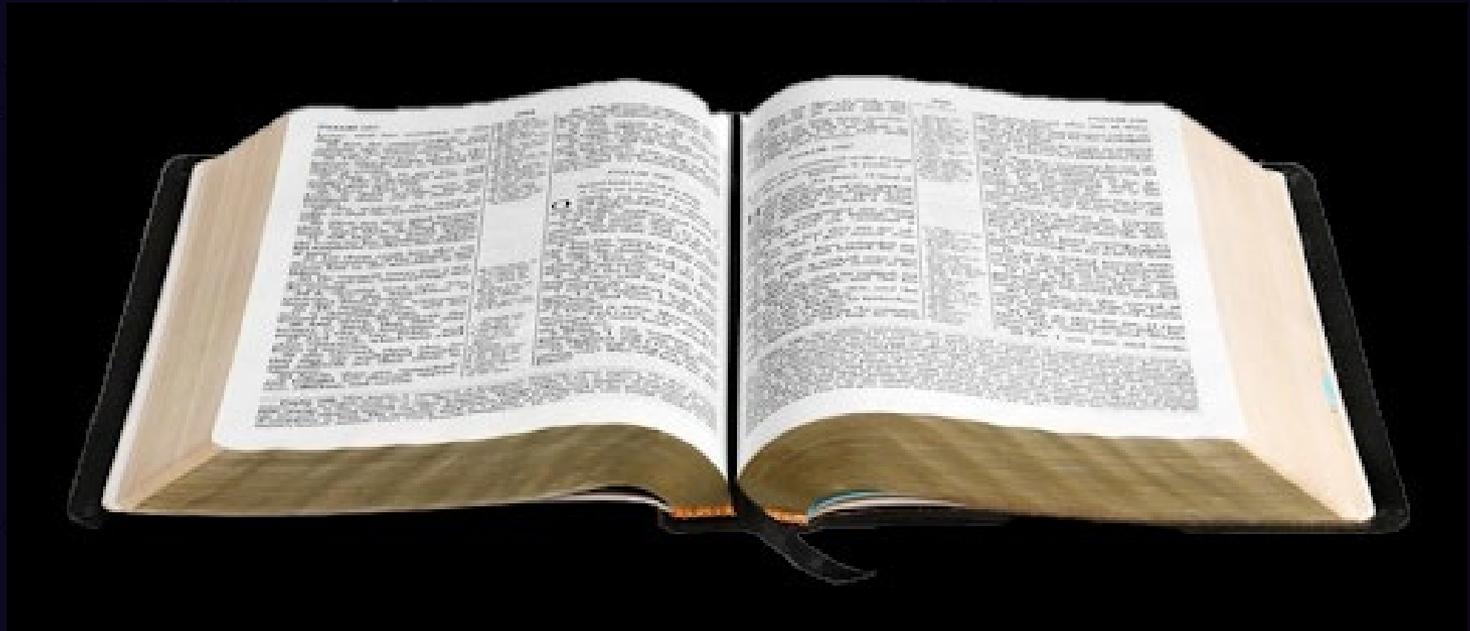




QUESTION?

Where was 1 Peter written?

Scholars agree that Peter, being the overseer or Elder of the Church in Rome, wrote 1 Peter in Rome.



Turn to: 1 Peter 5: 12-13

1 Peter 5: 12 (NLT)

I have written and sent this short letter to you with the help of Silas, whom I commend to you as a faithful brother. My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that what you are experiencing is truly part of God's grace for you. Stand firm in this grace.

1 Peter 5: 13 (NLT)

*Your sister church here in Babylon
sends you greetings, and so does
my son Mark.*

QUESTION?

Here we see the early Church identifying Rome as Babylon!

Still Present in our Lifetime

In the 1970s Iraq began construction of a 40-megawatt light-water nuclear reactor at the Al Tuwaitha Nuclear Center which was destroyed by the Israel Air Force because they had proof it was being used to generate weapons grade plutonium.

Question?

The religion in Iraq is Muslim, which is symbolized as a crescent moon.

Do you remember where the worship of the moon god originated?

Babylon.

Question?

Any guesses to what the Iraqis named their nuclear reactor?



Figure 9 -- Destroyed Tammuz-2 reactor building located in center background next to the narrow smokestack. The LAMA facility is to the right (building 22). Photo courtesy of the IAEA.

Introduction to Chapter 18

Chapter 18 will give us insight into the financial system of this beast government.

Revelation 18: 1 (NASB)

After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated from his glory.

Question?

Why will this angel of light be able to illuminate the earth?

The earth will be in complete darkness at this point.

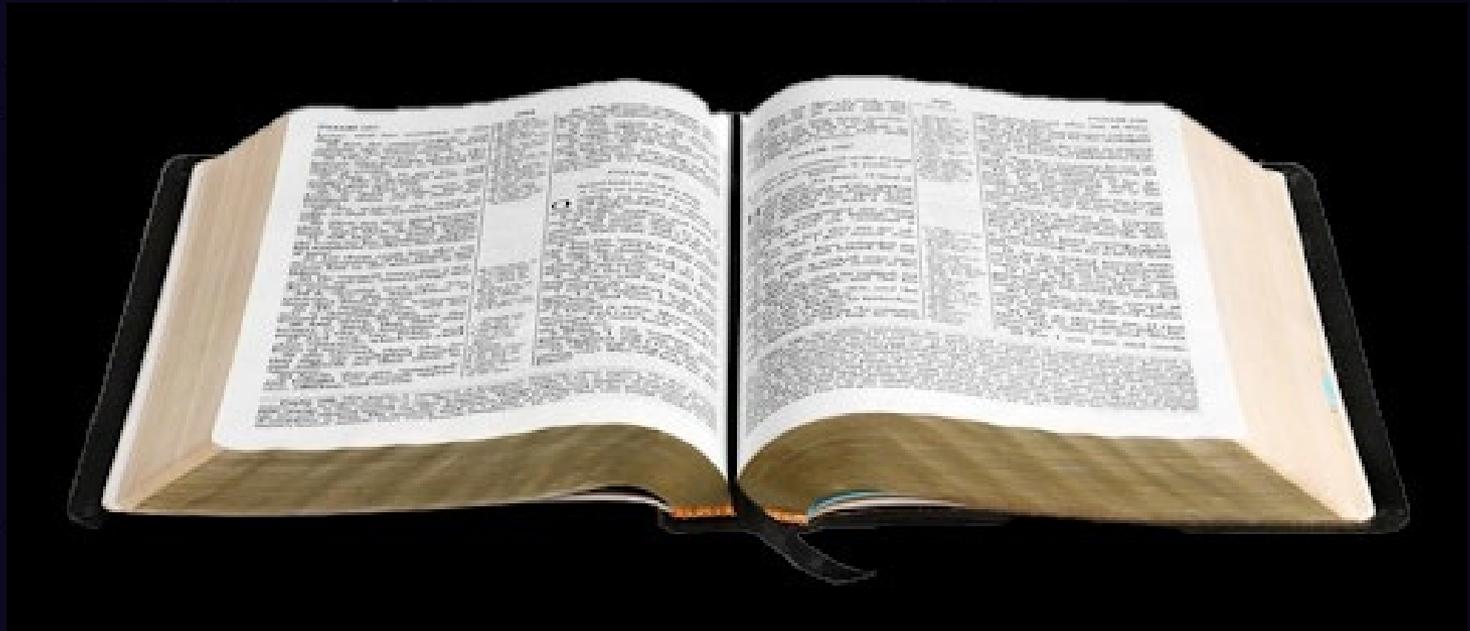
Revelation 18: 2 (NASB)

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.

Question?

What is happening to Babylon?

It is being destroyed and will be uninhabitable by mankind.



Turn to: Isaiah 13: 19-22

Isaiah 13: 19-22 (NASB)

*And Babylon, the beauty of
kingdoms, the glory of the
Chaldeans' pride,*

*Will be as when God overthrew
Sodom and Gomorrah.*

*It will never be inhabited or lived in
from generation to generation;*

Isaiah 13: 19-22 (NASB)

*Nor will the Arab pitch his tent there,
Nor will shepherds allow their flocks to
lie down there. But desert creatures
will lie down there,
And their houses will be full of owls;
Ostriches also will live there, and
shaggy goats will frolic there.*

Isaiah 13: 19-22 (NASB)

*Hyenas will howl in their fortified
towers*

*And jackals in their luxurious
palaces.*

*Her fateful time also will soon
come,*

*And her days will not be
prolonged.*

Revelation 18: 3 (NASB)

For all the nations have fallen because of the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of sexual immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich from the excessive wealth of her luxury."

Note the reference to adultery is spiritual adultery and the word maddening is meaning a needed desire such as an addiction.

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The money from the entire world will be dumped into this pagan organization so it will be all about luxury and sensuality.

The world has already begun dumping great wealth into cities of excessive luxuries in the middle east regions near ancient Babylon.

Qatar



Qatar



Dubai



Dubai



Dubai



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.

Question?

Who is my people?

Not only the Tribulation Saints, but this can also be a warning to us today to not participate in the sins of a pagan society turned against God.

This also tells us that somehow there will be some Tribulation Saints still alive in hiding.

Question?

Why is God wanting his people to not associate with Babylon?

He does not want them tempted with the wealth and sensuality or to share in the destruction of the city, much like Lot in Sodom and Gomorrah, God did not destroy the city until Lot and his family had come out of it.

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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.