

Daniel & Revelation End-time Prophecies Sermon Series  
 Study #61: **Second Angel's Message**  
 Revelation 14:8  
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Review

**What are the four parts of the first angel's message?**

1. **Fear God - To Fear God** is to reverence God with love and obedience by keeping ALL His commandments and hating evil.
2. **Give Glory to God** – Reflect the character of God in what we eat, drink and ALL that we do.
3. **Hour of His Judgment is COME** - Judgment (krisis) (kree'-sis). We are living in the time of the investigative judgment.
4. **Worship God** – Worship the Creator of heaven, earth, and the sea. Worship the one who gave us His Ten Commandments. The fourth commandment, the seventh-day Sabbath, is a memorial of God's creation and saving power.

The first angel's message reveals the true church of Jesus Christ. The foundation of the first angels message in Revelation 14:7 is who do you worship? This will be the final test. **Where are your affections and loyalty? Do you truly worship God based on Bible truth? Or is your worship based on man's thoughts and traditions?**

**What is the second angel's message that exposes false worship and Satan's false church system?**

**Revelation 14:8**

8 And there followed another angel (second angel), saying, **Babylon is fallen, is fallen**, that **great city**, because **she** made all nations drink of the **wine of the wrath of her fornication**.

The second angel's message in Revelation 14:8 reveals false worship that is connected to Satan's false church system. A very urgent message about the fall of Babylon is given.

**Who is Babylon?**

Revelation 14:6-11 **is a prophetic message that is within the context of the last days**. Babylon is **not referring to the literal Babylon** whose empire fell to the Medo-Persian kingdom in 539 BC as prophesied in Daniel chapter 2 and was fulfilled in Daniel chapter 5. After the literal ancient Babylonian kingdom fell it never regained its prominence.

**Corrupt Woman**

Babylon is a corrupt woman (false church system) full of church apostates that reject the first angel's message to worship the true God of the Bible.

The symbol of Babylon is referred to as a woman, "she" as noted in verse 8. In general a woman in Bible prophecy represents either a pure true church of God or an apostate corrupt false church in which Satan stealthily controls.

**Jesus compares His true church to a holy, pure, undefiled woman who is faithfully married to Him.**

**2 Corinthians 11:2**

2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: **for I have espoused [married] you to one husband**, that I may **present you as a chaste [pure] virgin to Christ**.

**What separates the apostate/false church from the faithful/true church of Jesus Christ?**

**1 John 2:15, 16**

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.”

The Bible reveals that sin and worldliness separates us from holiness and righteousness.

Remember, apostate churches are those who left the truth of the Bible and compromise with sin and worldliness, but still claim to be the “true” church of God.

**When professed people of Christ “fool” around with the world they literally give God a legal separation.**

**James 4:4**

4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity [hatred] with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

A spiritual adulteress is a perfect description of Babylon.

**Who is the leader of Babylon, known as the Mother of Harlots?**

Revelation 17:1-5

- 1 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:
- 2 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.**
- 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.
- 4 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:**
- 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**

The description of the beast in Revelation 17 is the same beast and false church system that was described in Revelation 13, Papal Rome. Revelation 17 reveals the corrupt religious and political system of Papal Rome. The woman sitting on the beast represents their false church system. The seven headed beast is their corrupt government system.

**The red color of the beast represents the great red dragon, Satan, who gives power to the beast!**

**Revelation 12:3**

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

**Revelation 13:4**

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

**Going back to Revelation 17:5 what is written upon the forehead of Papal Rome represented as the corrupt woman sitting on the beast?**

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5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

The names here reveal the character of Papal Rome. They are the main leader of Babylon, known as Babylon the Great, the mother of Harlots!

As we have already studied in Daniel and Revelation, Papal Rome fits all the characteristics of the prophecies of Daniel described as the "little horn" and Revelation 13:1,2 described as the seven headed leopard like beast.

All the other apostate churches that reject God of the Bible and unite with Papal Rome in doctrine and in spirit are the harlots or daughters of Papal Rome.

### **Specifically who are these harlots of Papal Rome called in Revelation 13:15?**

#### **Revelation 13:15**

15 And he (USA) had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

The apostate churches are the image of the beast because they are a perfect reflection of the political and religious corrupt nature of Papal Rome.

**Those who make up Babylon's false church system are (1) Papal Rome, Babylon the Great, the Mother, (2) its harlots, all apostate churches, (3) all false religions and all those who reject the true God of Heaven.**

Remember there are only two sides, God true Church or Satan false church system known as Babylon!

### **What does Babylon mean?**

The ancient city of Babylon, known as Babel was originally built by Nimrod after the world flood. Nimrod the grandson of Ham whose father was Noah.

#### **Genesis 10:8-10**

8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.

10 And the beginning of his kingdom was **Babel**, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

#### **Babel (Hebrew) = bâbel [baw-bel']**

From H1101; **confusion; Babel (that is, Babylon)**, including Babylonia and the Babylonian empire: - Babel, Babylon.

**Babel is Babylon which means "CONFUSION".**

**Confusion** = mixed up, a lack of order, disorder, upheaval, chaos, lack of clearness and understanding

Nimrod rebelled and rejected the God of heaven. He prided himself on human reasoning and his own human strength as a "mighty hunter."

### **What did the people of Babylon do to show their rejection of God?**

#### **Genesis 11:3-6**

3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

4 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.

5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

**What did God do counteract their rebellion against Him?****Genesis 11:7-9**

7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound (mixed up or confused) the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

Centuries later after this, Babylon was brought back to its glory and the tower built by King Nebuchadnezzar. It became a great empire. See book of Daniel for details

Going back to Revelation 14:8, all in spiritual Babylon are mixed up and confused!

**What did Babylon cause all people to “drink” in Babylon?**

Revelation 14:8 “she (Babylon) **made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.**”

Made all nations drink : Metaphorically/spiritually speaking it means **to imbue, saturate one’s mind** according to Thayer's Greek definition.

**Babylon's main goal is to saturate minds with the “wine” that leads to confusion and destruction.**

**What is the wine of the wrath of her fornication?**

**Wine of wrath** = the wine of passion, inflaming wine (which either drives the drinker mad or kills him with its strength) – Thayer's Greek Definition.

The wine of wrath from Babylon will confuse and make drunk ALL those who drink it! It makes them MAD!

**Fornication = spiritual adultery** as result of rejecting the true God of the Bible and embracing a false Christ and the attractions of the world.

**All those who drink Babylon’s wine of wrath will also commit “fornication” against the true God of Heaven. They will reject Him and embrace the lies of Satan!**

Those who drink the wine of Babylon are drinking from the Devil's cup of LIES!

**Whose cup are you drinking from, the Devil's or Jesus?****1 Corinthians 10:21**

21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

**What's inside the cup of Christ ? Pure unfermented wine “grape juice” which is represented at the true communion of Christ**

**1 Corinthians 10:16**

16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

**Matthew 26: 27, 28**

27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, **Drink ye all of it;**

28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

#### **John 14:6**

6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

**Jesus pure unfermented wine represents truth** that will cleanse you from all sin. It will not intoxicate you or make you drunk. His sweet wine keeps you sober and aware.

**The wine of Babylon is inside the cup of the Devil which represents his lies in which all those in Babylon get drunk on!**

#### **John 8:44**

44 **Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.**

#### **2 Corinthians 11:3**

3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so **your minds should be corrupted** from the simplicity[singleness/sincerity] that is in Christ.

#### **1 Timothy 4:1**

1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the **latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.**

**Babylon's wine represents its false teachings and doctrines inspired by Satan.**

**Satan's Babylonian wine is** fermented with pride, selfishness, worldliness, and rebellion with the appearance of truth. This wine is mixed in with truth to make it appear that it is true. **The wine of Babylon is the doctrine of devils!**

**Go back to Revelation 17:4, what cup does Babylon the Great, Papal Rome, have in her hand?**

4 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:**

The golden cup is full of the wine of Babylon, full of abomination and filthiness of her fornication.

The beast is full of blasphemy against the God of heaven!

#### **Revelation 17:4 compared to the Catholic Mass**

- Remember, the Eucharist (Catholic Mass) is a counterfeit communion that is full of lies, corruption, and blasphemy against the true Jesus of the Bible. They claim to turn the wine and bread into the literal blood and flesh of Christ. They claim to have the power to create Jesus and crucify Him over and over again at their will.
- The Cardinal or priest are known to wear purple or scarlet with gold jewelry of gold and precious stones. During mass they use fermented wine usually poured into a golden cup in which all those who participate drink from! This fermented wine has the power to make people confused.
- This fermented wine parallels to the spiritual reality of Papal Rome's false doctrines and lies that she uses to make all nations drunk with the wrath of her fornication.

**Again, whose cup do you want to drink from?**

**What happens when ALL people, even professed people of God and its leaders drink the intoxicating wine of Babylon?**

**Isaiah 28:7, 8**

- 7 But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble *in* judgment.
- 8 For all tables are full of vomit *and* filthiness, *so that there is* no place *clean*.

**The wine of Babylon claims to have “new” wine for the modern churches... but what does the Bible say about this “new” wine?**

**Hosea 4:10, 11**

- 10 For they shall eat, and not have enough: they shall commit whoredom, and shall not increase: because they have left off to take heed to the LORD.
- 11 Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart.

Satan's Babylonian “new” wine takes away your love and devotion to God.

**Why do all those in Babylon have a lack of knowledge and understanding?**

**Hosea 4:6**

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast **rejected knowledge**, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

**All those in Babylon reject the law of God and believe in the commandments and doctrines of men and devils.**

**Matthew 15:8-9**

- 8 *This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.*
- 9 *But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.*

**Drunk, Confused, and Addicted**

Like real alcoholic wine, one sip of Babylonian wine will compromise your spiritual thinking.

**Proverbs 20:1**

1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

The more you drink the more spiritually drunk you will become. Also like the real wine, Babylonian wine is extremely addictive to those who drink it because it pleases the “flesh”, the sinful and lustful nature of man. Babylonian wine arouses and tickles all the worldly senses, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life and causes ALL who drink it to compromise God’s Word.

The more Babylonian wine is consumed, the more people crave it and are overcome by it. The more they drink, the more they become filled with false doctrines which leads them to commit abominations. When they vomit, they spread the contaminating false doctrines to others.

**Babylon = confusion mixing truth and error. Truth + Lie = LIE!**

The following are examples of Bible Truth compared to the excuses that Babylonian ministers and others try to make to refute plain Bible truth.

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| <b>Bible Truth</b> | <b>Those in Babylon<br/>FALSE Excuses &amp; Theories</b> |
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| <p><b>1 John 5:4</b> - "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."</p>  | <p>"It's impossible to overcome sin, it's our nature. It's okay to have some sin in your life as long as you are a good person. Just make sure you keep paying your tithes and offering. You should be alright with God!"</p>  |
| <p><b>Ephesians 2:8, 9</b><br/>8 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:<br/>9 Not of works, lest any man should boast."</p>  | <p>"Our church attendance, shouting, tithing, and gifts to the pastor, hail marys, bead counts, candle vigils, pilgrimages to the holy land should be enough to get me in the kingdom of Heaven!"</p>  |
| <p><b>John 14:15</b> - "If ye love me, keep my commandments."<br/><b>Exodus 20:8-10</b><br/>8 "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.<br/>9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:<br/>10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates."</p>  | <p>"The commandments are the old dispensation. Just love each other. Grace is all you need."<br/>"The seventh-day Sabbath is for the Jews. We really don't have to keep the old Sabbath. Don't esteem one day above another. The seventh-day Sabbath doesn't matter, keep any day holy."</p> |
| <p><b>James 4:4</b> - "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."<br/><b>Romans 12:2</b> - "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."<br/><b>Psalms 101:3</b> - "I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me."</p> | <p>"We cannot be extreme now. What's wrong with watching a little Hollywood and Dancing with the Stars? We pray before we watch the Superbowl? It's the gospel slide not the electric slide. It's gospel hip hop. David danced!"</p>   |
| <p><b>Revelation 1:7</b> - "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen."</p>  | <p>"The secret rapture of Christ is coming to take us from tribulation. Those "left behind" will go through seven years of tribulation. All the wicked will have a second chance to get it right before Jesus comes again to take them."</p>   |
| <p><b>Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6</b><br/>5 "For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.<br/>6 Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun."<br/><b>Psalms 146:4</b> - "His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish."</p>  | <p>"When you die you go straight to heaven or hell."<br/>"When you die you continue to live on as a spirit or angel."<br/>"When you die you become something else in nature (reincarnated)."</p>   |

### **Going back to the second Angel's message in Revelation 14:8 what is the state of the Babylon?**

God warns us of this false system of mixing truth and lies that causes confusion and drunkenness spiritually. He says that Babylon is fallen, is fallen.

God's warning reveals that Babylon is already in a fallen state. Verse 8 says that Babylon "is fallen, is fallen". The message here repeats the word "fallen" twice not only to reveal the urgency of the message, but also how Babylon fell and its final fate.

**The first "fallen"** shows that Babylon first fell away from God's truth and compromised with the world.

**The reason why literal ancient Babylon fell is because they, led by king Belshazzar, rejected the truth of God and embraced rebellion.**

The prophet Daniel told the story of king Belshazzar in Daniel 5:22, 23.

**Daniel 5:22, 23**

22 And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this;  
23 But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified.

Belshazzar knew the true God. He knew about the true conversion testimony of his grandfather king Nebuchadnezzar; how he was humbled and worshiped the true God of Heaven only. Belshazzar knew all this, but he rejected it. This is the same attitude of symbolic modern day Babylon.

**The second "fallen"** of Revelation 14:8, is the final result of Babylon and all those in Babylon drinking and feasting on her false doctrines.

Babylon is already on "fire" and will soon be totally consumed! The second angel's message of Revelation 14:8 is repeated again in Revelation 18:1-4, but with even more urgency before the complete fall of Babylon.

**What is that urgent message for all those still in Babylon?**

**Revelation 18:1 - 4**

1 And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

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.

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.

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."

You CANNOT rebuild a building while it is already engulfed in FLAMES! Babylon is FALLEN is FALLEN!

As we get closer to the end of time Babylon does not get better, it gets worse! It continues its adulteress, corruptible, and abominable ways. Even though those in Babylon claim the name of Jesus, the real true Jesus that created the heavens and the earth is not found there. Those in Babylon are actually serving a false Christ in a false church system full of devils. Babylonians love messages that offer grace, blessings, and eternal life without giving up sinful pleasures.

For those in Babylon, the only hope is to GET OUT and embrace the true Christ of the Bible and follow His Bible truth. All those who come out of Babylon must let go of the lies of Babylon and have a love of the TRUTH. Study and follow the truth. Church fellowship with like believers!

**Ephesians 4:14** That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.