

Three Angels' Message Sermon Series  
 Lesson 3: Second **Angel's Message Part 1**  
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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 angel's 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!

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 what 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 called 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's true Church or Satan's 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!**