

Daniel & Revelation End-time Prophecies Sermon Series
Study #69: God's Final WARNING
Revelation 18:1 - 5
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What is God's FINAL urgent "loud cry" message to all those 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.

Come out of Babylon, MY PEOPLE!

Revelation 18:1 – 4 is the last urgent message from God to all those still in Babylon! This is the message that God's 144,000. Matter fact, the fall of Babylon and the urgency to get out is the last urgent message that God gives the world to GET OUT of Babylon! This is the final LOUD Cry message that the 144,000 are commissioned to give before probation closes for the whole world. After Revelation 18 there are no more messages of warning to the world of the fall of Babylon.

Babylon = Confusion: False doctrines of mixing truth and error.

Only Two Choices:

Remember, all those in Babylon are all those who reject the commandments and lifestyle of Jesus for entertainment and false doctrines of men that directly oppose the word of God. Remember there are only two choices. You are abiding in God's truth, sealed with the seal of the living God or in Babylon. All those in Babylon worship the beast, the image of the beast, and the dragon (Satan).

Who makes up Babylon based on our previous studies:

1) The Beast, papal Rome, Head of Babylon 2) Image to the beast, all apostate churches 3) All false "non-christian" religions like Muslims, Buddha, and Hindu. Babylon also includes pop culture, atheist, and all other non-believing persons.

4th Angel: The urgent message to come out of Babylon

Revelation 18:1 – 4 is from another angel. This fourth angel is in unison with the other three angels in Revelation 14:6 – 13, but with a more urgent appeal. Revelation 18:1-4 is a repeat of the second angel's message of Revelation 14:8 during the time of the mark of the beast crisis, but with greater emphasis than before. This message has great authority and has "lightened" the whole earth with truth.

Why is the Revelation 18:1 – 4 message so urgent?

- 1) It is the final appeal.
- 2) Babylon is fallen, is fallen.

The first “fallen” shows that Babylon first fell away from God’s truth and compromised.

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. All those in Babylon will completely fall with it and be destroyed.

3) The Holy Spirit has completely withdrawn Himself. Verse 2 says that Babylon has become a habitation of devils. The Holy Spirit does not dwell in a house of devils!

4) Revelation 18:2 says that Babylon is the “hold of every foul spirit.” The word “hold” is referring to a “prison.” Babylon’s lies keep its victims in bondage. It is a prison full of every sin imaginable. This “hold” or “prison” is also referred to as a “cage” that is full of “every unclean and hateful bird.”

These unclean and hateful birds are like the ones in Jesus’ parable in Luke 8:5, 11, 12

Luke 8:5

5 A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.”

Jesus explains in...

Luke 8:11, 12

11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

The unclean and hateful birds in Babylon hate the truth and God’s Word. Like the Devil, they take away the truth from the hearts of the people. Many unconverted pastors and leaders are like these hateful birds, when the seeds of God’s truth about the seventh-Sabbath are sown among their churches they steal away these seeds of truth from their members by making excuses or misrepresenting God’s Word.

5) All those who reject the urgent message to come out of Babylon WILL worship the beast and the image of beast and receive the mark of the beast and will receive the wrath of God. The wrath of God is the seven last plagues.

Revelation 14:9-10

9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

6) All those in Babylon are drunk of the wine of her fornication. Even the kings (world leaders) of the earth committed fornication with her. The wine are her false doctrines that directly oppose the word of God. Anyone who persist and hold on beliefs or doctrines that directly oppose God’s word are drinking the wine of Babylon.

Why do people persist to continue to believe something that is in opposition to the Bible scripture?

Pride (Hebrew): zâdôn (zaw-done')

BDB Definition:

1) pride, insolence, presumptuousness, arrogance

Insolence: rude and disrespectful behavior. (Google dictionary)

In others in words a person holding on to pride they disrespect the authority of God.

Arrogance / Arrogant: having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's own importance or abilities. (Google dictionary). The prideful overrate their intelligence compared to others.

Those with pride debate the truth

Proverbs 13:10

10 **Only by pride cometh contention (debate):** but with the well advised is wisdom.

Those with pride will debate the clear word of truth to try to make it fit their erroneous ideas and philosophies that contradict the Word of God. You can read and show them what the Bible says to reveal that they are in error. **Instead of humbling themselves, the prideful debate and twist the Word of God.**

What is the fear of the Lord (first angel's message – Revelation 14:7)?

Proverbs 8:13

13 The fear of the LORD is to **hate evil: pride**, and **arrogancy**, and the evil way, and the froward (fraud) mouth, do I hate.

What is the result of holding on to PRIDE?

Proverbs 16:18

18 **Pride** goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

Pride is the main reason why ALL in Babylon fall with it. Anyone that still harbors pride in their heart will fall with it.

It does not matter what your profession may be, pride will confuse, deceive, and destroy you!

Pride was one of the reasons why Satan was kicked out of the Heaven. He refused to humble Himself when God showed Satan (Lucifer) his error in thinking. Instead of humbling himself, he continued to spread his erroneous views throughout Heaven. Because he rejected correction and continued in PRIDE, God judged him as guilty and kicked him and 1/3 of the angels who persisted in believing Satan's lies out of heaven. Their fate was forever sealed!

What did God say about Edom? This applies to all who hold on to PRIDE

Obadiah 1:3

3 The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?
Pride is deceiving, blinding, and destructive!

Matthew 23:12

12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

We ALL must be humbled. Humility is a supernatural gift from God that is only received when we submit our pride to Him.

Pride was one of the main problems that the 12 disciples had before Jesus went to the cross. Jesus did not excuse their problem but directly addressed it for their soul salvation sake.

Humility: “a modest or low view of one's own importance; humbleness.” (Google dictionary)

Humility is the mind of Christ and we ALL MUST have His mind of humility.

Philippians 2:1-8

- 1 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,
- 2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.
- 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.
- 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.
- 5 **Let this mind be in you**, which was also in Christ Jesus:
- 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
- 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
- 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he **humbled** himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Going back to Revelation 18:3 it says that the “merchants of the earth are waxed rich (wealthy) through the abundance of her delicacies.”

What gives those merchants who have unified with Babylon its wealth? Verse 3 says, “Through the abundance of her delicacies”

Abundance (Greek): dunamis [doo'-nam-is]

From G1410; **force** (literally or figuratively); specifically **miraculous power** (usually by implication a miracle itself): - ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), **power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.**

Delicacies (Greek): strēnos (stray'-nos)

Akin to G4731; a “straining”, “strenuousness” or “strength”, that is, (figuratively) luxury (voluptuousness): - delicacy.

Delicacies = Power and strength.

Babylon has an abundance of legislative force and power. They put together laws that specifically benefit the wealthy corporations regardless of the oppression and harm to others!

Today corporate America has complete access to the legislative halls. The federal and state governments have been given complete access to influence and corrupt legislators.

Did you know that corporations hire staff known as “lobbyists” to go to legislative halls of federal and state governments to persuade law makers, presidents, governors, etc. to make laws that will specifically benefit their companies?

“Lobbying in the United States describes paid activity in which special interests hire well-connected professional advocates, often lawyers, to argue for specific legislation in decision-making bodies such as the United States Congress... The current pattern suggests much lobbying is done primarily by corporations, although a wide variety of coalitions representing diverse groups also occurs.”

“A report in *The Nation* in 2014 suggested that while the number of 12,281 registered lobbyists was a decrease since 2002, lobbying activity was increasing and “going underground” as lobbyists use “increasingly sophisticated strategies” to obscure their activity.[6] Analyst [James A. Thurber](#) estimated that the actual number of working lobbyists was close to 100,000 and that the industry brings in \$9 billion annually.”[6] - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lobbying_in_the_United_States

“Which Industry Spends the Most on Lobbying?”, Jake Frankenfield, Investopedia, updated October 19, 2018 - <https://www.investopedia.com/investing/which-industry-spends-most-lobbying-antm-so>

“In the American political system, [lobbying](#) is par for the course. It has come to be expected that major industries, and the leading corporations in those industries, will seek to influence legislation, regulation and the enforcement of government decisions, such that they receive preferential treatment. This could come in the form of campaign contributions, or actual lobbying, with a lobbyist working on behalf of the corporation that has paid them to influence a particular vote, or governmental decision.”

Here are the top five total spending from 1998 to 2018 according to investopedia.com

Industry	Billion (1998 – 2018)
1) Pharmaceuticals / Health Products,	\$3,937,356,877
2) Insurance	\$2,704,636,807
3) Electric Utilities	\$2,353,570,360
4) Electronics Mtg / Equipment	\$2,230,043,875
5) Business Associations	\$2,217,425,929
6) Oil & Gas	\$2,096,923,653

American is NO LONGER, “for the people, by the people.” It has become “for the merchants, by the merchants.” Some of the lobbyist get staff positions in the government, but still have ties to their former corporate employer.

America, as the beast with two lamb-like horns that speaks as the dragon and creates the image to the Beast has become a part of Babylon.

With the mother of Babylon, Papal Rome, American has an abundance of delicacies that make the merchants of the earth extremely wealthy!

These 10 companies control everything you buy, Kate Taylor, Business Insider, September 28, 2016 - <https://www.businessinsider.com/10-companies-control-the-food-industry-2016-9>

“Only 10 companies control almost every large food and beverage brand in the world. These companies — Nestlé, PepsiCo, Coca-Cola, Unilever, Danone, General Mills, Kellogg's, Mars, Associated British Foods, and Mondelez — each employ thousands and make billions of dollars in revenue every year.”

Many merchants have become wealthy by unifying with the those in Babylon.

What is the wealthiest business in the world?

Walmart – \$485.9 billion revenue in 2017, according to FinancesOnline.com (<https://financesonline.com/top-10-richest-companies-in-the-world-in-2018-by-revenue/#sinopec>)

Going back to Revelation 18:4, does God make himself abundantly clear?

Get out of Babylon! Those who are still caught in a web of pride and refuse to submit to the spirit of TRUTH, God is saying submit your pride and get OUT.

When God was about to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, what message did He tell Lot and his family to do?

Genesis 19:12-15

12 And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place:

13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.

14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

Why was Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed?

Jude 1:7

7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Homosexuality was a major sin in Sodom. That is were we get the word Sodomy from. The LGBT movement today, like Sodom of old, is forcing themselves on society and others.

The mother of harlots, Papal Rome, is like the Sodomites who have been exposed because many of their homosexual priests and nuns have raped and forced themselves on young children! Over the years they have molested and raped thousands of children worldwide. Their actions over the years reveal that Papal Rome has scores of pedophiles throughout its church.

Sadly, Papal Rome is not the only church guilty of Sodomy among its clergy. Many protestant churches have also been guilty of the same thing as Papal Rome.

For example:

Abuse of Faith, “20 years, 700 victims: Southern Baptist sexual abuse spreads as leaders resist reforms”, By Robert Downen, Lise Olsen, and John Tedesco, Houston Chronicle, February 10, 2019 - <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/investigations/article/Southern-Baptist-sexual-abuse-spreads-as-leaders-13588038.php>

“In all, since 1998, roughly 380 Southern Baptist church leaders and volunteers have faced allegations of sexual misconduct, [the newspapers found](#). That includes those who were convicted, credibly accused and successfully sued, and those who confessed or resigned. More of them worked in Texas than in any other state.

They left behind more than 700 victims, many of them shunned by their churches, left to themselves to rebuild their lives. Some were urged to forgive their abusers or to get abortions.

About 220 offenders have been convicted or took plea deals, and dozens of cases are pending. They were pastors. Ministers. Youth pastors. Sunday school teachers. Deacons. Church volunteers.”

Let's look at some more reasons why Sodom and Gomorrah was destroyed...

Ezekiel 16:49-50

49 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, **pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness** was in her and in her daughters, neither did she **strengthen the hand of the poor and needy**.

50 And they were **haughty**, and **committed abomination** before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good.

What did God reveal to Abraham about the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah?

Genesis 18:20-21

20 And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

The sins of Sodom and Gomorrah was very grievous and the cry of their sins were heard by God in Heaven.

What does God reveal about the sins of Babylon at the end of time?

Revelation 18:5

5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

Like Sodom and Gomorrah, the sins of Babylon have reached heaven. This reveals how much and great the sins of Babylon have become. When the sins of Babylon reach the heavens they will receive the wrath of God. Babylon as a whole and those in it will fall and be destroyed.

At the time before the world-wide flood, the sins of those living on earth was great.

Genesis 6:5, 11 - 12

5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

What did Jesus say would be the condition of the world right before His second coming?

Luke 17:26-30

26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

We are living in the days that are like the sins of the world before the flood and Sodom. The cup of the Lord is filling. Jesus is soon to come. His second coming is imminent.

Is your soul right with God? You may not be attending Babylonian churches but if you are still caught in a web of pride, your pride places you in Babylon in the eyes of God. God is saying GET OUT NOW! Don't play or underestimate pride!

Appeal...This is very important.

How does God describe the fall of Babylon? To be continued...