

**Great Controversy Series**  
**Fall of Babylon & 1000 years**  
**Chapter 41 - Desolation of the Earth**  
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Remember, all those who not in God's remnant, abiding in Christ, commandment keeping people who have the faith of Jesus is IN BABYLON. The mother of Babylon is Papal Rome. Her daughters are all apostate protestant churches. Also Babylon includes all false religions, the occult, pop culture, atheist, new age, and spiritualist. There is not middle ground. You are either in Babylon, confusion by deceit or God's faithful remnant.

**How does Revelation describe the fall of Babylon?**

**Revelation 18:5-10**

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

6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and **double unto her double according to her works**: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day [one year], death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

9 And the kings of the earth, who have **committed fornication and lived deliciously** with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

**What is the reaction of those who made a lot of money because Babylon's system of deceit when she falls?**

**Revelation 18:3, 11, 15-19**

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**.

11 And the **merchants of the earth** shall **weep and mourn over her**; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more.

15 The merchants of these things, which were **made rich by her**, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

16 And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!

17 For in one hour [15 days] so **great riches is come to nought**. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off.

18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!

19 And they cast dust on their heads, and **cried, weeping and wailing**, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, **wherein were made rich** all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

“The rich prided themselves upon their superiority to those who were less favored; but they had obtained their riches by violation of the law of God. They had neglected to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to deal justly, and to love mercy. They had sought to exalt themselves and to obtain the homage of their fellow creatures. Now they are stripped of all that made them great and are left destitute and defenseless. They look with terror upon the destruction of the idols which they preferred before their Maker. They have sold their souls for earthly riches

and enjoyments, and have not sought to become rich toward God. The result is, their lives are a failure; their pleasures are now turned to gall, their treasures to corruption. The gain of a lifetime is swept away in a moment.” GC 654

Even though the wicked see their failed condition, there is no feelings of repentance, but regret that they are not able to continue their wicked ways. Every thing is lost. Soon their life will be taken.

### **What will be the result of ALL the ministers who were drinking and serving the wine of Babylon?**

They will be lost!

#### **Jeremiah 23:1**

1 Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.

#### **Matthew 7:21-23**

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

#### **Jeremiah 8:11**

11 For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.

#### **Ezekiel 13:22**

22 Because with **lies** ye have made the **heart of the righteous sad**, whom I have not made sad; and **strengthened the hands of the wicked**, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life:

### **What will be the reaction of those who followed and worshiped these Babylonian ministers?**

“The people see that they have been deluded. They accuse one another of having led them to destruction; but all unite in heaping their bitterest condemnation upon the ministers. Unfaithful pastors have prophesied smooth things; they have led their hearers to make void the law of God and to persecute those who would keep it holy. Now, in their despair, these teachers confess before the world their work of deception. The multitudes are filled with fury. ‘We are lost!’ they cry, ‘and you are the cause of our ruin;’ and they turn upon the false shepherds.” GC 655

### **Who will receive the seal of the living God, mark of deliverance for God’s true remnant?**

“The mark of deliverance has been set upon those ‘that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done.’ Now the angel of death goes forth, represented in Ezekiel’s vision by the men with the slaughtering weapons, to whom the command is given: ‘Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at My sanctuary.’ Says the prophet: ‘They began at the ancient men which were before the house.’ Ezekiel 9:1-6. The work of destruction begins among those who have professed to be the spiritual guardians of the people. The false watchmen are the first to fall. There are none to pity or to spare. Men, women, maidens, and little children perish together.” GC 656

### **Why were all nations deceived by Babylon and destroyed with Babylon?**

**Revelation 18:23** - “And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy **sorceries** were all nations deceived.”

**By the “sorceries” of Babylon all nations were deceived.** The Greek word for “sorceries” in verse 23 is “pharmakeia” [far-mak-i’-ah]. According to the Thayer Greek Dictionary “pharmakeia” is “the use or administering of drugs; poisoning; and sorcery, magical arts, often found in connection with idolatry and fostered by it.” If you put the original Greek word “pharmakeia” in place of the English word “sorceries” the end of verse 23 would say, “For by thy **pharmakeia** were ALL nations deceived”! “Pharmakeia” is where we get our English word “pharmacy”!

**Pharmacy is a well organized and professionalized system that administers poisonous drugs.** The Bible reveals that Babylon will deceive all nations by the use of pharmacy that is in connection to “magical arts” and idolatry. “Magical arts” has its deep roots in witchcraft and the occultic world. We don’t have to do a deep Bible study to know that Satan is directly behind the magical arts and God’s people should have nothing to do with it. Professed deceived Christians today use “magical arts” under the disguise of contemplative prayer, “christian” humanism, and spiritual formation. In general those involved in sorcery, witchcraft, and magic are known to use “magic” potions to “heal”, deceive, poison, control, or kill someone.

Pharmacy mainly uses a mixture of toxic chemicals, metals, and/or synthetic elements to produce “pharmaceuticals” that are designed to manipulate the biochemistry or metabolic functions of the body in an attempt to get a “desired” affect in the treatment of a disease or sickness. In other words, pharmacy mixes up different types of poison, package it, patent it, and claims that it can treat certain types of diseases. The main problem with that system is that poison is poison. Not only are some of these poisons found in pharmaceutical drugs but also found in many processed foods that billions of people eat.

**When you go back to Revelation 18:23, Jesus uses the Greek word “pharmakeia” to reveal to us the main thing that will be used to deceive ALL people in the last days is a well organized system of administering poisonous drugs to billions of people that are not only toxic to the organs of body, but have direct negative effects on the brain.** Many of these drugs used for a variety of reasons are known to cause problems with memory, mood, and contribute to negative personality changes.

**Who is the main one behind the system of pharmacy and the administering of poisonous drugs that Babylon uses to deceive all nations?**

Look at the emblems or logos of modern medicine to reveal the truth!



### **Bowl of Hygieia**

“Bowl of Hygieia.” Who is Hygieia? Hygieia comes from Greek mythology. Hygieia holds snake drinking out of a bowl with “magic potion.” The snake is said to get its wisdom from the bowl! Hygieia is the goddess of health and hygiene.

The Bowl of Hygieia is used as an internationally recognized symbol the field of pharmacy.



**Who did Satan use to deceive Eve?**

**A snake that claim to be wise. Satan is using that same snake to deceive billions of people.**



### Rod of Aesculapius

In Greek mythology, Aesculapius is the father of Hygieia. He is known as the god of medicine, healing, and physicians. The same snake that drinks from the “bowl of hygiene” is wrapped around the rod of Aesculapius.

**A rod in a shepherd’s hand is used to guide and correct the sheep.** In some cases the shepherd uses the rod to rescue the sheep. In the Bible Jesus is the good shepherd that ruleth his people with a rod of iron which, represent his everlasting dominion over heaven and earth.



**The rod of Aesculapius is Satan’s counterfeit to the genuine rod of Jesus of Christ,** the good shepherd. Satan is telling the world through the rod of Aesculapius, that he is in control of the world and that he has healing powers. This is false. Only God has true healing power.

The rod of Aesculapius is used as a logo to represent those in the medical profession such as EMT. The rod of Aesculapius is found on many ambulances and also institutions or professions with the modern medicine.

### Caduceus

The Caduceus is also a symbol that is used represent the medical field that uses pharmaceutical drugs. The caduceus really sums up who is really behind the poisonous drugging system of Babylon.



A caduceus has two serpents mating around a rod, topped by a pair of wings. The caduceus, also known as a magic wand, belongs to the Greek god Hermes or the Roman god Mercury. These gods are supposed to be the messengers of gods, inventors of magic, communicators to the “dead” and one who protects business and thieves ([drblayney.com/Asclepius.html](http://drblayney.com/Asclepius.html)). Many in witchcraft and sorcery still use the caduceus for magic and to cast spells. Also the caduceus in sorcery is known to “restrain and control” its victims.

Even though the caduceus had nothing to do with healing or medicine, an officer in the U.S. ARMY Medical Corps in 1902 insisted to adopt the caduceus as their symbol. Since then others in the medical profession began to adopt the caduceus as a symbol of medicine or physicians.

### Baphomet and Caduceus



In the occultic world, Satan depicts himself as a goat known as Baphomet with two wings and a caduceus between his crossed legs! Yes, Baphomet has a caduceus between his legs. Look at the picture and compare. Here is the direct link between the poisonous practices of modern medicine through pharmakeia and Satan. Satan is behind this drugging system. A caduceus is actually an abbreviated version of Baphomet, Satan himself.

**Did you know that the “father” of pharmacology was an occultist?** He was a worshiper of Satan! Born as Philippus Aureolus Theophrastus Bombastus von Hohenheim in 1493, he called himself Paracelsus. He was well known as a Swiss German physician, botanist, alchemist, astrologer, and general occultist. He founded the field of toxicology better known as pharmacy. For hundreds of years physicians used natural herbs and food for healing. Paracelsus defied this notion. From his studies on chemistry and metallurgy with the mix of occultic worship and astrology, he theorized that metals such as mercury, lead, tin, copper,

and gold could “purify” the body. He believed that the stars and planets were the main cause of human illness and disease. He believed that ALL diseases should be treated with metals which are poisonous to the body. This was a very radical practice during his time. He treated many diseases with mercury better known as quicksilver. Many physicians who bought into Paracelsus method and used quicksilver (mercury), also known as Quack Salber, were known as “quacks”. This was a very rebellious way of treating the body at the time (Jethro Kloss, *Back to Eden*, 2nd ed., pp. 52, 53). Many died as a result of Paracelsus way of treatment. At 50 or 51 years old the story is told that Paracelsus was thrown out the window by other physicians at the time who believed him to be very dangerous in 1541. It is amazing today that Paracelsus is known as the father of modern pharmacy! Where did he get his inspiration? Baphomet, Satan!

Today billions are directly or indirectly negatively impacted by the system of drugging that is inspired by Satan! The system of pharmaceuticals is a major part of Babylon!

**This system of administering poisonous drugs worldwide is a trillion dollar industry and the medical merchants of the earth profit greatly from it.** They love the money it produces and ignore the many lives it destroys. Millions worship the system as an idol.

**Poisonous drugs are NOT a cure for disease.** Many who prescribe and administer pharmaceutical drugs will admit it. If drugs cured disease, why are many who are being treated for diseases prescribed to take drugs until the day they die. This does not sound like a cure but a money making hoax.

“People need to be taught that drugs do not cure disease. It is true that they sometimes afford present relief, and the patient appears to recover as the result of their use; this is because nature has sufficient vital force to expel the poison and to correct the conditions that caused the disease. Health is recovered in spite of the drug. But in most cases the drug only changes the form and location of the disease. Often the effect of the poison seems to be overcome for a time, but the results remain in the system, and work great harm at some later period. By the use of poisonous drugs, many bring upon themselves lifelong illness, and many lives are lost that might be saved by the use of natural methods of healing.” - Ellen White, *Counsels on Health*, p. 89

### What will happen to the wicked living when Jesus comes?

#### **2 Thessalonians 2:8**

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

#### **Jeremiah 25:33**

33 And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

The wicked who are alive at the time of Jesus second coming will be killed and their bodies will be scatter throughout the earth as dung.

### What will be the condition of the earth after the coming of Jesus?

#### **Isaiah 24:1, 3**

1 Behold, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.

3 The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word.

“The whole earth appears like a desolate wilderness. The ruins of cities and villages destroyed by the earthquake, uprooted trees, ragged rocks thrown out by the sea or torn out of the earth itself, are scattered over its surface, while vast caverns mark the spot where the mountains have been rent from their foundations.” GC 657

**Why does the earth suffer such great devastation?****Isaiah 24:5-6**

5 The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.

6 Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

**What will happen to Satan and his demons after the earth has been totally devastated at the second coming of Jesus?**

Remember on the day of atonement the high priest goes into the most holy place and ceremonially cleanse the holy place of the accumulated sins of the repentant. At the end of the service of the sins of the people in the holy place are symbolically transferred to the scapegoat.

**Leviticus 16:21**

21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness:

The scapegoat is then taken to a desolate wilderness.

**Day of Atonement scapegoat's literal fulfillment**

After Jesus completes His ministry in the day of atonement in the Most holy place in the temple of heaven He will come to this earth to gather up His faithful at His second coming. The earth will be a desolate place. Sins of the repentant will be placed upon the literal scapegoat, Satan the originator of sin. He and his evil demons will be pronounced guilty and banished to a desolate earth for 1000 years.

**Revelation 20:1-3**

1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

One thousand years is also know by many as the millennium. "It derives from the [Latin mille](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Millennium), thousand, and *annus*, year." (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Millennium>).

Revelation 20:1-3 makes it clear that Satan including his demons will not be totally destroyed at this point. He and his demons will have time to reflect the results of their evil deeds. Satan and his evil angels will be locked up on this deep dark devastated wasteland for 1000 literal years. They will not be allowed to go to the gates of Heaven, roam the universes, other worlds and galaxies to try to tempt and wreck havoc on others. They are bound to this "bottomless pit" for 1000 years!

**What is the meaning of the "bottomless pit"?**

The bottomless pit is not a deep hole in the ground with no bottom.

"That the expression 'bottomless pit' represents the earth in a state of confusion and darkness is evident from other scriptures. Concerning the condition of the earth 'in the beginning,' the Bible record says that it 'was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.'" GC 658

Bottomless pit Greek - abussos : [ab'-us-sos] *depthless*, “*abyss*”: - deep pit.

Let's look at the characteristic of the “bottomless pit” for a complete understanding.

### **What are the characteristics of the “bottomless pit”?**

#### **1 – Spiritual and literal atmosphere of Satan and his demons, deep darkness.**

One of the main literal characteristics of a pit is that is dark with NO light. The word bottomless pit is a perfect description of the spiritual atmosphere of Satan and his demons, deep darkness.

Pro 4:19 The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

#### **2 – God's restrictions on Satan**

The “bottomless pit” is a depiction that God has restrictions on Satan and his demons. Satan does not have free reign to do what he wants

2 Peter 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

Hell (Greek) tartaroō [tar-tar-o'-o] From Τάρταρος Tartarōs (the deepest *abyss* of Hades); to ***incarcerate*** (imprison or confine).

Jude 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

The final phase of judgment, punishment phase, will take place at the end of the 1000 years.

### **Who has the key to this “bottomless pit”?**

Rev 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the **key of the bottomless pit** and a great chain in his hand.

**Rev 9:1** And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the **key of the bottomless pit**.

### **Who is known as the bright and morning star from heaven?**

**Rev 22:16** I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, *and* the bright and morning star.

Remember Jesus is the bright and morning star. He is the Archangel, creator and chief of all angelic host. He has the key to the bottomless pit, the abyss.

### **What other Bible text confirms this?**

Rev 1:18 *I am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the **keys of hell (Greek: grave) and of death**.

Remember a key, locks and unlocks a place of restraint. A person with the key to a door of restraint has power and authority of the contents inside. The key that Jesus has to the bottomless pit reveals His power and authority over the Satan and his demons. The key is Jesus' exclusive right to lock or unlock.

### **Satan's confinement on this desolate earth was prophesied by Isaiah.**

**Isaiah 14:12, 15**

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

“Even the wicked are now placed beyond the power of Satan, and alone with his evil angels he remains to realize the effect of the curse which sin has brought. ‘The kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, everyone in his own house [the grave]. But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch. . . . Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people.’ Isaiah 14:18-20.” GC 660

While Satan and his evil demons are bound to this desolate earth for 1000 years, the righteous will be in heaven with Jesus at the same time!

**What special task are the righteous living during the 1000 years in heaven?****Revelation 20:4, 6**

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

**Daniel 7:22**

22 Until the Ancient of days came, and **judgment was given to the saints of the most High**; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

**1 Corinthians 6:2-3**

2 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?

In the court of law there are three phases of judgment:

- 1) Investigative
- 2) Sentencing
- 3) Executive

**What phase of judgment is given to the saints of the most High?**

The investigative phase was completed by Jesus, every case has been decided. The last phase, executive Jesus will execute punishment upon the wicked by hell fire. The saints of the most High for 1000 years will be apart the sentencing phase of judgment.

“In union with Christ they judge the wicked, comparing their acts with the statute book, the Bible, and deciding every case according to the deeds done in the body. Then the portion which the wicked must suffer is meted out, according to their works; and it is recorded against their names in the book of death.” GC 661

**What will happen at the end of the 1000 years?****Summarized version**

“At the close of the thousand years the second resurrection will take place. Then the wicked will be raised from the dead and appear before God for the execution of ‘the judgment written.’ Thus the revelator, after describing the resurrection of the righteous, says: ‘The rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.’ Revelation 20:5. And Isaiah declares, concerning the wicked: ‘They shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.’ Isaiah 24:22.” GC 661

More details in the final lesson of the Great Controversy

The Great Controversy is almost over which side will you be on when it is complete?  
Appeal!!