## Three Angels' Message Sermon Series Lesson 2: Second **Angel's Message Part 2** Bible Sermon Study Notes by Cary Rodgers, pastor

Babylon's latest promotion of Sunday worship

Faith Matters: Why do Christians worship on Sunday?, Chloe Vincente, CBS 42 News, May 15, 2022

"For many Christians, Sunday is set aside for church and rest. For others, that day is Saturday.

Dr. Kip Laxson, pastor of the United Methodist Church in Birmingham, joined CBS 42's weekend morning news anchor Chloe Vincente to discuss the history of these days of worship.

Dr. Laxson said while some Christians, like Seventh-Day Adventists, worship on Saturdays, the majority go to church on Sunday.

'And that happened because of Easter,' he explained. 'As Christianity, early Christianity developed, the original Christians, the first Christians, were Hebrews to begin with and so that's why throughout the New Testament it's said many times that Jesus and his disciples went to the temple or went to the synagogue. They were living out their Jewish faith, but as Christianity began to spread throughout the known Roman world at the time and gentiles converted to Christianity, slowly but surely they began to worship on Sundays.'"

## 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.

<u>Jesus pure unfermented wine represents truth</u> 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!

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.

# 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.

Bible Truth	Those in Babylon FALSE Excuses & Theories
1 John 5:4 - "For whatsoever is born of God	"It's impossible to overcome sin, it's our nature.

thoughts perish."	
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# 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 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."

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.