

Title: Babylonism

Text: Revelation 17-18

Target: In the world, not of it, is our testimony!

- I. **The Overview of THE PROSTITUTE: The False Church**
 - A. **Character Revealed:** "great prostitute" (Vs. 1)
 1. **Her Popularity:** "seated on many waters" (Vs. 1, 15)
 2. **Her Perversion:** "the dwellers on earth have become drunk" (Vs. 2)
 3. **Her Partnership:** "sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns." (Vs. 3, 9)
 4. **Her Prosperity:** "arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and impurities of her sexual immorality" (Vs. 4)
 5. **Her Profanity:** "name of mystery: Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations." (Vs. 5)
 6. **Her Persecution:** "drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus." (Vs. 6)
 - B. **Conclusion Rendered:** "When I saw her, I marveled greatly" (Vs. 6b)
 1. **Worldwide Influence.**
 2. **Tolerance in Message except for the cross.**
 3. **Universalism in Doctrine.**
 4. **Sensuality in Practice.**
 5. **Wealthy in Status.**
- II. **The Overthrow by THE BEAST: Unification of Church/State.**
 - A. **The Collusion with the Beast:** "I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries her." (Vs. 7)
 - B. **The Counterfeit of the Beast:** "the beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to rise from the bottomless pit and go to destruction." (Vs. 8)
 - C. **The Crowning of the Beast:** "These are of one mind, and they hand over their power and authority to the beast." (Vs. 13) * 7/8 Heads & 10 Horns-Vs. 9-12
 - D. **The Confiscation by the Beast:** "they and the beast will hate the prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, devour her flesh and burn her up with fire." (Vs. 16)
 1. **Autonomous Government**
 2. **Affluence of Financial Wealth/Political Power**
 3. **Authoritative Spirituality**
 4. **Acceptance Globally**
 - E. **The Conquering of the Beast:** "They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of Lords and King of kings." (Vs. 14)
 1. **Affirms God's Power:** "those with him are called and chosen and faithful." (Vs. 14b)
 2. **Achieves God's Plan:** "for God has put into their hearts to carry out his purpose...until the words of God are fulfilled." (Vs. 17)
- III. **The Overcoming of THE SAINTS:** "After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory. And he called out with a mighty voice." (Revelation 18: 1-2)
 - A. **Declaration over Babylon:** "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place for demons..." (Vs. 2b)

- B. **Devastation because of Babylon:** *“For in a single hour all this wealth has been laid to waste”* (Vs. 17)
 - 1. **Political Destruction: (Vs. 5-10)**
 - 2. **Economic Collapse: (Vs. 11-19)**
 - 3. **Religious Tolerance Unaccepted: (Vs. 2b)**
- C. **Decimation of Babylon:** *“then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea saying, “so will Babylon the great city be thrown down with violence and will be found no more...”* (Vs. 21)
- D. **Deliverance over Babylon:** *“Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets for God has given judgement for you against her!”* (Vs. 20)

Take Away: *“Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, “come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues”.* (Revelation 18:4)