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**“Revelation Chapter 18”**

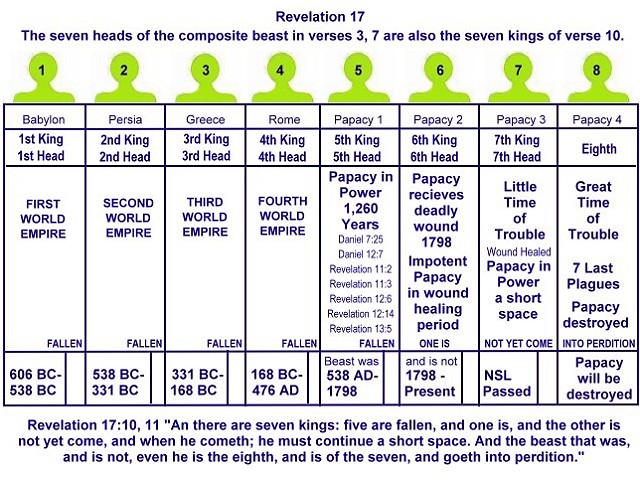
A Power Point Presentation

Today’s sermon title is: **“Revelation Chapter 18”**

Before we begin, let us pray …

In the 18th chapter of Revelation, John’s mind was projected into the future time of the latter rain.

Last week as we studied Revelation chapter 17 we saw that we are living today in the 6th king/6th head era where the deadly wound is still healing. Revelation 18 is going to transition us into the 7th king/7th head era when the deadly wound is completely healed. Let us look at this in diagram form. We learned that the seven heads of the composite beast in Rev. 17 verses 3 & 4 are the same as the seven kings of verses 10 & 11. Let us look closely now as it all comes together.



Revelation 18:1 **“And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.”** An angel coming down from heaven and the earth lightened with his glory is symbolic language of a very special, very strong worldwide message.

In the 6th volume of Bible Commentaries, Page 1055, paragraph 5, the servant of the Lord said, *“It is with an earnest longing that I look forward to the time when the events of the day of Pentecost shall be repeated with even greater power than on that occasion. John says, "I saw another angel come*

down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory." Then, as at the Pentecostal season, the people will hear the truth spoken to them, every man in his own tongue.”

Revelation 18:2 **“And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen,** (This end time message will announce that Papal Rome is fallen and her harlot daughters, all the other Sunday-keeping Christians churches, are fallen also).

When we studied the second angel’s message in Revelation 14:8, that was first preached in 1844; it was directed at those Sunday keeping churches that continued the traditions of Rome while rejecting the first angel’s message. In the end time, this message will go again with great power as it combines with the 4th angel of Revelation 18. Notice also, the second angel’s message reads, **“And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, …”** Not with a loud voice! But look at the difference in:

Revelation 18:2 **“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.”** This is a message giving great power as it combines with the three angel’s messages in the time of trouble.

**“… a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.”** There are about 220 cardinals in the world and they are appointed by the Pope. Every unclean and hateful bird is a meaningful description as Satan has taken over completely and has many human agents doing his bidding, especially the order of the Jesuits founded by Loyola in the 16th century. By the way, this is a picture of Ignatius de Loyola on the right, the founder of the Jesuit Order and the author of the spiritual exercises and on the left the first Jesuit ever to become a pope, Pope Francis I.

Here is what the servant of the Lord said in Great Controversy – page 234.GC. *“The first triumphs of the Reformation past, Rome summoned new forces, hoping to accomplish its destruction. At this time the order of the Jesuits was created, the most cruel, unscrupulous, and powerful of all the champions of popery. Cut off from earthly ties and human interests, dead to the claims of natural affection, reason and conscience wholly silenced, they knew no rule, no tie, but that of their order, and no duty but to extend its power.*

*There was no crime too great for them to commit, no deception too base for them to practice, no disguise too difficult for them to assume. Vowed to perpetual poverty and humility, it was their studied aim to secure wealth and power, to be devoted to the overthrow of Protestantism, and the re-establishment of the papal supremacy.*

*It was a fundamental principle of the order that the end justifies the means. By this code, lying, theft, perjury, assassination, were not only pardonable but commendable, when they served the interests of the church. Under various disguises the Jesuits worked their way into offices of state, climbing up to be the counselors of kings, and shaping the policy of nations.* GC 234

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They arranged the assassination of Abraham Lincoln in 1865.

They had a Jesuit Sea Captain intentionally sink the Titanic in 1912 to eliminate some top bankers who stood in their way of taking over our economy.

They arranged the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963.

Revelation 18:3 **“For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication,** (We have studied about the wine of Babylon as being the false doctrines and traditions of the great whore in Revelation 14:8; and Revelation 17:2.

**“…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.”** Those of the world’s most influential players, who play ball with the Papacy are benefiting with ultra rich rewards.

Revelation 18:4 **“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.”**

The servant of the Lord said, *“No longer have the hosts of evil power to keep the church captive; for "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city," which hath "made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication;" and to spiritual Israel is given the message, "Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”* Revelation 18:4

*As the captive exiles heeded the message, "Flee out of the midst of Babylon" (Jeremiah 51:6), and were restored to the Land of Promise, so those who fear God today are heeding the message to withdraw from spiritual Babylon, and soon they are to stand as trophies of divine grace in the earth made new, the heavenly Canaan.”* {PK 715.1}

Revelation 18:2, 4 **"… Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, … Come out of her, *my people*, that ye be not partakers of her *sins* , and that ye receive not of her plagues."** The call is to come out of all those bodies of false confusing religion. That's what spiritual Babylon is—religious confusion.

So in effect we have the angel’s message of Revelation 14:8 combining with the mighty voice of the angel of Revelation 18. Keep in mind we are looking at symbolic angel’s which represent the messages given by God’s people. It is the 4th angel here in Revelation 18 that cried mightily with a strong voice, indicating a powerful end-time warning message.

It is a loving Father that is pleading, “**Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”**

Revelation 18:5 **“For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.”** This is an urgent call for all people to separate from the Papal world government for God has remembered her sins and if they don’t separate they will share in her fate.

The servant of the Lord said, *“This message seemed to be an addition to the third message, joining it as the midnight cry joined the second angel's message in 1844. The glory of God rested upon the patient, waiting saints, and they fearlessly gave the last solemn warning, proclaiming the fall of Babylon and calling upon God's people to come out of her that they might escape her fearful doom.”* {EW 277.2}

*“From India, from Africa, from China, from the islands of the sea, from the downtrodden millions of so-called Christian lands, the cry of human woe is ascending to God. That cry will not long be unanswered. God will cleanse the earth from it moral corruption, not by a sea of water as in Noah's day, but by a sea of fire that cannot be quenched by any human devising.”* {COL 179.1}

Revelation 18:6 **“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.”** For too many it will be too late to reverse their unfortunate position.

*Regarding Revelation 18 verses 1-6, the servant of the Lord said,* “This is the message given by God to be sounded forth in the loud cry of the third angel.” {8T 118.2}

She goes on to say, *“Those whose faith and zeal are proportionate to their knowledge of the truth will reveal their loyalty to God by communicating the truth, in all its saving, sanctifying power, to those with whom they associate. Their lives of holiness and unselfish service will be in conformity with the vital principles of the kingdom of heaven.”* {8T 118.3}

Revelation 18:7 **“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.”** She never believed that she had a day of retribution coming.

Revelation 18:8 **“Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.”**

**Therefore shall her plagues come in one day…** A prophetic day is a literal year. Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 14:34. Babylon’s plagues come upon her and her world followers, over the course of a year; death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.”

*The servant of the Lord said the following regarding Revelation 18: “The whole chapter shows that Babylon that has fallen is the churches who will not receive the messages of warning the Lord has given in the first, second, and third angels' messages. They refused the truth and accepted a lie. They refused the messages of truth. See 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12. The* *message in the eighteenth chapter of Revelation is plain and clearly defined. "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" (verse 3).* ***Anyone who reads this chapter need not be deceived****.”* {2SM 68.1}

Revelation 18:9 **“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,”**

*Many of the Protestant churches are following Rome's example of iniquitous connection with "the kings of the earth"--the state churches, by their relation to secular governments; and other denominations, by seeking the favor of the world.*

*And the term "Babylon"--confusion--may be appropriately applied to these bodies, all professing to derive their doctrines from the Bible, yet divided into almost innumerable sects, with widely conflicting creeds and theories.* {GC 383.1}

Revelation 18:10 **“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.”**

*“Such are the judgments that fall upon Babylon in the day of the visitation of God's wrath. She has filled up the measure of her iniquity; her time has come; she is ripe for destruction.”*{GC 653.3}

Revelation 18:11 **“And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:.”**

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Revelation 18:12 **“The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,”**

Revelation 18:13 **“And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.”**

Revelation 18:14 **“And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.”**

*“When the voice of God turns the captivity of His people, there is a terrible awakening of those who have lost all in the great conflict of life. While probation continued they were blinded by Satan's deceptions, and they justified their course of sin. 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. The rich bemoan the destruction of their grand houses, the scattering of their gold and silver. But their lamentations are silenced by the fear that they themselves are to perish with their idols.”* {GC 654.1}

Revelation 18:15 **“The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,”**

Revelation 18:16 **“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!”**

Revelation 18:17 **“For in one hour 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,”**

Revelation 18:18 **“And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What [city is] like unto this great city!”**

Revelation 18:19 **“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 wicked are filled with regret, not because of their sinful neglect of God and their fellow men, but because God has conquered. They lament that the result is what it is; but they do not repent of their wickedness. They would leave no means untried to conquer if they could.”* {GC 654.2}

*“The world see the very class whom they have mocked and derided, and desired to exterminate, pass unharmed through pestilence, tempest, and earthquake. He who is to the transgressors of His law a devouring fire, is to His people a safe pavilion.”* {GC 654.3}

Revelation 18:20 **“Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.”**

Revelation 18:21 **“And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.”**

Revelation 18:22 **“And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;”**

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.”**

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This word **Sorceries** – Strong’s Concordance 5331. farmakeia pharmakeia, far-mak-i'-ah - from 5332; medication ("pharmacy"), i.e. (by extension) magic (literally or figuratively):--sorcery, witchcraft.

**“…for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.”** The whole world is caught up in this body and mind destroying influence of drug medications which are toxic materials that cause devastating side effects and even death.

In all the world, there is one king pin drug pusher. Illegal or prescription drugs, the Vatican controls it all.

Revelation 18:24 **“And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.”** 50 to 120 million slain for their faith during the Papacy’s reign of terror; and God only knows how many millions more will suffer martyrdom in the coming tribulation. They may have endured the wrath of man for a moment but they will know the joy of an eternity with Jesus, while their persecutors will know the wrath of God.

They died **“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;”** Titus 2:13. Soon He who promised He will come, will come, and He will take us to that glorious city above where He went to prepare a place for us,

And as the years of eternity roll by, they will bring to us richer and more glorious revelations of the love of God and of Christ. The more we learn of God, the more we’ll admire His character, and the more our hearts will thrill with devotion towards Him. It'll be a place of unspeakable joy.

God’s people need to continue their search in matters pertaining to the prophecies of the last days.

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