
MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT

Great are you Lord and greatly to be praised. You are gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger and of great mercy. You execute judgment for the oppressed; give food to the hungry, open the eyes of the blind, raise them that are bowed down and love the righteous. We will sing unto you with thanks giving, joy and praise your holy name. We trust in you and ask your Spirit of power and love be in our midst during this study and that your truth continually preserve us. Teach us to delight in your will. In the name of our Savior, High Priest and coming king, Yeshua Ha Meshiach—Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

This Sabbath day is the 31st day of January 2015 and the 10th of Shevat 5775. This week has been one of delight and good news for my wife and I who have experienced progress in the right direction with my loss of about 13 pounds. She has been following the South Beach plan to the letter—serving fish, lean protein, low carbohydrates, low glycemic veggies, no fruits or fruit juices, no sugars, a timely morning and afternoon snack and on occasion using a small amount of Stevia or Xylitol sugar substitutes where appropriate. As a result my cough is gone for the most part; I'm progressing well and feel much better.

We had a test this week when I answered a phone call from a person stating they were from the computer technical department and had noted my Window's program had a virus that needed correcting without charge before it got totally out of control and ruined my computer. It sounded like they were on the up and up and it was a condition that needed to be checked out. So, I permitted the "teckie" access. Then the conversation began to sound like he was trying to sell me service. But when I challenged him on it, he denied it and pushed right on. Getting testy, I told him "NO" and turned my computer off and abruptly hung up, but not before he quipped, he had "locked" me out of my computer. Then I turned on my computer again and the screen, said, "pass-word required". I was locked out alright! I called our Computer shop technician who said bring it into the shop. I am thankful to say that by the next day, he was able to remove that password requirement without further consequence. I was informed, that particular global-wide "scam" from Malaysia has been in operation for some length of time. I rue the fact that I was taken in and have repented. Beware of such phone calls. Now I have complete access again to my computer and am able finish an article for the March-April *Prophecy Flash* issue which I'm working on now. The January- February issue is at the printers, and is also posted on the Internet website.

After this experience, it makes me realize how deceptive and wicked this world is. **1 John 5:19**—"the whole world lieth in wickedness." David said to King Saul who was chasing him through the deserts of Judea, "As saith the proverb of the ancients, 'Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked,' but mine hand shall not be upon thee (**1 Samuel 24:9**)." We live in a wicked generation and a wicked world. I don't think any of us has seen the depth to which mankind can plunge when the *workings of Satan the*

devil (that old serpent, which is the devil, and Satan (Ezekiel 28:13-18; Eph 2:22; Heb. 2:14; Rev. 12:2 and Rev. 20:2), “pulls out all stops” with tireless activity to destroy this earth and all mankind on the earth with all power and signs and lying wonders and deceivableness. **Revelation 12:17**—“the dragon was was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” He starts out by destroying the Jews and the Christians—the people of the Book. By and large, he is beginning to use the Muslims who also claim to be people of the Book, but in reality they desire to bring in Muslim dominance of the world with Shira law and destroy all unbelievers of Islam.

The 2015 new moons and Holy Days will be posted shortly on our website and it also will be printed in the *Prophecy Flash* magazine. The work is still growing and people being added to the mailing lists as we strive to finish the work God has given us to do in this last age. This is the time of the end. Turn over with me to Revelation 10. Revelation, the concluding book of the Scriptures unfolds the great events shortly to come to pass. Its title means (as does the Greek *apocalypse*, from which the English word “apocalypse” is derived) *disclosure of that which was previously hidden or unknown*.

The main purpose of the book is to provide the setting for the revelation of Jesus Christ. The book is a record of what the Apostle John saw and heard. Principal attention is given to the time of the tribulation (chapters 4-19), which coincides with Daniel's seventieth week (Daniel 9:24-27). The great tribulation is the latter half of that “week,” is especially in view. John was commanded in Revelation 1:19 to write concerning (1) “things past”—“things which you have seen”, (2) “things present”, “(3) “things which are”—the existing churches), and (3) “things future” (things that must take place after the Church Age ends). Constant use is made of symbols. References to Old Testament events and prophecies abound. Frequent shifts of locale from earth to heaven and back to earth may be observed. It is an account of divine judgment and conflict which sweeps the whole world.

In **Revelation 10:1-3, 5-7 (NKJV)**—John speaks of a mighty angel from heaven with a little book talking with him. The angel was “clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire. He set his right foot stood upon the sea and his left foot on the earth and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars.” “He lifted up his hand to heaven, and swore by him that lives forever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer. But in the days of the sounding of the **seventh angel**, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.” In other words, this age would come to an end at the time of the sounding of the seventh trumpet.

Revelation 11:15-18 tells us about that time. “Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!’ And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying: ‘We give you thanks, O Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was and who is to come, because you

have taken your great power and reigned. The nations were angry, and your wrath has come.’ ”

Take a look at the nations of the world today. They are furious and angry, exploding in wrath. Russia is invading the Ukraine and taken over Crimea; ISIS is growing in size like a metastatic cancer throughout the Middle East; Iran is manufacturing intercontinental missiles able to reach great distances including America. China and Russia are preparing in readiness for WWII. They have effectively switched to domestic currencies in trading using financial tools as swaps and forwards, as they seek to reduce the influence of the US dollar and foreign exchange risks. That started in September of 2014 when an agreement between China and Russia ended the dollar’s stranglehold over oil and how it was purchased. The past 14 months have seen a momentous rush towards setting up the infrastructure to replace the dollar completely in global transactions. In September 2014, Russia paid off a near record \$53 billion in foreign debt, and sold off dollars to use as capital to stabilize their declining currency, and to protect their primary resource industry from the deflation America has caused through the dumping of excess oil into the market supply. In addition to negotiating energy deals with China, Russia is also continuing to negotiate a deal with Iran to barter 500,000 barrels of Iranian oil per day for Russian goods. The deal would enable Iran to sell an additional \$20 billion in crude oil without having to value the transactions in dollars. Putin authorized over \$2 billion to be used directly to support the declining Ruble (Russian currency). The Russian central bank has already authorized funds to be set aside to supplement Russian corporations and oil industries should the need arise for liquidity and capital.

Twenty three countries (60% of the world’s GDP) including those from the BRICs nations and the Eurozone (Russia, China, India, and even Germany, France, and the United Kingdom) are setting up swap lines which bypass the dollar and SWIFT (the dollar-based worldwide financial transaction system) and preparing for transition to a new central banking system. This means the Eurozone itself is abandoning the dollar. The only thing that stands in the way of the world’s final rejection of the dollar is the wavering trust that Saudi Arabia and OPEC have with the U.S. in assuring oil transactions remain denominated in dollars under the 1970’s Petrodollar agreement. But as the world has seen recently, even the Saudi kingdom is hedging towards a new global system, and has publicly stated that their ties to the U.S. are open for re-negotiation. The Chinese government in its rise to power accumulated a vast reservoir of dollar reserves, amounting to \$3.5 trillion. China has stopped purchasing our debt (holding dollars in reserve) and begun offloading its dollar reserves. A new world monetary system is being set up. Our dollar won’t be needed in these countries once the new system is in place, and a new reserve currency will come into being.

Revelation 11:18 —“Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead, **that they should be judged**, and that you should **reward your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear your name**, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth.” This is talking about the second coming of Christ when he comes in great power with all his angels. **Revelation 19:1-16**—John says: “Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The

Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”

This time (the end of this age) is coming when shame and wickedness will be replaced forcibly with a rod of iron by the Messiah with his armies and saints that are coming with Him. This is also mentioned in **Isaiah 63:1-2**—“Who is this who comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah—this One, who is glorious in His apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength?” “I (the Messiah), who speak in righteousness, mighty to save.”

“Why is your apparel red, and your garments like one who treads in the winepress?”

The answer is found in **verses 3-6**. “I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples

no one was with me. For, I have trodden them in my anger, and trampled them in my fury, and

their blood is sprinkled upon my garments. I have stained all my robes. For, the day of vengeance is in my heart, and the year of my redeemed has come. I looked, but there was no one to help, and I wondered that there was no one to uphold. Therefore my own arm brought salvation for me; and my own fury, it sustained me. I have trodden down the peoples in my anger, made them drunk in my fury, and brought down their strength to the earth.”

2 Thessalonians 1:6-10 —“since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, **because our testimony among you was believed.**” We either have faith in God and in the testimony of Christ, or we don’t. We are going to be classified with the righteous obedient and those who live by the word of God, or we are going to be classified with the wicked and be destroyed at the coming of Christ.

Jeremiah 32:37—“Behold, *I will gather them out of all countries where I have driven them in my anger*, in my **fury**, and in **great wrath**; I will bring them back to this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely.” We read more about this Day of Judgment beginning in **Revelation 14:1-2**—John looked and a **Lamb “stood on Mount Sion (Zion)**, and with him a hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father’s name written in their foreheads.” That means that they are God’s people. They have his Name inscribed in their minds and hearts showing that they are set apart and belong to God, and they are chosen by God as his elect to be his *firstfruits*. “And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. They **sang** as it were a new song before the

throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.”

These are the ones that Christ will resurrect (redeem) his servants and prophets from the dead at his return and change their bodies from mortal beings into immortal beings. They will be redeemed by the blood of the Lamb from the earth. **Verse 4** —“These are the ones who were not defiled with women (for they are virgins.’ These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.”

Note: “defiled of women” is referring to *the great harlot church of Revelation 17 and her daughters—spiritual prostitutes. This includes all the false religions on the earth that seduce and lead people astray from the truth of God.* “Virgins” means that they are spiritually pure and keep the commandments and are cleansed (redeemed) by the blood of Christ, who take up their cross and follow Christ where ever he goes. They are the first fruits of God and the Lamb. These become the brothers and sisters of their elder brother, Christ, when he returns in glory. Verses 6-9 speak of **the three angels’ message**. “Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— saying with a loud voice, ‘Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.’ And another angel followed, saying, ‘**Babylon is fallen**, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.’ ” This means her philosophy, her wickedness, her religion of confusion. The identity of Babylon today is America and her allies including Europe who are leading the world and who will be brought to judgment.

Then a third angel followed them (with a final warning message) saying with a loud voice, “**If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation.** He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”

When we see this world punished and going through this terrible time of judgment, **verse 12** reminds us—“Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.”

Revelation 17 talks about the harlot: apostate Christendom exerts power over the revived fourth world empire—the United States (New York City /trade, Washington, D.C./government) which sits atop the world like a great cancer leading the nations astray. One of the seven angels which had the seven vials, talked with John and said “come I will show you the judgment of the great whore (Babylon) that sits upon many waters (people): with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.”

Verses 5-6—“On her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I was greatly astonished. Then the angel said to me: ‘Why are you astonished? I will explain to you the mystery of the woman and of the beast she rides, which has the seven heads and ten horns. The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and yet will come up out of the Abyss and go to its destruction. The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because it once was, now is not, and yet will come.’ ” **Verse 9**—“The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits (governs, or rules).”

John 17:10 -11—“They are also seven kings. Five have fallen (historically), one is, the other has not yet come.” This is talking about John’s day and time. The one current one then was the Roman Empire. *The one that has not yet come*” — that is the king and ruler that is going to exist at the end of this age—our day today—modern end-times Babylon. “*And when he comes, he must continue for a short space (time).*” “And the beast that was, and is not, even he is **the eighth**, and is of the seven, and goes into perdition.”

These seven kings could possibly be the **G7** which is a group of Seven (G7) nations, an international organization officially established in 1985 to facilitate economic cooperation among the world’s largest industrial nations. Members are Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, and the United States. Summit meetings of the member nations began in 1975. Another possibility could be leaders of **NATO** (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) which is a military alliance of states in Europe and North America whose organization constitutes a system of collective defense. Twelve countries were part of the founding of NATO: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom, and the United States. NATO has added new members six times since its founding in 1949 to comprise twenty-eight members. The ten horns could involve The Security Council led by the United States (which is the end-time Babylon, or modern America). The Security Council is one of the six major organs of the **U.N.**, with the primary function of maintaining international peace and security. The permanent members of the *United Nations Security Council*, also known as the Permanent Five, Big Five, or P5, include the following five governments: China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

This beast “who was and is not” is himself the eighth formulation of this world-girdling kingdom—the king who is the eighth, but of the seven who once was, and now is not, is the eighth king and end-time final ruler of this world-girdling conglomeration. **Verse 12**—With this final ruling king of Babylon (resurrected Roman Empire) will be ten horns. “The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast (of Babylon). They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast.”

Revelation 17:14 —“They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.”

This amazing prophecy about the end-time judgment upon Mystery Babylon the Great is also found in **Isaiah 47:1-3** —“Come down and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; Sit on the ground without a throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans!” This “*virgin*” daughter is a religious whore monger, a seducer of nations and is unclean —far from virgin. “For you shall no more be called tender and delicate. Take the millstones and grind meal. Remove your veil. Take off the skirt, uncover the thigh, pass through the rivers. Your nakedness shall be uncovered, yes, your shame will be seen; I will take vengeance, and I will not arbitrate with a man.” **Verse 6**—“Sit in silence, and go into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans; for you shall no longer be called the Lady of Kingdoms.” (You will no longer be the leader of the world, the greatest nation-state in world history, no longer the envy of the world.)

God spoke to this end-time kingdom of Babylon the Great which is primarily America and her European allies—leaders of the world. **Isaiah 47:6-11**—“I was angry with my people; I have profaned my inheritance, and given them into your hand. You showed them no mercy; On the elderly you laid your yoke very heavily. And you said, ‘I shall be a lady forever,’ so that you did not take these things to heart, nor remember the latter end of them which you shall not know. Therefore hear this now, you who are given to pleasures, who dwell securely, who say in your heart, ‘I am, and there is no one else besides me; I shall not sit as a widow, nor shall I know the loss of children’; But these **two things shall come to you in a moment, in one day**: the loss of children, and widowhood. They shall come upon you in their fullness because of the multitude of your sorceries, for the great abundance of your enchantments. For you have trusted in your wickedness; you have said, ‘No one sees me.’ Your wisdom and your knowledge have warped you. And you have said in your heart, ‘I am, and there is no one else besides me.’ Therefore evil shall come upon you. You shall not know from where it arises. And trouble shall fall upon you; you will not be able to put it off. And desolation shall come upon you suddenly, which you shall not know.”

These “**two things shall come to you in a moment, in one day.**” This describes a surprise or sneak attack on America and the western world by their enemies—nuclear and biological weapons in their fullness will occur suddenly in one day. God continues in **verses 12-15**—“Stand now with your enchantments and the multitude of your sorceries, in which you have labored from your youth—Perhaps you will be able to profit, perhaps you will prevail. You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, and the monthly prognosticators stand up and save you from what shall come upon you. Behold, they shall be as stubble, the fire shall burn them. They shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame. It shall not be a coal to be warmed by, nor a fire to sit before! Thus shall they be to you with whom you have labored, your merchants from your youth. They shall wander each one to his quarter. No one shall save you.”

Jeremiah 50 records God’s prophecy that the Lord spoke against Babylon and against the Chaldeans. Verses **1-5** —“Declare among the nations: Proclaim, and set up a standard; do not conceal it— Say, ‘Babylon is taken, Bel (BAAL) is shamed. Her idols are humiliated, Her images are broken in pieces.’ For out of the north a nation comes up against her, which shall make her land desolate, and no one shall dwell therein. They shall move, they shall depart, both man and beast.” Verses **6-7**—“My people have been lost sheep. Their shepherds have led them

astray. They have turned them away on the mountains. They have gone from mountain to hill. They have forgotten their resting place (God). All who found them have devoured them; their adversaries said, 'We have not offended, because they have sinned against the LORD, the habitation of justice, The LORD, the hope of their fathers.' In those days and in that time, says the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together. With continual weeping they **shall seek** the LORD their God. They shall ask the way to Zion, with their faces toward it, saying, '*Come and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant that will not be forgotten.*' ”

Jeremiah 50:9—“I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country, and they shall array themselves against her; From there she shall be captured. Their arrows shall be like those of an expert warrior; none shall return in vain.”

This great assembly from the north is already beginning to assemble and it has been called the NEW WORLD ORDER. **Verses 10-11**—“And Chaldea shall become plunder; All who plunder her shall be satisfied, says the LORD.

- Because you were glad, because you rejoiced, You destroyers of My heritage,
- Because you have grown fat like a heifer threshing grain, And you bellow like bulls, Your mother shall be deeply ashamed;
- Because of the wrath of the LORD, She shall not be inhabited, but she shall be wholly desolate. **Verse 23**—“How the hammer of the whole earth has been cut apart and broken! How Babylon has become a desolation among the nations! I have laid a snare for you. You have indeed been trapped, O Babylon, and you were not aware. You have been found and also caught.
- Because you have contended against the LORD. The LORD has opened His armory, and has brought out the weapons of His indignation. For, this is the work of the Lord GOD of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans.”

The hammer of the whole earth has been America. We have sent troops into scores of nations around the world.

We have not taught our children the Torah and Bible, or God's Commandments (Exodus 20:2-17) so they do not love God and keep His commandments, nor do they honor their parents. Our people do not want God's law and to study His word as he commanded to show ourselves approved in all things, rightly dividing the word of truth. **2 Timothy 3:16** —“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine , for reproof, for correction and for instruction in righteousness.” We need instruction, we need God's law. It defines the way of salvation, success, health of body, mind and spirit. Because mankind has rebelled against God, the day of his punishment is coming.

Jeremiah 50:26-46 tells of God's vengeance and punishment. Babylon is going to be cut asunder and broken and become a desolation among the nations, because she has been proud and haughty against the Lord, against the Holy One of Israel. Cruel people come from the north, and a great nation and many kings shall be raised up from the

ends of the earth and will come in full battle array and will show no mercy against Babylon and there shall be no escape from the vengeance and judgment of the Lord our God. Jeremiah 51 continues about the utter destruction of Babylon. **Jeremiah 51:5**—“For Israel is not forsaken, nor Judah, by his God, the LORD of hosts, though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel.” **Verse 6** warns: “Flee from the midst of Babylon and every one save his life! Do not be cut off in her iniquity, for this is the time of the LORD’s vengeance; He shall recompense her.”

Jeremiah 51:6—“Babylon was a golden cup in the LORD’s hand that made all the earth drunk.

The nations drank her wine. Therefore, the nations are deranged. Babylon has suddenly fallen and been destroyed. Wail for her!” **Verses 27-28**—“Set up a banner in the land, Blow the trumpet among the nations! Prepare the nations against her, call the kingdoms together against her: Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz. Appoint a general against her; Cause the horses to come up like the bristling locusts. Prepare against her the nations, with the kings of the Medes, its governors and all its rulers, all the land of his dominion.”

Jeremiah 50:33—“thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor when it is time to thresh her; ” **Verse 42**—“The sea has come up over Babylon. She is covered with the multitude of its waves.” **Verse 44-45**—“I will punish Bel (Baal) in Babylon, and I will bring out of his mouth what he has swallowed; and the nations shall not stream to him anymore. Yes, the wall of Babylon (her defense) shall fall. My people go out of the midst of her! And let everyone deliver himself from the fierce anger of the LORD.” **Jeremiah 51:53**—“Though Babylon were to mount up to heaven, and though she were to fortify the height of her strength, Yet from Me plunderers would come to her, says the Lord. Those who escape think on Jerusalem and pray for her peace.”

The United States of America and Europe together have become Babylon the Great of this end-time age. America is the hub of end-time world commerce and leads the world in world trade with exports and imports around the world. Many American businesses have built overseas because the labor is cheaper, but the business and the products originated from America. God says the whole world has become rich through our delicacies. Economies around the world are dependent on the American market. John speaks of this same great judgment upon Babylon the Great.

Revelation 18:1-8—“I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, ‘Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury.’ And I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘COME OUT OF HER, my people,’ lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her. In the

measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, 'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.' Therefore her plagues **will come in one day**—death and mourning and famine. She will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her."

What kind of fire? Nuclear fire—nuclear war with nuclear armed Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles. **Revelation 18:17**—"For **in one hour your judgment has come**. For in one hour such great riches came to nothing. Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What is like this great city?' They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.' "

Ezekiel compares the ancient city of Tyre to the present end-time Babylon. **Ezekiel 28:2-10** —"The word of the LORD came to me again, saying, 'Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, "Thus says the Lord GOD: **Because your heart is lifted up, and you say, 'I am a god, I sit in the seat of gods, in the midst of the seas,'** Yet you are a man, and not a god, though you set your heart as the heart of a god. Behold, you are wiser than Daniel! There is no secret that can be hidden from you! With your wisdom and your understanding, you have gained riches for yourself, and gathered gold and silver into your treasuries. By your great wisdom in trade you have increased your riches, and your heart is lifted up because of your riches)," Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Because you have set your heart as the heart of a god, Behold, therefore, I will bring strangers against you, the most terrible of the nations; And they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and defile your splendor. They shall throw you down into the Pit, and you shall die the death of the slain in the midst of the seas. Will you still say before him who slays you, 'I am a god'? But you shall be a man, and not a god, in the hand of him who slays you. You shall die the death of the uncircumcised by the hand of aliens. For I have spoken," says the Lord GOD.' "

Ezekiel 28:16-17—"By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty. You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor." The end-time world kingdom of the United States and Europe is compared to the ancient nation-city of Tyre. Tyre was on the eastern seaboard of the Mediterranean Sea north of Israel and was a great trading combine that controlled all world trade.

Ezekiel 28:2-4— God says, "Because your heart is lifted up, and you say, 'I am a god, I sit in the seat of gods, in the midst of the seas,' yet you are a man and not a god, though you set your heart as the heart of a god." Washington sits between two Oceans, the Atlantic and the Pacific—in the midst of the seas. The man who calls himself a god sitting in the seat of gods is wise—wiser than Daniel—wise in having insight, common sense and knowledge, and politically shrewd and calculating. God says, "There is no secret that can be hidden from you! With your wisdom and your understanding, you have gained riches for yourself, and gathered gold and silver into your treasuries; By

your great wisdom in trade you have increased your riches, and your heart is lifted up **because of your riches.**”

Then God talks about the real king behind this end-time world empire who is the covering cherub, Satan the devil, who is the real king and head of mystery Babylon the Great. It is his kingdom. **Ezekiel 28:11-15** —“Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ‘Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, “Thus says the Lord GOD: You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: the sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created. You were the anointed cherub who covers. I established you. You were on the holy mountain of God. You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.”

Isaiah 14:12-21—describes the fall of Lucifer. “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds. I will be like the Most High.’ Yet you shall be brought down to *Sheol*, to the lowest depths of the Pit. Those who see you will gaze at you, and consider you, saying: ‘**Is this the man who made the earth tremble**, who shook kingdoms, who made the world as a wilderness and destroyed its cities, who did not open the house of his prisoners?’ All the kings of the nations, all of them, sleep in glory, everyone in his own house. But you are cast out of your grave like an abominable branch, like the garment of those who are slain, thrust through with a sword, who go down to the stones of the pit, like a corpse trodden underfoot.

You will not be joined with them in burial, because you have destroyed your land and slain your people. The brood of evildoers shall never be named. Prepare slaughter for his children because of the iniquity of their fathers, lest they rise up and possess the land, and fill the face of the world with cities.” This is talking about the end-time king of Babylon and the New World Order.

This end-time leader is also mentioned in **2 Thessalonians 2:1-4** —“Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. *Let no one deceive you by any means*; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the **man of sin** (lawlessness) is revealed, **the son of perdition** (destruction), who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he **sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.**”

Paul says in **Verse 5-12** —“Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be

revealed whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The **coming of the lawless one** is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, *because* they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason **God will send them strong delusion** that they should believe the lie that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth.”

Brethren, our eyes have been opened so we can see. Watch and pray always to be counted worthy to escape and maintain the love of God’s truth. Seek his truth out diligently by study of his word daily to make sure that our crown of righteousness is not taken by any means. Realize that we must be vigilant and watch as these things are developing around us.

May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work. Thy kingdom come we pray. Amen!