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ENROUTE TO BABYLON

MANKIND'S FINAL STAND

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

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The "Summation" of The Text

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There are Three Views as to Where
This Commercial Babylonian System is?

Some Great City - of the World

Rome Itself - European Union

Babylon of Old - Iraq

1.) *What Babylon will come to know - the end is near v.1-3*

a.) *Because Babylon lives in darkness v.1*

b.) *Because Babylon lives in sinful practices v.2*

c.) *Because Babylon lives in idolatry v.3*

**I Pointed Out to You
That The Scriptures Tells Us That;**

Rome Will Play a Great Part - Politically

Jerusalem Will Play a Great Part - Spiritually

Babylon Will Play a Great Part - Economically

(The World Headquarters of the Antichrist)

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2.) *What Babylon will come to know -is that God is just v.4-7*

And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, (collectively) lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. :5 For her sins have **reached** to heaven, (a ziggurat) and God has **remembered** her iniquities. (since the tower of Babel, I've been watching and waiting) :6 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. :7 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.

What Babylon will come to know -is that God is just

a.) *He's just to the believer - they'll have His appeal v.4-5*

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*This Voice We Have Not Heard From in Awhile,
It's a Welcomed Voice to Us and to All Who Have Believed...*

It's Christ Jesus Speaking;
"Come out of her, my people,

**THIS HAS BEEN HIS WORD TO ALL HIS CHILDREN,
THROUGHOUT ALL THE AGES**

what will be said to them then?
what could be said to us today?
how does this warning affect us?
what do I need to change today in my life?
is there something that I need to separate myself from?

**We Want to Make Sure
That We Really Are in God's Family**

What Evidence is There in Your Life
That You Belong to Jesus Christ?

John 3:1-5

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. :2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." :3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." :4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" :5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

2 Corinthians 13:5-6

Examine yourselves *as to* whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified. :6 But I trust that you will know that we are not disqualified.

Verse 5

For her sins have **reached** to heaven,
and God has **remembered** her iniquities.

THIS IS A MOST REMARKABLE VERSE

AND SPEAKS OF SOMETHING ANCIENT, SOMETHING CURRENT, SOMETHING FUTURISTIC - AN
AMAZING VERSE

"The Meter's Been Running"

"reached"
her sins have been laid one upon another
until a great tower has been made.

Genesis 11:3-4

"Come, let us make bricks and bake *them* thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. :4 And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *is* in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves

You Have Built Yourself a Tower,
A Tower of Sin!

WHAT WAS HER SIN?

Verse 2

(Babylon) has become a dwelling place of **demons**,
a prison for every **foul spirit**, and a cage for every **unclean and hated bird!**

Verse 3

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."

Verse 24

And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints,
and of all that were slain upon the earth.

The Babylonian system
Rather than the God of Heaven and Earth

What Babylon will come to know -is that God is just

b.) He's just to the unbeliever - they'll have their reward v.6

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.

c.) He's just to the Babylonian system - they will reap v.7a

In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously,
in the same measure give her torment and sorrow...

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3.) What Babylon will come to know - is destruction v.7b-8

...for she says in her heart, 'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.' (the worship of semiramis in jeremaih's day promised prosperity - see jer.44) :8 Therefore her plagues will come **in one day**— death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong *is* the Lord God who judges her.

What Babylon will come to know - is destruction

a.) Destroyed because it will be a system without God v.7b

...for she says in her heart,
'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.'

(remember - the worship of nimrod, semiramis and tammuz
in Jeremiah's day promised prosperity - see jer.44)

But The Lord Says, No!

Isaiah 47:1,5,7-9

"Come down and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; Sit on the ground without a throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans! For you shall no more be called Tender and delicate. :5 "Sit in silence, and go into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans; For you shall no longer be called The Lady of Kingdoms.

Isaiah 47:7-9

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. :8 "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'; :9 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.

**This Woman, Babylon,
She's Going to Have Another Son,**

The Antichrist...

2 Thessalonians 2:4

He demonic son, antichrist will be the one...
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. :5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

Matthew 24:15

"Therefore when you see the '*abomination of desolation*,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),

Matthew 4:8-9

Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. :9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

What Babylon will come to know - is destruction

b.) Destroyed because she has led the world astray v.8

Therefore her plagues will come **in one day**—death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong *is* the Lord God who judges her.

Revelation 18:9

"The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, :10 standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, "Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For **in one hour** your judgment has come.'

Revelation 18:17

For in **one hour** such great riches came to nothing.'

Revelation 18:19

'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.'

For In One Hour...

Revelation 18:9-19 Part 2

"**The kings of the earth** who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep **and lament for her**, (now, they will intercede for but with no success) when they see the smoke of her burning, :10 standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, "Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in **one hour** your judgment has come....

:11 "And **the merchants** of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore:

**Every One Get Your Shopping List
We're Going to The Mall of the World**

Stopping at the First Floor - Jewelry

:12 merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls,

Stopping at the Second Floor - Linens and Things

fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet,

Stopping at the Third Floor - Home Furnishings

every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble;

Stopping at the Fourth Floor - Gourmet Food

:13 and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat,

Stopping at the Fifth Floor - Automotive

cattle and sheep, horses and chariots,

Stopping at the Sixth Floor - Adult Section

and the bodies and the souls of men.

Verses 14-19

:14 The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all. :15 **The merchants** of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, :16 and saying, "Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls! :17 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 :18 and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, "What *is* like this great city?" :19 "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.'

Verses 20-24

Notice the Shift - The View is from Heaven Now

Revelation 18:20-24 Part 3

"Rejoice over her, O heaven, and *you* holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!" :21 Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw *it* into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence **the great city Babylon** shall be thrown down, and shall not be found **anymore**. :22 The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters shall not be heard **in you anymore**. No craftsman of any craft shall be found **in you anymore**, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard **in you anymore**. :23 The light of a lamp shall not shine **in you anymore**, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard **in you anymore**. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived. :24 And "BUT" **in her was found** the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth."

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Which Road are You On Today?

Matthew 7:13-14

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. :14 Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Luke 6:39

And He spoke a parable to them: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch?"

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE DOING, IF YOU'RE NOT LISTENING TO THE LORD TODAY

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 3:3,5

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." - - :5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.