

# UNLOCKING PROPHECY #19

## Revelation's Final Appeal

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### The Fall of Ancient and End-Time Babylon

- † **Jeremiah 50:3 (NKJV)** — “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.”
- † **Jeremiah 50:13 (NKJV)** — “Because of the wrath of the LORD She shall not be inhabited, But she shall be wholly desolate...”
- † **Revelation 14:8 (NKJV)** — **8** 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.”
- † Daniel 5:1-5, 18-23
- † **Daniel 5:26–28 (NKJV)** — **26** This is the interpretation of each word. MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it; **27** TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting; **28** PERES: Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.”
- † **Daniel 5:30–31 (NKJV)** — **30** That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain. **31** And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.
- † They took the holy vessels of God: those that they knew were used in worship of the true God and used them for common purposes.
- † **Revelation 12:1 (NKJV)** — **1** Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.
- † **Jeremiah 6:2 (NKJV)** — **2** I have likened the daughter of Zion to a lovely and delicate woman.
- † **Isaiah 51:16 (NKJV)** — **16** And I have put My words in your mouth; I have covered you with the shadow of My hand, That I may plant the heavens, Lay the foundations of the earth, And say to Zion, ‘You are My people.’”
- † **2 Corinthians 11:2 (NKJV)** — **2** For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.
- † **Revelation 17:1–6 (NKJV)** — **1** Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, **2** with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication.” **3** So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. **4** The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. **5** And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH **6** I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.
- † **Daniel 8:12 (NKJV)** — **12** Because of transgression, an army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices; and he cast truth down to the ground. He did all this and prospered.
- † This power would:
  - It would make the world drink the wine of her fornication. (17:2)
  - Be called the “Mother of Harlots,” which means she has daughter churches. (17:5)
  - She is the “Mother...of the abominations of the Earth” as well.
  - It would be arrayed in purple and scarlet (17:4)
  - Be drunk with the blood of the saints and martyrs of Jesus. (17:6)
- † **Genesis 3:4 (NKJV)** — **4** Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.
- † **Ezekiel 8:13–14 (NKJV)** — **13** And He said to me, “Turn again, and you will see greater abominations that they are doing.” **14** So He brought me to the door of the north gate of the LORD’s house; and to my dismay, women were sitting there weeping for Tammuz.

- † **Ecclesiastes 9:5 (NKJV) — 5** For the living know that they will die; But the dead know nothing, And they have no more reward, For the memory of them is forgotten.
- † **Psalms 115:17 (NKJV) — 17** The dead do not praise the LORD, Nor any who go down into silence.
- † Death is a sleep that lasts until Christ's Second Coming. Bible writers declare death a sleep more than 50 times. Look back over our presentation notes on "The Mystery of Death" for more details.
- † Justin Martyr, "If you have fallen in with some who are called Christians, but who do not admit this [truth of the resurrection], and venture to blaspheme the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; who say there is no resurrection of the dead, and that their souls when they die, are taken to heaven; do not imagine that they are Christians."
- † Amos Phelps, "This doctrine [of the immortal soul] can be traced through the muddy channels of a corrupted Christianity, a perverted Judaism, a pagan philosophy, a superstitious idolatry, to the great instigator of mischief in the Garden of Eden... "The Protestants borrowed it from the Catholics, the Catholics from the Pharisees, the Pharisees from the pagans, and the pagans from the old Serpent, who first preached the doctrine amid the lowly bowels of Paradise to an audience all too willing to hear and heed the new and fascinating theology — 'You shall not surely die.'"
- † **Ezekiel 8:16–17 (NKJV) — 16** So He brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house; and there, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men with their backs toward the temple of the LORD and their faces toward the east, and they were worshiping the sun toward the east. **17** And He said to me, "Have you seen this, O son of man? Is it a trivial thing to the house of Judah to commit the abominations which they commit here? For they have filled the land with violence; then they have returned to provoke Me to anger. Indeed they put the branch to their nose.
- † James G. Frazer, "In ancient Babylonia the sun was worshipped from immemorial antiquity."
- † Dr. Alexander Hislop, "To conciliate the Pagans to nominal Christianity, Rome, pursuing its usual policy, took measures to get the Christian and Pagan festivals amalgamated, and to get Paganism and Christianity — now far sunk in idolatry — in this as in so many other things, to shake hands." (The Two Babylons, p. 105)
- † Our Sunday Visitor, January 4, 1931—"Christendom [that is- ALL CHRISTIANS. Are] is indebted to the Catholic Church for the institution of Sunday as the Sabbath day . . ."
- † Karl Keating, "Fundamentalists meet for worship on Sunday, yet there is no evidence in the Bible that corporate worship was to be made on Sundays. The Jewish Sabbath, or day of rest, was, of course, Saturday. It was the Catholic Church that decided Sunday should be the day of worship for Christians, in honor of the resurrection." Catholicism and Fundamentalism, p. 38
- † Cardinal Gibbons, "Reason and sense demand the acceptance of one or the other of these two alternatives: either Protestantism, and the keeping holy of Saturday, or Catholicity, and the keeping holy of Sunday. Compromise is impossible."
- † **Revelation 14:7 (NKJV) — 7** 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."
- † Revelation 14:7 is a direct quote from the Fourth Commandment in Exodus 20:11. Calling God's end-time people back to Sabbath Keeping. Notice the underlined words.
- † **Exodus 20:11 (NKJV) — 11** For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.
- † **Exodus 20:8 (NKJV) — 8** "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- † **Revelation 13:8 (NKJV) — 8** All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
- † Catholic Priest John O'Brien wrote, "But since Saturday, not Sunday, is specified in the Bible, isn't it curious that non-Catholics who profess to take their religion directly from the Bible and not from the church observe Sunday instead of Saturday? Yes, of course it is inconsistent, but the change was made about fifteen centuries before Protestantism was born. "They have continued to observe custom even though it rests up on the authority of the church, and not upon an explicit text in the Bible. That observance remains

the reminder of the Mother Church from which all non-Catholic sects broke away— like a boy running from his mother, but still carrying in his pocket a picture of his mother or a lock of her hair.”

- † “When the priest announces the tremendous words of consecration, he reaches up into the heavens, brings Christ down from His throne, and places Him upon our altar to be offered up again as the Victim for the sins of man. It is a power greater than that of saints and angels, greater than that of Seraphim and Cherubim. Indeed it is greater even than the power of the Virgin Mary. While the Blessed Virgin was the human agency by which Christ became incarnate a single time, the priest brings Christ down from heaven, and renders Him present on our altar as the eternal Victim for the sins of man not once but a thousand times! The priest speaks and lo! Christ, the eternal and omnipotent God, bows His head in humble obedience to the priest’s command.”
- † **Revelation 18:4 (NKJV) — 4** 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.
- † **Revelation 14:8 (NKJV) — 8** 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.”
- † **Revelation 18:1–4 (NKJV) — 1** After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. **2** 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! **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.” **4** 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.
- † **Revelation 18:21 (NKJV) — 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.
- † **John 10:14 (NKJV) — 14** I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.
- † **John 10:27 (NKJV) — 27** My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.
- † **Revelation 14:12 (NKJV) — 12** Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.