

# The Real Babylon the Great

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We will begin by reading scriptures from the book of Revelation which pertain to the Babylon of Revelation. We want to watch for key words that will identify who it is from scripture.

(Rev 16:5) And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.

(Rev 16:6) **For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets**, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

(Rev 17:6) 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 wondered with great admiration.

(Rev 18:20) Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and **ye holy apostles and prophets**; for **God hath avenged you on her**.

(Rev 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.

(Rev 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;

(Rev 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.

This next scripture is one of the key identifying statements found in the Bible.

(Rev 18:24) And in her was found **the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth**.

This statement in Revelation 18:24 is a key in identifying who Babylon the Great is.

(Rev 19:2) For true and righteous are his judgments: for **he hath judged the great whore**, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and **hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand**.

**If we can find who the Bible teaches killed the apostles, prophets, and saints, and is guilty of the blood of all that have been slain on the earth, then we will know who Babylon the Great is.**

Jesus speaking to the Jews of His generation gave us the answer in Matthew 23:29-39.

(Mat 23:29) Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because **ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous**,

(Mat 23:30) And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.

(Mat 23:31) Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that **ye are the children of them which killed the prophets**.

(Mat 23:32) **Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers**.

This statement in Matthew 23:32 is the same as Daniel's "finish the transgression," which was accomplished by killing the Messiah and his follower's. This filled the measure of the cup of God's wrath, which was then poured out upon them.

(Mat 23:33) Ye serpents, **ye generation of vipers**, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

(Mat 23:34) Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and **some of them ye shall kill and crucify**; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:

This is describing the persecution of Apostles and the early church by the unbelieving Jews, which was recorded in the book of Acts.

(Mat 23:35) That **upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth**, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.

Compare this to Revelation 18:24 as to the identity of Babylon the Great.

(Revelation 18:24) And in her was found **the blood of prophets**, and **of saints**, and **of all that were slain upon the earth**.

Jesus then revealed the time that this judgment would take place.

(Mat 23:36) Verily I say unto you, **All these things shall come upon this generation**.

This time text was confirmed many times throughout the Bible and in the Book of Revelation itself, just as I have already proven in the preceding lessons of this series. This is confirmed again in the very next chapter of Matthew 24 and in the parallel chapter of Luke 21.

(Mat 24:34) Verily I say unto you, **This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled**.

(Luke 21:32) Verily I say unto you, **This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled**.

Jesus revealed that all these things were going to be fulfilled in that generation, and then He called "the great city," which was guilty of the blood of all righteous by name.

(Mat 23:37) **O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets**, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

(Mat 23:38) Behold, **your house is left unto you desolate**.

(Mat 23:39) For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

**Jesus plainly identifies Jerusalem as being the city that fulfills the identity of Babylon the Great.**

## **PAUL AGREED WITH JESUS**

(1 Th 2:14) For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the **Jews**:

(1 Th 2:15) **Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men:**

(1 Th 2:16) Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: **for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost**.

The Jews demanded the death of Jesus and asked the responsibility of his blood to be on them and their children.

(Mat 27:22) Pilate saith unto them, **What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.**

(Mat 27:23) And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? **But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.**

(Mat 27:24) When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, **I am innocent of the blood of this just person:** see ye to it.

(Mat 27:25) **Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.**

We are seeing the very fulfillment of this in the book of Revelation. He also warned again of this judgment in Luke 23.

(Luke 23:28) But Jesus turning unto them said, **Daughters of Jerusalem,** weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.

(Luke 23:29) For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck.

(Luke 23:30) Then shall **they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us.**

We see this being fulfilled in Revelation 6:15-17.

(Rev 6:15) And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

(Rev 6:16) And **said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:**

(Rev 6:17) For **the great day of his wrath is come;** and who shall be able to stand?

## **AN OVERVIEW OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION**

The book of Revelation is nothing more than biblical imagery that describes God's destruction of Jerusalem, His removal of the Old Covenant system from the earth, His full establishment of His New Covenant Kingdom in the Earth, and the unveiling, sealing, and deliverance of His New Covenant people. This scenario can be seen as the curse and the blessing of God. **Its occurrence is based on Leviticus 26, which says that God will bring FOUR SEVEN-FOLD JUDGMENTS upon those who break His covenant.** He said that except they repent, He would judge them until they were destroyed. This judgment is exactly the same judgment that you find recorded in Revelation. **So the foundation of the book of Revelation is found in Leviticus 26.**

In Leviticus 26:9 God establishes His covenant with His people and concludes by telling them in verses 14-33 that He would bring four seven-fold judgments upon those who rebelled against it. Each of these four sets of judgments offers the rebellious an opportunity to repent. If they repent, God promises that He would not bring the next set of judgments against them, but if they do not repent, He said He would bring upon them another set of judgments that would be more severe than those they had already experienced. These judgments would escalate against the unrepented until, the Scripture says, they would be eating their own children, their sanctuary and their land would be brought to desolation, and they would be killed and scattered among the heathen. History declares that all these things happened during the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. Notice the judgments fall on their land and their possessions, and then become a final destruction and scattering of the people among the nations.

This judgment is the fulfillment of the **curse of the Law** that is **recorded in Deuteronomy 28:15-68** and also in the **Song of Moses**, which is mentioned in Revelation 15:3, and is **recorded in Deuteronomy 32:1-44.** Moses' song speaks of the judgments that God said He would bring against Israel if they disobeyed the Law. These judgments were prophesied to take place during one particular generation that we now know to be the final Jewish generation that rejected the New Covenant message and tried to keep the Law for

salvation. The Song of Moses was also heard being sung in the book of Revelation along with the Song of the Lamb. The Lamb's song proclaims the redemption that comes through Jesus' New Covenant message. These two songs being sung together are just one more proof that the book of Revelation does show that the destruction of Jerusalem was a judgment that God said He would bring against those who forsook His Covenant. **Revelation refers to Jerusalem's judgment and destruction when it says, "Babylon the Great is fallen."** The language of the book of Revelation is much easier to understand after reading Deuteronomy, because it shows that the destruction of Jerusalem happened because its inhabitants rebelled against the Law's commands and Jesus' New Covenant. Jesus offered this New Covenant so that those who had failed to keep the Law could be delivered from the curse of the Law. Leviticus 26 is another chapter that gives us the same account as is described in Deuteronomy. **Let's look now at its description of Jerusalem's judgment.** All the statements in this study that appear in *[italics with brackets]* have been **added for the purpose of explanation**; **bold**, UPPERCASE, and underline formatting is **added for the purpose of emphasis**.

(Lev 26:9) For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and **establish my covenant with you.**

(Lev 26:14) But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments;

(Lev 26:15) And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, **but that ye break my covenant:**

(Lev 26:16) **I also will do this unto you;** I will even **appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes,** and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.

(Lev 26:17) And **I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies:** they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.

(Lev 26:18) And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, **then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.**

**First seven—7 seals—a one-quarter judgment—Revelation 5 & 6** (the amount of each judgment is found by reading the corresponding scriptures of Revelation)

(Lev 26:19) And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass:

(Lev 26:20) And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your **land** shall not yield her increase, neither shall **the trees** of the land yield their fruits.

(Lev 26:21) And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; **I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.**

**Second seven—7 Trumpets—a one-third judgment—Revelation 8 & 9**

(Lev 26:22) I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of **your children**, and destroy your **cattle**, and **make you few in number**; and your high ways shall be **desolate**.

(Lev 26:23) **And if ye will not be reformed by me by these things,** but will walk contrary unto me;

(Lev 26:24) Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and **will punish you yet seven times for your sins.**

**Third seven—7 Thunders—unrevealed—probably a one-half judgment, but at least more severe—Revelation 10**

(Lev 26:25) And I will bring a **sword** upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the **pestilence among you**; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.

(Lev 26:26) And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.

(Lev 26:27) And **if ye will not for all this hearken unto me,** but walk contrary unto me;

(Lev 26:28) Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, **will chastise you seven times for your sins.**

#### **Fourth seven—The final destruction, captivity, and scattering of Israel—Revelation 16**

(Lev 26:29) And ye shall **eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat.**

History states women killed, cooked, and ate their babies during the three and one-half year siege of Jerusalem.

(Lev 26:30) And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and **cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols,** and my soul shall abhor you.

History estimates 1.1 million Jews were killed during this time.

(Lev 26:31) And I will make your **cities waste,** and **bring your sanctuaries unto desolation,** and I will not smell the savour of your sweet odours.

The city and the Temple were destroyed.

(Lev 26:32) And I will bring the **land into desolation:** and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it.

(Lev 26:33) And I will **scatter you among the heathen,** and will draw out a sword after you: and **your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.**

About 90,000 Jews were taken captive into all nations in 70 AD.

Jesus was referring to this same judgment in **Matthew 23:29-38** which we previously read in this lesson. There He told **why it would happen, to whom it would happen,** and **when it would take place.** He told the Jews that He was talking to at that time that these judgments would take place **during “their generation.”**

Let's now look in Revelation 17 at another picture of God's judgment upon this City.

(Rev 17:1) And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; **I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:**

Keep in mind that the scriptures are dealing with the judgments of God on a Harlot City that has committed Spiritual fornication against him.

(Rev 17:2) 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.**

(Rev 17:3) So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw **a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.**

It was the beast [governmental system] the harlot was riding on that had the seven heads and ten horns, and not the harlot herself. This is where many get confused as to her identity. This is a picture of unbelieving Israel, the spiritual harlot, riding on the back of the political power of Rome. (Compare this with verse 9 for further proof.)

(Rev 17:4) And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

We will later read in the book of Ezekiel where God is the one who gave her these precious jewels, when He was married to her, only to have her use them and her God given beauty to commit adultery against Him.

(Rev 17:5) And upon her forehead was a name written, **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**

(Rev 17:6) 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 wondered with great admiration.

(Rev 17:9) And here is the mind which hath wisdom. **The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.**

Israel sitting on the power of the Roman Empire as Rome is known as “The city of seven hills.”

(Rev 17:10) And there are seven kings: **five are fallen**, and **one is**, and **the other is not yet come**; and when he cometh, **he must continue a short space.**

(Rev 17:11) And the **beast that was**, and is not, even **he is the eighth**, and **is of the seven**, and goeth into perdition.

(Rev 17:12) And the **ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings**, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

There are two points that we must keep in mind when we are trying to interpret what this scripture is referring to.

- (1) We must keep our interpretation within the biblical time text given for the book of Revelation.
- (2) There must be a direct connection with the beast (Roman Government) and the Harlot City (Jerusalem) riding upon the back of the beast.

## **THE TIME TEXT**

The time text, as we have proven in earlier lessons, demand its fulfillment to be immediately after the book of Revelation was written by John which I believe to be in the early 60's A. D. We will review briefly some of the scriptures in the book of Revelation to prove this.

(Rev 1:1) The **Revelation of Jesus Christ**, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants **things which must shortly come to pass**; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

He didn't say this was going to happen 2,000 to 3,000 years in the future. He said this was “shortly” coming to pass.

(Rev 1:3) Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for **the time is at hand.**

He said the time is “at hand.” Compare the phrase “at hand” with its usage in the rest of the New Testament, and you will discover that this is a reference to it being close by, not far off, something that was soon to take place.

(Rev 22:6) And he said unto me, **These sayings are faithful and true**: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to show unto his servants **the things which must shortly be done.**

Even at the closing of the Book of Revelation He said it again, “The things which must shortly be done.”

(Rev 22:7) Behold, **I come quickly**: blessed is he that keepeth the saying of the prophecy of this book.

He said you had better keep these things because I am coming soon!

(Rev 22:10) And he saith unto me, **Seal not** the sayings of the prophecy of this book: **for the time is at hand.**

**God told Daniel to seal his book** because its prophecies would not be fulfilled in the days in which they were written. But that is not what He told the apostle John. **God told John not to seal his book** because the time for its fulfillment was at hand

As previously stated in other lessons, I believe that John opened the sealed vision of Daniel because it was then "**the time of the end.**" This does not mean that it was "the end of time" as most preach. John made it very clear that the prophecies contained in this vision would be fulfilled very soon after it was given, so we know the interpretation of Rev. 17 had to be something that took place within that generation just as Jesus stated in Matthew 23 & 24.

### **THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE BEAST AND THE HARLOT**

Keeping the thought in mind, that we must stay within the time text given, and there must be a connection between the Harlot City and the Beast, let's try to put an interpretation on Rev. 17:10-11, and identify the seven kings and the eighth which is the beast. We must also keep in mind that the beast is sometimes spoken of in Rev. as an entire system or government, and other times, a certain ruler within that government is singled out, and the beast is spoken of as being a man. So the beast will sometimes be speaking of the entire Roman Empire, and at other times it will be speaking of a particular king or ruler within that Empire such as Rev. 13.

(Rev 17:10) And there are **seven kings: five are fallen**, and **one is**, and the **other is not yet come**; and when he cometh, **he must continue a short space.**

(Rev 17:11) And the **beast** that was, and is not, even **he is the eighth**, and **is of the seven**, and goeth into perdition.

For our interpretation of this to be right, there would have had to have been eight Roman rulers with a connection to Jerusalem, of which the sixth would have had to have been in power at the time of the writing of Revelation in the early 60's AD, the seventh would have only been in power for a short time, and the eighth would have had to have been Nero, which is the beast of Rev. 13, which persecuted the saints for 3 ½ years from 64 AD to his death in 68 AD. The Roman government went on to finish God's judgment against the City of Jerusalem under the reign of Vespasian in 70 AD.

After the death of Herod Agrippa I, his son, Agrippa II, was considered too young to oversee the troubled area of Judea, so Roman authority decided to reduce it down to a province. Cuspius Fadus was then sent into Judea as the first of seven procurators (viceroys or governors) who were chosen to lead Judea during this time. Historical records differ with each other by a year or two as to the exact years of their reign, but we do know that the Apostle John was writing Revelation during the time of the sixth king. The entire list is as follows:

1. Cuspius Fadus 44-46
2. Tiberius Iulius Alexander 46-48
3. Ventidius Cumanus 48-52
4. Antonius Felex 52-60
5. Porcius Festus 60-61 (one chart says till 62)
6. Albinus 61-65 (one chart says 64)
7. Gessius Florus 65-66 (some has his reign as only 65 AD)

Albinus was the sixth of these rulers and he ruled Judea from 61-65 AD. **This makes the time of John's writing of Revelation to have happened sometime during the early 60's AD.** Gessius Florus had a short reign during 65 AD, and was the seventh and final of these procurators. After Gessius, Nero himself took control of Judea because of the trouble the Romans were having there with the Jews. This made Nero the eighth king.

The Bible shows that the beast took control and gave power to ten rulers, which finally resulted in the destruction to Jerusalem. This destruction was fulfilled under the leadership of the Roman Emperor Vespasian. Rome had previously divided Palestine into ten geographical areas and administrative districts. The following are a listing of these: (Southern) **Samaria, Judea, and Idumea**; (Northern) **Galilee and Perea**; (Northeastern) **Iturea, Trachonitis, Gaulanitis, Auranitis, and Batanea**. Evidently Nero gave these ten districts authority to rise against Jerusalem when they began to rebel against Rome. This scenario would once again be a perfect historical fulfillment to this entire prophecy of Revelation chapter 17. Look at how this fits perfectly as the fulfillment of the last verses in Chapter 17.

(Rev 17:12) And the **ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings**, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

(Rev 17:13) These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

(Rev 17:14) These **shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them**: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

(Rev 17:15) And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

(Rev 17:16) **And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.**

(Rev 17:17) For **God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will**, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, **until the words of God shall be fulfilled.**

(Rev 17:18) And **the woman** which thou sawest **is that great city**, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

The futurist Dispensational teaching that this is ten nations of a future Roman empire has been proven wrong by time as there are currently 15 members of the European Union with the number already set to expand to 25 by 2004, and 27 by 2007, and 28 shortly thereafter.

Another scripture that helps identify this great city is Revelation 11:8. This passage deals with the death of the two witnesses. I will cover this in detail in my final teaching of this series entitled, "The Four Beast and the Two Witnesses."

(Rev 11:8) And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of **the great city**, which **spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.**

Where was Jesus crucified? In Rome or in Jerusalem? Who then is the Great City? The answer is Jerusalem!

(Rev 16:17) And the **seventh angel** poured out **his vial** into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, **It is done.**

Jerusalem is destroyed

(Rev 16:18) And there were **voices, and thunders, and lightnings**; and there was a **great earthquake**, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

Let's compare this with the prophesied rejection of the New Covenant in Isaiah 28, and God's Judgment on the rejecters in Jerusalem as found in Isaiah 29



(Isa 28:9) Whom shall he teach **knowledge**? and whom shall he make to understand **doctrine**? them that are weaned from the **milk**, and drawn from the breasts.

(Isa 28:10) For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:

(Isa 28:11) For with **stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.**

(Isa 28:12) To whom he said, **This is the rest** wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: **yet they would not hear.**

This is prophecy of the New Covenant which came through Jesus Christ. Isaiah now goes on to give a picture of Natural Israel's rejection of the New Covenant and their trusting in the Law instead.

(Isa 28:15) Because ye have said, **We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us:** for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:

(Isa 28:16) Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, **I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.**

Peter reveals this to be Jesus in his epistle.

(Isa 28:17) **Judgment** also will I lay to the line, and **righteousness to the plummet:** and **the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies,** and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

(Isa 28:18) And **your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.**

### **ARIEL IS JERUSALEM IN ISAIAH 29**

(Isa 29:1) Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, **the city where David dwelt!** add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices.

(Isa 29:2) Yet **I will distress Ariel,** and there shall be heaviness and sorrow: and it shall be unto me as Ariel.

(Isa 29:3) And **I will camp against thee round about,** and **will lay siege against thee with a mount,** and I will raise forts against thee.

(Isa 29:4) And **thou shalt be brought down,** and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and **thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit,** out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust.

(Isa 29:5) Moreover the multitude of thy strangers shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones **shall be as chaff that passeth away:** yea, it shall be at an instant suddenly.

(Isa 29:6) Thou shalt be **visited of the LORD of hosts** with **thunder,** and with **earthquake,** and **great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.**

This is basically the same language as the seventh seal, seventh trumpet, seventh thunder, and the seventh vial, which is showing God's judgment according to Law, because they rejected the New Covenant. Moses had similar experiences when he went up into the mount to receive the Law, and the Bible says if you live by the Law you will be judged by the Law. Paul said that no flesh would ever be saved by the works of the Law. It therefore exposed sin and brought death, but Jesus and the New Covenant delivers man from the curse of the Law.

I have proven in previous lessons that Revelation and Ezekiel are basically the same book. You have to realize this as you try to interpret the book of Revelation, because you gain much of your understanding of Revelation by comparing it with the same vision in the book of Ezekiel. Here is a chart comparing the two books:

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1. The Throne-vision (Rev 4/Eze 1)
2. The Book (Rev 5/Eze 2-3)
3. The Four Plagues (Rev 6:1-8/Eze 5)

4. The Slain under the Altar (Rev 6:9-11/Eze 6)
5. The Wrath of God (Rev 6:12-17/Eze 7)
6. The Seal on the Saint's Foreheads (Rev 7/Eze 9)
7. The Coals from the Altar (Rev 8/Eze 10)
8. No More Delay (Rev 10:1-7/Eze 12)
9. The Eating of the Book (Rev 10:8-11/Eze 2)
10. The Measuring of the Temple (Rev 11:1-2/Eze 40-43)
11. Jerusalem and Sodom (Rev 11:8/Eze 16)
12. The Cup of Wrath (Rev 14/Eze 23)
13. The Vine of the Land (Rev 14:18-20/Eze 15)
14. The Great Harlot (Rev 17-18/Eze 16, 23)
15. The Lament over the City (Rev 18/Eze 27)
16. The Scavengers' Feast (Rev 19/Eze 38)
17. The First Resurrection (Rev 20:4-6/Eze 37)
18. The Battle with Gog and Magog (Rev 20:7-9/Eze 38-39)
19. The New Jerusalem (Rev 21/Eze 40-48)
20. The River of Life (Rev 22/Eze 47)

Now we can better understand some of the Biblical imagery found in the book of Revelation.

(Rev 16:19) And **the great city was divided into three parts**, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, **to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath**.

Jerusalem is called by name many times in the book of Ezekiel as being the harlot city that God is bringing judgment against.

(Ezek 4:1) Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and portray upon it the city, even **Jerusalem**:

(Ezek 4:2) And **lay siege against it**, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set battering rams against it round about.

(Ezek 4:3) Moreover take thou unto thee an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city: and set thy face against it, and **it shall be besieged**, and thou shalt lay siege against it. **This shall be a "SIGN" to the house of Israel**.

Compare this with Jesus' statement in Matthew 24:29-30.

(Mat 24:29) **Immediately after the tribulation of those days** shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

Remember that we learned in our first lesson that this is biblical imagery which represents a change of government or covenants.

(Mat 24:30) And **then shall appear the "SIGN" of the Son of man in heaven**: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

The destruction of Jerusalem was God's prophesied sign to the Jews that the Law Covenant had ended and His New Covenant was indeed the only plan of salvation for Jew and Gentile. His New Covenant had been in effect since the outpouring of the Holy Ghost, but this was His definite sign to them that Jesus was ruling in His kingdom on earth, the church.

### **CITY DIVIDED IN THREE PARTS IN REVELATION 16:19**

(Ezek 5:1) And thou, son of man, take thee a sharp knife, take thee a barber's razor, and cause it to pass upon thine head and upon thy beard: **then take thee balances to weigh, and divide the hair.**

(Ezek 5:2) Thou shalt **burn with fire a third part in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled**: and thou shalt take a **third part, and smite about it with a knife**: and a **third part thou shalt scatter in the wind**; and **I will draw out a sword after them.**

(Ezek 5:3) Thou shalt also take thereof a few in number, and bind them in thy skirts.

(Ezek 5:4) Then take of them again, and **cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire**; for thereof shall a fire come forth into all the **house of Israel.**

(Ezek 5:5) Thus saith the Lord GOD; **This is Jerusalem**: I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries that are round about her.

(Ezek 5:6) And **she hath changed my judgments into wickedness** more than the nations, and my statutes more than the countries that are round about her: for **they have refused my judgments and my statutes**, they have not walked in them.

(Ezek 5:8) Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even **I, am against thee, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations.**

(Ezek 5:10) Therefore the **fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of thee**, and **the sons shall eat their fathers**; and I will execute judgments in thee, and the **whole remnant of thee will I scatter into all the winds.**

(Ezek 5:11) Wherefore, as I live, saith the Lord GOD; Surely, because thou hast defiled my sanctuary with all thy **detestable things, and with all thine abominations**, therefore will I also diminish thee; neither shall mine eye spare, **neither will I have any pity.**

(Ezek 5:12) A **third part of thee shall die with the pestilence, and with famine** shall they be consumed in the midst of thee: and **a third part shall fall by the sword** round about thee; and **I will scatter a third part into all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them.**

(Ezek 5:13) Thus shall mine anger be accomplished, and I will cause my fury to rest upon them, and I will be comforted: and they shall know that I the LORD have spoken it in my zeal, when I have accomplished my fury in them.

(Ezek 5:14) Moreover I will make thee waste, and **a reproach among the nations that are round about thee**, in the sight of all that pass by.

(Ezek 5:15) So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and **an astonishment unto the nations that are round about thee, when I shall execute judgments in thee in anger and in fury and in furious rebukes.** I the LORD have spoken it.

(Ezek 5:16) When I shall send upon them the evil arrows of **famine**, which **shall be for their destruction**, and which I will send to destroy you: and I will increase the famine upon you, and will break your staff of bread:

(Ezek 5:17) So will I send upon you **famine and evil beasts**, and they shall bereave thee; **and pestilence and blood** shall pass through thee; and I will bring the **sword** upon thee. I the LORD have spoken it.

(Ezek 6:1) And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

(Ezek 6:2) Son of man, **set thy face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them,**

(Ezek 6:11) Thus saith the Lord GOD; Smite with thine hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say, Alas **for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! for they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence.**

(Ezek 6:12) He that is far off shall die of the **pestilence**; and he that is near shall fall by the **sword**; and he that remaineth and is besieged shall die by the **famine**: thus will I accomplish my fury upon them.

(Ezek 6:13) Then shall ye know that I am the LORD, when their slain men shall be among their idols round about their altars, upon every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the place where they did offer sweet savour to all their idols.

(Ezek 6:14) So will I stretch out my hand upon them, and **make the land desolate**, yea, more desolate than the wilderness toward Diblath, in all their habitations: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

(Ezek 7:2) Also, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD **unto the land of Israel; An end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land.**

(Ezek 7:3) **Now is the end come upon thee**, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations.

(Ezek 7:6) An **end is come, the end is come**: it watcheth for thee; behold, it is come.

This is Daniel's "Time of the End" not the "End of Time" as most teach.

(Ezek 7:7) The morning is come unto thee, O thou that dwellest in the land: the time is come, **the day of trouble is near**, and not the sounding again of the mountains.

(Ezek 7:8) Now will I shortly **pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger upon thee**: and I will **judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense thee for all thine abominations.**

(Ezek 7:14) They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but none goeth to the battle: **for my wrath is upon all the multitude thereof.**

(Ezek 7:15) The **sword is without**, and **the pestilence and the famine within**: **he that is in the field shall die with the sword; and he that is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him.**

(Isa 1:21) **How is the faithful city become an harlot!** it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.

#### **GOD ANSWERS THIS IN EZEKIEL 16.**

(Ezek 16:1) Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

(Ezek 16:2) Son of man, **cause Jerusalem to know her abominations,**

(Ezek 16:8) Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and **I spread my skirt over thee**, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I swear unto thee, and **entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine.**

Notice she was married to God.

(Ezek 16:9) Then washed I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil.

(Ezek 16:10) **I clothed thee also with broided work**, and shod thee with badgers' skin, and I girded thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with silk.

(Ezek 16:11) **I decked thee also with ornaments**, and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck.

(Ezek 16:12) And I put a jewel on thy forehead, and earrings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thine head.

(Ezek 16:13) Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver; and thy raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and brodered work; thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil: and thou wast exceeding beautiful, and thou didst prosper into a kingdom.

God had adorned her with the jewels in Rev., but she played a harlot with them.

(Ezek 16:14) And thy renown went forth among the heathen for **thy beauty**: for it was perfect through my comeliness, **which I had put upon thee**, saith the Lord GOD.

(Ezek 16:15) But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, **and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy fornications on every one that passed by; his it was.**

(Ezek 16:16) And of thy garments thou didst take, and **deckedst thy high places with divers colours, and playedst the harlot thereupon**: the like things shall not come, neither shall it be so.

(Ezek 16:17) Thou hast also **taken thy fair jewels of my gold and of my silver**, which I had given thee, and madest to thyself images of men, **and didst commit whoredom with them**,

(Ezek 16:25) Thou hast built thy high place at every head of the way, and hast made thy beauty to be abhorred, and **hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy whoredoms.**

(Ezek 16:26) Thou hast also **committed fornication with the Egyptians** thy neighbours, great of flesh; and hast **increased thy whoredoms, to provoke me to anger.**

(Ezek 16:27) Behold, therefore I have stretched out my hand over thee, and have diminished thine ordinary food, and **delivered thee unto the will of them that hate thee**, the daughters of the Philistines, which are ashamed of thy lewd way.

(Ezek 16:28) Thou hast **played the whore also with the Assyrians**, because thou wast unsatiable; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet couldest not be satisfied.

(Ezek 16:29) Thou hast **moreover multiplied thy fornication in the land of Canaan unto Chaldea**; and yet thou wast not satisfied herewith.

(Ezek 16:30) How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord GOD, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an **imperious whorish woman**;

(Ezek 16:31) In that thou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thine high place in every street; and **hast not been as an harlot, in that thou scornest hire**;

(Ezek 16:32) **But as a wife that committeth adultery, which taketh strangers instead of her husband!**

(Ezek 16:33) **They give gifts to all whores: but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and hirest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredom.**

(Ezek 16:34) And the **contrary is in thee from other women in thy whoredoms**, whereas none followeth thee to commit whoredoms: and in that **thou givest a reward, and no reward is given unto thee**, therefore thou art contrary.

(Ezek 16:35) **Wherefore, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD**:

(Ezek 16:36) Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thy filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy whoredoms with thy lovers, and with all the idols of thy abominations, and by the blood of thy children, which thou didst give unto them;

(Ezek 16:37) Behold, therefore **I will gather all thy lovers**, with whom thou hast taken pleasure, and all them that thou hast loved, with all them that thou hast hated; **I will even gather them round about against thee**, and will discover thy nakedness unto them, that they may see all thy nakedness.

(Ezek 16:38) And **I will judge thee, as women that break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will give thee blood in fury and jealousy.**

(Ezek 16:39) And **I will also give thee into their hand**, and they shall throw down thine eminent place, and shall break down thy high places: **they shall strip thee** also of thy clothes, and shall take thy fair jewels, and leave thee naked and bare.

(Ezek 16:40) **They shall also bring up a company against thee**, and they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust thee through with their **swords**.

(Ezek 16:41) And they **shall burn thine houses with fire**, and **execute judgments upon thee in the sight of many women**: and I will cause thee to cease from playing the harlot, and thou also shalt give no hire any more.

(Ezek 16:42) So will **I make my fury toward thee to rest**, and **my jealousy shall depart from thee, and I will be quiet, and will be no more angry.**

(Ezek 16:60) Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and **I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant.**

God promised a new everlasting covenant to the remnant. Her identity is revealed again in chapters 22 & 23.

(Ezek 22:2) Now, thou son of man, wilt thou judge, **wilt thou judge the bloody city?** yea, thou shalt show her all her abominations.

(Ezek 22:15) And **I will scatter thee among the heathen, and disperse thee in the countries,** and will consume thy filthiness out of thee.

(Ezek 22:18) Son of man, the **house of Israel** is to me become dross: all they are brass, and tin, and iron, and lead, **in the midst of the furnace;** they are even the dross of silver.

(Ezek 22:19) Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye are all become dross, behold, therefore **I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.**

(Ezek 22:20) As they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to **blow the fire upon it, to melt it;** so will I gather you in mine anger and in my fury, and I will leave you there, and melt you.

(Ezek 22:21) Yea, I will gather you, and **blow upon you in the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof.**

(Ezek 22:22) As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and **ye shall know that I the LORD have poured out my fury upon you.**

(Ezek 23:1) The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

(Ezek 23:2) Son of man, there were **two women,** the **daughters of one mother:**

(Ezek 23:3) And **they committed whoredoms in Egypt;** they **committed whoredoms in their youth:** there were their breasts pressed, and there they bruised the teats of their virginity.

(Ezek 23:4) And the **names of them** were **Aholah the elder,** and **Aholibah her sister:** and they were mine, and they bare sons and daughters. Thus were their names; **Samaria is Aholah,** and **Jerusalem Aholibah.**

(Ezek 23:5) And Aholah played the harlot when she was mine; and she doted on her lovers, on the Assyrians her neighbours,

(Ezek 23:11) And when her sister Aholibah saw this, she was more corrupt in her inordinate love than she, and in her whoredoms more than her sister in her whoredoms.

(Ezek 23:14) And that she increased her whoredoms: for when she saw men portrayed upon the wall, the images of the **Chaldeans** portrayed with vermilion,

(Ezek 23:15) Girded with girdles upon their loins, exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes to look to, **after the manner of the Babylonians of Chaldea, the land of their nativity:**

(Ezek 23:16) And as soon as she saw them with her eyes, she doted upon them, and sent messengers unto them into Chaldea.

(Ezek 23:17) And the **Babylonians came to her into the bed of love,** and they defiled her with their whoredom, and she was polluted with them, and her mind was alienated from them.

(Ezek 23:18) So she discovered her whoredoms, and discovered her nakedness: **then my mind was alienated from her,** like as my mind was alienated from her sister.

(Ezek 23:30) I will do these things unto thee, because thou hast gone a whoring after the heathen, and because thou art polluted with their idols.

(Ezek 23:31) **Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister; therefore will I give her cup into thine hand.**

(Ezek 23:32) Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup deep and large: thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision; it containeth much.

(Ezek 23:33) Thou **shalt be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of thy sister Samaria.**

This is the Cup of God's wrath as found in Revelation.

(Ezek 23:44) Yet they went in unto her, as they go in unto **a woman that playeth the harlot**: so went they in unto **Aholah and unto Aholibah, the lewd women**.

(Ezek 23:45) And the righteous men, they shall judge them after the manner of adulteresses, and after the manner of **women that shed blood**; because they are adulteresses, and blood is in their hands.

(Ezek 23:46) For thus saith the Lord GOD; **I will bring up a company upon them, and will give them to be removed and spoiled**.

(Ezek 23:47) And the company shall **stone them with stones**, and **dispatch them with their swords**; they shall **slay their sons and their daughters**, and **burn up their houses with fire**.

(Ezek 24:6) Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD; **Woe to the bloody city**, to the pot whose scum is therein, and whose scum is not gone out of it! bring it out piece by piece; let no lot fall upon it.

(Ezek 24:7) For her blood is in the midst of her; she set it upon the top of a rock; she poured it not upon the ground, to cover it with dust;

(Ezek 24:8) **That it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance**; I have set her blood upon the top of a rock, that it should not be covered.

(Ezek 24:9) Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; **Woe to the bloody city! I will even make the pile for fire great**.

(Ezek 24:10) **Heap on wood, kindle the fire, consume the flesh, and spice it well, and let the bones be burned**.

(Zec 5:1) Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold **a flying roll**.

(Zec 5:2) And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits.

(Zec 5:3) Then said he unto me, **This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth**: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off as on this side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off as on that side according to it.

(Zec 5:4) I will bring it forth, saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.

(Zec 5:5) Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth.

(Zec 5:6) And I said, What is it? And he said, This is an **ephah** that goeth forth. He said moreover, **This is their resemblance through all the earth**.

(Zec 5:7) And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: and **this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah**.

(Zec 5:8) And he said, **This is wickedness**. And he cast it into the midst of the ephah; and **he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof**.

(Zec 5:9) Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, **there came out two women**, and the wind was in their wings; for they had wings like the **wings of a stork**: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven.

(Zec 5:10) Then said I to the angel that talked with me, **Whither do these bear the ephah?**

(Zec 5:11) And he said unto me, **To build it an house in the land of Shinar**: and **it shall be established, and set there upon her own base**.

The Jews learned the mystical wicked worship system of Babylon while they were in Babylonian captivity, and they brought it out with them and applied this pagan system to the true God, and it has become the curse of the earth. We will expose this mystical system now known as the Kabbalah (also spelled Kabala, Qabalah, and Cabbala) in detail in our second part of this lesson. For more Biblical proof of this we will compare Revelation 9 with Daniel 5.

(Rev 9:20) And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet **repented not of the works of their hands**, that they should not **worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood**: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

God is describing there a system of idolatry

(Rev 9:21) Neither repented they of their **murders**, nor of their **sorceries**, nor of their **fornication**, nor of their thefts.

Compare this with what the Babylonians worshiped while they were in captivity.

(Dan 5:4) They drank wine, and **praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone**.

(Dan 5:23) But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou **hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone**, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:

**Zionist and international Jews have resurrected this system today and believe they will rule the world with it as god's chosen people. They have put the doctrine of Dispensationalism in the world to deceive the world and the Church into believing this is the plan of God.**