

Chapter 18

1. Babylon the Great #II: Judgment Day!

Death to the World's Biggest Looser!

"I will be merciful, to whom I will be merciful..."

"In My Father's House, there are many dwelling places" (John 14); why there will be none reserved for the inhabitants (churched and un-churched rejects) of Babylon the Great; discarded, like a dirty, filthy, nasty white rag; a worthless, useless thing of no further value. Not everyone who calls Jesus "Lord", will be saved (Matt. 7).

"Like squeezing a camel through the eye of a needle, so is the difficulty in getting the wealthy, the intellectual, into the Kingdom of God".

Solomon was the illegitimate son born to King David and Bathsheba. God's love for this illegitimate, but well-favored son of the King-after-God's-own-heart was supreme. God showered this love freely and royally, giving the New King, not only his humble request for wisdom so that he might rule over the people God wisely, but, God gave him great wealth as well. In spite of its otherwise happy outlook, however, there is a dark-side of this tale.

God ultimately knew Solomon, better than Solomon knew himself. The problem for Solomon lay not at all in that, God, knowing the downside, failed to inform Solomon. Rather, this incident served to dramatize and play up the fact that this, the wisest man who ever lived, was yet utterly unperceptive and lacking in understanding. With the understanding and immense wisdom God imparted to him, Solomon appears to have sought diligently and found out profound statements of information on every subject under the sun. The one thing he did not know, however, was himself.

Speaking of the building of the Temple proposed and provided for by King David, Solomon, like his father, never got the point. The Temple of their dreams, of which they spoke, and for which they prepared, placed in juxtaposition to the One God had in mind were two entirely different entities. With regard to the Ultimate of the two Temples, Solomon was told in no uncertain terms that he was not going to participate; he was rejected, even while he was yet the most favored and most blessed of all of Judah's kings. He lived large; high on the hog, all per the Hand of the Lord his God. Nonetheless, all the while this giant among kings, with all of his wealth and material possessions, was being blown off by His God as a loser. Intellectually, he soared on eagle's wings. He towered over all the kings of the earth. Yet, the message was, he would have no part in the coming of Israel's Messiah. It was a very subtle forecast that over shadowed the even more grim fact that this one, most highly esteemed of Almighty God, would in the end be lost forever. Among the most successful men of any generation, Solomon is therefore the world's biggest loser. The closest he will ever get to walking on streets of gold is the Great White Throne, before which he will stand, at the last judgment (the earth having vanished).

Similarly, in a manner mindful of the plight of King Solomon, Babylon the Great has been served notice of her standing in reject status. Although without controversy, she is the brainchild of Almighty God, all her wealth, all of her good deeds, her appearance and the image she portrays upon the global stage will avail her nothing, in the plan of God, in terms of deliverance. Stuffed to the brim with wealth, overflowing with prosperity untold, strutting in the stupidity of her arrogance, even as she revels in grand illusions of superiority, she is to Him like a fatted calf, built and set up only to be struck through, knocked down in eternal humiliation, and damnation. In keeping with the "Divine formula" to "...extend mercy..." while, by implication, withholding it as He chooses, through exercise of the executive privilege that is uniquely and eternally His, all mercy is to, and, will be withheld from this version of Babylon the Great.

Phase I of the New World Order

The New World Order! It is a concept rarely heard in the America media and public arena. Nevertheless, it is one very real, and very much anticipated, behind the scenes—much more so in foreign countries, it seems, than here in

the US. On August 14, 2008, NPR Radio featured a news clip from an interview its journalist had conducted with a woman (apparently) from the breakaway region of Ossetia. The focus of that interview was the Russian invasion of Georgia—following Georgia’s attempt to rein in the rebel break-away state, which sought its independence (allegedly instigated by the Russians.). The woman stated dogmatically something to the effect that the Georgian president Mikheil Saakashvili’s attempt to maintain control of those states which want to separate from Georgia while allying itself with the West via NATO was all part of the “New World Order”. Not long after that, someone else in the news was careful to make mention of this coming, much desired, global state of affairs. Former President George Bush, Sr. was seen in online video footage speaking affectionately, in glowing terms about the “New World Order”—an idea heretofore generally unheard of in America otherwise, except from the lips of media ministers and Bible prophecy sensationalists.

Side Note

Actually, as of today, 03/17/09, a number of months after the initial pinning of this section, new information spurred by **Jack and Roxella Van Impe**, on their “Jack Van Impe Presents” TV program shows that this idea of a New World Order is anything but dead in US upper echelon political circles (don’t typically put a lot of faith in their ministry now-a-days, but, like all charlatans, they do manage to get some things right, once in a while; consider also a **Hal Lindsey report** aired later in April of 2009, which confirms the existence and determination among the world’s richest—including Rockefeller, Bill Gates and Oprah Winfrey—to play “God” in the establishment of population control measures designed to facilitate a New World Order by effectively deciding who lives, and, who must die; in short, the systematic, otherwise, indiscriminate killing of a substantial portion of the global population, no doubt by the various means sited in chapter 6 of this Revelation, to make room for those deemed worthy of living!). Online articles affirm this to be so. In the online version of their show, the Van Impes refer to a 2008 **PBS** broadcast hosted by Charlie Rose in which **Henry Kissinger**, active in and during the Nixon and Ford administrations, is quoted as stating that “there is a need for a new world order”. They went on to cite a quotation in which he asserts that President **Barak Obama** “...is primed to create this new world order”.

Roxella and Mr. Van Impe went on to highlight quotations from Mr. Obama’s speech delivered in Germany, which seem to suggest his vision of this new world order, and, his complicity with the idea of political, as well as economic globalization:

- “I am a fellow citizen of the world.”
- “in this new world, we’ll have a global citizenship.”
- “we need a globalized world.”
- “we must come together to save the planet.”

Video footage of an interview with Mr. Kissinger confirm the Van Impe claims. At **Truveo.com**, a video clip records the former secretary of state saying that “...his task (President Obama’s) will be to develop an overall strategy for America in this period when really a new world can be created. It’s a great opportunity...”

On an even less positive, more ominous note, which could signal and help to explain the future and fate of the United States of America, in his article online, Eric Walberg quotes “The Independent” (01/09), which cites Mr. Kissinger gloating, with regard to provisions afforded by this current global economic crisis, over what he sees as a “**unique opportunity for creative diplomacy**” (the Walberg article was titled “**Henry Kissinger’s Choice To The World: New World Order or ‘chaos’**”). Such reasoning he admits, will strike “**a major blow to the standing of the United States**”, as each nation is encouraged to “**seek to make itself independent, to the greatest possible degree, of the conditions that produced the collapse.**” The Kissinger solution, Mr. Walberg continues, is actually a call for “a common action” amongst the nations, resulting in a “political” “new world order” that would be similar to the present “...international economic one...” in spirit and co-operation. “The extraordinary impact of President-elect *Obama* on the imagination of humanity is an important element...” in the shaping of this new world order, Mr. Kissinger is said to have enthused. Failure to so indulge is to invite “chaos”. Mr. Walberg cites as the Kissinger definition for “chaos”, “the democratic awakening of the people”. He further concedes that free-spiriting nations, who meet in global organizations such as the WEF and the G20, are seriously frowned upon.

Thus, we conclude that the collapse and destruction of Babylon the Great will be the inroad to this New World Order (see **chap. 6**). Babylon the Great must fall before the Apocalypse can transpire.

Heretofore, Babylon the Great has received a fair amount of press in the revelation narrative (moreover, one might conclude as well, that her eventual drubbing and clubbing, *on all fronts*, holds an specially ‘*dear*’ place in the heart, mind and eschatological plans of the God of all Heaven and earth.). Her then *future* complete destruction was first mentioned back in **14:8** (that is the great whore, the great deceiver through the opiate and intoxicant of religion, insofar as she is the religious aspect of the woman in John’s vision in chap. 17, i.e., Babylon the great, or Rome and all of Italy, as host of the future one world ruler, or the beast; consider also chap. 13). The actual destruction of “Babylon” via the God-induced, global earthquake will come, however, as we just saw (**16:19**), during the meeting out of the judgment of the seventh bowl of God’s wrath.

In **chapter 17**, the identity of the woman on the scarlet red beast and her two extreme polarities were established. Being bipolar, each of her split personalities was shown to be firmly, solidly rooted in Rome; the Eastern emperor or the Byzantine emperor, rooted in Constantinople, stood for several centuries longer than the Western Kingdom (but, had no meaningful impact on what occurred in the West). On the one hand, in the first place, the bipolar woman was *political*, represented by ancient Rome as the seat or capital of the Roman Empire, a.k.a., the scarlet red beast, carried on and led by six of its seven heads, who were the emperors; on the other hand, the woman was, and is today, the “**great hooker**”, *highly religious Babylon the Great*, as represented initially by Rome in shambles, led by the popes at the head of the totally apostate church at Rome (Paul’s church of the “Romans”), following the collapse of the Roman Empire). Each aspect of the woman’s persona was, in God’s economy, separate and distinct; they could never have existed simultaneously, peacefully—the Caesars of Rome would not have tolerated the western popes. When the Western arm of the Empire fell, the emperors at Constantinople were not able to subdue and maintain control over the ancient city. Strangely, perhaps, it might be argued that they could scarcely have succeeded without Babylon the Great, and, the “*Crusaders*” of this great whore and mother of all harlots. Furthermore, it was established that the demise of religious Babylon, Babylon the Great, which exists to this very day, at this very hour, will be at the hands of the end-times *beast*, the eighth and final of only seven rulers, aided by his consortium of ten other nations, inspired by God Almighty (This will occur early in his short, 3.5 year global reign. It is more the destruction of a chiefly religious institution, not a primarily political, economic and military force).

Nevertheless, for all that has happened or that has been determined *will* happen around the theme of Babylon the Great, the subject is far from done!

Jubilate! Babylon the Great is destroyed!

Here, in **chapter 18**, we are greeted with a proclamation; an open invitation, ringing throughout all the heavens, to jubilate! Not surprisingly, that jubilation centers in Heaven’s ecstasy and joy over the desecrated sight of Babylon the Great. But, **at the end of chapter 17, the slate has been wiped clean of both Babylons** (that is both Rome, Italy and Vatican City, world headquarters of the Great Whore, Babylon the Great.), with nary a second thought given to the demise of either. To whom then, does this Babylon the Great refer, and why such jubilation and the ensuing expressions of vitriol, laced throughout with Supreme disgust and disdain?

For starters one might do well to note that, notwithstanding the name chosen to represent her, and in spite of the reference by the end-times merchants and politicians of the nations to her as “*that great city*”, the fact is ***Babylon the Great here is not a city***, at all. *She is not ancient Babylon re-built (see the Conclusion)*. Interestingly, she displays none of the psychosis common to Babylon the Great of chapter 17. There is no evident personality disorder or conflicts. Her profile, and, her apparent standing and reception amongst the nations is markedly if not remarkably different than the known, historical relationship managed and maintained by the woman in either her ancient, purely secular role, or, her religious role as it spans the gap between those ancient years of her beginning and the present. Though the prophecy was written in the days when many lands and their peoples were known primarily by their chief city, and thus the people tended to think in those terms, Babylon the Great here is ***a strictly end-times entity***, having no roots in antiquity (quite unlike her name sake in the “end-times” great whore, whose roots stretch from the ancient days of the Roman Empire, to the final days of history.). *This “city”*, like the concept(s) of the Book itself throughout, in the Mind of its Creator, ***was something totally foreign to the minds of the likes of John***, in that day. They did not know her kind in their times. There have not been for centuries, are not now and will be no such *city-states* when she is finally knocked down in these last days; leveled to the ground, never to rise again. So, knowing then that *she is not Babylon, Iraq rebuilt* (as will be discussed briefly, shortly), and, if she is not the obvious in terms of the only known shoe that either can or could ever have fit the imprint perfectly, to a tee, who is she?

The profile of Babylon the Great is quite graphic and revealing. What do the particulars and themes surrounding that *profile* at this, apparently, the height of her glory reveal for us about Babylon the Great, and, how do they square with the particulars and themes surrounding the two Babylons discussed previously?

Profiling Babylon the Great

A **specific set of qualifiers** are given, which set this Babylon the Great apart:

- 1) she is cosmopolitan: figures prominently in **the global political arena**, and, in **international affairs**, for the most part, *without the usual pressure of military occupation and domination*
- 2) she has and maintains an aura/air, a flair, a charisma, a mannerism, that is, per God’s definition, manifestly **Babylonian in nature**
- 3) she has a definite bearing on **global economics**, and is heavily involved in **international trade**
- 4) being **highly religious**, she leads the world into fornication (service to false gods, in the name of the Living God), deceiving the nations with **sorcery** (heavy drug or narcotics trafficking, :23)
- 5) she is enormously **wealthy** through free trade with the nations
- 6) **the nations are enormously wealthy** by trading freely with her, the envy of other nations
- 7) she is **haughty, extremely arrogant, cocky** and self-reliant, overly self-satisfied
- 8) her swift, thorough and **complete destruction**—from which she will never recover—**will spark an irreversible, crushing, world-spanning recession**, plunging all the nations into an economic spiral of unparalleled proportions

- 9) her existence is primarily **eschatological**; that is, she exists only in the last days, with no other manifest ties to antiquity

Up to this point, life on earth will have gone on, ‘business as usual’, per **Luke 17**. “Men will eat and drink like always; they will be marrying and giving in marriage, as usual”. Then, Paul says, all hell will break loose (**II Thes. 5**). The moment the nations shall say peace and safety, or, think that they have at long last eliminated any possibility of further conflict amongst the nations, at that moment sudden destruction will overtake them, like a woman overcome of her labor pains. Knowing what we know today, in terms of how life progresses and proceeds as it were from one trying-time to the next, only to be replaced eventually by yet another (be they political, social, economic or military), with a few valleys and smooth rides in between, up to the moment of the assertion “peace and safety”, mankind will honestly think that at long last, they have arrived. They have achieved a genuine, lasting solution to all of the troubles that plague mankind. God says, and would have us know however, they will be wrong. All of their hopes and dreams will be shattered, as the world around them is ripped apart by a new out break of strife, followed by global wars, accompanied by a high death toll well in excess of one billion. They will not recover. This is the beginning of **the Day of the Lord** (but not the Second coming of the Lord at Armageddon.). This day will come unannounced, without warning or, fanfare—like a thief who comes in the night (His appearance at Armageddon, will be a spectacular, highly visible affair.).

As of 01/22/2008, and since “Katrina” and the Gulf Coast devastation, not one day goes by without dropping hints relative to just *how vulnerable global markets and international economies are; how susceptible they are to any negative activity, being joined together at the hip, as it were, to the most prominent of them all*. The search for cheap labor, cheap sex, and cheap crude has created a class of deep pockets throughout Asia, etc., all of whom are being courted by international banking concerns (especially American), trying to reposition themselves and shore up huge losses they have sustained, self-inflicted through bad investments, having been left troubled and reeling due to the sudden down turn in the American construction industry (which is said to have been heavily invested in by foreign *government* investors, including the likes of China and Russia). As of today (03/18/08), while some have collapsed and/or have been forced to sell ridiculously cheap, others dangerously close to the brink of collapse.

Babylon’s international ties: strong and lucrative—un-coerced

(:1) having witnessed God’s unraveling of the riddle of the mystery concerning Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots, the identity of the beast relative to nationality and his origin, and the demise of the harlot, John’s attention is drawn to the person of another high-ranking, powerful angel in his descent out of Heaven. This angel shone with such brightness that the whole earth was illuminated by his presence.

(:2) “*Babylon the great has fallen, has fallen*”, the angel spoke loudly, with great strength, “*and has become a place inhabitable only by demons, a prison to house unclean spirits, and a cage for all unclean and despised birds*”.

(:3) “*Having been a city which herself has been unfaithful, she (Babylon) has been instrumental in leading other nations and their leadership down that same path (away from God), down a road that can only lead to confrontation with the Almighty. In fact, the kings of the earth have*

*sought and preferred an illicit relationship with her (Babylon, over God). **On account of her great wealth, and exceptional, exceeding abundance, the merchants of the earth, have been made wealthy and rich.***

In today's terms and lingo, the angelic summons to "rejoice" might be rendered to read like an invitation to witness the aftermath of an illustrious, elaborate three-ringed circus gone sour (or, **a freak-show**, in God's eyes, finally destroyed). "Hurry, hurry! Step right up, folks! You'll never see another show quite like this! A self-proclaimed godly circus of folk, self-righteous in their own eyes, wealthy, arrogant, lost and damned, to be banished to the eternal flames of the Lake, without mercy! No sir-reeee! There has never been, nor will there ever beeee, another like her!"

No matter what the endeavor, no matter the level of success and achievement, all good things have this unique way of ending; winning streaks grind to a halt—leaving in their wake consequences that devastate; wreathes of victory having faded to crowns of catastrophe, pinnacles and pedestals trade like mounds for jaded glory (and more recently, as of 06/19/09, GM and other such investment portfolios—once worth as much as \$70 thousand, or, maybe hundreds of thousands of dollars in other cases, now worth only a mere hundred dollars, or so!). Remember and witness the O. J. Simpsons, the James Watsons, Enron, MCI World-com or General Motors, Lehman Brothers and the recent banking/US housing bubble burst and its far-reaching, globe-spanning messes of financial ramifications, etc., etc—the brightest, most distinguished and celebrated of men flash winsome and winning smiles of victory one day that fizzle so as to leave behind skeletons of the damndest of fools. No great nation has ever maintained its spotlight on power forever. So likewise, similarly, Babylon the Great is guaranteed its place amid the ruins of dust and ashes. The foundational groundwork for this monumental event has been and is being laid "...even as we speak".

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Fault Lines of Collapse

Witness again the antics of the CEOs of failed, top corporations, who sought and got **welfare checks** at taxpayer expense, then paid themselves, shamelessly and without flinching, \$18 billion in bonuses, sought to buy 50 million dollar corporate jets and otherwise maintain the high, lavish, life style to which they have grown accustomed, while investors and taxpayers languish in uncertainty! Consider the foolish government officials who took part in the behind the scenes regulations that allowed for the rise of these "robber barons", gave them taxpayer money, then failed to anticipate that some sort of clearly defined oversight might be necessary to insure how they spent it! The fools are spending it on themselves and word is, there is no way the government can get it back! As of 01/31/09, apparently, not one job has been created, out of all the money they have been given! With this kind of oversight and fiscal mismanagement at every level of government and industry, the fault lines are firmly lain, the collapse of Babylon the Great is imminent, along precisely those lines, as they have been foretold in this the Apocalypse of John the Revelator. At some point, America is bound to find that it can no longer support, nor defend itself, which will allow for foreign powers so inclined to levy a humbling humiliation, equal to the extent of her high lifestyle, heretofore—in **full accord with the biblical mandate**. As 9/11 so wonderfully demonstrated, for all the world to see, superior defense systems and all the fancy equipment and fighter aircraft in the world need not be a deterrent, when an enemy otherwise external, yet, rides a high level **Trojan Horse**, as it were, well within our camp carrying a fully concealed "Fifth Column", behind otherwise tightly guarded gates (see Appendix B1, **Trojan Horse: The Enemy who mans our Gates!**)!

All of heaven and the Almighty will be thrilled at the annihilation and fall of this Babylon the Great. Her fall, like that of ancient Babylon, will be final. She will never rise from the ashes of her calamity, nor will she ever be inhabited again (prior to the Millennial Reign). On this basis then, if on no other, we may safely conclude that to the degree that ancient Babylon is located

within the confines of a region controlled by modern day, troubled and war-torn Islamic/Shia dominated Iraq, to the same degree it is highly unlikely that the Babylon the Great could ever be linked thereto. No coalition of cash-strapped European nations could ever unite to pull off reconstruction of an entity more powerful than they, having an independence, a stability and prosperity far greater than any they have ever known individually, when existence now under the EU banner is burdened and strained by near constant, virtually insurmountable differences. The Muslims of Iraq and Persian combined do not have the incentive, ingenuity, or the initiative, nor would they likely welcome the intrusion of western powers so deep into that territory, even if they stand to gain enormously. Moreover, given that the “*fig tree*” (**Matt. 24**) is in full bloom, signaling the imminent return of Jesus Christ for His church, there is simply not enough time for such a risky venture to blossom to the level of stability (socially, politically, economically and militarily), prosperity and influence needful to fill the extra-oversized shoes of Babylon the Great. Remember, this Babylon is justifiably proud and haughty to the bone due to her ability to subsist completely independent of anyone else, on a par unmatched by any other nation—past or present.

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Babylon Rebuilt

It is highly unlikely that the EU would ever consider uniting with the US in a venture to rebuild ancient Babylon. Their governments are taxed to the limits and their banks are in as much of a turmoil as are those of the US. After all, they unionized in the first place so as to *compete* with the Americans for a piece of the global pie of position, power and prestige served and eaten upon the world stage. This they did out of envy. Moreover, out of all the investment initiatives afloat, such as there are indeed(!), no one seems to be interested in any prospect that ancient Babylon might hold. When the building craze of recent years gobbled up investment dollars from all around the world, not even scant thought appears to have been given to Babylon—for obvious reasons, regional instability being perhaps paramount. Also, consider the Side Note above.

(:3) The chief offensive pre-occupation of Babylon the Great lies in how she relates to the nations. She has “fornicated” with them (***in what by implication should have been a right relationship with God, insofar as, the term ‘fornication’ in this type of a biblical context always implies or signifies “spiritual infidelity”***). By all outward appearances; by most accounts and measures, from the point of view of the nations, particularly those who do a brisk business with her, she is an infallible “winner”, blessed and having favor with God. In fact, as viewed by the nations, she herself virtually sits in the place of God. ***Thus, she represents a people of great influence, able to affect, impact and shape the thoughts, attitudes and opinions of all with whom she has or will have contact—in general, without the sword, or, seeking resolution in military force.*** As such, she by her great influence and the sway she holds over the hearts and minds of the political, industrial and business leaders of the nations, leads them away from the true and living God, rather than to Him. She practically sits in the place of “God”, with the world virtually worshipping at her feet. They harbor a trust and confidence in her that only He is worthy of.