

15. Why do many say, "My church is so cold and worldly"?

Revelation 148

"Babylon is _____"

16. Some say let's reform the churches. What does God say?

Revelation 18:4

"Come _____ of _____ My people that ye receive not of her _____"

NOTE: The fallen churches will not accept reformation. They will receive the seven last plagues and be destroyed. So God commands His people to get out before the plagues fall. We will study the plagues in our next lesson.

17. What does Jesus say about His sheep? John 10:16

"Them also I must _____, and they shall _____ My _____, and there shall be _____ fold and _____ Shepherd."

NOTE: Jesus says, "My sheep hear My voice and...they follow Me" (John 10:27). God's sheep in Babylon today will also hear Him calling and will enter His fold.

It is just as necessary for a person to enter God's true church today as it was for people to enter the ark in Noah's day.

18. Will you answer God's call and enter His ark of safety?

Ans: _____

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MYSTIC BABYLON THE HARLOT

Revelation contains God's last loving call to the people on earth (Revelation 14:6-14). It also expresses Satan's plots and snares, and describes the organizations through which he works. No book has ever been written that is more important to modern man today. Its message is so crucial and imperative that God pronounces fearful sentence upon all who in any way tamper with it (Revelation 22:18, 19).

Listen to these awesome words from Revelation 14:8 and Revelation 18:2, 4, 5: "Babylon is fallen. . . and is become the habitation of devils." "Come out of her my people...that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."

The message is clear, "Come out of Babylon or be lost." Do you know what Babylon is? Is there a chance that you might be in Babylon and not know it?

In this lesson we identify Babylon. May God's blessed Holy Spirit speak to us all. Please read Revelation, chapters 17 and 18, before studying this lesson. It will make the lesson much easier to understand.

SYMBOL OF SPIRITUAL APOSTASY

1. **What is the second part of God's great three-point message? Revelation 14:8**

“_____ is fallen.”

2. **What is God's command regarding Babylon? Revelation 18:4**

"Come _____ of her _____ people."

NOTE: The command is to God's people. Many are still in Babylon. God is lovingly calling them out before the plagues fall upon Babylon.

3. **What reasons does God give for calling His people out? Revelation 18:2-5**

Babylon:

- a. Habitation of _____
- b. Hold of every fowl _____
- c. Nations drink her _____
- d. Kings committed _____
- e. Don't partake of her _____
- f. Receive not her _____
- g. Her sins reached to _____
- h. God remembers her _____

NOTE: There is no question that God means business about Babylon.

YET IS—Time of last-day, miraculous recovery from "deadly wound" until 10 kingdoms give power to the beast for one hour (Revelation 13:3; 17:12, 13).

13. **What powers are represented by the seven mountains? Revelation 17:9-11**

"The seven _____ are seven mountains, on which the _____ sitteth."

NOTE: A mountain in prophecy represents a king or nation (Jeremiah 51:24, 25). Satan's counterfeit system of worship has existed since Babylon and has been openly supported by all major world governments. Since the "time frame" for Revelation 17 occurs after the 1260 years of Papal persecution, we suggest the following applications.

FIVE ARE FALLEN (vs. 10)

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| 1. Babylon | 4. Rome |
| 2. Medo-Persia | 5. Papacy (during 1260 yrs) |
| 3. Greece | |

ONE IS (vs. 10)

6. Papacy (from "deadly wound" until recovery)

NOT YET COME (vs. 10)

7. Papacy (from recovery till 10 kings support)

HE IS THE 8TH

8. Papacy (during 10 horns confederacy)

14. **What do the ten horns represent? Revelation 17:12**

"The ten _____ are ten _____"

NOTE: These kings refer to the nations of modern Europe.

b. Sunday sacredness—see Lessons 10 & 11.

c. Second chance—see Lesson 7.

d. Secret rapture—see Lesson 6.

e. Eternal torment—see Lesson 20.

f. Immortality of soul—see Lesson 13.

g. Counterfeit baptism—See Lesson 16.

NOTE: There is great danger when a person reads clear Bible truth on these and other important subjects and is taught something different by his church. This causes many to think they are unable to understand the Bible. The truth is that they understood correctly but had been taught falsely.

PAPACY—PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

12. How does God describe the beast in Revelation 17:8?

"The beast that _____, and is _____, and yet _____"

NOTE: Both chapters 13 and 17 of Revelation depict the Papacy. In chapter 13 no distinction is made between the religious and political aspects of this power. In chapter 17 a distinction is made. The fallen woman is the apostate church. She rides upon the beast (state or government), which indicates she is supported by the state and is in control. Here a combination of church and state is clearly indicated.

HERE IS UNDERSTANDING

The mysterious phrase: "Was, and is not, and yet is," refers to the Papacy at different time periods. Since the specific setting or time frame" for verse 8 occurs just after the Papal persecutions of Revelation 17:6, we suggest:

WAS—During 1260 years of Papal control (Revelation 13:5, 7)

IS NOT—Time of Papal dormancy "deadly wound" until full recovery (Revelation 13:3).

Whatever Babylon may be, God's people had better be making their exodus (way out).

4. Some say Babylon is the literal city restored. What does the Bible say about this? Isaiah 13:19-21

"And Babylon... shall never be _____"

NOTE: Restored literal Babylon is not a possibility. God said it would never happen.

5. Under what symbolism does God picture Babylon? Revelation 17:1-5

"A _____ riding a _____"

NOTE: God pictures Babylon as a whore riding upon a beast. As we have previously learned, a pure woman represents God's true church (see Lesson 16). A corrupt woman represents a fallen church (Jeremiah 3:1-8, 20; Ezekiel 16:26, 27; Isaiah 50:1; Jeremiah 13:27; Hosea 2:2-5; Ezekiel 23:2-21; Revelation 14:4).

6. What is "Babylon the Great" called in Revelation? Revelation 17:5

"The mother of _____"

NOTE: The symbolism here is of a great mother-church and her daughters. It takes no genius to figure out who this Isaiah The great Roman church claims to be the mother-church. The daughters who came from her "protested" and pulled away and became known as Protestants. The name Babylon is a family name which includes both mother and children. It is shocking and sobering to realize that God is clearly indicting both mother and daughters as fallen.

This does not mean that those who are still in Babylon are not sincere Christians. In fact Jesus refers to them as His people (Revelation 18:4). But He is calling them out of Babylon, and His people will

gladly obey the Master's voice.

A UNIVERSAL RELIGIOUS SYSTEM

7. Let us review other evidence that "Babylon" is the Papacy?
- The beast the woman rides (Revelation 17:3), is the same beast pictured in Revelation 13:1 which was identified as the Papacy in Lesson 19.
 - She persecutes as did the beast of Revelation 13 (see Revelation 17:6).
 - Revelation 17:18 says she is the power that was ruling in John's day, which was Rome (Luke 2:1).

NOTE: Pagan Rome's power and authority was assumed by Papal Rome. and since then she has ruled in the place of pagan Rome. The prophecies of both Daniel and Revelation clearly identify the beast and Babylon as the Papacy. Virtually all the Reformation preachers taught it! Even the New Catholic "Encyclopaedia" says Babylon here represents Rome.

8. What is the source of the name "Babylon"?
Genesis 10:9, 10; 11:5-9

The name is "called _____ because the Lord did
There _____ the _____ of all the earth."

NOTE: After the flood wicked men defied God by beginning to build a tower to reach high enough God could not destroy them by another flood. In response God confused their speech so they could not understand one another. Since that day the name Babel or Babylon has stood for confusion. The city of ancient Babylon became the origin and center of all Satan's false systems of religions that have confused God's people and that have stood in opposition to God and His truth.

FALSE DOCTRINE INTOXICATES

9. What causes the confusion of spiritual Babylon?
Revelation 17:2, 4

The inhabitants of the _____ have been made _____
with the _____ of her fornication."

NOTE: Her wine is her false doctrine or teachings (Jeremiah 51:7). Her wine brings spiritual drunkenness. It causes people to stumble at the truth (Malachi 2:8); to flounder spiritually (Ephesians 4:14); and to become dull of understanding (Hebrews 5:11-14).

10. Why will God punish Babylon? Revelation 14:8

"Because she _____ all nations to _____ of the
_____ of the wrath of her _____"



NOTE: Her false teachings are God's reason for punishing her and calling His people out.

11. What are some of Babylon's unscriptural teachings?
a. Ten commandments not binding—see Lesson 11.