

Chapter Six

The Regathering, Captivity and Deliverance Of Israel

In Micah 4, the first three verses are practically identical to Isaiah 2. Then God speaks of the regathering of the Israel people in Micah 4:6 and 7. After reading these verses, we will go on to see that it was prophesied that Zion would be in captivity to Babylon at the end of this age. **Micah 4:6:** *"In that day, saith the Lord, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted....."* This would be cast off Israel. **Micah 4:7:** *"And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the Lord shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever."* Cast off Israel being regathered would become a strong nation and that nation would be called Mount Zion. I believe this refers to the United States of America. The Anglo-Saxon and kindred peoples who constitute latter-day Israel have been gathered here and we have been made, by God, into a strong nation.

In **Micah 4:8** he goes on: *"And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem."* The kingdom of Christ was to be given to that strong nation called Zion. Jesus told the Jewish Pharisees in **Matthew 21:43**, *"Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof."* The kingdom would go to this strong nation; a nation basically Christian, for it could not possibly bring forth Christian kingdom fruits, if it were anything but a Christian nation.

However, that Zion nation gets in trouble, as we find by reading on in **Micah 4:9 and 10:** *"Now why dost thou cry out aloud? is there no king in thee? is thy counsellor perished? for pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail. Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail"* Something is going to be born out of all this trouble. He goes on in **verse 10:** *"...for now shalt thou go forth out Of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go even to Babylon....."* Can you imagine that? Micah pictures regathered Israel, in Zion, made into a great nation during a time of trouble, and then Zion going even to Babylon!

What will happen when Zion comes under the control of Babylon? The next phrase in **Micah 4:10** answers, *"...there shalt thou be delivered; there the Lord shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies."* Here we have the same prophecy, the same story, the same teaching as Daniel, Revelation, and Jesus Christ, in which God's people are to come under the control of the antiChrist rulers of the world and then, in a time of conflict and great tribulation, are to be delivered from that control into the kingdom of Christ upon the earth.

The subsequent verses of Micah describe the gathering of the nations against Zion and how Zion will fight in that battle and be victorious. All the nations of the world are being gathered against the United States of America, the greatest nation of all history; — a nation made great by its founding on Jesus Christ and the following of Christ's teach-

ings and His law from our beginnings. There has been no other nation like it in all of history. Yes, America is the Zion of Bible prophecy!

In **Isaiah chapter 52**, there is a similar prophecy. In **verse 1** we read, *"Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean."* BUT, Zion must do something first, as told in **verse 2**: *"Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion."* In other words, Zion has been captured and God tells her to loose herself from that captivity. In **verse 5** we see that captivity as an oppression of God's people, which is anti-God or anti-Christ. **Verse 5**, *"...they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the Lord: and my name continually every day is blasphemed."*

Where is that to happen? Believe it or not, it is to happen in Zion. If you have been told that Zion is in Heaven or that it exists only in relation to the kingdom age, you have been told wrong! Zion is a nation — a nation of regathered Israel, a great and mighty Christian nation — and before the full kingdom age, Zion will go through a terrible time of trouble and tribulation.

Zechariah wrote of the same thing in **Zechariah 2:7** where God speaks to Zion: *"Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon."* Yes, prophetic Babylon, called Mystery Babylon, Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth in Revelation chapter 17, is to actually-conquer God's Zion nation at the end of this age; to make the Israel people captive, to persecute them and to attempt to destroy them.

Then, through God's spirit and power, God's Israel people will break the power of Mystery Babylon over Zion and destroy her rule over themselves and all of the earth.

That is described in Revelation chapter 18, (to be studied later) including the call in **Revelation 18:4**, *"...Come out of her my people..."* and then in **Revelation 18:6**, *"Reward her even as she rewarded you...."* In other words, God's Israel people are to come out from under the control of Babylon and then to destroy her! Yes, my Christian Israel friends, we have a great and holy mission of God for the glory of our Christ and of His Kingdom. We have the mission to destroy the power of the antiChrist in America and then in the earth. Let us not ignore it nor attempt to escape it!

Babylon's allied nations are described in **Revelation 17:10-16** and we find in **verse 14**, that *"These [the ten nations] 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."* These nations make war with or against the Lamb — Jesus Christ — and the Lamb has an army of those who are called, chosen, and faithful. Those words (called, chosen, and faithful) can only describe Christian believers; so, they must be here while this war is going on. Yes, **verse 14** indicates war, battle, and conflict against Jesus Christ and His followers by those nations allied with Mystery Babylon.

This is what we find today: Almost all of the nations of the world work against the best interests of the Christians and the Christian religion. The governments of even the so-called civilized nations have banned God's Word from their educational systems. A definite and effective effort

has been made to keep Christians out of political and government offices. This is often done by the leaders of the churches themselves, who teach their flocks not to get mixed up in politics, often on the grounds that politics is dirty. This teaching by ministers has given the non-Christians control of the governments in formerly Christian nations. Those government powers are then used to suppress the teachings of Jesus Christ. Atheism, humanism, evolution, socialism, collectivism and Marxist Communism are taught in the public schools of Europe and America; but the teachings of Jesus Christ are forbidden by law! Is this not further proof that the war, spoken of in Revelation 17:14, is already under way?

Marxist Communism and its slaughter of all who profess Christ is now taking over in Indo-China and much of the rest of Asia. Mystery Babylon continues her drive for control of a world without Christians, while most of the Christians of America and Western Europe do not even know that this war is directed against them and has as its aim their elimination!

It is well to bear in mind that the reason we read so much of Mystery Babylon's description in the vision of her judgment, is that most of the people of the world will not know of or recognize Mystery Babylon until her existence and power is terminated. In other words, they will not see this wicked system until it is destroyed. Mystery Babylon already exists in the world, today, as a world-ruling entity which controls the governments of the nations of the earth. Scarcely one person in ten thousand even knows that there is a world government of the nations, today. Only sincere Christians, who believe that the future of the world has been accurately foretold in God's Holy Word, seem interested in finding out the truth of world events in this age. Thus, the subsequent

verses in Revelation chapters 17 and 18 describe how Mystery Babylon will be destroyed.

Revelation 17:15, "And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues." The whore, Mystery Babylon, rules over people of different races, nations, and languages. Going on in **verse 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."** The very nations which gave her the power to work her will against the followers of Jesus and to consolidate her power over all of the earth, are the same nations which will turn against her and will be instrumental in her destruction.

Now some believe and teach — and it seems to make fairly good sense — that those ten nations could be the ten nations of the European Common Market. However, I am more inclined to think that it means, simply, the ten nations which have been most instrumental in accepting Mystery Babylon's rule and enforcing it on other nations. If so, one of those ten could very well be the United States of America. It is true that our wealth, power, and prestige have been used to build up and save World Communism from internal collapse for over half a century. Even Hitler's Germany was well on its way to drive the Communists from control of their home base in Moscow and Russia in the 1940's, when massive military aid from the United States turned the tide of battle against the Germans on the Eastern Front.

U.S. government officials have admitted that the Russian Communist government was facing a crisis of survival in

1971 and 1972, without enough food supplies to prevent widespread famine and revolt inside Russia. The immediate shipment of tens of thousands of tons of American grain to Russia and Eastern Europe was undertaken with the full cooperation and insistence of those who rule America. The interests of the American people were completely-ignored as our own government acted with haste to save Communist rule over Russia.

Scores of other events, where direct American intervention saved the Communists from overthrow, could be cited. Most of you know of some. But what is this? It is the visible action of an invisible world government. Who told the U.S. President to strip American granaries of wheat to send to Russia? Who told the U.S. Congress to authorize payment of the wheat with American taxpayer's money? Actually, God has allowed these "ten nations" to help the secret world rulers, temporarily, as we read in the next verses:

Revelation 17:17-18, *"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. And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth."* In other words, God is allowing nations, even Christian nations, to assist Mystery Babylon in exalting herself and then God will use those same nations to bring her low and to destroy her. You will recall in our study of Daniel 7 that this anti-Christ kingdom would make war with the saints and would prevail against them (verse 21) and then the saints of the most high God would destroy the world anti-Christ power. John continues in verses 26 and 27: ***"But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end And the kingdom and***

dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him."

All of the prophets tell the same story of the rise of a great anti-Christian, world-ruling entity in the last days, which will be destroyed when the power and the spirit of God is poured out upon His people, and then the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of Jesus Christ upon the earth. What a glorious promise! What a destiny for God's people to play out in the history of the nations and of the earth! No wonder the enemies of Christ want you Christians to believe that you have no part in the battle being waged upon the earth today. We are in the conflict of the ages in this war of all history! We are certain to win, and yet many shirk their duty to enter into battle with the forces of antiChrist.

Revelation chapter 18 then describes the filth and corruption which will be revealed to the inhabitants of the earth as Mystery Babylon is destroyed.

Revelation 18:1-2, *"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird"* It is during her judgment — her destruction — that her wickedness and corruption is revealed unto men.

Revelation 18:3, *"For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of*

her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies." We shall see, as we read on that Mystery Babylon is primarily an economic power controlling the world through money and reaping great plunder from the people for the merchants of the earth. The angel of God said that not only was Babylon anti-Christian and full of devils and foul spirits, but that she made the merchants of the earth rich through the abundance of her delicacies. Trade between nations — multinational corporations dealing in the production and the raw materials of nations — is part of Babylon's system. Men are as slaves-gold as king.

The World's Shipmasters

Before going on in Revelation chapter 18, I want to call your attention to the difference between what the U.S. government does to save privately-owned merchant ships and what it will do to save the lives of people. Think of our own supposed inability to save the millions in Cambodia, South Vietnam, Afghanistan, or even our own citizens in Iran, compared to what President Ford did in 1975; when Cambodian Communists seized the merchant vessel "Magwase," which was a vessel owned by an international corporation. This was shortly after the fall of South Vietnam. Our government had announced that it was unable to save even the South Vietnamese who had helped us during the war, and our military vessels were leaving the area. Then, suddenly, a Cambodian vessel seized the merchant ship "Magwase" and demanded a ransom for it and its 39 member crew. President Ford immediately launched an air strike inside Cambodia, with army helicopters strafing Cambodian military units and navy helicopters dropping poison gas on the

Cambodian navy ship, which was hauling away the 39 crewmen, most of whom were not even U.S. citizens! The Cambodian Communists immediately released the merchant vessel--and Ford was lauded as a hero. Suddenly, in 1975, the American citizens had had a quick glimpse of the dreadful force which would be used immediately against anyone, Communist or not; who would make the mistake of seizing or damaging a privately-owned merchant vessel. The left-wing politicians, who opposed any sort of military action to save the people of Southeast Asia, applauded President Ford's immediate reaction to save the merchant ship. The news media, which opposes U.S. intervention in Latin America, Asia, Mghanistan, or Iran for the people, commended President Ford's warlike action against the Communists over this one merchant vessel.

How does this fit Mystery Babylon in Revelation 18? If you will read **Revelation 18:17-19**, you will see that the merchants of the world, who own ships will mourn over the destruction of Mystery Babylon. In **verse 19** we read, *"And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate."* In other words, the men who own the ships of the world are protected and made rich by this entity called Mystery Babylon. We saw the strange situation where a President of the U.S., who could hardly save his own men and could not save the lives of people of the country that they were supposed to be saving, suddenly launched an attack against a foreign country to save a merchant ship.

Many Americans have known that the world shipmasters traded with both sides

all during the Vietnam War. British, Dutch, Liberian, American, Australian, Polish and other freighters of the world carried military supplies to both sides during the so-called war, without being molested by either side. Russian freighters hauling rockets and missiles to North Vietnam were towed through the Panama Canal by American tugs and sent on their way. Japanese and European-owned tankers off-loaded gasoline in both Haiphong and Saigon all during the war without being shot at or molested by the military forces of either side. The Communist Vietcong fired thousands of 120 mm. Russian rockets into Saigon, Da Nang and Cam Ranh Bay during the last eight years of that war; without one rocket landing on any ship, oil tanker, dockside warehouse, or oil storage depot in Cambodia or South Vietnam. People are turned over to Communist rule by the millions, but no one dares lay a hand on a ship or tanker in any harbor in the world! Who is giving the orders preventing either side from sinking merchant ships hauling the bloody supplies of war?

We had the amazing spectacle of the U.S. doing nothing to force the release of hundreds, possibly thousands, of its own soldiers missing and captured in that war by the Communists, but when those same Communists took possession of one of these privately-owned merchant ships, the whole might of the U.S. Navy struck immediately! Do the secret rulers of the earth, called in the Bible Mystery Babylon, have enough control of both the Communists and the so-called "free world" that they can prevent the destruction of their ships right in the middle of a so-called war? That merchant ship was operated by Sealand Transport which is the same billion-dollar corporation which supplied Saigon and the U.S. Army in South Vietnam during the war. The Communist Vietcong and the North

Vietnamese never destroyed, nor damaged one of their ships during ten years of war. But, apparently some young Communist in Cambodia did not understand that they were allowed to kill people, but not allowed to damage the ships of Mystery Babylon!

Returning to Revelation 18:3, we see that Mystery Babylon would exist in a time of great world trade where the rich men of the earth would gain great fortunes by partaking in the wickedness and fornications of her evil system. I believe we can see this going on today.

In **Revelation 16:19**, we had read that she had *"come in remembrance before God"* and we saw in Revelation 17:1, that God was going to judge and destroy her. Here, in Revelation chapter 18, before God delivers the death blow to Babylon, He calls to His people (listen, my brothers and sisters in Christ, this is to you) in **Revelation 18:4**, *"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."*

The Law And Sin

Do not join in Babylon's sins. Remember that John tells us in **1 John 3:4** that, *"sin is transgression of the law."* Paul wrote to Christian believers in **Romans 6:1 and 2**, *"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?"* We find in Revelation chapters 17 and 18 that Mystery Babylon is being destroyed by the wrath of God because of her sins, or because of her transgressions of God's laws. The present world system is in violation of God's laws on money, interest, debt, punishment for crime and agriculture. The government

and propaganda apparatus of Babylon leads its people to break God's laws on marriage, the raising of children, agriculture or farming, the military, government and the social order.

Christians are told throughout the New Testament that they are to obey God's laws; they are not to transgress them, nor are they to sin. Although many teach that Jesus Christ, the author of the Christian faith, put away God's laws, the Bible teaches the exact opposite (Matthew 5 and Romans 3:31). That makes sense in the light of Revelation, chapters 17 and 18; for there, Mystery Babylon is revealed as a great anti-God, world-ruling system which fights against and kills Christians. If faith in Jesus Christ establishes God's law, then it makes reasonable sense that the world entity known as Mystery Babylon the Great, would not only war against God's law, but would, also, war against the Christians — the faithful in Christ who uphold God's law. In fact, **Revelation, chapter 17** tells us that the scarlet woman on the red beast was actually *"drunken with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus."*

In all of these attacks on God's law, the organizations called churches play a great part, for it is they who proclaim that God's laws are no longer in effect and that Christ put away the law at the Cross. The organized church is now promoting a corrupted paraphrase of God's Word called, The Living Bible. In **Ephesians 2:15**, the King James describes Christ's atoning death in these words, *"Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances."* We know this to be the blood and sacrificial ordinances which were ended by Jesus' sacrifice once for all. **The Living Bible** has made this to read, *"By His death He ended the angry resentment*

between us, caused by the Jewish laws which favoured the Jews and excluded the Gentiles, for He died to annul that whole system of Jewish laws." I emphasize the last phrase of this quote because some of you dear people have been buying and giving The Living Bible to your children and grandchildren without realizing what is in it!

God's true Word tells us that Mystery Babylon is an entire world-ruling system, violating God's laws. How can God's people come out of Babylon when they are being taught that there is no such thing as God's law and that it was annulled by Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary?

Jesus, Himself, tells us in **Matthew 5:17** of the King James, *"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil."* Jesus goes on in **Matthew 5:19**, *"Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven:"*

In **Isaiah 42:21**, God says of His end-of-the-age deliverance of His people that, *"he will magnify the law, and make it honorable."* Many churches, today, do not magnify God's laws nor make them honorable. In fact, they dishonor God and His law by teaching that Jesus did something to the law which He did not do. You should try reading the New Testament substituting the phrase *"transgression of the law"* for the word *"sin."* You will see how much in error are they, who teach that the law is no longer in effect. Paul asks in **Romans 3:31**, *"Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law."*

In **Romans 7:7** it says, *"What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid, Nay, I had not known sin, but by*

the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet." How can we, without teaching God's law to our children, teach them right from wrong? The answer is obvious that we cannot. We are now raising a whole nation of people who do not know God's law. In **Romans 7:12**, Paul writes that *"the law is holy"* and in verse 14, that *"the law is spiritual"*

The epistle to the Galatians is often used, today, to prove that we are no longer under God's law. However, if you will carefully read that letter, you will find that it is about the law of physical circumcision; it is not about the whole body of God's law. Circumcision is mentioned five times in that letter, and a study of it, makes it plain that the problem facing the church in Galatia was the teaching, by some, that the Christians must be circumcised in order to be brought under the Abrahamic Covenant. Paul speaks three times of the yoke of bondage and in **Galatians 5:1**, he makes it plain what that yoke of bondage is: *"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and not be tangled again with the Yoke of bondage."* Some teach that the yoke of bondage is the law. The truth of what it is follows in the next verse, *"Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing."*

That was the question in Galatia; that was the problem Paul was attempting to straighten out — whether Christians should be circumcised. His answer, of course, takes up the whole letter and he says, NO! In **verse 3** he says, *"For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he be is a debtor to do the whole law." In other words, if those people believe that they must be circumcised to be saved, then they must, also, offer the animal sacrifices for*

the atonement for sin, because Verse 4 says, "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace." Did the people in Galatia think they were justified by keeping the whole law? That was not the question. The question was about the law of physical circumcision.

Yes! Today, a few verses of Galatians are being used to teach that the whole law was put away, and yet, it was never understood nor taught that way by men of the Reformation. Luther, Wesley, Tyndale and a host of others all taught that God's law is an eternal standard of right and wrong and that violation of it is sin. The ordinance of circumcision was put away as were the animal sacrifices; Paul explained that if physical circumcision were necessary, then all of the sacrifices were necessary, for Jesus would have accomplished nothing with His death. **Galatians 5:6**, *"For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor un-circumcision; but faith which worketh by love."* **Verse 11**, *"And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? Then is the offence of the cross ceased."*

Galatians 6:12, *"As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised, only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ."* When Paul said in **Galatians 3:24**, *"Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith,"* what law did he mean? The whole law? Nonsense! He meant the law he was writing about from Chapter 1 to the end of this letter; the law of circumcision which had become a controversy in Galatia. That must be true or the next verse would make no sense, for there he says in **Galatians 3:25**, *"But after that faith is*

come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster." He could not have meant the whole law of God, else why would he have written in Romans 3:31 that faith establishes the law? Would Paul say to the Galatians that faith ends the law and then say to the Romans that faith establishes the law? No, he was saying to the Galatians that Jesus had come and faith in Him had ended the ordinance of circumcision of the flesh and had begun the circumcision of the heart.

Circumcision was the seal of the covenant with Abraham (Genesis 17:9-11); it was necessary for the Abrahamic covenants. In Galatians, Paul was but protesting the false teaching of those who insisted that they must be circumcised in the flesh, as was Abraham, to come under the Abrahamic covenant. Not so! Paul knew better, as we should, and said so in **Galatians 3:29**: *"And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."* Physical circumcision was not only NOT necessary; but to practice it, was to deny the sacrifice of Christ and the workings of faith in Him to make us heirs according to the promise.

Whole books have been written and unknown thousands of sermons have been preached, quoting a few of Pauls' statements in Galatians to mean that the law of God was put away by Jesus and that we are no longer under the law. Millions of our people in Christendom partake of the sins of Babylon because they do not know what the law of God says or that they should study it and attempt to obey it. They charge or pay interest on money, which is forbidden in God's law. They eat swine's flesh and go to early graves from disease and worms, not knowing that God's law forbids them from even touching the dead carcass of a swine. They approve robbery and plunder by their own government, which is forbidden in the law

of God. They allow and approve of their nation making treaties with non-Christian nations; such treaties are forbidden in the law of God. They elect, or allow to be appointed over them, aliens to their race and aliens to their religion, who rule them to their hurt. These are all forbidden in the law, which is cast aside and trampled underfoot by the very ones who profess to believe in the author of that law: Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of Israel. No wonder that God will have to send out a special call to remove His people from Babylon; for we are entwined with her sins and many of our people do not even know that they are in Babylon. *"Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."*

Coming Out Of Babylon

I mentioned before that the book of Revelation is a series of visions, paralleling the books of the prophets. Jeremiah 49, 50 and 51 give the same prophecies that we read in Revelations 17 and 18. Contained in those chapters is the call to God's people, as recorded by. Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 51:1 says, *"Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I will raise up, against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against me, a destroying wind."* He goes on describing the destruction of Babylon as we, also, read it in Revelation chapter 18, and then in **Jeremiah 51:6, and 7**, he says, *"Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the Lord's vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence. Babylon hath been a golden cup in, the Lord's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the*

nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad." The word for mad means insane!

Going on in verses 8 and 9, "Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed. We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed. " Millions of the people of Christendom think that we can patch up the old system and that we can save that which God has decreed must be destroyed. No, my Christian friends, get out of the way and let Babylon fall! **Verse 9** continues, *"Forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country: for the judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies."* In **Jeremiah 51:45**, God repeats the warning: *"My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the Lord."* Yes, it is God's anger which is going to fall on those who insist on staying with Babylon.

God commands us to abandon Mystery Babylon, and as we go on in Revelation chapter 18, we shall see that we are not only to abandon her, but we are going to be God's weapons of war against her. We are going to be used of God to destroy her, to bring her down to the dust! We must, and we will, use the **"sword of the lord"** — His Word and His Spirit.

From Revelation 18:4, we learn that Christians should not be partakers of Babylon's transgressions of God's laws, thus avoiding the receiving of her plagues. **Revelation 18:5** continues, *"For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."* Now, Revelation 18:4 and 5 are quite often quoted by preachers and religious writers, today, to warn Christians of joining or partaking in what they call false religions. One denominational minister will use this

phrase to tell people to come out of another denomination. Also, men who call themselves non-denominational will tell you that all denominational churches are daughters of the harlot mother, Mystery Babylon. One fast-growing religious group in America insists that every church group which does not belong to their church group is in Babylon, and that you can come out of Babylon by forsaking all other churches to join their church. But, as I have attempted to point out in this study, Mystery Babylon the Great, is more economic than religious. This is born out by Mystery Babylon's relationship with the kings of the earth shown in Revelation 17:18, and her involvement with the merchants of the earth exposed in Revelation 18:3, 15 and 19. All of these phrases, coupled with similar ones in the books of the prophets, give every indication that Mystery Babylon is a system of economic, money and trade control, operating in every nation of the world.

People send me literature in the mail and quite often it is about the Catholic Church; typically, the articles state that it is the wealthiest religious entity in the world, that the Catholic Church owns this and that, and on and on. Therefore, to them, the Catholic Church is the scarlet woman of Revelation, chapters 17 and 18. Well, the Rockefeller family of New York is not Catholic, as far as I know, and I suspect that they could buy up every piece of property owned by the Catholic Church in America and still have enough money left over to buy one or two Protestant denominations! They are only one family of world traders. The Rothschilds of Europe are not Catholics. Someone wrote a book about this family a few years ago in which he estimated their wealth and came up with the startling observation that a child born to this family in Europe, if he could get his inheritance in cash, would immediately be worth 100 million dollars!

Members of the Rothschild banking family of Europe have personal incomes in excess of six million dollars per year. They could spend for their own personal desires \$500,000.00 per month, \$16,000.00 per day, and get richer!

Jackie Kennedy, an American who married shipping magnate, Aristotle Onassis, was spending, according to News magazine, in excess of one million dollars per month for her personal expenses; and she didn't make a dent in her husband's shipping fortune! Several hundred multi-billionaire families control, through their thousands of corporations and through whole governments of smaller nations, most of the trade of the world. Not one minister in ten thousand ever mentions the economic plunder and control of the people, nations and the earth.

Several months ago a Dr. E. Muller, coauthor of the book Global Reach, was in Phoenix speaking to students at the American Graduate School of International Management. The newspaper reported his speech in this manner: "Global corporations, huge transnational conglomerate organizations controlled 70 percent of the world's private business in 1973," Muller said. "The giant firms threaten the sovereignty of the nation states that they transcend by evading or influencing their powers to tax and to control their own money supplies," he told the audience of about 200 persons. "Because of their ability to plan on a worldwide scale from a central point, their power outstrips the basically national abilities of governments and labor unions," he asserted." He said much more; but boiling it all down and putting it in layman's language, what he said was that multi-billion dollar, multinational corporations controlled the trade of the world and they control governments and nations.

Isn't it strange how so many ministers can read Revelation, chapter 17 and 18 and live in this age; when multinational and world trade and banking organizations are owned and controlled by a literal handful of people, with so much wealth at their disposal that the average American cannot even imagine it, and not see the obvious? Yet the ministers never even seem to suspect that these wealthy powers might have some connection with what God's angel told John would be happening in these last days. The angel told John in **Revelation 17:18**, *"And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the Kings of the earth."* The wealth controlled by these multinational giants and their control over whole nations of the world makes the wealth of the Roman Catholic church pale into insignificance by comparison; and few there are who oppose or expose it.

In the tenth chapter of Isaiah is a prophecy of just such an economic power, which would rise to control the earth. God puts words in the mouth of this great world power and we hear it saying in **Isaiah 10:13 and 14**, *"For he saith, By thy strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man: And my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the people: and as one gathereth eggs that are left, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped."* Isaiah, chapter 10, is also a parallel prophecy of Revelation, chapters 17 and 18. (There is much more in Isaiah chapter 10 which I have covered on a cassette tape titled Isaiah 10: The Destruction of Prophetic Assyria.)

I do agree that false religions are a part of the secret world-control apparatus called Mystery Babylon the Great; but they are really more of a tool of the controllers than a major part of Mystery Babylon. The actual world-control apparatus uses false religion to pacify the people and keep them from revolting against Babylon's plunder and robbery. False religions teach the people that the world is just a place where they must work and suffer and finally die, and that their real reward is beyond the grave after they die. Therefore, why try to make the world a better place now? This kind of philosophy (it really is a philosophy, not a religion) keeps millions of people under the heels of the exploiters and the robbers of the earth.

Jesus Christ used violence only one time, during His ministry, and that was against the money changers. Jesus spoke and taught continually, concerning what He called the "**kingdom of heaven**" and the "**kingdom of God**" He made it plain that it was God's intent that man would live on an earth devoid of sin, an earth without poverty, and an earth without disease and death. He taught the people that man's highest duty was to love God with all his heart, mind and soul and to obey His commandments. And the second commandment was like unto the first, "**Love thy neighbor as thyself.**" How can a people obey the commands of Jesus Christ and at the same time allow a system of worldwide plunder and robbery to exist; which destroys their neighbor and makes him a debtor and slave to the moneylender and the multinational conglomerates which control his government, kill his sons in foreign wars, and rob him of the fruits of his labor? The obvious answer is that they cannot! This is why we find in the next verses of Revelation, chapter 18, that God calls His people, not only to come out of Mystery Babylon, but to destroy her!

God tells His people to come out because Mystery Babylon's sins (her violations of God's laws) have reached unto heaven. Then in **Revelation 18:6** God commands, "**Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.**" There is no command here to get ready to leave the earth in some sort of a secret rapture now that Mystery Babylon is ruling; no, that is false doctrine; that is part of the deception of Babylon herself! God's command is to reward her, destroy her, end her rule of sin upon the earth!

Revelation 18:7, "How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously." Yes, she glorifies herself. She tells the people how her system is responsible for the good life, that she has the best system on the earth, that if you will follow her, she will bring peace and safety to the earth and end the scourge of war. She does this, while at the same time she secretly plans wars, destroys nations, robs the people and promotes lust and sin; for the secret world rulers of Babylon thrive on sin and corruption.

Continuing in **verse 7, "...so much torment and sorrow give her."** Now my Christian brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, this is the angel of God giving God's command to His people. Does He say to turn away and not get involved? Does He say that these things of the earth do not concern you, that you Christians have no responsibility to see justice and righteousness done on the earth? NO! On the contrary! God Almighty orders His people into battle against Mystery Babylon, against the system which is corrupting and destroying the earth.

Some have accused me of being quite harsh, at times, about ministers who teach the false doctrine of the secret rap-

ture of the church, because they feel that these ministers are sincere. Well, some of them may be, but their doctrine is the exact opposite of God's Word! God's Word calls Christians to battle, to strive for righteousness and justice in the land and in all the earth, to destroy Mystery Babylon out of the earth. The doctrine of the secret rapture is a call to inactivity, to cowardice, to retreat before the enemies of Christ. It is, actually, a neutralizing theme insinuated into the teaching of the churches, for the purpose of preventing Christians from actively opposing Babylon's evil rule; and it has been quite effective.

I wonder how many of you dear Christian people have ever realized the blasphemy against the sovereignty of God that is found in this doctrine — the teaching that Christ only has power to save a handful of people from the earth, while the rest of His creation is consigned to the antiChrist and finally to a "burning hell." No wonder our young people have no vision of the great and mighty power of the God of the Bible! I might add that tens of thousands of Christians are beginning to question this doctrine and are searching the holy Bible, where they find no foundation for the so-called "rapture." For this we thank Almighty God!

Continuing in **Revelation 18:7-9**, *"...for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning."*

You notice, here, that the kings of the earth are not only in agreement with this scarlet woman, called Babylon the Great, but the Scripture says that she lived deliciously and that they lived-deliciously with her. This indicates that they lived in great wealth and splendor, lacking nothing in the material realm. The word kings does not necessarily-mean monarchs as some might think. It actually-means leaders or rulers, those who control the nations or the people. Some nations do have what they call kings, but they are often nothing more than figureheads, and the real control is in the hands of a man or men behind the scenes.

We can see that that is true, even in the so-called democracies like the U.S. We have a President, but he is not really the one who controls the operation of the government of the U.S. In America, at the present time, the Secretary of State, actually has been given more power than the President. The President is the visible head, but few Americans know that some years ago, then-President Nixon signed an executive order giving Henry Kissinger, as Secretary of State, power to act for the President in all matters involving foreign nations. This power has never been rescinded, either by Congress or following Presidents. The Secretary of State can sign secret agreements and treaties with both non-Communist and Communist nations upon his own authority; binding the government and people of America to these treaties and agreements, without even consulting the President or the Congress!

This power was revealed in the so-called "war scare" in 1973 between the Egyptians and the Jews. Mr. Kissinger, acting as Secretary of State, gave the order to alert all U.S. military forces all over the world, cancelled all leaves, ordered all military personnel to report to their bases, ordered

the movement of U. S. soldiers and marines to Europe, all without consulting President Nixon. In fact, President Nixon did not even know the alert had been ordered and was in operation, and the troops were moving, until he was informed of it the next morning by aides!

This same situation continues with the President going around making speeches and carrying out protocol with the heads of foreign states; but the actual control of the U. S. government is in the hands of the Secretary of State and others who have been appointed to positions of control. In this fashion, they would qualify for the title of kings, as given in Revelation 18:9. For this reason, don't necessarily look for crowned monarchs to be allied with Mystery Babylon. It would be any person or persons who control a nation. They could be dictators, elected presidents, or others who may have gained control through bribery, blackmail, or deceit. Control is the deciding factor not their title.

We, also, see in **Revelation 18:7-9** that Mystery Babylon is completely sure of her power and is not fearful that she shall lose it. She says in **verse 7**, *"I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow."*

Isaiah 47 is a parallel prophecy to Revelation chapters 17 and 18. In the first verses of this chapter, God warns her of her coming destruction and accuses her in **verses 7 and 8** of this audacity and confidence: *"And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it. Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children."* [Then He tells her through the prophet what will hap-

pen to her in **verse 9**] *"But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day."* Remember, it also says *"one day"* in Revelation chapter 18.

Going on in **Isaiah 47:9-10**, *"the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments. For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me."* God tells her that she trusted in her wickedness, but note the phrase, *"thou hast said, None seeth me."* In other words, she thinks that no one knows about her, that no one knows of her existence, and she thinks her power is secret and hidden from the people.

Banksters And Communists

Previously, we have seen that the red beast upon which the woman sits is literally World Communism — the red system of subversion, murder, and war on which the scarlet woman rides to her conquest of the world. The scarlet woman is not Communism, but is the power which controls and directs Red Communism and has control of world trade and money, as well as political control of the governments of the nations of the world. Although many people do not see that there is a secret control behind Communism, which controls and directs all Communist activity in the world, they do see the Communist threat to Christianity .

Bella Dodd, who was a member of the Communist Party in America during the 1930's, broke with the Communist Party during World War II and gave extensive

testimony to Congressional committees about her years in that party. One part of her testimony was especially revealing, and gave proof of the existence of a secret power, over and above, the Communist Party. She stated that during the first months of WWII, after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and we declared war on Germany, there was a breakdown in contacts between Moscow and the American Communist Party because of the newly-instituted restrictions on travel in America by noncitizens. To her amazement, and somewhat to her confusion, she and other high American Communist officials were directed by Moscow agents to make contact with certain Wall Street banks in New York City. This they did; and she testified that they then received orders for carrying on the activity of the Communist Party in America, directly from those Wall Street bankers! She continued in the party for some years after that, finally becoming disillusioned when she realized that Communism was nothing more than a tool of the international bankers and financiers to further their economic control of all the nations and the peoples of the world. Communism provided the revolutionists, the bomb-throwers, and, to some extent, the wars, by which international financiers obtained mortgages against every nation and every worker on the earth.

Her testimony was given many years ago and yet, young people all over the earth and in America continue to be deceived into joining Communist agitation and revolution, shouting slogans against Wall Street: not knowing that the international financiers in New York, London, Paris, Switzerland, and Moscow are the real controllers of all revolutions and disruptions all over the world, and that Communists are not working to release the people from international fin-

ancier control, but to make that control complete.

Although, liberal and left-wing commentators and writers in America and other nations pour out tons of propaganda against what they call "exploitation of the workers" by capitalism, they are totally silent about such things as those workers being forced to pay bankers one hundred thousand dollars in interest for a \$40,000 loan on their home or farm! They remain silent when those workers are being taxed several thousand dollars a year, by their government, to pay those bankers interest on the national debt, on the state debt, on school bonds, highway bonds, sewer bonds, street bonds, bonds for civic centers and so on. Communists always rail at the businessman and the factory owner and the producers, but they say absolutely nothing about the parasitic banking system, which drains hundreds of billions of dollars in usury from the workers of America every year!

The Rockefellers, the Kissingers and other rulers of the so-called capitalist nations, travel scores of times in and out of the nations which are supposed to be their deadly enemies and nothing happens to them. They smile, embrace, toast each other with vodka, and take vacations at resorts guarded by red soldiers at the very same time other red soldiers, in other parts of the world, are busy slaughtering millions of human beings! The Kissingers, Rockefellers, and others are, supposedly, the top representatives of the hated capitalists, but have you ever heard of a Communist demonstration against Kissinger? No, you have not.

What power is it that prevents liberals and Communists from writing or speaking or demonstrating against the Kissingers? Is it some power higher than Communism? Could that power be what

God is describing in the books of the prophets and in the book of Revelation, called Babylon? Can it be the scarlet woman which rides on and controls the red beast of Communism? Could it be the power that says in **Isaiah 47:10**, "*None seeth me,*" and in **Revelation chapter 17** is called a "*mystery?*" Of course it is! It is the power Bella Dodd found out about when communications within the Communist Party were disrupted and she was ordered in the emergency to go directly to the source of that power, right to the plush offices of the billionaire bankers in New York City.

Our people look on in confusion as nation after nation falls to what is called Communism; and billionaire bankers and financiers go right on doing business with the new red government, even as that red government is exploiting and even killing its people. Is it ignorance on the part of the billionaire financiers or, is the ignorance on the part of our people, who do not see their connection?

Revalo Oliver once wrote, "It takes hundreds of millions of dollars to bring about a revolution in a nation." Yet the gullible Americans still think Communism is a movement of the poor. NO! Communism has never been a movement of the poor. It has always been financed and controlled in secret by the super-rich. Students of Bible prophecy should ask themselves, "What is the power that can see that none buy or sell without a certain mark," called in the Bible, "the mark of the beast," if it is not control of money? The poor of the world do not control the money of the world, nor do the Communists. That control is in the hands of the international financiers!

Babylon's Destruction

This hiding of the real control of Red Communism is why God surnames that

red power with the name "Mystery." To the vast mass of humanity and even to the majority of Christians, it was and still remains, a mystery. But thank God that the wicked rulers of Mystery Babylon have not hid themselves from a just and righteous God! As we see here in Isaiah chapter 47 and Revelation chapters 17 and 18, their destruction, the end of their rule over America and over the earth, will come in a very brief span of time. It will come as a surprise to them and they will be helpless to save themselves. In **Revelation 18:8**, God says, "*Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.*" In **Isaiah 47:9**, God says, "*But these two things shall come to thee in a moment, in one day,*" and then lists her destruction.

Turn to James 5, where we read of rich men and of destruction by fire. Remember that Babylon represents wealth and will be destroyed by fire. **James 5:1-3**, "*Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat you flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.*"

Then James speaks of exploitation of the workers, which is exactly what Communist nations do to produce cheap goods, which are then sold on the markets of the world by the capitalists who control world trade. In **verse 4** we read, "*Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of*

Sabaoth." Then it says in **verse 5**, **"Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton."** That phrase, charging the rich men of the earth with having been wanton, has the same meaning as the phrase in Revelation 18:3, where it says that the kings and merchants of the earth are committing fornication with Mystery Babylon the Great. Previously, we saw that Jeremiah 49, 50, and 51 are parallel prophecies to Revelation chapters 17 and 18, except that Jeremiah's prophecies are given in more detail. From this prophet we will see how this truth, that it is God's people who will destroy prophetic Babylon, is described. Many Bible students are not aware that Jeremiah gave a detailed prophecy about this end-time world power called, Babylon, five hundred years before Christ and almost six hundred years before John saw the visions, which he recorded in Revelation. By the way, this principle holds true for the entire book of Revelation. Most of the erroneous interpretations of Revelation, being taught today, are coming from men who think that the book of Revelation is all new prophecy. That is not so. Everything that John saw and recorded of this series of visions in symbols, had to do with events which were already-written in the books of the prophets. Just as Revelation chapters 21 and 22 is foretold in Isaiah chapter 60 and on (and of course corroborated by other prophets), so Revelation chapters 17 and 18 is foretold by Jeremiah and other prophets.

Jeremiah 51:1-2, **"Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against me, a destroying wind, And will send unto Babylon fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about."** This word, fanning, is used in other places

in the Bible to indicate fanning as you would grain. The tares being lighter than wheat are blown away with the destroying wind while the wheat falls to the ground or earth. The wheat is not taken up into heaven in God's fanning.

Jeremiah 51:5, **"For Israel hath not been forsaken, nor Judah of his God, of the Lord of hosts; though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel."** It must be that Babylon is to be fanned, to be destroyed to save Israel. If you think that the little Jewish land of Palestine is the Israel of the Bible, then of course this makes no sense. In the context of Israeli, today, there is no Babylon which would fit. But, in the truth that America and the other Anglo-Saxon nations of Christendom or the lands of Christ's dominion, are the lands of God's people-Israel, and that they are ruled over by a system of debt, money, war, and plunder called Babylon, the words in Jeremiah and Revelation become clear.

Then follows the call to come out in **Jeremiah 51:6**, **"Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the Lord's vengeance; He will render unto her a recompense."** In **Revelation 18:4** we read the call to **"come out of her my people that ye be not partakers of her sins."** That this Babylon of Jeremiah, chapter 51 is not the ancient city of Babylon is made plain in **verse 7**, **"Babylon hath been a golden cup in the Lord's hand, that rule all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad."**

This Babylon, in Jeremiah chapter 51, is worldwide. It affects all nations and fits John's vision in Revelation of Mystery, Babylon the Great. There the angel told

John that this scarlet woman was *"that great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth."* In **Revelation 18:3** we read, *"For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies."* The ancient city of Babylon of 2,500 years ago, controlled only a tiny portion of the earth and only a handful of nations. If you read Ezekiel 17 and 18, Ezra, Nehemiah and Daniel, you find that ancient Babylon took captive only a portion of the kingdom of Judah, which, in turn, was only a small part of the nation of Israel. Ancient Babylon never did have rule over all of Israel, much less all the earth. But here, this prophetic Babylon not only rules over all of Israel, but rules over all the nations of the earth! Jeremiah could have been prophesying, only, of prophetic Mystery Babylon as was John in Revelation chapters 17 and 18.

Jeremiah 51:7, also, says that Babylon hath made all the earth drunken, just as we read in **Revelation 18:3**, *"For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."*

Reading on in **Jeremiah 51:8-9**, *"Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed. We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed."* Many are trying to heal, to prop up or to save the present world system of debt and usury, war, plunder and oppression known as Babylon. In other words, they do not want her to be destroyed. However, God has other ideas as we go on in **verse 9**, *"...foresake her, and let us go every one into his own country: for her judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up even to*

the skies." That is what we read of Mystery Babylon in **Revelation 18:5**, *"...her sins have reached unto heaven and God hath remembered her iniquity."*

Zion-Israel's Home

Now read carefully **Jeremiah 51:10**, *"The Lord hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the Lord our God."* We are to declare in Zion, God's work. What is God's work? Here it is plain that it is the destruction of this Babylon which has made the earth drunken, which has made the nations mad.

Zion, as we have seen, is the New Jerusalem. In **Isaiah 2** and **Micah 4**, it is called the *"mountain of the Lord of hosts."* and *"my holy mountain."* In **Isaiah 66:20** we read of *"my holy mountain of Jerusalem."* In Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel, we find the use of Zion, Jerusalem, holy mountain and similar phrases over thirty times and in many of them it is easy to see that it is a land, even a nation. Such as in **Isaiah 57:13**, where it says, *"... he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain."* In Isaiah chapter 60 through Isaiah chapter 62, it is called a land several times. Zechariah gives a geographical description of it which is covered in some detail in my booklet: "The Old Jerusalem Is Not The New Jerusalem" There it is shown as being between two great seas; it is divided or quartered by rivers; it is a land that has been surveyed and marked off with lines; it runs from the river to the ends of the earth and on and on. Only one place in all the earth fits all of the Bible descriptions of Zion and the New Jerusalem; and that is the North American continent! Zion is also described in the Bible as the place of regathered Israel, the place where God

has gathered His people, Israel, to bless them according to His covenant. Once again, the only place in all of the world which fits that description is the United States of America.

So when God says to declare in Zion His work, I believe that work will be done in the nations of this North American continent, the United States and Canada. Come, let us declare In Zion that God is destroying Babylon!

It should be more apparent in comparing Revelation chapters 17 and 18 with Jeremiah chapters 50 and 51 that we Christians will have much to do in the work of destroying Mystery Babylon. We have a false teaching, which is taught over and over, that we Christians will have nothing whatsoever to do in the destruction of the antiChrist world power; that the Bible prophesies will rule the earth at the end of this age. That false teaching known as the pre-tribulation rapture is used to tell Christians that we will not be here when the antiChrist rules. However, God's Word has an entirely different set of instructions to His people. In Revelation 18:6, God actually commands His people to destroy Babylon, a far cry from escaping in some rapture from the antiChrist's rule! How are you going to obey that command of God, if all you are doing is waiting for a nonexistent ride off the earth?

Revelation 18:7 says, *"How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her."* It is God who judgeth her, but anyone at all familiar with the Holy Bible knows that God always assigns human instruments to assist in His judgments. Even in the cases where seemingly miraculous destructions of enemy powers and enemy armies took place in ancient Israel; God always had the faith-

ful few carrying out those things, necessary to bring about that destruction.

Jericho's walls fell down flat, according to God's Word, but Israel had to march around them a prescribed number of times. God delivered Israel from captivity, six times in the book of Judges, but each time God raised up a few men, required that they do certain things against the enemies of Israel; and then He brought about the deliverance, recorded there. Where do you think we would be today if our Puritan and Pilgrim forefathers in England had been taught the doctrine of the pre-tribulation rapture of the Church? Would they have risked their lives to establish a Christian civilization 6,000 miles away on an unknown continent, in a wilderness? No, they would have waited in England for God to do everything, as so many are doing today! God's events come to pass when God's people act upon His Word and they will hear Jesus say in that day, *"Well done thou good and faithful servant."*

Returning to Jeremiah chapter 51, we will go on and read the call to battle against Babylon. **Jeremiah 51:11-12**, *"Make bright the arrows, gather the shields: the Lord hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device is against Babylon, to destroy it; because it is the vengeance of the Lord, the vengeance of His temple. Set up the standard upon the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set up the watchmen, prepare the ambushes: for the Lord hath both devised and done that which He spake against the inhabitants of Babylon."* Notice here, God says that He is doing it at the same time He tells us to *"set up the standard, make the watch strong, prepare ambushes against Babylon."*

Jeremiah 51:13 makes it certain that this is about prophetic Babylon, not

ancient Babylon: *"O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness."* In Revelation 17:1 the angel said to John, *"Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters..."* and then he names her **"Babylon"** Regardless whether you take the "many waters" to mean many people, as some do, or literal waters and seas and oceans, ancient Babylon hardly-fits either. She ruled over but a small portion of the earth; and her sea trade was confined to the eastern Mediterranean and the southern shores of Asia, hardly many waters in any sense. Most of the other verses in Jeremiah chapters 50 and 51 will not fit ancient Babylon, either, but all will fit prophetic Babylon of Revelation.

In **Jeremiah 51:14-17**, God speaks of His own power and ridicules the graven images or idols of men, indicating there will be no salvation in them. He then says in **verse 18**, *"They are vanity, the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish."* This indicates that with the visitation of destruction upon Babylon, all false religions will be destroyed, also. This again could not be the old city for that did not happen at her destruction. In Isaiah 2, where God proclaims the deliverance of Zion and Jerusalem from their enemies and false religions, He says in **verses 17 and 18**, *"And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. And the idols he shall utterly abolish."* Other prophets confirm that in the day of destruction of the great anti-Christian, world power, all false religions and all idols will be ground into dust; and Christ shall reign over all the earth.

In Jeremiah 51:19 and on, God tells us who He will use in this battle of destruc-

tion against Babylon. **Jeremiah 51:19**, *"The portion of Jacob is not like them; for he is the former of all things: and Israel is the rod of His inheritance: the Lord of hosts is his name."* In other words, God is the portion of Jacob. Other races worship idols, which are of no help, but Jacob has God Almighty on His side. God will use the people of Jacob, the people of Israel, to destroy Babylon.

God goes on speaking to the Israel people in **Jeremiah 51:20**, *"Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee win I destroy kingdoms."* This confirms the premise I stated before, that God will be the one who is doing this; BUT, He uses His people (Israel) to destroy all these nations and peoples, which have aligned themselves with Babylon. Do not let the title of Jacob or Israel confuse you. He is not talking, here, of the people known today as Jews. They are not the Israel people; they are not God's people! God's people are found in Christendom — the people in whom God has worked for the last two milleniums; the people who have carried out His work in this age. We are Israel. We are the physical descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and America is an evident-fulfillment of the promise to Abraham, *"I will make of thee a great nation."*

Even in the beginning of this section in Jeremiah, in Chapter 50, we see that the destruction of Babylon will come about after a migration of the children of Israel (**verses 4 and 5**): *"In those days, and in that time, saith the Lord, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah. together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the Lord their God They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join our-*

selves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten."

The United States of America was begun in just that manner — by God's people coming in weeping and supplication. These verses could be fulfilled only by a people of Christ, not a people of antiChrist! When our Christian forefathers landed on these shores, they did join themselves together in a perpetual covenant with Jesus Christ. Read the Mayflower Compact! Read the charters and constitutions of the early colonies! They not only bound themselves to seek Christ's Kingdom and His ways, but most of them included phrases such as "For ourselves and our posterity" thereby binding we, who have descended from them, in a perpetual covenant with Christ.

God describes Israel's coming to Zion in **Jeremiah 3:14** this way, *"Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion."* Does that sound like a place off up in heaven or even in old Palestine? To prove it is certainly not the return of the Jews to Palestine, let us read about what would happen when His people were brought to Zion in **Jeremiah 3: 15**, *"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."* That would have to be spirit-filled, Christian pastors and not Jewish rabbis, or else you would be denying everything the Bible teaches!

In **Jeremiah 3:18**, the land from which they would come is called the **"land of the north."** All of the early Christian settlers of these colonies came from the land north of Palestine-Europe. In **verse 19**, Zion is called *"a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the host of nations."* An alternate translation in the margin says that that could read, *"a land of*

desire or a desirable land, an heritage of beauty." What nation of all nations, in spite of the vicious propaganda against it, stands out as the most desirable of all lands? What land is so beautiful and so bountiful that it has been known for centuries, and rightly so, as God's country? Only one, and that is America! — the nation that stands at the head of all nations, the land which the Lord has blessed above all others, the land that has more churches and Christians among her over 200 million people than the rest of the world has in its over three billions or so. Our nation, today, still acknowledges Jesus Christ, in its official and unofficial functions, by having a minister open its meetings with a prayer in Jesus' name. The antiChrist is trying to eliminate all of that, but the perpetual covenant of our forefathers in Zion cannot be broken!

When the battle is finally joined against Babylon in this Zion nation, we shall see come to pass that which **Isaiah** writes about Babylon in the **13th chapter** in **verse 14**, *"...they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land."* Jeremiah said that, also, in **Jeremiah 50:16**, *"Cut off the sower from Babylon."* In other words, cut off those who sow wickedness and iniquity. Going on in **verse 16**, *"...and him that handleth the SICKLE in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land."* That this separation of the peoples will take place during Babylon's fall and that Babylon has something to do with World Communism, is obvious from this verse where the sickle is mentioned, and from **Jeremiah 50:23** which says, *"How is the HAMMER of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! How is Babylon become a desolation among the nations!"* Consider the hammer and the sickle of Babylon. Could

that be the hammer and sickle of Red Communism, or the red beast upon which Mystery Babylon the Great is seen riding in Revelation chapter 17? Of course it is; and she exists and controls a land called Zion in these same prophecies; the Zion of which is the abode of the people who have a perpetual covenant with Jesus Christ. Zion could only be America and it is here, between the great sea and the eastern sea, that Babylon will meet her doom.

As we study Jeremiah 51:19-23 and think back on our history of the world, we can see that this passage makes certain that it is not the old city of Babylon which is destroyed in this prophecy of Jeremiah, chapters 50 and 51. Here, an entity called Babylon, is destroyed by an entity called Jacob, or Israel, carrying out the work of God Almighty. The Bible, as well as Secular history, tells us that it was the Medes and Persians who destroyed the ancient empire of Babylon. This prophecy in Jeremiah is about end-time Babylon or Mystery Babylon of Revelation, and Israel (who many try to spiritualize or forget about completely) is involved in this destruction of Babylon, prior to and during the return of Jesus Christ, at the end of the age.

Jeremiah 51:21-24, *"And with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider; With thee also will I break in pieces man and woman; and with thee will I break in pieces the old and young; and with thee will I break in pieces the young man and the maid; I will also break in pieces with thee the shepherd and his flock; and with thee will I break in pieces captains and rulers. And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the Lord."*

Notice that the work of Babylon is not being condemned because it is in Babylon, but because it is in Zion!

Verse 25, *"Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the Lord, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain."* God will use His Israel people to break in pieces and destroy every part of society, business, and government, which is not in line with the Word of God; instead, they are parts of Mystery Babylon. Notice in **verse 23**, God said, ***"I will also break in pieces with thee the shepherd and his flock,"*** indicating that the Israel people will be the instrument for the destruction of false churches and false religions.

In the book of the Kings and Chronicles, you will see that each time God brought a turning in Israel, a revival if you please; one of the first things they did was to burn down and destroy Baal worship, all idols and all heathen temples out of their land. In the years to come, as God turns our people to Himself, I believe we will turn and destroy all false religions out of this land.

Today, false religions are not only allowed in America, they are growing. Worship of the earth, sun, moon and stars, witchcraft, the occult and blasphemy of Jesus Christ are common in America today. Even the bringing of refugees from Indo-China, as sad as is their plight, is bringing more false religions here. Many, perhaps most of them, are Buddhists and they now have Buddhist ceremonies at their refugee centers and army camps. All of this is blasphemy against the true God of Israel, Jesus; and God is going to break all of this in pieces as He moves to destroy Babylon.

In **Jeremiah 51:23** we read, *"...and with thee will I break in pieces captains and rulers."* Remember **Revelation chapter 11**, where we read of the third and last woe coming on the earth, and the triumph of Christ's Kingdom in **verse 15**, *"And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."* That of necessity must be interpreted to mean that there would be an overthrow of all authority in all kingdoms — or all nations, as we call them today — and the establishment of Christ's authority over those nations.

In **Isaiah chapter 24**, God actually likens Christ's takeover of the earth to the turning of the earth upside down. That charge was leveled against the apostles, by the way, starting in **Acts 17:5**: *"But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people."* Here we have civil riots and revolution in the city. Why? The answer is in **verse 6**: "And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither, also. *"John said, "He is antiChrist that denyeth the Father and the Son" (1 John 2:22).* These antiChrists recognized that the true teachings of Jesus would turn their world upside down, which it eventually shall as this age closes.

Some denominations teach from **Isaiah chapter 24**, that the earth will be turned upside down, destroyed and left in ashes. That is not what it teaches at all; it is the

wicked, anti-Christ, world system which will be turned upside down, burned and destroyed! The last verse of **Isaiah chapter 24** makes it plain that it is a prophecy of the coming reign of Christ, for it ends; *"... when the Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously."* To understand that better, you must know what New Jerusalem really is instead of what the churches teach that it is.

Returning briefly to **Revelation 11:15**, which we read, we see clearly-taught that the kingdom of Jesus Christ is to be on the earth, although some deny that plain doctrine. That the kingdom will come when the blasphemous rule of the God-haters is ended, is evident from **Revelation 11:18**: *"And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth."* That which is destroying the earth is Babylon and all of its parts. We just read that in **Jeremiah 51:25** where God said to Babylon, *"Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the Lord, which destroyest all the earth."* In **Revelation chapter 11**, the last great act of God on His timetable of ushering in Christ's rule over all the earth, is the destruction of Babylon and all of her harlot daughters. That destruction will be accomplished by God using the descendants of Jacob, the Israel people, just as we read in **Jeremiah chapter 51**. Where in the world does that leave you people who are preaching about and looking forward to what you call the "rapture of the church" or the secret removal of the believers from the earth? It makes you deserters from the army of the Lord of hosts!

A few years ago the hippies and the drug addicts were singing a song about "stop the world, I want to get off." Has that become the theme song of the professing church? If so, it is the trumpet of retreat, not the trumpet of victory in Christ Jesus!

Galatians 3:7 says, *"Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham."*

Galatians 3 :29 says, *"And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."* If God's Word says He will use Jacob-Israel — whom we know to be Abraham's seed — as His battle ax and weapons of war in the destruction of Babylon (**Jeremiah 51 :20**), then that means every professing Christian in the world is a soldier in the army of Jesus Christ in this, the conflict of the ages! Let us be about our duties and our service and not making plans, from a false doctrine, for an escape to the heavens.

God goes on to tell us how completely the Babylonian system will be destroyed from off the earth in **Jeremiah 51:26**: *"And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be desolate for ever, saith the Lord"* We will not find a single unit or memory of the wickedness of Babylon, which can be used to contaminate the earth again, after her final destruction.

Jeremiah 51:27-32 tells us of her destruction and of all nations turning against her. Then we read in **verse 33**, *"For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; The daughter of Babylon is like a threshingfloor, it is time to thresh her: yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come."* Here, she is called *"the daughter of Babylon."* This is not the old city, the city of history. This is the same Babylon of

Revelation, chapters 17 and 18 — the end-of-the-age, world-controlling system.

Jeremiah 51:35 tells us that Zion and Jerusalem are against Babylon: *"The violence done to me and to my flesh be upon Babylon, shall the inhabitant of Zion say; and my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say."*

We, also, read in **Jeremiah 51:49**, *"As Babylon hath caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth."* Again, these are prophecies which make no sense at all, if you try to fit them into the ancient city of Babylon or into any sort of a future prophecy where the New Jerusalem is a huge cube-shaped city, which will be lowered down to sit upon the earth. Jerusalem is an entity upon the earth, now, and it is under attack from Babylon. It is Babylon's desire to destroy Zion and Jerusalem.

We have already seen that World Communism is at least a great part of the scarlet woman and the red beast of Revelation, chapters 17 and 18. Now, what is World Communism's target? Is it not attempting to destroy the people of Jesus Christ from off the earth? Is not the target the nations of Christendom? Is not the target Christianity? The battle is already joined; Babylon is well on her way to destroy Jerusalem; and neither of them are the old, ancient cities; both are large, well-defined entities in the world today. Babylon is the world of the anti Christian and the people of the antiChrist. Jerusalem is the world of Jesus and the people of Christendom. We are Jacob-Israel. We are Jerusalem. We live in the Zion of Bible prophecy. Why do you think that the Communists hate America so, because we have more cars than they do? No, they hate America because we are the

Zion and the New Jerusalem of Bible prophecy, and they know that to control the earth they must destroy prophetic Jerusalem and God's Israel people or be destroyed themselves!

The Birthright Battle

That God's people, the people of Jacob-Israel, will be the instruments which will destroy Red Communism and Mystery Babylon the Great, is made plain by another prophet in the Old Testament. In Obadiah, the wicked rulers are identified as the descendants of Esau (Jacob's brother) and his Canaanite wives. These people became known as the Edomites. It is of Edom or their descendants that Obadiah speaks. If you know your Old Testament, you know that Esau sold his birthright to Jacob for a mess of pottage. It says in **Genesis 25:30**, *"therefore was his name called Edom."* The margin, or any good concordance, will tell you that Edom means **"red."** Isn't it strange that it is the same color as that of Mystery Babylon, and the same color as that of the beast, and the same color used by the Communists to identify themselves to all the world? — **RED!**

Red Communism has visible control of many of the nations of the world and exerts invisible or secret control of the rest of the world. Red is the color of Jacob's brother Esau, here called Edom in Obadiah where the entire prophecy is about the destruction of Esau-Edom. Edom is identical with Mystery Babylon the Great. Yes, the daughter of Babylon or the descendants of Esau are still trying, today, to steal back and take by force the birthright, now belonging to Jacob's descendants. That is what this whole world conflict is all about! That is what you see happening in the world, today. Romans 4 tells us that Abraham was to be "heir of the world;" Esau-Babylon, the Red

Communists — are trying to conquer the world, negate God's covenant with Abraham, and destroy true Israel. One of their major weapons is to tell us that we aren't really Jacob's descendants anyway, that we are just a bunch of "Gentiles," without covenant relationship with God. They tell us that we are all bound for heaven or hell, even though Revelation 5:10 says that we shall reign on the earth.

Let's see who will destroy Edom, (the Reds) according to **Obadiah 17 and 18**: *"But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for the Lord hath spoken it"* Where will this take place? IN ZION! No more "reds"! No more Edomites! No wonder the Communists try to force us to believe that all the races are the same, that God loves everyone alike. God says that the race (or the descendants) of Jacob will destroy the race (or the descendants) of Edom, *"and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for the Lord hath spoken it."*

Paul knew that Jacob was chosen and that Esau was rejected when he quoted God in **Romans 9:13**: *"As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated"* The modern church doesn't like it, but that is what God has said. That the destruction of the Edomites (or the reds) in Obadiah, is an end-of-the-age prophecy is obvious from the last verse of that prophet: *"And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord's."* The judging and the destruction of Esau-Edom (the reds) is identical to the

judging and the destruction of the scarlet (red) woman, who rides the red beast in Revelation chapters 17 and 18. Both come at the end of this age; and their destruction is then followed by the ushering in of the rule of Jesus Christ over all the earth.

Jesus, in **Luke 21:22**, called these days, *"the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled"* He called it a *"time of trouble, such as was not since the beginning of time world to this time; no, nor ever shall be."* Those days of tribulation, the days of the destruction of the antiChrist, are upon us and so few see it! May God open the blinded eyes of our Christian-Israel people that they may see how wonderfully His Word and His prophecies are coming to pass upon the earth! Surely, a God who could foretell the history of our age in such detail, can bring to pass all that He has written and bring us into the world to come — into the kingdom of Jesus Christ upon the earth.

Returning to Jeremiah we learn of the destruction of false religion and the deliverance of all nations in **Jeremiah 51:44**, *"And I will punish Bel in Babylon."* Bel is another Hebrew word for Baal worship or the worship of Satan. **Verse 44** continues, *"...and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up: and the nations shall not flow together any more unto him; yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall."* That wall of Babylon, or the protecting device of Babylon, is described in Ezekiel chapter 13. Reading that Scripture closely, you will see that it is a description of the United Nations. The U.N. building, itself, actually looks like a wall or, as the Hebrew word in Ezekiel chapter 13 means, a part of a wall. The U.N. is the place of the flowing together of all nations under the red beast of World Communism.

Many of you know that the U.N. is anti Christ and will allow no mention of Jesus Christ in its deliberations. It serves to work out plans for the destruction of any vestige of Christianity in each nation, as the Communists take complete control. The U.N. is upset with South Africa and Rhodesia because they won't let Blacks vote, but the UN. was silent when Russia, Jewish Israeli and Great Britain armed the Nigerians, a few years ago. Those Nigerians killed a million Ibo tribesmen in Nigeria in Africa. It wasn't even mentioned in U.N. debate for over one and one-half years and most Americans don't even know to this day that the Ibo tribesmen were the only Black tribe in all of Africa, which adopted the Christian religion as a tribe! They put away their idols over forty years ago. I talked about it on the radio at the time, but, as far as I know, I was the only radio preacher in America publicly protesting the slaughter of these Black Christians.

The American news media spent months and millions of dollars worth of newspaper space and other millions of dollars of TV and radio time, publicizing the killing of one hundred Vietnamese by American soldiers at My Lai, but they did not have space to cover the murder and starvation of a million Blacks in Africa, just as they now have no space to tell us of the slaughter of, perhaps, a million Cambodians by the "red beast" of Revelation chapter 17. Red Babylon is devouring the nations of the earth!

God says in **Jeremiah 51:44**, *"And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up."* At that same time God says, *"I will punish Bel in Babylon."* Bel means Baal worship which is the antiChrist religion of the god "Baal" and his wife "Ashtaroth," who are condemned by God in the Old Testament.

With the destruction of Mystery Babylon all false worship will also be destroyed. I should interject, here, that most Christians have been told that Communism is atheistic and that Communism is against all religions. That is only half-true and a half-truth is much more effective than a lie, as it certainly is in this case. Red Communism is actually a religion. Unknown to most Christians, Communism is the religion of Baal! Most Christians don't know of this because they don't know what Baal worship was or is.

(Space forbids me to describe this Baal worship. However, I do have two cassette Bible studies of ninety minutes each, titled There Are Baal Worshipers In America. There are thirteen specific rituals and doctrines of the religion of Baal described in the Bible and on these tapes. I list them, show where they are in the Bible, and show how they are carried out by many people right here in America. There probably isn't one churchgoer in a hundred, perhaps even a thousand, who recognize them for what they are! I will give you one clue. One of the rituals of Baal worship was the killing of little babies, as a blood sacrifice to Baal and Ashtaroth, preferably the killing of the firstborn child of a young woman. If you have wondered at the fantastic drive in America, by tens of thousands of people in all walks of life, to promote, to force and to make acceptable pre-marital sex: and then to follow that with forcing, promoting, and making legal, abortions or the murder of little babies in the womb, wonder no longer; it is a religious ritual of Baal worship!)

As God promises to end Baal worship, he issues the same call to His people that we read in Revelation, chapter 18, here in **Jeremiah 51:45**: *"My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the Lord"* Notice that God isn't

telling us to flee from Babylon to escape the anger of Red Communism or the red Babylonish system. We are to flee to escape God's anger, when He brings judgment on Babylon.

As an example, my wife and I left a major denomination some years ago, before I went into the ministry; after we discovered that the denomination's official rule book for its ministers stated that one of their major missions was to prevent criticism of the United Nations. We knew, as I know today, that the U.N. is a Communist organization. Millions of Christians still attend that denomination's churches, most of them blissfully ignorant of the fact that its ministers have been trained to act as protective agents for the "little wall" of Babylon — the United Nations. However, God says that the *"wall of Babylon shall fall."*

That many ministers will be secret supporters of Babylon seems evident from **Jeremiah 51:51**, where the prophet speaks of the people as saying, *"We are confounded, because we have heard reproach: shame hath covered our faces."* In other words, when they found out what was actually happening, they were ashamed. Here was what was happening, as told in the rest of **verse 51**, *"for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the Lord's house."* Yes, strangers, enemies of Christ and the Christians, are in the churches of Jesus Christ in Zion at the end of the age. Thus, "coming out of Babylon" must of necessity also mean coming out of the rituals and doctrines of Baal, for Baal was the god of Babylon.

We have spent considerable space studying the parallel passages on Mystery Babylon in Jeremiah chapters 50 and 51. As we have seen, there are many similarities between Revelation chapters 17 and

18 and Jeremiah chapters 50 and 51. For the remainder of this study, we will return to Revelation chapter 18 to see the completion of the destruction of Mystery Babylon, as revealed to John.

In **Revelation 18:8** it says, *"Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her."* Her destruction will bring sorrow and fear upon those who have been made rich by the plunder and wicked rule of Babylon. We, then, read in **verses 9 and 10**, *"And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come."*

The present evil economic systems of the world, which have made serfs and servants of the world's people, including the citizens of America, will end in a short period of time. It says, *"for in one hour is thy judgment come."* Prophetic time of one day being equivalent to a year would make that about 15 days, a very short time for the transition from the rule of Mystery Babylon to the rule of Jesus Christ upon the earth. Notice here, that only the extremely-wealthy merchants and kings are sorry to see her end, as shown in **verse 11**, "And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her, for no man buyeth their merchandise any more."

Here is the merchandise of the world system of trade and plunder, (Mystery Babylon) described in **verses 12 and 13**: *"The merchandise of gold, and silver,*

and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scar let, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men." This goes in descending order of value down to slaves and souls of men. Under this terrible Babylonian system, gold is the most precious commodity, with the lives of men being the cheapest.

The wars of the world are proof of this. The recent Vietnam War enriched the merchants and bankers of the world by at least 250 billions of dollars in direct profit and mortgages against the future earnings of the U.S. worker. This was accomplished by forcing our young men to fight and die, but not allowing them to win! You have heard from competent military authorities that the Communists could have been beaten any time during that ten years by our forces; but the kings and rulers of America prevented it and required both the South Vietnamese and Americans to die by the hundreds of thousands so the profits, the taxes, and the plunder could continue.

Previously, I mentioned the war of genocide against the Ibo tribesmen of Nigeria. It happened that the occupied territories contained the richest oil fields in Central Africa, which could not be exploited by the oil barons as long as a Christian way of life was practiced by the local population.

The kings of the earth provided arms for a ragtag band of 80,000 Nigerian mercenaries and sent them ip to attack and kill the defenseless Ibos and drive them

from their land. This unequal contest lasted 18 months, while a million Ibos died. Before the killing was over the multinational oil companies were drilling for oil, while the jungle still reeked with the odor of rotting flesh. The oil merchants were in so quickly that one Shell Oil drilling rig was actually captured by the Ibos when they made a counter-attack against the Nigerian mercenaries. In 1961, U.N. troops invaded Katanga province in the Congo in Africa, driving the Dutch and others from the huge Katanga copper mines. Katanga Copper was then taken over by a European conglomerate, headed up by the brother of the man who headed the United Nations! The news media of the world and the politicians would have us believe that the U.N. and the Communists are idealists attempting to better the lot of the workers of the earth. The truth is that the U.N. and the Communists are the assault forces for the international billionaires, who plan to rule the entire earth and to make its people their subjects and slaves. In the Bible it is called Mystery Babylon the Great.

But thank God their system of rule and plunder is about to end and when it does God says in **Isaiah 13: 11 and 12**, *"And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir."* God's order is the opposite of Babylon's. Man is the most precious; gold is worthless. Speaking of that day, in **Isaiah 2:20** He says, *"In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats."*

James writes in **James 5:1-3**, *"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered, and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days."* Revelation 18:8, says that Mystery Babylon will be utterly-burned with fire. James says the gold of the world's wealthy will eat their flesh as if it were fire. No wonder Isaiah says that they will attempt to throw it away, attempt to get rid of it; for it shall witness against them.

I have said, as we have studied these prophecies, that Mystery Babylon is the wicked system of plunder of the workers and the poor by the wealthy ruling class. This is born out in the writings of James in the fifth chapter. After he tells the rich men that their gold will testify or witness against them, he tells them their sin in **James 5:4**: *"Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth."* In America, today, this plunder, under the guise of taxation, is known as withholding taxes. God says it is the *"hire of the labourers kept back by fraud"* — or stolen from the workers. American workers pay in taxes to their powerful government controllers, or in usury to their "friendly" bankers, over 50 cents of every dollar of wages that they earn. Much of it is kept back by withholding, with the earner never seeing it.

God goes on in this condemnation of the rich men who rule the earth, in **James 5:5 and 6**: *"Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wan-*

ton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you." Wars, carried on for no purpose but to enrich the already rich, fit this condemnation, perfectly. In fact, in most cases, the people don't even know how they are being robbed and plundered. In reference to gold, I see it as a very important sign that the American people refuse to buy and hoard this precious metal. Gold has got to go! God has decreed it. I believe He is already allowing the rich men of the earth to accumulate most of the gold and they will have it as a witness against them, when God causes it to be nothing but worthless metal. William Jennings Bryan uttered this statement at the end of his famous speech against gold, "You shall not crucify mankind on a cross of gold." He knew that gold was a curse, a means of robbing the poor, and of little or no value in comparison to the necessities of life; such as food, clothing and shelter. I would add this, especially and sincerely, for any reader who may have traded some other wealth such as money, property, goods and services or whatever for gold and is hoarding it and keeping it, thinking that it will serve a good purpose sometime in the time of trouble that lies ahead: my mend, please search the Scriptures for what God has to say about this matter. (If you need help in finding what the Bible says about gold, I have three cassettes of ninety minutes each titled Should We Put Our Trust In Gold?)

When we went to Washington, one of the things we told the Congressmen was that God was going to see that the gold is taken from America. God will not allow gold to be the basis for His Kingdom. It must go; and men will cast it to the bats and moles. If you think you are going to use it to save yourself, you are in error. The deliverance and salvation of our peo-

ple in this end of the age is through the blood and the Word of Jesus Christ!

Going on in Revelation, chapter 18, John writes how the rich traders, merchants, and rulers of the earth will bewail the fall of Mystery Babylon in **verses 14-19:** *"And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, And saying, Alas, alas that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate."*

These multinational, billionaire corporations that are reaping the wealth of the world and plundering the workers and citizens of all nations will weep and cry when this anti-Christian, antiGod, anti-Bible system is destroyed. God will destroy it and replace it with His rule in the kingdom of Christ upon the earth. In these verses (14-19), we can see that much of Mystery Babylon's wealth comes from the transfer of goods and services between nations and even between continents, because of the reference to ships in this passage.

I will refer again to a newspaper article that I used earlier about a speech made here in Phoenix by a world trade expert, and cite a few of his conclusions in the article: “Global corporations, huge transnational, conglomerate organizations controlled 70% of the world's private business,’ Mueller said.” As we have seen in this Bible study, the red beast, upon which Mystery Babylon rides, is Red Communism. In Communist countries, all business is controlled by the government. If Mystery Babylon the Great is the multinational, world economic and money-power and conglomerate corporations and the beast is Red Communism, then together they would control all, but a tiny fraction, of the financial and trade transactions of the world. The article goes on: “The giant firms threaten the sovereignty of the nation states that they transcend by evading or influencing their powers to tax and control their own money supply,’ he told the audience.” Just recently, here in America, it has been revealed that these billionaire corporations pay hundreds of millions of dollars in bribes, each year, to men in the governments of other nations. It doesn't take much intelligence to see that they can actually-buy effective control over those governments.

Here in America, during the hearings on the acceptance of Nelson Rockefeller as Vice-President of the United States, it was revealed that he often gave gifts of ten thousand dollars to fifty thousand dollars, and perhaps more, directly to individuals who were in U.S. government service. One can only speculate how much control of even our own government has actually been purchased by men and multinational corporations, with hundreds of millions of dollars at their disposal.

The angel told John in Revelation, chapter 17, that Mystery Babylon was that great city, or that great system,

which reigneth over the kings of the earth. These billionaires and worldwide corporations do not need soldiers to conquer a nation; they can do it much easier by simply bribing a few hundred men in the government of that nation; and then they reign over the kings, the leaders, of that nation, just as Mystery Babylon was to do. Since the vast majority of the citizens of that nation would know, absolutely, nothing about such bribery, they would not know that their leaders were acting as the agents for the billionaire world corporations instead of for the people.

If you had read between the lines during the long and wearying Watergate exposure in America, many of you would have realized that those so-called committees to reelect so-and-so, which received millions of dollars supposedly to reelect so-and-so; were-actually covers for the transfer of bribe money to so-and-so and his cohorts. Only a tiny part of that bribery was revealed in the Watergate affair, but it should have been enough for us to realize that our own nation is being conquered much the same way. If the organization of the dairy industry, a year or two ago, could give a few tens of thousands of dollars to one of those committees for reelection, and then have the government price controls removed for their dairy products; how many millions would it take for an oil company to buy permission to raise its prices? Or how many billions would it take for Communists to buy the votes of politicians, or the decisions of high government officials, and on and on?

Red Russia and Red China are spending many scores of billions of dollars each year on armaments to eventually-fight and conquer America. It would be only common logic to assume that they would spend a few hundred millions, perhaps a few billions, each year to bribe U.S. government officials. This is how Mystery,Babylon the Great operates!

God said through His angel to John that this scarlet woman and the scarlet beast reign or rule over the kings of the earth. If some of our Christian people would get out from under the delusion that this world dictatorship is all future, they would more-easily see that world control is already here, even in our own nation. How else can one explain why the American people come out second best in every transaction involving the Communists? Are our leaders and officials fools, or are they under the control of Mystery Babylon the Great?
