

Revelations in Revelation -13

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Open your bibles God willing up here to Revelation. We'll begin in the second chapter tonight with some thoughts where we're at as we're going through this wondrous week, and I say this wondrous week, we're speaking here of what's known of as the tribulation. Last week we sweetly, and thankfully, and gloriously by faith, and the reason I can say these things is because I know that in Christ, we're not seeing these things afar off anymore. He's brought us into this. By the grace of God in faith we see ourselves there. We understand what He has for us, the power that He has given. Once again as we started tonight to grow up into Him in all things with that power of His might to grow in that wondrous all truth. By the grace of God to truly to have this love shed abroad in our hearts which we understand and know there is only one love to give. And when that's shed abroad in our hearts, and knowing the love of Christ that's what that love shed abroad is by the Holy Ghost; it's knowing the love of Christ.

That we would know Him, and the height, and depth, and length, and width, and all these different things that we would know Him. That's when we begin to truly believe yea, the deep things of God by the Spirit. That's the only way you'll ever enter into yea, those deep things. The understanding that goes on to say but by His Spirit, yea the deep things of God; all truth, love shed abroad. Without that glorious Spirit, that infilling, without going on in the fullness. See, it never changes. The infilling is not just a one-time thing, that infilling by God's grace; you have it. Now allowing it to be that fullness in every way in all of that fruit, and in all of that love; that's the fullness of the Holy Ghost to be filled with all the fullness of God. That's why He gave us the Holy Ghost. Praise God.

So, here we are in faith. We entered in Christ together into that last half of the tribulation known as the great tribulation. We seen a lot of things, haven't we? But last week was so glorious because the scene as we entered into that last half, it started at right from the temple. Do you remember that? Remember how it was in the temple; that heavenly temple praise God? That wonderful type, and truly the representation of the holy of holies? Everything was going to be, and everything is directly from there. But all of the judgment, all of the ruling and reigning is done from that place. And we rejoice, and we give thanks to God because they were the rightful ones that were in that place that jointly rule and reign together. In that temple, you'll only find, we went through those different scriptures, we saw how beautiful that was. We find there Jesus Christ and His bride. The bride seen in the four living ones, the bride seen as that company of seven angels so beautiful as we see so much of this glorious encouragement that God gives us, but that's what He's promised us, hasn't He? If we suffer with Him, we'll reign. Praise the Lord, and by the grace of God the way we suffer together with Christ is we go on in truth and love. There's no other suffering in Christ, but in Christ. Think about Christ's suffering.

His life didn't change, it was always the will of the Father life. Amen? By the grace of God, we have the will of the Father life for our life; we do. We have the will of the Father life which is the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. We have that life praise God that we would win Him, that we would run well, that we would finish with a full joy; all of these beloved blessed things that we have, and we do have them because we have been blessed with all the spiritual blessing in the heavens in Christ. It's just by the grace of God will we allow them by faith to grow up and be manifest in our life. Praise the Lord. She is a fruitful one by the way; that bride is fruitful, and I thank God there's a lot of fruit in here.

Now, she is jointly ruling and reigning together with Him. Now in that we saw that the way that that judgment then poured forth was in those seven vials. Remember how they're different vials that were poured out, and each one of those vials was given by Jesus Christ to one of those angels, and they would go forth and they poured out each vial in succession, and in that order, and different things we saw. We saw different marvelous works of God. Judgment was truly beginning, and beginning in a very magnificent way, but a way that would continue to build, and to build, and to build. So, we got all the way through six of those seven vials, and in those six vials as I mentioned there was much more. There was suffering, but we still haven't even got to the point of the battle of Armageddon yet, have we? No, we didn't.

And that was where we left off was at that sixth vial which if we remember, it prepared the way for the battle of Armageddon. That sixth vial, what it says is it dried up the river Euphrates. And we know that's not necessary in a sense for wartime today. Rivers, oceans, things of that nature; they don't prevent war from happening. We have airplanes, we have ships, we have submarines, we have all these different things; amphibious vehicles and all. What this is, is it's in a metaphor that's given to us, that God has made the way for it. He's prepared it now. He's prepared the wicked for that day of evil. Everything is set, but yet there's one more vial that has to be poured forth before the battle of Armageddon can proceed. And I think of how the Lord is so precise with this time of the tribulation. Know this brothers and sisters, the Lord is precise in everything, but if He's ever going to be really the most precise, that He's the most focused on, the most drawn to, it's you. Your life is that precise, it's not more precise, but you understand what I'm saying, it's more precisely precise, but this is part of, and for all of this tribulation let's not forget, this truly is about the unveiling, it's about the apocalypse. That's how we started the whole study, and the unveiling is His glory, the unveiling is His wife.

He's going to make known, all of creation groans for the manifestation of the sons of God. That comes right through on Romans Eight, and it said right after that we can be joint heirs together as husband and wife with Jesus Christ. That manifestation, that revelation, that apocalypse, that unveiling is the whole purpose of everything. It is not good for man to live alone. The Lord says such sweet things, in sweet ways. So, once again short, precise, exact, but so absolutely beyond meaningful, and that's where I am just am so thankful to God, no matter how precise this is, and no matter how beautiful to see God's hand in this so wondrously that you know it's God I will say this, how much more so in the masterpiece of everything right here? Each and every one of us, take this, rejoice. and give thanks to God.

Now, this one last vial before this final battle of Armageddon can proceed, it's the judgement of the great harlot, it's the judgment of the great whore, it's the judgement of that great city Babylon. It must be judged, and it must be destroyed. Now this truly is the first. I mean you have this final judgment of the world in the battle of Armageddon where all of that is destroyed, and God again is perfectly set up. His Son rules upon that throne for a thousand years. Alright? But I just think of how magnificent, and how much God puts in the emphasis to judge that great whore, to judge that harlot. He didn't just throw her in with the battle of Armageddon, she's going to be judged first, she's going to be made known, it'd going to be brought out, and My rath; the full wrath is going to come down and completely destroy that.

And I want us think as we study tonight upon this, what that is, what that mystery of iniquity truly that has been going on, and is so manifest in this great whore, this great harlot, this great city; all of these things, this Babylon. And so, we began in studying this in Revelation, the very first time we had the mention of Babylon if you recall, was in that church in Thyatira, and that's why we're here at Revelation Two. And I want us to go back and remember that her judgment was laid forth, and then the warning to those individuals that were part of that. That was right there at the beginning in chapter two to the church of Thyatira. In verse twenty He tells them, notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, and Jezebel, her name means cohabitation. She's basically playing good God, good devil, good everybody with everybody. She's causing everyone to come into her bed and to fornicate. She calls herself a prophetess, and here's why. To teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. I want you to think about this really in this verse; the Lord is talking about His own people. That attack; that subtle, and I'm going to tell you as we continue to study on about her, she is the epidemy of self-righteousness. She has set herself up that she is a virgin, that she's is in no need of a husband. She declares that she is the wife, and she is the bride, and He is her bridegroom. It is a great whore, and a great lie, and brothers and sisters that's been going on from the very beginning of especially right after the crucifixion of Jesus Christ especially, and we'll talk a little more about that.

So, it says here I gave her space to repent of her fornications, and she repented not. God is always gracious, and He says behold, I will cast her into a bed, and boy is she in a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation. See, not just tribulation, but great tribulation. We're talking in these last three and a half year time. Okay? Except they repent of their deeds. And so, it's not just her, she's going to be judged, but if you're going to go along with that, and if you're going to receive that mark of the beast, you're going to be judged in the same way. Alright? I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He which searches the reins and hearts, and will give every one of you according to your works. And I tell you what like I say, we want only to be given to us what is deserving because of the blood of the Lamb. Praise God, that one finished work on the cross.

But unto you I say, and to the rest of Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan as they speak. And this is that doctrine of works and legality. I will put unto you none other burden. But that which you have already, hold fast till I

come, and notice this, because this is at this time that we're speaking of here, especially in the last half of this tribulation. This is this callout to those people, because we're talking about that fourth rank. We're talking about that the church has already been raptured; we already have those three companies that make up the church, they've already been raptured into heaven. Alright? But the Lord and His grace and mercy is still dealing with people, and specifically of people known as Israel. And this is specifically who He's speaking to here as He's saying this. And he that overcometh and keepeth My works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations. Who's going to have power over the nations? It's Israel. So, this is who He is speaking to, He is speaking to Israel at this time because you know what, Israel has been deceived by this great whore. Oh yes. You talk about a one world system, we're already in it, but it's going to just intensify, and intensify, and intensify. Alright.

Let's proceed on to read about her complete destruction. Turn on over to chapter seventeen. You'll hear commentary that there's two Babylon's. I do not believe that there's two Babylon's, there's just one. They'll try to break it out that there's a religious battle on, and then a corporate battle on; they're both the same. If you don't think that all that power, and all that system is just a one system, you've missed it. And so, as we go through tonight, I know that that's been stated out there by different ones I don't believe. In grace meetings I know of that have not. But please don't be confused, this judgement is on the city Babylon.

Chapter seventeen, let's go over to verse four. This is that great whore. This describes her again, this woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand of abominations, and filthiness of her fornication. Now right there we have such a depiction brothers and sisters that is very clear; You do have the Catholic Church; there's no illusions to that. I want us to understand that that system though has come, and grown, and it's basically captive orthodox. It's captive many protestants, it's starting to captive even as it's going into different mysticisms; it's all the isms, ism, ism, ism, that's her fornicating, and she's getting all of it. So, it says upon her forehead with a name written, mystery Babylon and you recall, the name Babylon means confusion; it's just the greatest bed of confusion there could ever be. The great, the mother of harlots, and abominations of the earth. Think of all of the most filthy abominations of everything is that city. And I saw the woman, and this is something to take note of, drunken with the blood of the saints. So, now we start to get some description, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus, and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. So, now we're starting to see through the ages, and these different ones that believe the Lord. There were martyrs, and she was the one that killed them. She was the one that went after them. Well, I know of some very large religions of this world, and the history of them that pursued, hunted down, and killed Christians. And these principalities and powers today that are still hunting Christians as we speak, and it will intensify; you know it. That's why the Lord says He has to take those last ones and fly her out there into the wilderness just like He did with His people back there when He took them out of Egypt, and He's just going to hide them away.

He's going to feed them, He's going to clothe them, He's going to do all those different things. I was thinking about those people over there in Ukraine. See, they're getting starved out, and all these different things. They don't have water; they don't have this, and they don't have; they need to call out to God. See, God doesn't need those things. He doesn't, He showed Israel didn't He, He kept them out there forty years. They had no idea, you know, they never even went to scout camp before they went out there, but He gave them everything. Everything they ever needed, and in abundance. And that's why just believe the word of God; nothing is hard for God. Everything that He says is true, every promise of God is yea, and amen. So, we just thank the Lord that we just watch these things come to pass, and believe Him with a full assurance of faith as we go on in our life.

So, it says I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus, and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. Now, I will say this, this mystery of iniquity, these abominations, brothers and sisters it runs deep through all of these large religions. We know this, so I'm not isolating ungodliness here in any respect, but I do want to make note of this, we understand especially early on, I always think about how again this woman that's being described which is a very I would say, a good depiction of the Catholic church especially when I was in Rome. It was interesting to hear, and to have this one to a guy that was taking a swim. I really loved the man, he was a sweet, sweet man, but oh he was so funny. Catholic as Catholic could be, and he kept going around and he said oh, everything was Peter, everything was Peter, and I love Peter, but I wanted to see the stuff with Paul. I said show me where Paul; oh, okay we'll go ahead. But you know, Peter's the man, and at the very end of that thing I said so funny, I said to him, you know, you keep talking about Peter and all these things, and the Catholic church and everything like that, and I insulted him because I was getting him, and he had a good sense of humor, but I hope he knew I was telling him the truth. He said I never realized there were so many Jews in the Catholic Church. And he looked at me, he was just confused and he said no, no, no, no, I said Well, if it's Peter then there's got to be. And he said Well, what do you mean, and I said Well, Peter was the apostle to the Jew. And he just looked at me, and I told him, I said the one thing you should know is your bible. But yet they claim him as the first pope. I know him that He's one of the twelve, I know him as the word of God says that he'll be setting on one of those twelve thrones that'll be ruling over the twelve tribes upon this earth over the nations; that's what we just read about Israel, see. That'll be his place, and I thank God for it. But these were these things that came forth very early on, but isn't it amazing in knowing our bibles, and knowing if you claim that you're Christian, I would imagine that it is about the word of God and the bible. How could you believe something then that would contradict the word of God, over the word of God? God forbid we would ever be that way. Amen? So, we thank the Lord in what He has given to us.

Now, so we see that who she is, we know that's there's judgement is coming, and we read in verses fifteen through eighteen which is very interesting there. We see who God uses to destroy her; her own. Her little gang, or mob, or whatever you want to call it. You know, they all got together. You know, it's like the rat's holding hands and singing, until one of the rats look at the other rat, and says you're a rat, and then it's not good after that. Well, I want you to

understand what's going on here. In verse fifteen it says and He saith unto me, the waters which thou saw where the whore sitteth are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. Think of the power that this system has, and brothers and sisters we live in this system. We live not just the beginning of the system, it's a very mature system. We're at the expansive, almost end of this system. The only difference is, which is a big difference. When this fully expands to its fulness of evil and wickedness, the devil will be unleashed with hell itself, and he will be coming forth as a roaring lion. It will be quite different, but we are seeing what this is about.

So, it says, and the ten horns which thou saw upon the beast shall hate the whore. So, even though that they were in complete harmony in going forward, and taking over the world, and antichrist was good, the ten kings were good; everybody was good, but wait a second here. Those ten kings, they hate her, un huh and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. And here's why. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil His will, and that's everything. That didn't just happen out of the blue, God's had that beginning. God has had that beginning dealing with His angels, especially dealing with Lucifer himself. This is it. I know what you've chosen. I know what you've chosen before I made you. That's true. And so, in that I've put what you've chosen to fulfil My will. Just like He raised up Pharaoh; He raised up Pharaoh to magnify Him; yes, He did. He knew what that choice would be. My goodness, He made everything, He knows.

And so, you know you have, and we have one choice or another. We can either be; it's all going to be to His glory. That judgement, that lake of fire is going to be to His glory, but thanks be to God to be on the other end of that rejoicing, and magnifying, and to be standing with Him as He's receiving all that glory, praise be to God. So, it says to fulfil His will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast until the words of God shall be fulfilled. So, again it's His will, and let the will of God be fulfilled. And remember just moments ago and we said your life is as, but even more gloriously precise than this? Whom He foreknew, He predestinated, and He called, and He chose you, and He's going to accomplish it in the thing that He sent, I'll perfect that which concerns you; praise the Lord? Amen? You doubt any of this in Revelation is going to happen? Then why would we doubt His promises in what He said is for us to happen? All by the grace of God, all by the grace of God, all by the grace of God, all by the grace of God. Hold that fast which thy hast that no man take thy crown. And don't be fearful in holding it, because you wouldn't hold it if you're fearful. Because He loves me perfectly, because He loves me perfectly, because He loves me perfectly, He gets all the glory; we have none, but it's building in us because of Him. It's an amazing thing.

Alright, so now we get to this moment praise God, and let's read of her, this seventh vial, her final judgement. And remember we go back and forth because time's nothing, and chapters are nothing to God. So, He overlays them, and weaves them in and out, so go back over to sixteen. We'll read a few verses there as we're kind of as it says revving up the engine to wrap it up. In verse seventeen, and it says and the seventh angel poured forth out his vial into the air, and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven. Oh, praise God, all that ruling and reigning comes right out of there; Christ Jesus and the four living ones, His bride. From the throne saying. and

here it is again, it is done. It is done, ooh, I love those words, and there were voices, and thunders, and lightening's. And remember, we go all the way back to Ezekiel and all that, and those are those four living ones; that's their voice, and remember the voice of the angel? Was as the thunder, was as the voice of God because they had the same speak. Amen, they do. They have the same praise. Hallelujah, they're one, and that's what's so glorious, and as John as we'll read here, I'm sure a couple more times before we close this out if the Lord tarry, John keeps falling down in front of that angel and worshipping him. JOHN says that's got to be Jesus, so, and there were voices, and thunders, and lightening's, and there was a great earthquake such as was not since men were upon the earth. So mighty an earthquake, and so great, and the great city was divided into three parts. And the cities of the nation's fell, and great Babylon came into remembrance before God, and to give unto her the cup of the wine; uh oh, not the wine she was thinking of, of the fierceness of His wrath. Isn't it amazing what you can drink? Oh, what a wine we will drink together with Him, but this is the wine, the fierceness of His wrath. And just think, we just read about her with her chalice? So holy, so righteous, so full of works, so full of ungodliness.

Let's go ahead and read tonight now as we go through the rest of this evening of her judgment, and God dedicates a full chapter to this judgment in chapter eighteen. After these things, I saw another angel come down from heaven having great power, and the earth was lightened with his glory. So glorious here we now see that Christ and His bride just like when we'll see heaven opened there at the battle of Armageddon, they will come out together. That army of heaven will be with Him praise the Lord. What a glorious thing this will be. How wonderful. Oh, oh, oh Jesus; oh, let it be tonight. Oh, just to begin this, hallelujah, what a time. But isn't it beautiful that we see Jesus? He's the one; He's it, He has all the power, but see, He's got glory with Him. He's lightened with glory. It's just so glorious because we know as we've spoken before in Revelation Twenty-one there, we see that New Jerusalem, the bride adorned. She descends from heaven having the glory of God, thank the Lord, And, she didn't just get it at that moment, she's got it right now. Because aren't we changing from glory to glory into His very image? You see, the faith is now, the love is now, the glory is now; the time is now.

Our reward, He's judging us; we're at the judgement seat of Christ right now, right? That's where we're at, and all He's doing is judging us for reward; will you take it all? You're so glorious, but will you just take it all. Will you receive everything that I have, and here He's given us everything that He has. We have the faith now, the faith of the Son of God. We have that faith by the Holy Ghost, the most holy faith by the Holy Ghost to truly to believe this for us individually all because of the grace of God. Marvelous.

So, he cried mightily, verse two with a strong voice saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become the habitation of devils, the hold of every foul spirit, a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. What this is speaking of when it's talking about the fowls and the birds is messengers. This Babylon is the culmination of every bit of wicked sound of doctrine there's ever been; it's just all there. That mystery of iniquity is just full out there. Every man did that which was right in his own eyes. I believe this; oh, that's great. I believe this; that's great, I believe

this, and that's just godless complete pile of abomination; absolute blasphemy to God; hate Him, hate Him. You see the things that are coming out; spiritual wickedness in high places. These things that they're speaking of especially now, endorsing, promoting; those are abominations. I understand that, I understand that really well, and it does hurt me, but I do not focus on it. I see it, and I look up. There's a difference, and if I'm just sewn into that, and sewn into the happenings, I'm not going to be ready for the happening. I thank God for what I see, but I want to be looking for Him.

Now, for all nations, not just some. 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. So, brothers and sisters, we see this, and we've seen this, the power. You know, they call it, you know I'll be very blunt tonight; the Vatican City? I mean, the wealth, the power, and that's why I say, they're not two Babylon's, it's just it; it's religious, and it's corporate. Aren't the corporations marching along with the abominations of this life now? Isn't that what it is? Don't they declare, and decree all of the different things that you're saying; that don't make sense. That's not right, but it doesn't matter. You know, we call it many things. They think of all the different names we say on these different things that come up that truly I believe so much of it. And again, not trying to step on a toe, I'm just telling you like it is. But we call it woke you know? We disguise it and somehow, we're going to save the planet. Lots of different things. I know that God can be very dear; these things can be very dear to them. My heart goes out to you, but on the other end of the spectrum it doesn't need to be caught up into something so much, that you're so much against that, but again you're not ready for the lord. Right?

Just kind of like what we said a little bit earlier tonight too, you know? Understand very well; very, very well the commandments and the ordinances. Very well, thank the Lord. But the thing I know most about them is Jesus Christ nailed them to the cross. And He took them for me, He fulfilled them for me, He did all of that, so you see what I'm saying? It's just like that with anything we have by God's grace. I want to focus on loving His appearing; I'm loving His appearing. Martha, you've become encumbered with so many things. Martha, you told Me you love Me so many times. Martha, we've had such good fellowship, and all of this. But sweetheart. You've become encumbered. You're busy with all these things that they're necessary, but this is the needful, and the needful is the better part. Alright? There's where by God's grace we want to be.

Now, let's go on, and I heard another voice, verse four, from heaven, saying, come out of her, my people. Oh, look at that. Come out of her. So, see we know that this isn't a corporate thing, this is a religious thing. We all have family; we all have friends that are in different godless denominations. Let's just be honest, and I've met ones virtually, virtually; not every relation that are saved, but they're in a religion that would never tell you how to, and does not preach salvation through the blood. But the grace of God, it's amazing for God so loved the world, and it's amazing when the Lord talks about that little tiny teeny seed of faith the size of a mustard

seed. Oh, it gives me chills to think about you know, you've been faithful in a few things, you'll be ruling over many, praise God.

Now, so it says come out of her My people that you be not partakers of her sin, and that ye receive not of her plagues, So, we read that back there in the church of Thyatira, didn't we? Get away from that, I mean it's a poison to you, and I'll tell us as bridal saints, and I commend you brothers and sisters, don't lend your ear for a moment to the good or the acceptable. Listen and hear the perfect will of God. Don't go listening to things to say well, that was good, and I just won't listen to that, or this is okay and I'm not; why would you do that? And don't think too highly of yourself, because you begin to listen to too much error; it can confuse you, it can confuse you. I want to hear Him, I want to hear what the Spirit sayeth to the church of Philadelphia. Alright? So, let's just get real exact, and real precise, so thank the Lord.

Verse five, for her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. So, we know if God's remembering her iniquities, they ain't saved, because He doesn't remember ours. Reward her even as she rewarded you. Oh boy, what a reward. And double them to her double, double according to her works. Isn't that something about how self-righteousness will be repaid; double, a double raff. Un huh. Amazing how the word of God talks about doubles all the time. The double portion for them that believe. That double portion praise God to sweet Elisha. There's a double portion of wrath too if you want it, and there it is. And it's a double according to her works in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. Uhm. How much she hath glorified herself. That's just like Satan, isn't it? He exalted himself above God; tried to. Tried to, but that's what he thought he could do. So, this is what this is, this is the epidemy of Satan; it's glorying yourself. It's like Paul said so sweetly, he said that I only be found having His righteousness, that I would not be found having mine own righteousness. We know what that is, that's of works of my doing where I become that idol someway of me that you know God forbid, but if it has to happen, let it happen now. Who hath bewitched you? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now become perfect by the flesh? We're not, and don't by the grace ever move that way. Don't.

We read about how even the elect of God would be deceived. You know how the elect of God is deceived today? The same way, and I'm going to tell you, self-righteousness. I've seen it, I see it going on, and but for the grace of God we would go right there. We're not better in any way, shape, or form. It's just thank You God for grace, that Your grace is greater. So, it says how much she hath glorified herself and lived deliciously. So, much torment and sorrow, give her. And that's what happens, even us in this day, when we go after self-righteousness, really what sorrow, what sadness. You can fool yourself for a while, but at the end oh my. What a sad, pitiful, cold shriveled up life it is. You've had such joy. I was looking at sweet Brother McLamb's engraving out there's precious face. The joy, the joy, the joy. Oh, such hurts and heartaches in his life. But the joy, He loved grace because grace was in love with him.

So much torment and sorrow give her for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen. Look at that. I am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. What does the Catholic Church say, she's the queen, she's the bride of Christ. It's the truth, so that's been going on for a long time that it'll even

magnify off of that. Don't be deceived. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, mourning, famine. She shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong *is* the Lord God who judged her. And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning. Now we kind of get over to the corporate side of it I guess if you want to say the business side because now we have the kings that are starting to lament. It wasn't just the people in the religious community, now you're going to get the kings, and then we're even going to throw in the merchants. I mean, this system has tentacles everywhere. And the reason it did is because we read way back in chapter two, she had a bed; a harlot's bed, and those that came in to fornicate with her received her disease, and this is what has manifest in this culmination of abominations at this time.

So, it says the kings of the earth have committed fornication, lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, lament for her when they shall see the smoke of her burning. Standing afar of. Notice, they didn't get too involved for the fear of her torment. saying, alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. It's amazing how quickly God can shut something down; I mean whit. So, when He saying one hour, I'll tell you what, it's going to be a little blink of an eye. Now here we go. And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more. So, everything's kind of stopped. The merchandise of gold, silver, precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen. So, see how people are saying well, you better you know, if you're going to throw the monies in the street that we're going to save gold. Gold? It says right here they're not even going to want gold anymore, they're not going to want silver anymore, and that money in the streets, it means gold too by the way.

The standard, you know they say the gold standard? Now they've got big coin standard; There's one standard, it's called the blood standard, and that's the standard that is it, and I thank God, we know it. The merchandise of gold, silver, precious stones, and pearls, linen, purple, silks, scarlet; all thine wood, all manner vessels of ivory, all manner vessels of most precious wood, of brass, iron, and marble, cinnamon, odours, ointments, frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour, wheat, beasts, sheep, horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. Interesting they list so many things, isn't it? Basically, it's saying everything; it's over, it's done, nothing has no value anymore, it's gone. Well, I thank the Lord that when you really fall in love with Him, I believe that happened to us in a glorious way a long time ago. It's just Him, He's everything.

And the fruits that thy soul lusts after are departed from thee. Oh, you know, those bigger barns, and more barns than that; look at that, they even departed, 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, saying, alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! So, we're back to that again; the dress of the great whore again, right? They're not too separate here; it's one. It's one system, one world system, and it's not again to look at it and say ooh it's here, and see who's connected behind it, and who's going to be this; that's not what we do, and don't go there. We know this story, but thanks be to God I know the end of this story, and I thank the Lord there is a beginning of this age that's coming, and how glorious to be ready for it.

So, it says once again in one hour such great riches is come to nought, verse seventeen. And every shipmaster, and all the company in the ships, and the sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off. Interesting as the word of God is emphasizing about the ships. I know they had a lot of trade at that time, and a lot of other things that were going on in this day, but think about the dependence we still have, incredible dependence we have about shipping in ports. I believe that gets most of the blame today upon our supply chain issues in many ways. So, it's amazing what the bible knows huh? And it says and cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, verse eighteen, saying, what *city is* like unto that great city! They're still worshipping her, and they're so sad because their worship is dead, it's gone, it's over. And they cast dust on their heads. I mean, this is a funeral, and they 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. And again it's talking about the suddenness; how sudden things are. And I think the Lord is showing us how sudden He brings these things in. Think of how sudden things are even changing today. I mean it's crazy in a way, but God's showing us, honeys, don't put your confidence in uncertain riches, don't put your confidence as we rejoiced on Sunday. We have no plan. We don't plan, we don't do that. We don't have one. Don't fool yourself, let Him take you on. And this is the plan of God right here, so this is the plan we have.

Now here's the rejoicing. Rejoice over her, *thou* heaven, and *ye* holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her. I cannot wait till that time. I mean, I do get disgusted to hear the blasphemy and just the boldness of wickedness that's growing all the time, and I will tell you, it will feel good when judgment comes for it, praise be to God. And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, cast *it* into the sea, saying, thus with violence shall the great city Babylon be thrown down. It's not just going to be thrown down, it's going to be thrown down violently, and shall be found no more at all; it's gone. Now listen to what else is gone. And the voice of the harpers, and the musicians, of the pipers, and the trumpeters. I want you to think about all the music in this world, and of these things, and remember who is the pipe organ within in heaven, it was the devil; Satan. He was the pipe organ within, he was the great musician. It's interesting how the lord throws all of these things in here doesn't He? Very descriptive. And so, all the trumpeters shall be heard no more at all in thee, and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft shall be, shall be found any more in thee. So, all the art, all of the artists; all of that, and the sound of the millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee, and here it is. And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee.

Thinking of just even literally, think of the great religions of the world, and their love for candles. You can say that's a stupid comment. I think you're pretty stupid to say it would be because it's the metaphor in there. It's a false light, that's what that is. There was no light in that religion, there was no light in her, she's so indebt there never was light. It's a false light, this is satanic, because Satan is that false light, and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee. We know what that is. Once again as I said it earlier on, she presents herself, she is not a widow; she's married, she's bride to God. That's not going to be heard no more. And think about how we started too, and it's cost the life of so many saints, and the blood which is on her hands. No wonder that great system is going to be judged first. Un huh. But for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were ALL nations; notice that all. Underscore that. All nations were deceived. And in her was found the blood of

prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth. You talk about the catalyst of so much death, destruction, evil yet in such a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof? That's all that can come forth is death.

And so that wraps up that judgement, and what's so sweet is God willing next week, even before we get into the battle of Armageddon there's another little reprieve kind of like the silence in heaven for a half hour. There's a feast that has to begin praise the Lord. He is more than wonderful. Praise His name. Let's stand and be dismissed.