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### The book of Revelation

The first word of this book, Ἀποκάλυψις [*Apokalypsis, unveiling*],

should be kept in mind throughout the book.

For it is God's intention to *reveal* rather than *conceal*.

#### **A Special Blessing**

(Revelation 1:3)



is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

#### **And a Special Curse**

(Revelation 22:18-19)

<sup>18</sup> For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book:

If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;

<sup>19</sup> and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and the things which are written in this book.

#### The Spirit of this Course

### ETSI DOCTRINA NON DARETUR

("as if doctrine is not given.")



1:17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead.



- John was unprepared for this experience.
- He had no language to fully express it. Worldly words and symbols did not adequately convey what he saw, so John used jewels, gems (e.g., jasper, sardius stones) and Scriptural references.



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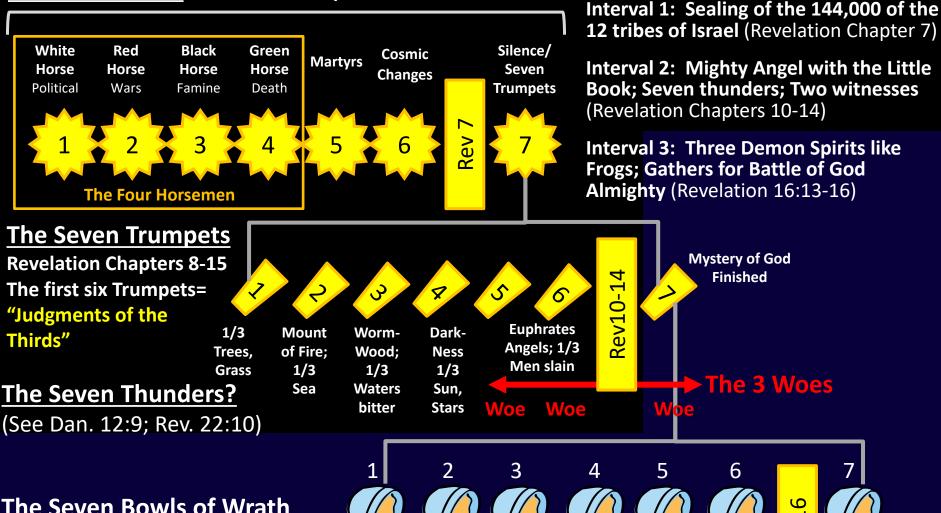
Imagination Will take you everywhere!

### MSHP helps us to prepare for the



#### **Status Report**

#### The Seven Seals - Revelation Chapters 6-7



The Seven Bowls of Wrath

**Revelation Chapter 16** 



#### Review



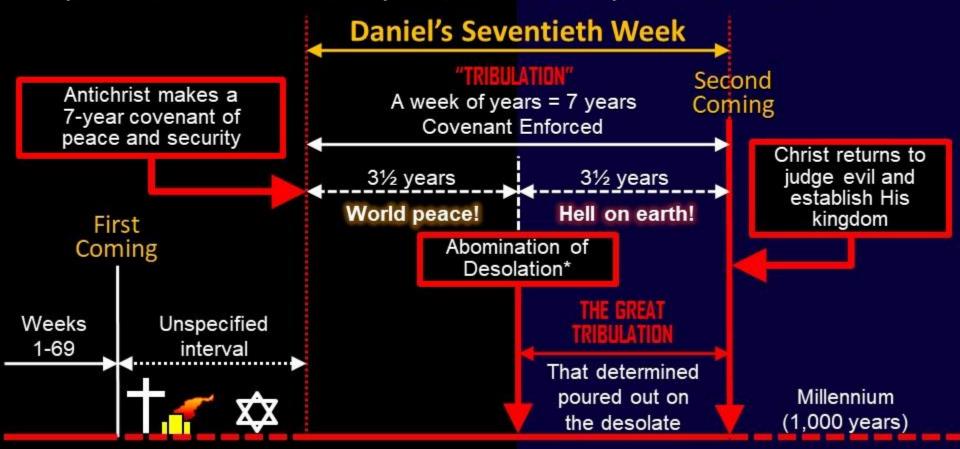
#### Review



#### Revelation Chapters 10—14

The second major interval (after the 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet and Second Woe)

At the start of Daniel's 70th Week, a world ruler rose to power and made a 7-year Covenant of Peace and Security, promising to protect the Jews and help rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem.



<sup>\*</sup>Antichrist breaks covenant with Israel and becomes their **persecutor** instead of **protector**.

#### The Voices of the Angels (Rev. 14:6-20)

While the nations will fear "the beast" and give honour to him, this angel summons them to fear and honour God alone as Creator-worship and serve Him. All creation bears witness to God's existence, power and

1
Judgement
is come

Babylon is fallen, Is fallen

"Babylon" is the beast's world system and "the harlot" is the religious system the beast uses to gain power. Antichrist will establish his own religion (13: 11–15) and destroy the "harlot," but God will destroy Babylon (Rev. 16:18-19, 18).

(14:8)

(14:14-20)

(14:6-7)

wisdom.

Evil Babylon intoxicates people but will one day be destroyed in "the winepress of the wrath of God." Today, God speaks to the world in grace, but people will not listen. Therefore, He will soon speak in wrath. Jesus comes on a white cloud.

4 The harvest is ripe

3 Escape God's wrath (14:9–13)

This message is for any undecided; the Greek reads, "If any man continues to worship the beast," suggesting that there is time for repentance and salvation.

#### **Progress Chart**

Daniel's 70 Weeks	<b>Revelation (General)</b>	Revelation (Specific)
<ul><li>Dan. 24-25</li><li>Weeks 1-69</li></ul>	<ul><li>Rev. 1 (things you have seen)</li></ul>	Rev. 1
<ul><li>Dan. 26 Interval</li></ul>	<ul><li>Rev. 2-3 (things which are)</li></ul>	<ul><li>Rev. 2-3 (Seven churches)</li></ul>
	• Rev. 4-22 (which shall be hereafter)	<ul><li>Rev. 4-5 (Throne room)</li></ul>
• Dan. 27 Week 70		Rev. 6-9 – 1 <sup>st</sup> 3½ yr Peace & security
		Rev. 10-14–Middle Abomination
		Rev. 15-18–2 <sup>nd</sup> 3½ Great Tribulation
		Rev. 19-20 The King and His Kingdom
		<ul><li>Rev. 21-22</li><li>All things new</li></ul>







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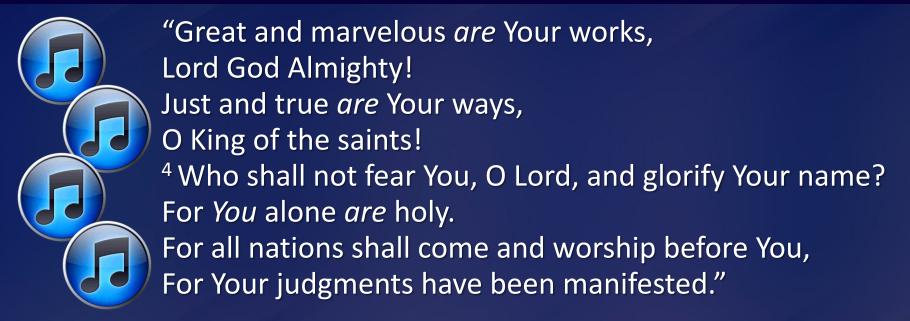
# The Seven Bowls

Revelation Chapter 15-19

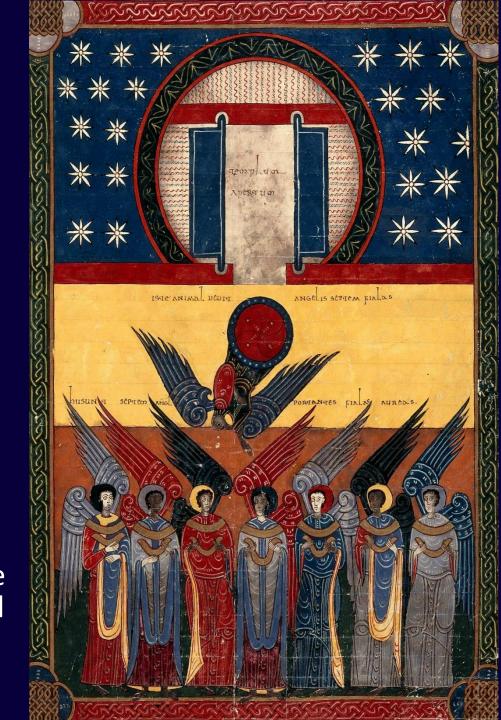
Beatus de Facundus: "Les sept anges portant les sept fléaux, la mer de cristal. Ceux qui ont triomphè de la Bete louent l'Agneau accompagnés de al harpe. Apoc. XV" (c. 1047)

#### **Prelude to the Bowl Judgments**

- 15 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.
- And I saw *something* like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark *and* over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. <sup>3</sup> They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:



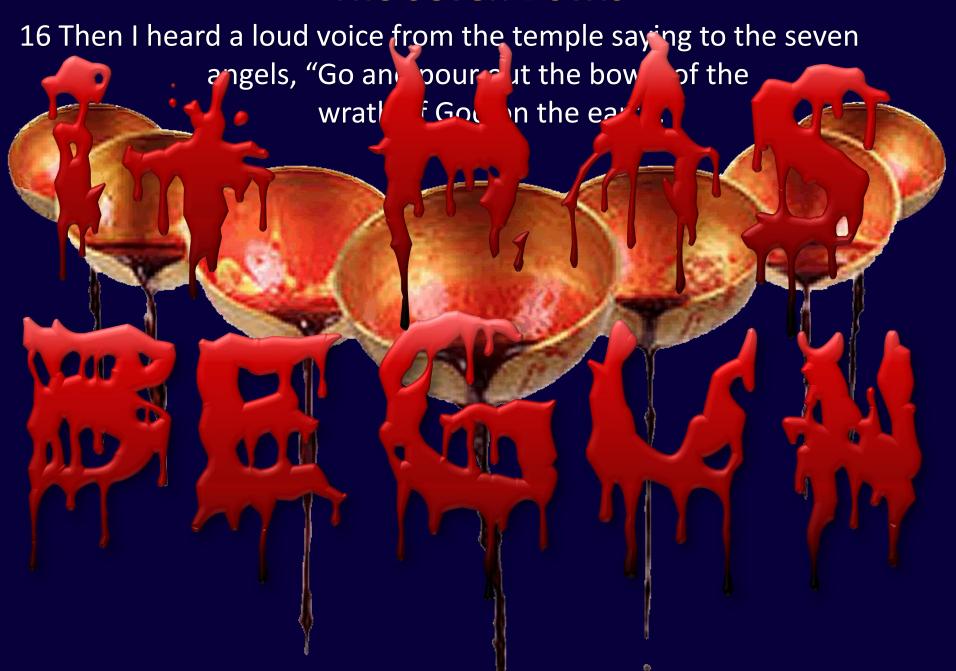
- After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. <sup>6</sup> And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands.
- <sup>7</sup> Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever.
- The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.



#### **The Seven Bowls**

16 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth."

#### **The Seven Bowls**



#### **First Bowl: Loathsome Sores**

So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.



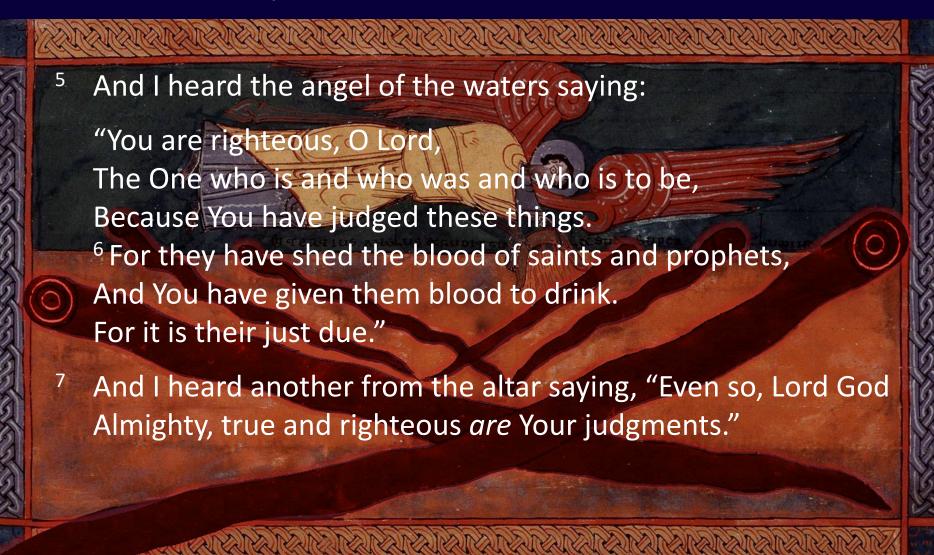
#### **Second Bowl: The Sea Turns to Blood**

Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead *man*; and every living creature in the sea died.



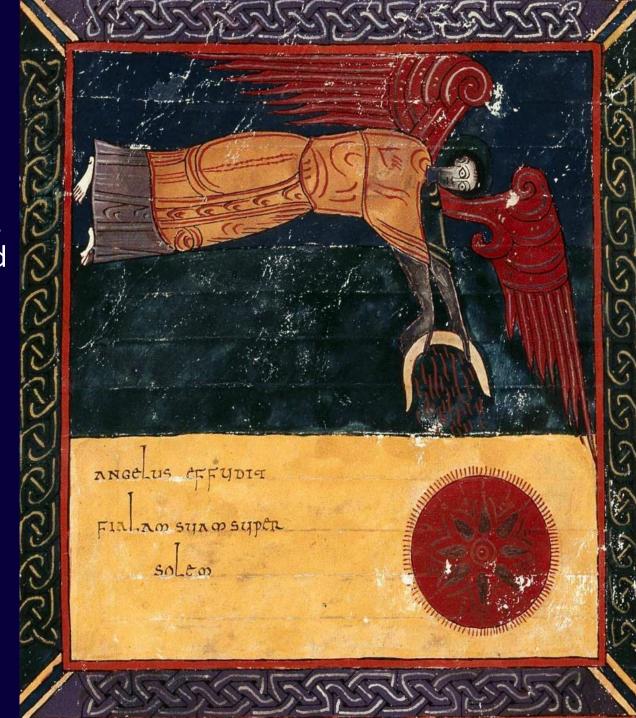
#### Third Bowl: The Waters Turn to Blood

Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.



#### Fourth Bowl: Men Are Scorched

- Then the fourth
  angel poured out his
  bowl on the sun, and
  power was given to
  him to scorch men
  with fire.
- 9 And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.



#### Fifth Bowl: Darkness and Pain



- Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain.
- They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

#### Sixth Bowl: Euphrates Dried Up

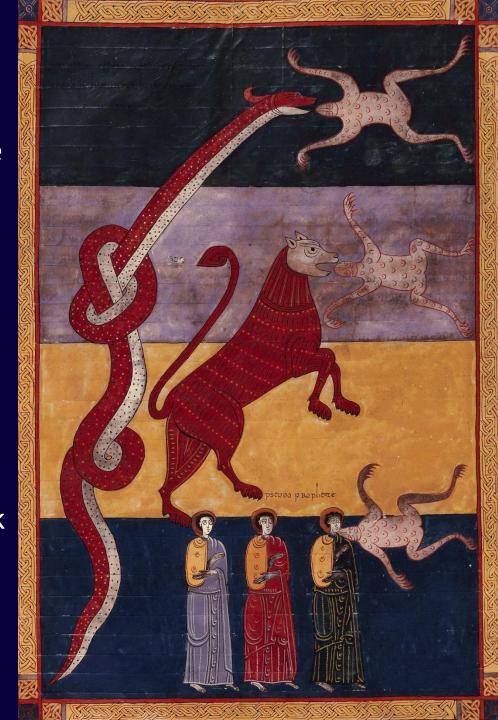
Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.



#### **The Third Interval**

- 13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

  14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.
- 15 "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed *is* he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."
- 16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.





Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying,

"It is done!"

- And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.
- Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.
- Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.
- And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. (1 talent weighs 125 pounds or 57 kg.)

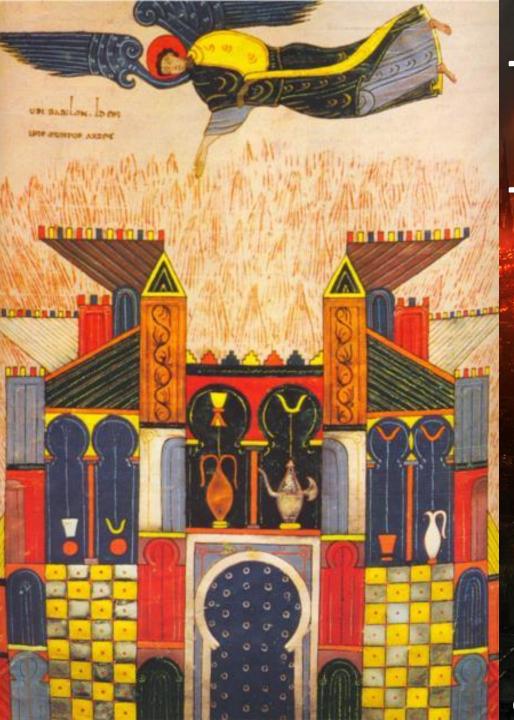
Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

#### Points to ponder about Chapters 14-16

- Chapters 14, 15 and 16 were given to encourage Christians:
  - The sealed 144,000 will arrive on Mount Zion and praise God (Rev. 14:1–5).
  - The martyrs will also be in glory, praising God (Rev. 15:1–4).
  - Movements of armies, confederations of nations, and worldwide opposition to God cannot hinder the Lord from fulfilling His Word and achieving His purposes.
  - Men think they are free to do as they please, but in reality, they are accomplishing the plans and purposes of God!
- Revelation uses symbolism to encourage believers in all ages.
  - The "Church" is shown as a pure virgin while the false religious system is shown as a "harlot" who lies and prostitutes herself.

#### Points to ponder about Chapters 14-16

- Every generation of Christians can identify with Revelation 14—16.
  - There has always been a "beast" to oppress God's people and a false prophet to try to lead them astray.
  - Every age has had its own prospective "beast(s)" (Antichrist).
  - There has been a "harlot" (false religious system) in every age.
  - Every age has featured a "Babylon" (authoritarian political and economic system).
  - Wars have always had us on the verge of an "Armageddon."
  - God always maintains a faithful remnant (Jews and Christians).



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Desolation and Destruction

Revelation Chapter 17-18

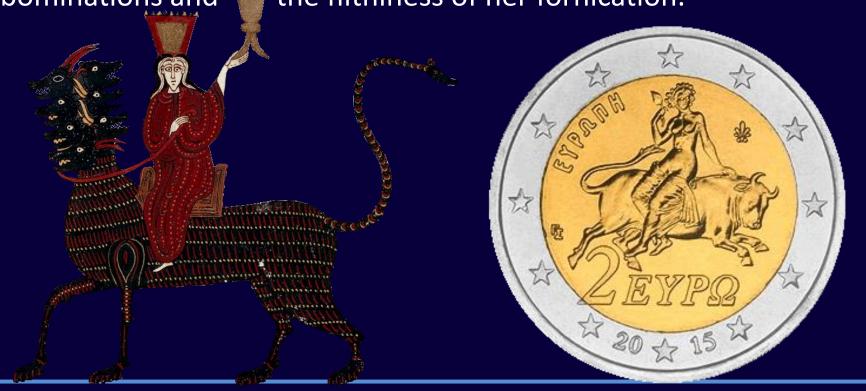
Beatus de Facundus: "La destruction de Babylone, consumee par le feu. Apoc. XVIII" (c. 1047)

#### The Scarlet Woman and the Scarlet Beast

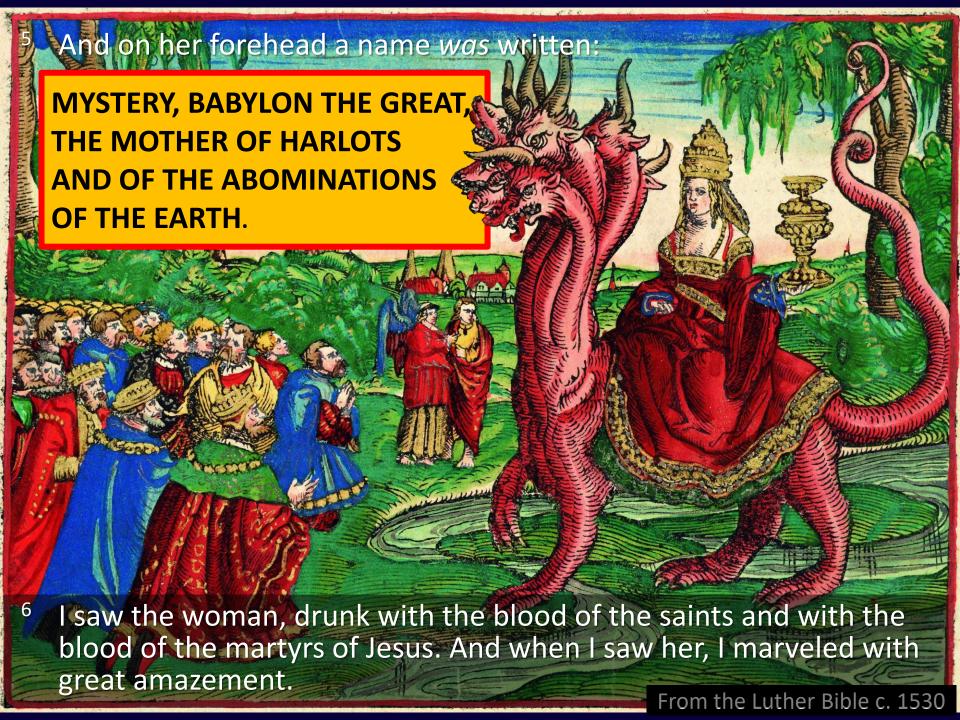
17 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, <sup>2</sup> with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication."



And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. <sup>4</sup> The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.



Genesis 2 speaks of a pure bride in a lovely garden, but by the Bible's end, civilization has degenerated to an impure harlot in a wilderness!



#### The Meaning of the Woman and the Beast

- But the angel said to me, "Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.
- The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.
- <sup>9</sup> "Here *is* the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.

#### Cities with seven hills (mountains)

- Rome: Aventine, Caelian, Capitoline, Esquiline, Palatine, Quirinal, Viminal
- USA: Seattle, San Francisco, Richmond, Manhattan, and 19 others.
- **Europe:** Athens, Brussels, Moscow, Madrid, Edinburgh, Istanbul +39.
- Asia: Jerusalem, Tehran, Mecca, Amman, Bhopal, Mumbai plus 4 more
- Others: Asunción, Paraguay; Kampala, Uganda; plus 9 others.
- Australia: Brisbane and Sydney (suburbs named Seven Hills).

- There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. <sup>11</sup> The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.
  - 1. Egypt (3100-1069 BC)
  - 2. Assyria (1900-612 BC)
  - Babylon (626-539 BC) head of gold
  - 4. Medo-Persia (539-331 BC) breast of silver
  - 5. Greece (331-146 BC) thighs of brass
  - 6. Rome (168 BC AD 476) legs of iron
  - 7. Rome II (476 ongoing) feet of iron and clay
- "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.
- 13 These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast.

These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful."



- 15 Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.
- And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.
- And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth."

### The Fall of Babylon the Great

18 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory.

<sup>2</sup> And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying,



"Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every four spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury."

- And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.
- For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.
- Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her.
- <sup>7</sup> "In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, 'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.'
- Therefore her plagues will come in one day—death and mourning and famine.
  - And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her.







### The World Mourns Babylon's Fall

"The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, <sup>10</sup> standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.'





"And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: 12 merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble;



and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men.

- The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all.
- The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, <sup>16</sup> and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls!



- 17 For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.' Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance 18 and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What is like this great city?'
- "They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying,

'Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.'

<sup>20</sup> "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and *you* holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!"

#### Finality of Babylon's Fall

Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw *it* into the sea, saying,

"Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore.

22 The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you anymore. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore.

<sup>23</sup> The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived. <sup>24</sup> And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth."

Rev 6-7
The Seals
and
the Sealed





Rev 12-13
The terrible
trio (Satan,
False Christ,
False
Prophet)

Rev 14-16 Voices of Victory



Trumpets	The Judgment	Bowls
8:1–7	The earth	16:1–2
8:8–9	The sea	16:3
8:10–11	The rivers	16:4–7
8:12–13	The heavens	16:8–9
9:1–2	Mankind—torment	16:10–11
9:13–21	An army	16:12–16
11:15–19	Angry nations	16:17–21



## KEEP CALM

# YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHING YET!