

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

REVELATION CHAPTER 17:1-18

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

IDENTIFYING THE ROAD TO BABYLON

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The Great Tribulation, Babylon,

There are Portions of the Bible Where You're Tempted to Ask,
"What Did I Just Read and What Does It Mean?"

Well Here in Revelation Chapters 17 & 18 We Have The Exact Opposite.

It Is So Very Clear What is Being Said in These Chapters. That It Has a Teaching and Topic Often Avoided
Because of its Clear Content Because of What It Unmasks!

The Hardship That I Have This Morning in Delivering This Message is That It Is So Easily Understood That It
Will Be Alarming to Us.

Revelation 17:6-7

...I marveled with great amazement. :7 But the angel said to me, "Why did you marvel?"

These Very Symbols and Images That John Sees Are Very Clear to Him for They Were Known in His Day.

And They are Known to Us in Our Day as They Have Been throughout the Ages

We Just Need to Open Our Eyes and Prepare Our Hearts

"We May Marvel, But Had Better Understand"

Revelation 17:1-7

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, :2 with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication." :3 So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast *which was* full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. :4 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. :5 And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. :6 I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with

great amazement. :7 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 Background to Our Study Will Consume The Bulk of Our Time

It has been the passion of nearly every biblical author to warn and instruct the true believer against false, religious representations.

In All But One of the Books of the New Testament,
Warns Against Spiritual Deception and An Increasing of It as Time Goes On.

2 Corinthians 11:26

in journeys often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils of *my own* countrymen, *in* perils of the Gentiles, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren;

2 John 1:7

For many deceivers have gone out into the world

2 Peter 2:1

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction. :2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed (altered).

1 John 4:1-3

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. :2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, :3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

Matthew 24:10-11

And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. :11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

Matthew 24:24-25

For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. :25 See, I have told you beforehand.

The Apostle Paul, No Doubt with Jesus' Words Upon His Heart Said;

While Paul was in Miletus, Turkey,
he called for a conference meeting for the Pastors in Ephesus,

Acts 20:27-32

For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. **:28** Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. **:29** For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. **:30** Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. **:31** Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. **:32** "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace..

...And I Stand Here and Can Do No Better
I commend you church to God and to the word of His grace, the gospel!

An Introduction to The Term, Name of Babylon

The Name, or Term "Babylon" is Broad in Scope,
for it speaks of a "city" and "system"

- First* the name Babylon appears 290 times in the Bible, second only to Jerusalem. It's One of the Oldest Cities in All of the World.
- Second* All cult and occultic beliefs and practices can be traced back to the ancient Babylonian worship system.
- Third* The Bible teaches that the Name and/or Term "Babylon" will make a great come back upon the world's scene before the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to earth. - it is being reassembled as we speak.
- Fourth* In the last 2,000 years the Babylonian worship system has been reawakening and has drastically increased in the 500 years.

But What Makes "Babylon" so Important?
It was the place of man's first attempt to overthrow God

Genesis 10:8-10

Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. **:9** He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD." **:10** And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel,

Bab-EI

BAB = Gateway or Entrance, EL = God
"The Gateway to God"

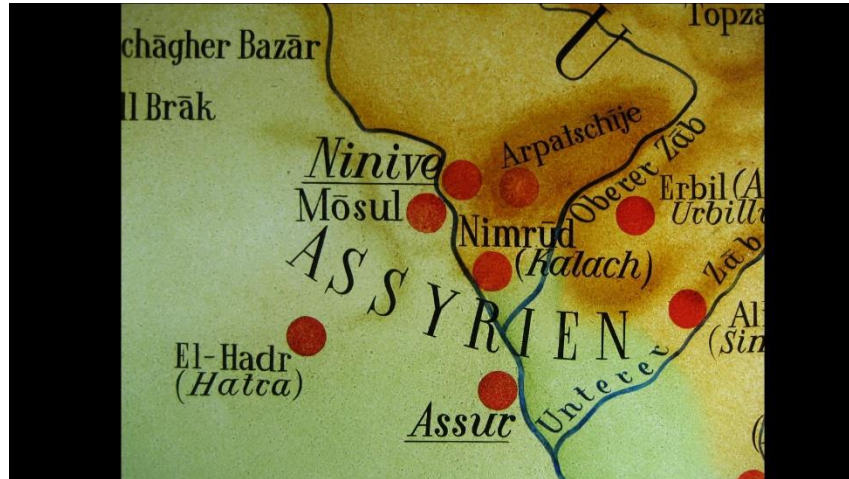
Genesis 10:9

He was a mighty hunter before (the face of, against, contrary to) the LORD;

Nimrod was Literally the Forerunner of The Antichrist
as he was led by what the Bible calls the spirit of antichrist.

Nimrod had a Wife: "Semiramis"

her name was Semiramis and she was and is known for being the first Priestess of Heaven and Hell.



Semiramis had a Son: "Tammuz"

Semiramis said that she had become pregnant by a beam of light that descended from heaven and thus Tammuz was born and grew in the spirit of his father Nimrod and under the care of his mother Semiramis, and as was his father's talent, so it was Tammuz, that he became a hunter. In so doing the young man was brutally killed by a wild boar and buried.

But his mother, As the sole Priestess of Heaven and Hell began to plead with the gods of the underworld and for 40 days her lamentations grew (the Babylonians called her lament = LENT) so great and her prayers so fervent, that by her Intercession, the gods released Tammuz and he was risen from the dead. -

Israel adopted this Babylonian Cult Worship

Jeremiah 44:15-17

Then all the women present and all the men who knew that their wives had burned incense to idols—a great crowd of all the Judeans living in Pathros, the southern region of Egypt—answered Jeremiah, :16 “We will not listen to your messages from the LORD! :17 We will do whatever we want. We will burn incense to the Queen of Heaven and sacrifice to her just as much as we like—just as we and our ancestors did before us, and as our kings and princes have always done in the towns of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. For in those days we had plenty to eat, and we were well off and had no troubles!

Ezekiel 8:12-14

The Lord spoke unto me saying, “Ezekiel, Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel are doing in the darkness, each at the shrine of his own idol? They say, ‘The LORD does not see us; the LORD has forsaken the land.’” :13 Again, he said, “You will see them doing things that are even more detestable.” :14 Then he brought me to the entrance to the north gate of the house of the LORD, (Jerusalem) and I saw women sitting there, **mourning for Tammuz.**

According to the Babylonian Cult, Semiramis' act of Priestly Intercession Confirmed upon her the power to deliver a soul from what the Babylonians

called the doctrine of (Perga-tory).

Which is the foundation to the name "Pergamum or Pergamos"

Revelation 2:2-13

"And to the angel of the church in Perga-mos write, 'These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword: :13 "I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is.

at the time of Jesus Christ, the headquarters of the babylonian Cult was in Pergamos,
The Church Called it Satan's Seat - The Temple of Zeus which is in Berlin, Germany Today

She was Declared to be the Intercessor for the World
and That Tammuz was the Deliverer of the World,
and born in Babylon was The Cult of the "Mother and Child"

In **Assyria** they Were Worshipped by the Names;
Ishtar and Tammuz

In **Phoenicia** they Were Worshipped by the Names;
Ash-Tar-Ta and Baal (god of the moon)

In **Egypt** they Were Worshipped by the Names;
Isis and Horace

In **Greece** they Were Worshipped by the Names;
Aphroditie and Eros

In **Rome** they Were Worshipped by the Names;
Venus and Cupid

LENT / EASTER

After her 40 days of Lamentation (called lent) after the resurrection of Tammuz, there was a
great celebration in honor of Semiramis (Isthar) and Tammuz

of feasting and drinking and orgies and a very special gift was exchanged,
a decorated egg was given to the worshippers of Ishtar,
Her Name for the 2,000 years... is not Ishtar, but by the Chaldean word - Easter.

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