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"The Revelation of Jesus Christ"
Revelation 1:1-22:21;

- I. The things which thou hast seen! 1:19; Revelation 1:1-20;
Introduction=1: 1-3;
John's Salutation=1 :4-8;
John on Patmos instructed to write to the seven churches=1:9-20;
- II. The things which are! 1:19; Revelation 2:1-3:22;
 - A. The message to Ephesus=2:1-7;
 - B. The message to Smyrna=2:8-11;
 - C. The message to Pergamos=2:12-17;
 - D. The message to Thyatira=2:18-29;
 - E. The message to Sardis=3:1-6;
 - F. The message to Philadelphia=3:7-13;
 - G. The message to Laodicea=3:14-22 ;
- III. The things which shall be hereafter! 1 :19;
In the Old Testament, Israel saw the first coming and second coming of the Messiah as one. In Isaiah 9:6; "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, (1st Coming) and the government shall be upon his shoulder (2nd Coming): and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Also Zechariah 9:9-10; "Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king come to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey (1st Coming). I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from the sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth (2nd Coming)."
Daniel 9:24-27; presents the first picture of the Tribulation spoken of as Daniel's 70th week. It is a week of 7 years.

Revelation 4:1-22:21;

- I. The Seven Seals=4:1-8:1;
 - A. The Rapture=4:1; Arguments for the rapture! (I Thessalonians 4:15-17);
 - 1. Sequence of events in the book of Revelation .
 - 2. Silence in chapters 4-19 concerning the church.
 - 3. The scripture scene transfers from earth to heaven.
 - 4. The symbolic presence of John in heaven=v. 2a;
 - B. The Focus of Heaven = the Throne of God=4:2b-5: 14;
of God=4:2b-S:
 - 1. Seated on it=the Eternal God!
"The word throne occurs 46 times in revelation. 14 times in chapter 4."
(Dr. David Jeremiah)

2. 24 Elders and 4 living Creatures worship before the throne=v 4-11;
 3. The seven sealed book and the Lamb of God appears to be worshiped=5:1-14;
- C. The Book of Seven Seals=6:1-8:1;
1. The first seal opened=v.1-2; Pictures the beast going forth to conquer the earth!
 2. The second seal opened=v.3-4; Peace taken from the earth!
 3. The third seal opened=v.5-6; Famine-the result of war!
 4. The fourth seal opened=v.7-8; Death a result of Famine and War!
 5. The fifth seal opened=v. 9-11; Martyred saints recognized!
 6. The sixth seal opened=v.12-17; God's judgment shakes the earth!
 7. A break in the Judgment to seal 144,000 evangelists, and a vision of those who will be saved during the Tribulation=7: 1-17;
 8. The seventh seal opened=8:1-2;
- II. THE SEVEN TRUMPETS=8:2-11:19;
- A. The first Trumpet sounds=8:7; third of trees and all grass burnt up!
 - B. The second Trumpet sounds=8:8-9; third part of the sea became blood, third part of creatures in sea die, third part of ships destroyed.
 - C. The third Trumpet sounds=8: 10-11; Wormwood (Chinoble-Russian) falls to the earth affecting third part of rivers, fountains, and many die!
 - D. The fourth Trumpet sounds=8:12-13; a third part of sun, moon, stars do , not shine for a third part of day and night! An angel pronounces 3 Woes!
 - E. The fifth Trumpet sounds and first Woe comes=9:1-12; Supernatural locust torment men who have not God's seal for 5 months. Men can not die during that time.
 - F. The sixth Trumpet sounds:9:13-21; 4 angels are loosed to slay the third part of men in a year, a month, a day, and an hour by an army of 200,000,000!
 - G. John sees additional events=10:1-11:12;
 1. An angel with a little book, seven thunders sound but John is not allowed to write what they declare, the angel declares time to be no more (apparently this occurs yet in the future), John eats the little book and is told he will prophesy before multitudes=10:1-11;
 2. John is given a reed to measure the temple and is told the Gentiles will tread under Jerusalem for 42 months (last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation). Also he is told about two witnesses of God with supernatural power who will bring judgment on Jerusalem for 1,260 days (last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation). Then they will die and be resurrected after 3 days and ascend into heaven= 11:1-12;
 3. The same hour they ascend into heaven the Second Woe occurs. There is a great earthquake in Jerusalem and 7,000 die=11:13-14;
 - H. The seventh Trumpet sounds= 11:15-19; Voices in heaven state that the kingdoms of the world are become the kingdoms of the Lord and of Christ!

God will judge the nations!

III. SEVEN PERSONS ARE NEXT SPOKEN OF WHO WILL APPEAR DURING THE TRIBULATION PERIOD! Revelation 12:1-13: 18;

- A. Israel=12:1-2; who gives birth to Christ!
- B. Satan=12:3-4, 9; who appears as a great red dragon!
- C. The child, Christ=12:5-6; Satan will persecute Israel who flees to a place God has prepared for her to dwell for 1,260 days.
- D. The archangel Michael and his angels fight Satan and his angels. Satan and his angels are cast down to the earth which means great additional trouble for those on the earth=12:7-12;
- E. Satan now persecutes Israel who flees to the place God prepared for her to dwell=12:13-16;
- F. Thus Satan goes to make war with the remnant who did not flee=12:17;
- G. The Beast=13:1-10; who will have power over all people!
 1. An Old Testament prophet gives us a foundation for this chapter! Daniel 2:31-43; (Daniel at about 70 years old has a vision about The Beast) Daniel 7:1-8, 15-17, 19-25;
 2. What is the Beast? Revelation 13:1;
Answer=The Beast is a man-v. 18;
Luke 4:5-8; Jesus rejected Satan's offer.
The beast will accept the offer. John 5:43; "Jesus said 'I am come in my Father's name and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.'
Henri Spaak (formerly a member of the European Common Market and General Secretary of NATO) said, "Send us a man who can hold the allegiance of all the people, and whether he be god or devil, we will receive him."NOTE=II Thessalonians 1:1-12;
 3. What does the sea represent? Verse 1;
Answer=Humanity=Revelation 17: 15;
 4. What do the 10 horns on the 7 heads of the Beast represent? Ver. 1;
Answer=Revelation 17:12-13, 16-17; (Mystery Babylon will be the world Religion working with the Beast)
 5. Where does the Beast get his power? Verse 2;
Answer=Revelation 12:7-9; 20:2;
 6. How great will the power of the Beast be?
Answer= Revelation 13:4a "Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war against him?" II Thessalonians 2:4a; "Who opposeth and exhalteth himself above all that is called God." Daniel 8:24;" And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people."
 7. Over how many nations will the Beast rule?

- Answer=Revelation 13:6-7;
8. How long will the Beast rule over all nations?
Answer=Revelation 13:5; Daniel 7:"And he shall speak great words against the most High and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time (1 yr.) and times (2 yrs.) and the dividing of time: (½ yr)."
 9. Who will the world worship during the reign of the Beast?
Answer=Revelation 13:4; II Thessalonians 2:3-4; Daniel 11:36-37;"And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all."
 10. Will God permit the Beast to have a peaceful reign?
Answer=Revelation 16:1-21;
 11. Will the Beast blaspheme God and persecute the Tribulation Saints?
Answer=Revelation 13:6-7a; Daniel 7:25a-b; "And he shall speak Great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High,"
 12. What is the mark and number of the Beast?
Answer=Revelation 13:16-18; Consider the "Beast" in Brussels! The mark & # is something we are being educated toward! License #, Social Security #, Credit Card #, Phone #, House #, etc. Man's number in the bible is 6
 - a) God created man on the 6th Day==Genesis 1:23-31;
 - b) (Daniel 3:1-7;) Nebuchadnezzars Image was 60 cubits high, 6 cubits wide. 6 kinds of instruments called the worshipers to bow.'
 - c) 6 Days God gave man to labor (Exodus 20:8-10)
 - d) 666 is the number of the beast=v.18;
 13. Who will take the mark?
Answer=Revelation 13:8, 16; 20:4;
 14. What will happen to those who take the mark?
Answer=Revelation 14:9-11;
 15. How will the Beast meet his doom?
Answer=Revelation 19:11-20;
- H.The False Prophet=13:11-18; 16:13; I John 2:18-28;
1. Why does he look like a lamb? V. 11b; II Corinthians 11:13-15;
Satan is a master counterfeiter! He is a master at deceit===
Revelation 12:9; Remember how Jesus was first introduced by John the Baptist? John 1:28-29,35-36;
 2. Who does he speak like? v. 11c; Revelation 12:9; Consider some of the

- sayings of Satan=Genesis 3:4-5; Job 1:9-11; 2:4-5; Matthew 4:3,6, 8-9;
3. Where does he get his power? v. 12; Same place the first beast gets his power=v. 2; He is demon possessed= Revelation 16: 13;
 4. What does he do?
 - a) Causes the people of the earth to worship the first beast=v. 12;
 - b) Does wonders or miracles=v.13;
 - c) He deceives the people of earth=v. 14a; Apparently he is successful because they believe in the 1st beast=II Thessalonians 2:9-12;
 - d) He leads the people to build an image of the beast=v. 14b;
 - e) He causes the image to speak and destroy any who will not worship the image of the beast=v. 15;
 - f) He will be the one to cause the people of the earth to take the mark of the beast= v. 16;
 - g) He will also control all commerce through controlling the economy because he will cause people to be unable to buy or sell without the mark, number, or name of the beast=v. 17;
 5. How will he meet his doom? Revelation 19:20;
 "In the book of Revelation, God the Holy Spirit only lets so much judgment material pass by us before He breaks in with an encouraging message. God shows us some judgment for two or three chapters; then He backs away and gives us a picture of what's going to happen in the future--the great things that God has in store for those who are His own, or some picture of His preservation of a group of people through all of this situation.
 Chapter 14 of Revelation speaks of God's grace and goodness. It is a stark contrast to chapter 13. Chapter 13 speaks of Satan's lamb, who is the False Prophet, but chapter 14 introduces us again to God's Lamb. In chapter 13 we see false religion, but in 14 we are introduced again to true religion. In 13 there is idolatry everywhere, but in 14 there is worship everywhere. In 13 there is the mark of the Beast but in 14 there is God's mark. In 13 the number is 666, but in 14 the number is 144,000. The 14th chapter is a series of 7 visions" These visions are not chronological in sequence, but they are like a panoramic view of the Tribulation." (Quote by Dr David Jeremiah-Escape the Coming Night" page 70)
 - a) Vision of the Lamb and the 144,000=14:1-5;
 - b) Vision of the angel with the gospel=14:6-7;
 - c) Vision of the fall of Babylon=14:8;
 - d) Vision of the doom of those who worship the Beast=14:9-12;
 - e) Vision of the blessing upon those who will die for Christ=14:13;
 - f) Vision of the great reaping=14:14-16;
 - g) Vision of Armageddon=14:18-20; The actual battle is described in

Revelation 19 and Ezekiel 39:8-16 = where he states it will take 7 months to bury the dead and 7 years to get rid of the weapons assembled for the battle. The blood shed (v. 20) will be over an area of about 200 miles and 4 ½ feet deep (the height of a horse's bridle.)

IV. THE SEVEN VIALS OF GOD'S WRATH=15:1-16:21;

A. The scene John sees in heaven=15:1-16:1;

1. John sees seven angels having the seven last plagues filled with the wrath of God (v. 1).
2. He also sees many in heaven who are saved during the Tribulation singing songs to the glory of God (v. 2-4;).
3. Then he sees the temple in heaven opened and the seven angels are given the seven vials full of the wrath of God (v. 5-16:1;)

B. The Vials or bowls of the Wrath of God=16:2-21;

1. Men who have the mark of the beast and worship him are given sores that are harmful, foul smelling, causing intense pain=16:2;
2. The sea becomes as the blood of a dead man and all life in the sea dies=16:3;
3. The rivers and fountains of waters become blood= 16:4-7;
4. The Sun scorches men with fire=16:8-9;
5. The capital of the beast is covered with darkness and men gnaw their tongues because of the pain=16:10-11;
6. The great river Euphrates is dried up to prepare the way for the Kings of the East to come to Armageddon=16:12;
NOTE=3 unclean spirits that look like frogs come out of the mouths of the devil, the beast, and the false prophet. They work miracles to bring the kings of the earth and the world to the battle, of Armageddon =16:13-16;
7. This vial is poured out as a great voice cries "It is done" just as when the judgment of God was poured forth on the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross and He cried "It is finished". An earthquake in magnitude above any since men were on earth occurs that removes every island and flattens the mountains. Also the great city (probably Jerusalem) is divided into three parts while the cities of the nations fall. Also great hail falls from heaven weighing up to 100 pounds per hail stone. This vial reaches its climax with the battle of Armageddon =16:17-21;

V. The Two Babylons= Revelation 17:1-18:24;

- A. The Babylon of Revelation 17:1-18; First consider the religious roots of this Babylon. The Word Babylon comes from the word Babel which means confusion. "The religious roots of Babylon were sown at the tower of Babel by Nimrod (Note Genesis 11:1-9;). By 1830 B.C. the city began its rise to prominence. Hammurabi (1704-1661 B.C.) Would later make it world famous through his code of law. Babylon was controlled by the Assyrians

from 900-722 B.C. Around 722 B.C. a Babylonian named Medrodach-Baladan (mentioned in II Kings 20:12; and Isaiah 39:1;) revolted against the Assyrians. In 626 B. C. Another strong man named Nebopalassar founded the dynasty which was flourishing in Daniel's day. (Willmington's Guide To the Bible- page 226)

The city of "Babylon was founded by Nimrod, the great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:8-10;) Surviving a series of conflicts, it became one of the most magnificent and luxurious cities in the known world. Superbly constructed, it spread over an area of fifteen square miles, the Euphrates River flowing diagonally across the city. The famous historian Herodotus said the city was surrounded by a wall 350 feet high and 87 feet thick extending 35 feet below the ground to prevent tunneling, and wide enough for six chariots to drive abreast. Around the top of the wall were 250 watchtowers placed in strategic locations. Outside the huge wall was a large ditch or moat, which surrounded the city and was kept filled with water from the Euphrates River. The large ditch was meant to serve as an additional protection against attacking enemies, before any attacking enemy would have to cross this body of water first before approaching the great wall. Within this wall were one hundred gates of brass. But in addition to being a bastion for protection, Babylon was a place of beauty. The famous hanging gardens of Babylon are on record yet today as one of the seven wonders of the world. Arranged in an area 400 feet square, and raised in perfectly cut terraces one above the other they soared to a height of 350 feet. Viewers could make their way to the top by means of stairways, which were ten feet wide.

From a distance these hanging gardens presented an imposing sight. The tower itself sat on a base 300 feet in breadth and rose to a height of 300 feet. The great temple of Marduck, adjoining the Tower of Babel, was the most renowned sanctuary in all the Euphrates Valley. It contained a golden image of Bel and a golden table which together weighed not less than 50,000 pounds. At the top were golden images of Bel and Ishtar, two golden lions, a golden table 40 feet long, 15 feet wide, and a human figure of solid gold 18 feet high. Babylon was literally a city of gold! (See Isaiah 14:4;). The city had 53 temples and 180 altars to Ishtar." (Willmington's Guide To the Bible-Pages 231-232) The goddess Ishtar has had an impact on the world we live in today. "Would it surprise you to learn that Easter started millenniums before Christ was ever born? It was not until the 4th century that this ancient celebration was mixed together with Christianity. It all began with Semeramis, the wife of Nimrod, and a 'Spring Festival' in honor of 'Fertility'! Various other countries took up the practice and had their own female deities such as Astarte of the Chaldeans, Venus of the Greeks, Eastre of the Anglo-Saxons, and Ishtar of the Babylonians. Easter is just the

slightly changed English spelling of these names. Astarte was the consort of Baal, the supposed 'Sun God' whose worship is so strongly denounced in the scripture. As goddess of spring and 'Sunrise', Astarte was worshiped in the early morning with 'Hot Cross Buns' (compare Jeremiah 7:18) and colored eggs. Rabbits and eggs were fertility symbols of the ancient, and so were connected with sex orgies accompanying these feasts. But what; pray tell, has sex to do with the Holy, precious Resurrection of our sinless Lord? Yet, Easter is full of such symbols,

'You're mixing me up', I hear someone say, 'Easter is mentioned In the Bible isn't it?' Acts 12:4! Sorry, wrong again! The word in the original is 'PASCHA' (Passover), and only a mistake in translation has put the erroneous word 'Easter' into our English Bibles." (H.G.B, Our Daily Bread)

Babylon "was the capital of the Babylonian Empire which was very prominent in the Old Testament. Ezekiel and Daniel were both written in Babylon during the Jewish captivity. Revelation 17-18 are the concluding chapters of the Bible about Babylon. Chapter 17 pictures Satan's church of the Tribulation and Chapter 18 pictures the World's Economic System of the Tribulation. " (Willmington's Guide To The Bible-Pages 570-574)

Revelation 17:1-18:24

1. Assuming that the great whore represents the false church as previously considered, the time of judgment has come (17:1). What are the many waters where the great whore sitteth? See Revelation 17:15! Thus her influence will be felt around the world.
2. What does her activity which is called "fornication" mean? Consider Ezekiel 16:26, 29-30; where the Lord God is speaking to Israel because of her idolatry!
The great whore has forsaken the true God to seek after false gods! 17:2; explains that the kings of the earth have participated in and supported' the idolatry of the false church and have been intoxicated with her activities.
3. 17:3=Who is the woman on the Beast and Who is the Beast?
 - a) The woman on the beast appears to be the great whore=v. 5,
 - b) The beast is probably the same as we read about in chapter 13:1; The great whore which is the false church led by the false prophet will be supported by the beast as long as it benefits him and his purposes.
4. What are the 7 heads on the beast=v. 3? 17:9=the 7 heads are 7 . mountains (17:9;) on which the woman sitteth, Many believe this is Rome . which is known to sit on 7 hills (v. 18;) and is the headquarters for the Roman Catholic church which many believe will be a part of the false church. Also 17:10 speaks of 7 kings and the 7th might refer to the false prophet who will have power as the head of the false religion with the beast a short time (13:11-17; 19:20;) because 17:11; indicates that

the 6th king (which may be the Beast and is wounded to death) reappears as the 8th but is of the 7. See Revelation 13:1-3;

5. What are the 10 horns on the beast? The 10 horns of 17:3 are 10 kings (17:12-13;) and many think this refers to the 10 common market nations which will put the beast on his way to world power by giving him their power and support.
6. How will the woman be clothed? The woman (great whore which is the false church=17:4;) will be clothed with purple and scarlet colors decked with gold, precious stones and pearls pictured with a cup in her hand (as in the communion or Lord's Supper) which is filled with abominations and fornication (17:4;). Some believe this pictures the Roman Catholic Church where these things are very much seen even today.
7. What is the name of the great whore? The name of the great whore (the woman or false church=17:5;) is "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." Remember the word "mystery" in scripture means "the revelation of a truth that was hidden in the past but is now divinely revealed with a supernatural element still remaining which the revelation has not fully revealed." This woman (the false church) has deceived many and has kept hidden her wickedness so that she appears mysterious. "BABYLON THE GREAT" reminds us of confusion for her birth place was where man's languages created confusion (Genesis 11 :9;) and "THE GREAT" pictures her great power and influence on the world. The term "THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" reminds us that she is evil and wicked as 17:6 reveals. This great whore (false church) is responsible for the death of many saints and martyrs of Jesus which again points to the Roman Catholic Church which killed many believers as heretics in the past trying to get them to return to the Roman Catholic Church. "Fox's Book Of Martyrs" states at the beginning of Chapter IV "We come now to a period when persecution, under the guise of Christianity, committed more enormities than ever disgraced the annals of paganism. Disregarding the maxims and the spirit of the Gospel, the papal Church, arming herself with the power of the sword, vexed the Church of God and wasted it for several centuries, a period most appropriately termed in history, the "dark ages". (Page 43 P2)
8. Consider verses 8-13; again. The 10 kings are not yet ruling but receive power as Kings one hour with the beast and since they are united in purpose they will give their power (governments) and strength (armies) to the beast (v. 13;). The beast will use these united kingdoms as a launching pad to conquer the world! Revelation 6:1-8; is believed to describe much of his campaign for world dominion beginning with a

peace movement [white horse=v. 2] {and this will probably be the time he will guarantee Israel peace for 7 years}; followed by war [red horse=v. 4] followed by famine which always follows war [black horse= v. 5-6], followed by death [pale horse= v.7-8], Also Revelation 13:1-8; and II Thessalonians 2:7-12;

9. Verse 14; looks ahead several years to the return of Christ in power to take over the kingdoms of the earth and cast the beast with the false prophet into the lake of fire! (Revelation 19:11·21;).
 10. Verse 15; again reminds us that the waters the whore sits upon are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues, in other words the whole world.
 11. Verses 16-17; picture the judgment of the whore which will be brought about by the 10 kings which help put the beast into power (v.12-13;). Note, their actions reveal the sovereignty of God in the affairs of men. God even used Satan and the forces of evil to accomplish His divine purposes (I Corinthians 2:7-8;).
 12. Verse 18; at the time of this writing, Rome ruled the world and reigned over the kings of the earth. Rome is also known as the city that sits on 7 hills. Does this mean that this is where the great whore will have headquarters???? Some food for thought!
- B. The Babylon of Revelation 18:1-24; does not appear to be the same as the false church of chapter 17. Dr. J. Vernon McGee in his commentary of Revelation points out "In Chapters 17 and 18 two Babylons are brought before us. The Babylon of chapter 17 is ecclesiastical. The Babylon of chapter 18 is economic. The first is religious--the apostate church. The second is political and commercial. The apostate church is hated by the kings of the earth (Rev. 17:16;) the commercial center is loved by the kings of the earth (Rev. 18:9;). The apostate church is destroyed by the kings of the earth; political Babylon is destroyed by the judgment of God (verses 5, ; 8;). Obviously, mystery Babylon is destroyed first--in the midst of the Great Tribulation; while commercial Babylon is destroyed at the Second Coming of Christ. These two Babylons are not one and the same city! [Reveling Through Revelation. P. 58]
1. Verse 1-2; A powerful Angel descends from heaven announcing the destruction of Babylon where all evil demons, foul spirits and unclean birds will dwell after the judgment.
 2. Verse 3; All nations will taste or experience the wrath and anger of Babylon perhaps caused by her cooperation with the Harlot (false church) of Revelation 17. The kings of the earth have also taken part in these evil activities perhaps connected with the false church. The merchants of the whole earth have been made rich through Babylon and her merchandise.

3. Verse 4; A warning goes out to believers in God to depart from the great city because she is ripe for the judgment of God! Note, the warning comes from heaven to "my people", apparently believers who will be living in this great city to leave it, to not partake of her sins so they would not receive the plagues that are coming.
4. Verses 5-6; Babylon's sins reach unto heaven and God has remembered her wickedness. Thus He will reward her for her evil blasphemies, vile works, and sinful teaching.
5. Verse 7; Babylon glorifies herself!! She is full of pride, lives in luxury and thinks nothing can hurt her= "shall see no sorrow". Her prosperity has blinded her to the judgment of God!
6. Verse 8; The DAY OF JUDGMENT will come in ONE DAY!! When God's time arrives, things happen rapidly!! God is patient and long-suffering [Romans 2:4; 9:22; {Cain-Genesis 4:6-7;} or (Sodom and Gomorrah-Genesis 18:20-21; 19:13-14;) I Timothy 1:16; I Peter 3:20; II Peter 3:9,15: but when His patience is fulfilled, JUDGMENT FALLS RAPIDLY!!
7. Verse 9; The kings of the earth who have enjoyed this city and indulged in her wickedness will wail and grieve over her destruction!
8. Verse 10; The kings will watch from a distance (perhaps because of judgment like a nuclear explosion) and note it all occurs in 1 HOUR!
9. Verse 11; The merchants of the whole earth will weep and mourn over Babylon's destruction because they will not be able to get the merchandise from her that they once obtained easily apparently!!
10. Verses 12-14; The merchandise which includes 25 of the world's most expensive luxury items will be destroyed and no longer available!
11. Verse 15-16; The merchants that were made rich by Babylon stand afar off (because of the terrible awesome judgment which causes great fear in those who watch) weeping, wailing and crying out=verse 16!
12. Verse 17-19; The shipmasters and their crews watch from a distance because of the fierce judgment on Babylon crying, weeping, wailing, and throwing dust on their heads (verse 18-19;) Note also verse 10, 17, and 19 emphasize that in "one hour" all is destroyed!!
13. Verse 10, 24; Joy will be in heaven over God's righteous judgment because of the apostles, prophets, and saints that were slain in her and now have been avenged.
14. Verse 21-23; A mighty angel demonstrates and explains the judgment that Babylon will experience.
15. Verse 23b; Sorceries (Greek-pharmakeia from which we get the word pharmacy. (1) The use or the administering of drugs (2) poisoning (3) sorcery, magical arts, often found in connection with idolatry and fostered by it.) [On Line Bible-Strong's]

THUS WE SEE THE CONCLUSION OF MYSTERY
BABYLON BY THE JUDGMENT OF GOD!!!

- VI. WHILE THE TRIBULATION JUDGMENTS ARE TAKING PLACE ON EARTH, IT IS GENERALLY BELIEVED THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST WILL BE OCCURRING IN HEAVEN BEFORE THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB.

INTRODUCTION=There will be two Judgments! The Judgment Seat of Christ (II Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:10;) and the Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:11-15;)! Every person will appear at one of these two Judgments=Hebrews 9:27="And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."! Romans 2:4-11;

A. THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST= II Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:10; John 5:22="For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the son."

1. The Greek word "Bema" is translated "judgment seat" in our King James Versions of the Bible. This word was a familiar word in Paul's day. Dr. Lehman Strauss writes: "In the large Olympic arenas, there 'was an elevated seat on which the judge of the contest sat. After the contests were over, the successful competitors would assemble before the bema to receive their rewards or crowns. The bema was not a Judicial bench where someone was condemned; it was a reward seat. Likewise, the Judgment Seat of Christ is not a judicial bench the Christian life is a race, and the divine umpire is watching every contestant. After the church has run her course, He will gather every member before the bema for the purpose of examining each one and giving the proper reward to each." (God's Plan for the Future, p. 111)
2. The Purpose for the Believer's Judgment Seat:
 - a) Not to punish believers for their sins=Isaiah 38:17; 44:22; John 1:29; Romans 6:4; (Rom.7:23;) II Corinthians 5:17; I John 1;7; Revelation 1:5;
 - b) But to reward us according to our works as His Stewards I Corinthians 4:1-5; I Peter 4:7-10; A steward was one to whom his master had entrusted certain responsibilities and possessions. The steward was accountable only to his master to whom he would give an account of how he had conducted the affairs of his master. So we are stewards of God's Truth and Grace! We all have experienced the grace of God and have been entrusted with the truth of God through Salvation As children of God we will be required to give an account of how we represented our Lord here on earth. As stewards we will give an account of how we used that with which God entrusted us. Whether we were obedient to our Lord and Master or were

disobedient!

3. How will our works be judged at the Judgment Seat? I Corinthians 3:9-15;
 - a) First, notice the foundation=verse 11; What or who is your life built upon? The foundation is the most important part of a building! If the foundation crumbles so will the building! Matthew 7:24, (I Corinthians 10:4;) Matthew 7:25-27; Thus Paul is writing to those who have Christ as the foundation of their lives!
 - b) Second, notice the building materials of our works= verse 12;
 - (1) Two basic types of materials will be revealed!
 - (a) gold, silver, precious stones will withstand the fire of judgment!

Today in a building fire these materials are not destroyed by the fire! They withstand the fire and although the gold and silver may melt they are not destroyed. They picture works that are pure, worthy, and glorify God. REMEMBER=God sees our motives--- I Samuel 16:7c; "for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart." Romans 2:16; "In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel." ALSO-Isaiah 55:8-9; "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Luke 10:38-42; Matthew 26:6-13; (Mark 14:3-9;) John 12:1-7;
 - (b) wood, hay, stubble will be destroyed by the fire of judgment! These works are done with selfish motives to bring glory to our own selves. Thus these works will be destroyed at the Judgment Seat!
 - c) Third= every believer's work will be made known-verse 13!

Following are some possible works that will be rewarded at the Bema Seat!

 - (1) The time you spend in prayer interceding for others =Matthew 6:5-6;
 - (2) Witnessing to those the Holy Spirit burdens your heart for = Daniel 12:3;
 - (3) Your faithfulness in Church = Hebrews 10:25;
 - (4) The time you spend studying and memorizing God's word = II Timothy 2:15; Psalm 119:11;
 - (5) Laying up treasures in heaven = Matthew 6:19-21; The Lord knows about our giving = Mark 12:41-44; Luke 21:1-4;
 - (6) Obedience to God's word=Galatians 6:7-8; Psalm 19:7-11;

- Proverbs 11:18;
- (7) Being willing to be reproached for Christ's sake = Hebrews 11:26;
 - (8) Faithfulness to the Lord and God's word = Colossians 2:18; Ill-Woman on phone and Green Angel.
 - (9) Being faithful to do the work God has given you to do = 1 Corinthians 3:5-8;
 - (10) Ill-cleaning church yard before youth rally = Colossians 3:23-25;
 - (11) Cleaning the church bath room and vacuuming the floors = Matthew 6:1-4;
 - (12) Picking up trash outside when no one is watching = Matthew 6:3;
 - (13) Big Henry removing snow from the walk on a Sunday morning.
 - (14) Doing your best on the job as a testimony for the Lord = Ephesians! 6:5-8;
 - (15) Visiting the sick in the hospital and at home= Matthew 25:39-40;
 - (16) Helping those in prison = Hebrews 10:34.37; feeding the hungry etc. In Matthew 25:31-46; the Judgment of the nations Illustrates this point.
 - (17) Doing good, lending to, feeding and loving your enemies= Luke 6:27-35; Proverbs 25:21-22;
 - (18) Being hated and separated from peoples company for Christ's sake Luke 6:22-23; Matthew 5:11-12; I Peter 4:12-13; II Corinthians 4:7;
 - (19) Even giving a cup of water to another believer in Christ's name will result in reward=Mark 9:41; Matthew 10:42;
 - (20) He that receives and welcomes a prophet or righteous man because they represent Jesus will receive a reward=Matthew 10:40-41;
 - (21) A reward will be given to those who fast for God's work = Matthew 6:16-18;
 - (22) Wise use of our time=I Peter 1:17; Ephesians 5:16; Psalm 90:12;
4. What will the rewards be=I Corinthians 3:14; We are told that there will be Crowns that will be rewarded. We do not know if there will be other rewards or what they might be. The Crowns are as follows:
- a) The incorruptible crown--given to those who have victory over the flesh. I Corinthians 9:25-27; Romans 6:11-22;
 - b) The crown of rejoicing--given to soul-winners! I Thessalonians 2:19-20; Proverbs 11:30; Daniel 12:3;
 - c) The crown of life-- given to those who are faithful through trials even to death! Revelation 2:10; James 1:2-4;
 - d) The crown of righteousness--given to those who are faithful and love the appearing of Christ (the rapture and return)! II Timothy 4:7-8;

- e) The crown of: glory--given to faithful preachers and teachers! I Peter 5:2-4; II Timothy 4:1-2; Acts 20:26-28;
- f) Some will suffer loss = I Corinthians 3:15; Believers who have lived selfish, self-centered lives yielding to the desires of the flesh and living for the things of this world . This is why the scripture warns = I John 2: 15-17;

HOW WILL YOUR WORKS MEASURE UP BELIEVER??

VII. **THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB!** Revelation 19:6-10;

A. It will be a time of gladness and joy=v.7.a; "Let us be glad and rejoice"

- 1. A marriage is always a time to rejoice and be glad. This marriage will be very special because the Lord Jesus who died for us will be honored and we will delight in His presence and the privilege of spending eternity with Him! Ephesians 5:23-32;

B. Who will be the Bride and Groom at the Wedding?

- 1. Ephesians 5:23-32; Pictures Christ's love for the church and what He did because of His LOVE!
 - a) Because of His love for us He gave Himself to redeem us from sin-v.25; Note=Luke 22:44, 63-65; Matthew 26:66-67; 27:26-31,34-44;
 - b) Because of His Love He is sanctifying and cleansing the church by His word=v.26; C. I. Scofield explains that in the New Testament one Greek word, hagios, in its various forms, is rendered, "holy," "holiness," "sanctify," "sanctified," "sanctification," and that it means "set apart for God." There are several aspects to our sanctification!
 - (1) Sanctification in the believer begins when we receive the Lord Jesus as our Saviour! I Corinthians 1:30-31;
 - (2) The Holy Spirit sanctifies the believer = I Peter 1 :2; II Thessalonians 2:13; The Holy Spirit does the work of Salvation in the spirit of the believer = John 3:6; "That which is born of-the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit (Holy Spirit) is spirit."
 - (3) The truth of the word of God in our lives sets we believers apart because God's ways and thoughts are far above fallen man's ways =Isaiah 55:8-9. The more we are saturated with God's word, the greater will be the difference seen in our lives by the world! Psalm 1:1-6. This is one reason God's word is so important in our lives!!In John 17:17; Jesus prayed "Sanctify them (believers) through thy truth, thy word is truth," In John 15:3; Jesus said "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."
 - c) Because of His Love for us and what He is doing in our lives, He will some day present us to Himself=v. 27;
- 2. The Lord Jesus is the Bridegroom as stated by John the Baptist = John

3:27-30; and by the Lord Jesus Christ = Luke 5:32-35. Jesus as the Bridegroom will be exalted and honored:====Revelation 19:7b; "and give honor to Him"=Revelation 5:9-12; Philippians 2:9-11; Note also Revelation 19: 9; "Blessed are they which are called unto the Marriage supper of the Lamb." Consider=of all the 700 titles given to the Lord Jesus in the Bible, "the Lamb" is the name used here because this name best illustrates what Jesus did to redeem a gentile bride for Himself! Jesus came to earth as God's Lamb to die for our sins! II Corinthians 5:21; "For He (God the Father) hath made Him (Jesus Christ) to be sin for us, (Jesus) who knew no sin; that we (gentiles) might be made the righteousness of God in Him (the Lord Jesus Christ)." Since the days of Abel, the lamb was used as a sacrifice for sin. The guilty would place his hands on the head of the innocent lamb before it was offered as a sin offering to God illustrating that the innocent lamb was dying in the place of the guilty sinner. So the Lord Jesus took our sin upon Himself and endured the judgment of God for us. We will understand this even better at the Marriage supper of the Lamb! Yes, Jesus Christ is worthy to be honored at this glorious wedding feast!

3. The Church, which is made up of born again believers from the Church Age, will make up the bride of Christ as we read in Ephesians 5:23-32; and II Corinthians 11:2; "For I am Jealous over you with godly jealousy, for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you a chaste virgin to Christ." The bride will now be ready for the bridegroom! Revelation 19:7c "and His wife hath made herself ready." The Bema Seat will be over. We believers will have received or lost rewards there. Now we are ready for the marriage supper. V. 8a; "And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white:" Ephesians 5:25b-27; "Even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it; That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word (John 15:3; "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.") (The ungodly do the things mentioned in Ephesians 5:19,21; Romans 1 :21,32; but God's word discerns our motives [Hebrews 4:12-13;] and reminds us that God is watching all we do and will chasten us for our disobedience [Hebrews 12:5,11; Proverbs 3:11-12; Revelation 3:19;]), That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Revelation 19:8b; "for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." We will be seen as righteous at the Bema seat and thus be made ready for this glorious event because II Corinthians' 5:21b; states "that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him (Jesus Christ God's Lamb)." II Corinthians 1:30; states "But of Him (God the Father) are ye (believers) in Christ Jesus, who of God

is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness," Romans 3:22; "Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe:"

- C. The wedding guests. V. 9; Righteous Israelites will likely be some of the guests. John 3:27-30; Also the righteous from Abel all through the Old Testament will likely be present to observe this glorious event. There may be others also such as the Tribulation Saints. No one knows for certain, We can only speculate. Dr. David Jeremiah in his study guide entitled "Escape The Coming Night" (volume 4 p. 26-27) states "Looking on will be honored members of the wedding party, including the redeemed of Israel, the Bridegroom's friend (See John 3), as well as the saved Gentiles and the martyred saints of the Tribulation. It will be a celebration to end all celebrations, the culmination of many long years of waiting."
- D. WILL YOU BE AT THE WEDDING FEAST? JESUS CHRIST HAS ASKED YOU TO BE A PART OF HIS BRIDE! WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER? Matthew 11:28-30; "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden (with sin), and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE BRIDE (The church) INVITE YOU TO ACCEPT CHRIST! Revelation 22: 17; "And the Spirit and the bride say 'Come'. And let him that heareth say 'Come'. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." In John 4:13-14; "Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into ever-lasting life."

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