

End Time Events Series
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Bible Sermon Notes
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Prophetic Updates

As America Fights for Racial Justice and Police Reforms, 'We Got to Get the Fear of God Back', Jenna Browder, CBN, 6-11-20

"Testifying on Capitol Hill, Pastor Darrell Scott also warned about the dangers of taking resources away from police departments, pointing to what's happened in cities like Cleveland where police budgets and presence have been cut."

"The murder rates have climbed, the property crime is at record levels," said Scott (Pastor Darnell). "Aggravated robbery statistics are higher. Drug sales, drug use, drug abuse is higher. Drug and alcohol-related motor vehicle accidents are the highest they've ever been."

What's the Answer? A Return to 'the Fear of God'

Brewer says real change starts with families.

"The problems start from fatherlessness. Our family units, particularly in the black community, have been ripped apart," said Brewer. "You're five times more likely to go to prison if you don't have a father in the house."

He also points to faith.

"It starts with our family, with Christian values," said Brewer. "Stop trying to push out all of the godly principles that our country was founded on. We got to get the fear of God back in our police department, in our communities, in our kids, and I think that's our answer."

This may sound good on the surface, but Babylon wants to legislate their false god in our society. They want force their false god that promotes the false Sunday sabbath. They follow the commandment and demands of men rather than the true ten commandments of the Bible.

Babylon is fallen, is fallen

The second angel's message exposes false worship and Satan's false church system.

Revelation 14:8 - "And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

Who is Babylon? Revelation 14:6-11 is a prophetic message that is within the context of the last days

Babylon is not referring to the literal Babylon whose empire fell to the Medo-Persian kingdom in 539 BC as prophesied in Daniel chapter 2 and fulfilled in Daniel chapter 5. **After the literal ancient Babylonian kingdom fell it never regained its prominence. They fell and was destroyed because of their rejection of God.**

Revelation 14:8 is referring to Babylon symbolically. The symbol of Babylon is referred to as a woman, “she” as noted in verse 8. **In general a woman in Bible prophecy represents either a pure true church of God or an apostate corrupt false church in which Satan stealthily controls.**

Jesus compares His true church, His woman, to a holy, pure, undefiled, and faithful marriage.

2 Corinthians 11:2 says, “For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused [married] you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste [pure] virgin to Christ.”

An apostate and corrupt church is one who has been “sleeping” around, unfaithful to Christ by compromising with sin and worldliness, but still claims to be the “true” church of God.

The Bible reveals that sin and worldliness separates us from holiness and righteousness.

1 John 2:15, 16 says, 15“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.”

When professed people of Christ “fool” around with the world they literally give God a legal separation.

James 4:4 says, “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity [hatred] with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.”

A spiritual adulteress is a perfect description of Babylon.

What is the meaning of the name Babylon? Confusion by mixing truth and error.

This describes the state of mind that all ministers, leaders, and people have who drink the Babylonian “wine of the wrath of her fornication” as revealed in Revelation 14:8.

The Babylonian wine is the “adulteress” character and false doctrines of Babylon. Those who drink this wine will get spiritually drunk compromising their thinking and behavior. Babylonian wine leads to rebellion against God’s word and disobedience to the commandments of God.

Babylonian wine is compared to literal wine that causes intoxication.

Proverbs 20:1 says, “Wine (Babylonian) is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.”

Babylonian wine is also a mocker. Babylonian wine are false doctrines and theories. It mocks the truth of God’s word and the commandments of God. Like the real wine, Babylonian wine is extremely addictive to those who drink it because it pleases the “flesh”, the sinful and lustful nature of man.

Babylon example of false doctrines and theories	Bible Truth
“It’s impossible to overcome sin, it’s our nature. It’s okay to have some sin in your life as long as	1 John 5:4 - “For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that

<p>you are a good person. Just make sure you keep paying your tithes and offering. You should be alright with God!”</p>	<p>overcometh the world, even our faith.” Revelation 3:5 -“He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.”</p>
<p>“Our church attendance, shouting, tithing, and gifts to the pastor, hail marys, bead counts, candle vigils, pilgrimages to the holy land should be enough to get me in the kingdom of Heaven!”</p>	<p>Ephesians 2:8, 9 8 “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.”</p>
<p>“The commandments are the old dispensation. Just love each other. Grace is all you need.” “The seventh-day Sabbath is for the Jews. We really don’t have to keep the old Sabbath. Don’t esteem one day above another. The seventh-day Sabbath doesn’t matter, keep any day holy.”</p>	<p>John 14:15 - “If ye love me, keep my commandments.” Exodus 20:8-10 8 “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates.”</p>
<p>“The secret rapture of Christ is coming to take us from tribulation. Those “left behind” will go through seven years of tribulation. All the wicked will have a second chance to get it right before Jesus comes again to take them.”</p>	<p>Revelation 1:7 - “Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.” Matthew 24:26, 27 26 “Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. 27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.</p>
<p>“When you die you go straight to heaven or hell.” “When you die you continue to live on as a spirit or angel.” “When you die you become something else in nature (reincarnated).”</p>	<p>Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6 5 “For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. 6 Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.” Psalm 146:4 - “His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.”</p>

All those who are drunk on the wine of Babylon are unable to discern spiritual truths of God’s word and His everlasting covenant. Their mind is confused. Their life are over taken by the devil and his demons.

God calls us the spiritual sobriety because the devil wants to destroy all Babylonian drinkers.

Proverbs 20:1 “Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise

2 Peter 5:8 pleads with all in Babylon, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”

1 Peter 1:13 “Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 4:7, “But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.”

Revelation 14:8, reveals a very urgent last day message to all those in Babylon. The message reveals that Babylon is already in a fallen state.

Verse 8 says that Babylon “is fallen, is fallen”. The message here repeats the word “fallen” twice not only to reveal the urgency of the message, but also how Babylon fell and its final fate.

- The first “fallen” shows that Babylon first fell away from God’s truth and compromised with the world.
- The second “fallen” of Revelation 14:8, is the final result of Babylon and all those in Babylon drinking and feasting on her false doctrines.

The message of Revelation 14:8 is repeated again in Revelation 18:1-4, but with even more urgency before the complete fall of Babylon.

Revelation 18:1-4

1 “And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her, my people**, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”

5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

Babylon will have judgment of God without mercy.

James 2:13

13 For he (Babylon) shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

Revelation 14:10

10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

How will national leaders and the rich millionaires and billionaires who have become rich because of Babylon respond as they see her final destruction?

Revelation 18:7-11, 14 - 17

- 7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.
- 8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.
- 9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,
- 10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.
- 11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:
- 14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.
- 15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,
- 16 And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!
- 17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off.

Remember who is the leader of Babylon, the beast (Papal Rome). They are clothed with fine linen, purple, and scarlet and deck with gold.

Papal Rome is depicted has the corrupt woman setting on a scarlet colored beast.

Revelation 17:4-5

- 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:
- 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, **BABYLON THE GREAT**, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

[Slide] Papal Rome priests and Pope are literally clothed in purple, scarlet color and decked with gold.

Babylon is a fallen false church system that is filled with confusion by mixing the holy with the profane; truth with error; righteousness with sin; humility with pride; and godliness with worldliness

The main thing that all in Babylon have in common is that they reject or lightly esteem God's holy seventh-day Sabbath. This rejection of the seventh-day Sabbath truth is a key revelation that exposes Babylon.

You cannot drink Babylonian wine and expect not to become Babylonian. There is no middle ground. When error is added to truth its total sum is error.

Babylon not only represents all apostate fallen churches that abandon their loyalty to God, but it also includes all false non-Christian religions, such as new age, evolution, humanism, and pop-culture

What are those in Christ's one true church doing in the last days?

2 Timothy 4:2-5

2 "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned

5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

With great zeal, faith, and the power of the Holy Spirit the true people of God consistently preach and teach the TRUTH according the Bible even though it may not be popular or accepted by the majority of the world and churches. Even though they are viewed by the world and those in Babylon as extremist they don't flinch, they still give truth. Even though they are persecuted and some killed, they don't back down they still move forward and still give the truth!

What are God's people doing during the distruction of Babylon during seven last plagues

Isaiah 26:20-21

20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

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