

Prayer:

Revelation 1:19 provides a basic chronological outline of last things, which constitutes the contents of the book of Revelation.

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Revelation 1:19 – Inspired Outline

Revelation 1:19 (NKJV)

19 “Write the things which you **have seen**, and the things **which are**, and the things which will take place **after this**.

- “have seen” – Past (Vision of Christ) – **Ch. 1**
- “which are” – Present (Church Age) – Ch. 2-3
- “after this” – Future (Post-Church Age) – Ch. 4-22
- - Scene in heaven – Ch. 4-5
- - **Tribulation – Ch. 6-18**
- - Second Coming – Ch. 19
- - Kingdom – Ch. 20
- - Eternal State – Ch. 21-22

The whole of history has involved the development of what is known as the Babylonian System. This comes to a climax in the last days under Antichrist.

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The PROGRESSION of the BABYLONIAN SYSTEM

- The “seeds” were sown in the Fall of Mankind (Gen. 3).
- Systematized at Babel (Gen. 10-11).
- Developed throughout History.
- Mystery Form – Apostate Christendom.
- Universalized under Antichrist.

The final form of Babylonianism has two aspects, both having a city headquarters and involving a worldwide system. The first is called “Mystery Babylon,” representing apostate Christendom in ecumenical unity with all manner of false religion. This is presented in Revelation 17. Mystery Babylon will be destroyed by Antichrist, and then the one-world religion of Antichrist will supremely rule the world, with the controlling mechanism being commerce. This is presented in Revelation 18. It is the final form of the Babylonian System and is called “Great Babylon,” being the climactic form of it.

Slide # 3**THE BABYLONIAN SYSTEM**

Idolatrous False Religion
(Genesis – Revelation)

Revelation 17

Stage One

A City (Papal Rome)
“Church” & State in Union
Mystery Babylon
Religious Emphasis
Rides the Beast (Control)
Destroyed by Antichrist
1st Half of the Trib

Revelation 18

Stage Two

A City (Babylon Revived)
Religion & State in Union
Babylon the Great
Economic Emphasis
Controls the World
Destroyed by God
2nd Half of the Trib

Last time we saw that the great city Babylon, which is the headquarters of a worldwide economic system under Antichrist, will be taken out in judgment in ONE hour (Rev. 18:10, 17, 19). The world will weep and lament over her because they loved what Babylon had done for them in terms of power, riches, and opulence.

Babylon represents a world in rebellion against God that seeks to find satisfaction apart from God. It's all about self-gratification. It looks to the world for all that it has to offer in terms of fulfillment. This amounts to IDOLATRY, which will know its supreme form in the religion of Antichrist. The whole world will be locked into this system, but then it all comes crashing down in judgment!

And then heaven is called upon to respond in celebration! Earth is wailing, heaven is celebrating! What a person wails over is telling; and conversely, what they celebrate is telling!

Revelation 18:20–24 (NKJV)

20 “Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!”

This is probably another angelic announcement, which is prominent in the book of Revelation.

God's perspective and Earth's perspective are essentially opposites. The world is mourning the fall of Babylon, but heaven is called on to rejoice OVER HER.

God has destroyed Babylon; it is appropriate to rejoice in that triumph. Why? Because God says so! Because it is in keeping with what is right and just. It is keeping with God's holy judgment!

This whole Babylonian system represented perpetual REBELLION against God from A – Z! Why wouldn't heaven rejoice? The unbelievers in this system were given many chances – the longsuffering of God was great.

God gave them every opportunity – even sending an angel through the heavens in final warning as seen in Revelation 14:6-9.

This signals the end of evil's reign as a SYSTEM! The everlasting kingdom of our Lord is now about to be set up, which will usher in the eternal reign of righteousness. Never again will a system of evil have dominance over the world.

This is cause and occasion to REJOICE!

The word “rejoice” is the same word used in 11:10 to describe the jubilation the world had over the death of the two witnesses. Now the tables are turned, and heaven is called on to rejoice – meaning to “make merry”.

Revelation 18:20 is a parenthetical encouragement to the throngs in heaven, while Revelation 19:1-6 presents the actual response.

In 18:9-19 we see THREE classes of mourners, namely the Monarchs, the Merchants, and the Mariners. Here in 18:20 we see THREE classes of rejoicers; namely the saints, apostles, and prophets. Note the older manuscripts have saints here too, in addition to apostles and prophets.

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Revelation 18:20 (NASB)

20 “Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you **saints** and **apostles** and **prophets**, because God has pronounced judgment for you against her.”

Saints – means “set apart ones” or “holy ones” that belong to the Lord.

Apostles means “sent ones.”

This word is only used in 2:2 and 21:14. In 2:2 it is used in reference to false apostles, while in 21:14 it is used of the 12 true apostles of Jesus.

The apostles were Christ’s authoritative representatives who were personally chosen by Christ. They gave us the foundation of the NT Scriptures (Eph. 2:20; 3:5-6) on which the Church is built.

Prophets – were those who brought forth new revelation from God prior to the completion of the NT Scriptures. A prophet spoke, “**Thus saith the Lord,**” in the sense of communicating a direct message from God.

Upon the completion of the NT Scriptures, the revelatory offices of apostle and prophet ceased. Their role was then complete. We now defer to the completed all-sufficient Scriptures that they gave us. The Bible is all-sufficient in all matters of faith and practice.

It is noteworthy that special mention is made of the apostles and prophets. These people gave forth the revelation from God that the world so hated. They didn’t like the message from God. All the apostles were killed with the exception of John.

These three classifications of saints are seen to be in heaven who have been persecuted and martyred at the hand of Babylon.

The cause for rejoicing is because God has NOW avenged you on her.

This is answered prayer....

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Revelation 6:9–10 (NKJV)

9 When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had **been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held.**

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and **avenge our blood** on those who dwell on the earth?”

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2 Thessalonians 1:6–8 (NKJV)

6 since it is a **righteous thing with God to repay** with tribulation those who trouble you,
7 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,
8 in flaming fire **taking vengeance** on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Revelation 16:6 (NKJV)

6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, And You have given them blood to drink. **For it is their just due.**"

Revelation 19:2 (NKJV)

2 For **true and righteous are His judgments**, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has **avenged** on her the blood of His servants shed by her."

It is a righteous thing with God for Him to repay those who have abused and killed His people.

This is divine PAYBACK! God is avenging his people for what the world system of Babylon has done to them. There is Pay Day some day, and that day has now arrived!

Vengeance is God's prerogative. The flesh wants to get even, but godliness is to give it over to God. Let God handle it. He will set all things straight in due time. And He will do it better than you or I ever could in perfect accord with holiness!

A man went to the doctor and the physician said, "*Yes indeed, you do have rabies.*" Upon hearing this, the patient immediately asked for a pad and paper and began writing. Thinking the man was making out his will, the doctor said, "*Listen, this doesn't mean you are going to die – there is a cure for rabies.*" "I know," the man said, "*I am making a list of people I am going to bite.*"

Getting even is not for us to do! We are to leave it to God to get even, and in the meantime we pray for them to come to repentance. However, if they refuse to repent, we know that one day God will avenge His saints. Vengeance is God's. Retribution belongs to God.

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Deuteronomy 32:35 (NKJV)

35 Vengeance is Mine, and recompense; Their foot shall slip in due time; For the day of their calamity is at hand, And the things to come hasten upon them.'

Romans 12:19 (NKJV)

19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, **“Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.**

Heaven is called on to rejoice, which is followed up by a statement of final judgment.

21 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.

God often uses angels in these judgments. This is said to be a “mighty angel” who takes up a great millstone.

Millstones were large round stones that were used to crush grain. They came in different sizes. A smaller one could be turned by a woman, but larger ones were turned in a circle by a donkey (cf. Mt. 24:41; Mk. 9:42). These larger ones would be 5 feet in diameter, about 12 inches thick, and would weigh several thousand pounds.

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The image is of a HUGE GIGANTIC BOULDER being thrust into the sea, which makes a huge splash and then disappears to the bottom, never to be seen again.

Note the emphasis on “violence”. This fall is not slow, tame, or uneventful. This is not a fading into the sunset through attrition. No, it is a very sudden and VIOLENT thing. It is THROWN DOWN!

Note again that this city is specifically called “**the great city Babylon.**” And this comes right at the end of Tribulation – right before the Second Coming.

Again, I take it that this is the literal rebuilt city on the river Euphrates in Iraq. A major argument for this is that the literal prophecies of judgment on Babylon in Jeremiah mirror those here in Revelation and those prophecies have never yet been literally fulfilled (cf. Jer. 50-51).

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There is not a single prophecy, of which the fulfilment is recorded in Scripture, that was not realized with absolute accuracy, and in every detail; and it is wholly unjustifiable to assume that a new system of fulfilment was inaugurated after the sacred canon closed. . . . Literalness of fulfilment may therefore be accepted as an axiom to guide us in the study of prophecy.

-Sir Robert Anderson, *The Coming Prince*, pp. 147–48.

Ancient Babylon was not destroyed suddenly and totally as prophesied by Jeremiah (51:8; Rev. 18:8). It remained populated for centuries as it was in decline which is contrary to what Jeremiah predicted (50:39; Rev. 18:21). All of this argues that the city of Babylon will in the last days be rebuilt and the judgment prophecies of her sudden and complete demise will yet in the future be literally fulfilled as spelled out in Jeremiah and Revelation 18.

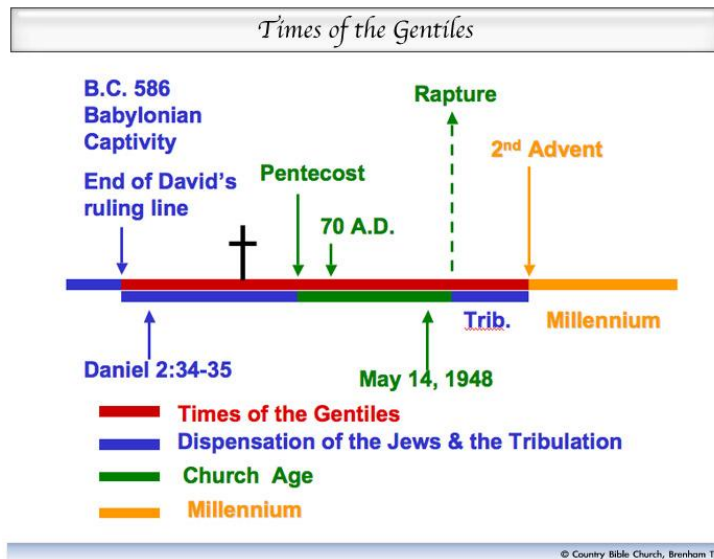
Note the city of Babylon is here called GREAT! She is great in that she is the commercial control center for the whole world. She is great in terms of being the broker of the world's economy. She was great in terms of being the most wealthy and influential city in the world. This is SIN CITY that the world relished in. This is Antichrist's capital, and from here he will control the world.

But note that when she is VIOLENTLY THROWN DOWN she vanishes from sight NEVER to be seen again – just like a huge boulder thrust into the sea she will go down hard and fast never to return! The picture here is one of destruction that is sudden, final, complete, and irreversible.

“The destruction of the city of Babylon is the final blow to the times of the Gentiles, which began when the Babylonian army attacked Jerusalem in 605 B.C. (cf. Lk. 21:24).

– ***The Bible Knowledge Commentary***

The times of the Gentiles began with Babylon, and it ends there too (cf. Lk. 21:24). Ever since the Babylonian Captivity, Israel has never had a king on the throne, but now Israel's rightful KING is on the way.

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The times of the Gentiles are now all but over as Jesus Christ is momentarily on His way to defeat the armies of Antichrist, who, in context, are even now assembling at Armageddon in the Land of Israel (cf. Rev. 16).

Many people just don't believe in a God who would judge like this. They don't believe in a coming JUDGMENT DAY. To them, God is all love. They don't really know the God of the Bible. They don't understand He is love, but He is also Holy. In making God out to only be a God of love without holiness, they invent a god of their own making and, in effect, reject the God of the Bible.

Years ago I read of a famous actor who joined the Unitarian Church. When asked why he had joined that church, he said, "The Unitarian believes that God is good, and believes that God believes that man is good. Inherently. The Unitarian God is not a God of vengeance. And that is something I can appreciate." Well, this man has since passed into eternity. What now? If he didn't repent, he now has to reckon with the holy judgment of God.

The text now goes on to make special mention of various activities that defined this GREAT CITY that are now forever silenced. We have already seen Babylon's tie with luxury, riches, and big business. Now, we are given more detail.

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.

No more worldly music! No more parties where God is not welcome. Generally, music and a good time go together for the world. People often use music to soothe themselves in their rebellion. The world finds solace in its music.

Remember how King Saul, when he was tormented by a demon in the OT, would call for David to play for him, and then he would feel better, but only for a short time. But it was how he coped! And so with the world (1 Sam. 16:14-23).

Music is used in lots of different ways, but looking at the overall description of Babylon, it undoubtedly was very self-oriented with no thought for God.

Music charmed the weary sons of Cain [cf. Gen. 4:16-21] as they sought to make themselves happy in this world apart from God.

– *H.A. Ironside*

The emphasis no doubt includes the celebratory nightlife, the sensual self-life, and all manner of self-indulgent social gatherings, all with no thought for God!

It's all about pleasure and having a good time in living for self and now! For Babylon, it's all about living for the flesh in the moment!

Music in general is an emotional balm. But no more! No more will the world enjoy the "feel good" music of Babylon. From here on out, it is only eternal misery for those identified with Babylon.

Furthermore, all the craftsmen are gone! No one will be working any trade in Babylon!

No more will the sound of a millstone be heard in her. In the Bible, millstones were used to grind grain into flour for daily sustenance, thus making them a symbol for the essentials of life, community, and provision.

No more will the sound of people preparing food for elaborate dining be heard in Babylon!

23 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.

No more light of a lamp will be seen in Babylon! The brilliant lights and glitter that defined this city are all gone. The city of “lights” is no more!

The bridal city of the world will be no more!

It is interesting that God repeatedly **mentions WEDDINGS in connection with the self-life** and in conjunction with what will characterizes humanities perspective at the time of the Second Coming.

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Luke 17:26-27 (NKJV)

26 And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:

27 They ate, they drank, they **married** wives, they were given in **marriage**, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

Does God have a problem with marriage? Only if He is not invited! Only if He is not Lord of it.

Hebrews 13:4 (NKJV)

4 Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

However, many WEDDINGS are times when people tend to think (I speak generally now – in the sense of the world) very selfishly. Praise the Lord for God-honoring weddings where it isn't just about SELF. However, for many it is essentially about SELF. This is their day! They spend elaborate sums of money on themselves. They do elaborate things to draw attention to themselves. The focus is all on SELF.

A person's wedding day should be one of the greatest days of their life. And this is a blessing from God. But now just think – how does God feel if He is left out of it? In fact, the marriage union is really a picture of the believer's relationship to Jesus Christ. To leave God out of this in pursuit of selfish gratification is very offensive to God.

God is a jealous God, **and human love is never to trump love for God,** and this is often what is really in view at a wedding. God wants people to love Him first and foremost – even more than their spouse.

Instead, He is often left completely out –except for the formalities. Following the ceremony, the world goes immediately to debauchery – raucous partying and self-gratification. God wants to be our greatest love – He wants to be our greatest joy.

I think this is why God often speaks of marrying and given in marriage in relation to the Second Coming – it speaks of a last days focus on selfish human love when the great commandment is to love God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind.

The prophet Joel also speaks to this very issue in the context of the coming day of the Lord judgment.

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Joel 2:12-13 (NKJV)

12 “Now, therefore,” says the Lord, “**Turn to Me with all your heart**, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.”

13 So **rend your heart**, and not your garments; Return to the Lord your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm.

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Joel 2:15-16 (NKJV)

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly;

16 Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing babes; **Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, And the bride from her dressing room.**

What God is saying is that in true REPENTANCE God is seen as **number one** – even more important than the marriage partner. God is seen as number ONE! This is what signifies true repentance.

In contrast, the world is all about self – human love – with no thought for God.

But no more!

Note the 6 no mores in verses 21-23.

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- v. 21 Babylon shall not be found anymore. – no more Babylon
- v. 22 Music shall not be heard anymore. – no more music
- v. 22 No craftsman found anymore. – no more trade
- v. 22 No millstone heard anymore. – no more preparing of food
- v. 23 No lights in the city anymore. – no more lights
- v. 23 No voice of the bridegroom and bride anymore – no more weddings

What now characterizes the city is SILENCE, DARKNESS, AND NO JOY!
The city is completely gone, and no vestiges of HUMAN JOY remain!

This is a God-forsaken place!

This place is now SILENT AS A TOMBSTONE – as a millstone sunk to the bottom of the sea.

This place, previously so full of life – hustle and bustle – full of lively music, manufacturing, weddings and work, is now completely STILLED.

“As this has never been fulfilled, it lends credence to the concept that Babylon will be rebuilt in the end time and then suffer this destruction at the time of the Second Coming.” – **John Walvoord**

He now comes back to make one more final statement regarding commerce. This city and the idolatrous system that emanated from her were very intimately tied with commerce – making money. All her activities should be seen through this lens. It is predominant. He says...

For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived.

The major economic players in the final form of Babylon will be merchants, which is to say, businessmen. They make the world of Babylon go round. They exported and promoted what Babylon had come to stand for. They were great in terms of influence, power and wealth. They made Babylon buzz. They have as home base Babylon, where they are nestled with Antichrist at his world capital.

But notice the word “**were.**” They are all history now! They are simply “has-beens.”

Years ago a pastor from a poor urban area was invited to speak to a church in a wealthy suburban area. He said, you know what the difference is between where I minister to the down-and-outers and this area - you know what is missing? You folks don't have any graffiti. I'd like to volunteer to provide some for you. "I'll get a bucket of paint and walk through your neighborhood, writing this one word on your million-dollar homes and expensive European cars, and that will be the word "***Temporary. That's it – temporary – None of it will last.***"

Babylon represents all this world has to offer – but you can write across it all -**TEMPORARY!** No more, no more, no more, no more, no more, no more, stated 6 times in 3 verses (vv. 21-23).

And then in summary, he says that Babylon, through her **sorcery**, deceived all the nations.

The Greek word translated "**sorcery**" is a word from which we get our English word "**pharmacy**". It has the idea of mixing drug use and occult practices, which generally go together.

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Revelation 9:21 (NKJV)

21 And they did not repent of their murders or their **sorceries** or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

Revelation 21:8 (NKJV)

8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, **sorcerers**, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Revelation 22:15 (NKJV)

15 But outside are dogs and **sorcerers** and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

The sense seems to be this: Through the influence of the demonic world of the occult, the whole world has been brought under the "spell" of Babylon.

Babylon's hold on the world will not be entirely due to her military and economic power, but also to her occult influence. – **John MacArthur**

The world was in effect demonically charmed by this GREAT city and thereby DECIEVED. They were so enamored with her luxury, her wealth, her power, and behind it all this great world leader who could do the miraculous. They thought it would last forever, so they bought into the system – hook, line, and sinker (cf. 2 Thess. 2:9-10; Rev. 13:12-14).

There will undoubtedly be all kinds of demonic signs and wonders related to this city, which is the centerpiece of Antichrist's world empire.

The very first thing Christ said in introducing the last days in Matthew 24 was, ***"Take heed that no one deceives you."*** (Matt. 24:4)

Note: ***"all the nations were deceived"***.

Years ago, Edgar James in the magazine Moody Monthly shared this story: A lady came to him and said, "I have everything I could possibly want – money, houses, cars, summer homes. My marriage, however, is hell on earth and I can't understand why. She continued – my husband is a renowned surgeon but not a believer. When we were going together, I wondered if I should marry him. One night in a dream I saw an angel at the foot of my bed. I asked him what I should do. He said, 'Go ahead and marry the man – I will bless the marriage.' I did marry him, but my life has been anything but blest." Edgar, I tried to explain to her how the Bible says believers are to marry only believers... She had ignored the clear commands of Scripture, thinking she had received greater truth. She was deceived! When people substitute their own ideas and experience for the Word of God, they are set up for deception.

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2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 (NKJV)

9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and **lying wonders**,

10 and with **all unrighteous deception** among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

The whole world got caught up in this deception – especially the MASTER LIE – in which Antichrist is resurrected from the dead (Rev. 13; 17).

The Bible is very clear that Antichrist will deceive the world and will govern the world, and the control of business will be KEY, with Babylon being his economic headquarters.

So commerce, demonic religion, and government are all tied together in Antichrist in this final form of Babylon.

24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth.”

Babylon, the city, and the system, were in essence an anti-God system that hated God and His people. But even beyond that, this murderous system was really behind all that were ever killed on the earth.

The focus is especially on the people of God, namely the prophets and the saints.

Prophets were those who spoke forth revelation from God that they didn't want to hear, and so they killed them.

Saints were those set apart to God as His people. They were devoted and loyal to God and were killed for that reason.

But note that “***all who were slain on the earth***” is a very comprehensive statement. We see here that the Babylonian spirit that drives the system has been on the scene ever since the fall. Thus, we see Babylon really ultimately stands for the anti-God world system which is headed up by Satan.

Jesus called Satan, the prince or the ruler of this world (Jn. 12:31; 14:30; 16:11). In 2 Corinthians 4:4 Satan is called, “***the god of this age.***”

Note very carefully that the leading traits of Babylon as seen in Revelation 18:23-24 are deception and murder. These are the leading traits of Satan himself.

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John 8:44 (NKJV)

44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was **a murderer from the beginning**, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is **a liar and the father of it.**

What we see here is that the Babylonian spirit that became systematized in Genesis 10-11, and then developed in history, and finally globalized in Revelation has been a driving force throughout world history going way back to the beginning.

The first recorded murder was when Cain killed his brother Abel for religious reasons, as seen in Genesis 4. This began a pattern of murder down through history. All murder is rebellion against God, and so in that sense ties into this anti-God system which is responsible for the murder of all of God's people, and of all who were murdered in history.

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The Historic Sway of Babylonianism

From the Beginning: "all who were slain" – Gen. 4...
 Systematized at Babel – Gen. 10-11.
 Evolved throughout History.
 Mystery Babylon – Revelation 17.
 Babylon the Great – Revelation 18.

God has not forgotten the martyrdom of His people, and the murder of all those created in the image of God. Most of God's people have been killed in obscurity. Most were never granted humane rights. They were slaughtered wholesale by this rebel system which will come to a climax in the days of the Tribulation (cf. Jer. 51:35, 36, 49; Rev. 6:10; 11:7; 13:7, 15; 16:6; 17:6; 18:24; 19:2).

As seen from the beginning, in Genesis 4, murderous bloodshed cries out for vengeance, and that day has now come.

The great issue in the history of the world has been the anti-God spirit of Babylon versus the God of truth. This has been the great clash from the beginning. Of the 404 verses in Revelation, 46 of them deal with the topic of Babylon. That is a full 11 percent of the book. This is a huge topic.

If I were to ask: ***"In a word, what is the defining trait of Babylon?"*** what would you say?

I submit to you that **IDOLATRY** is the defining word for Babylon. Babylon systematized Idolatry! Babylon stands for systematized idolatry! Idolatry versus being a true worshiper of the One true God has always been the great issue down throughout history. It is a LORDSHIP issue!

The issue is who or what will be LORD-GOD! Idolatry is putting anything or anyone above or in the place of God. God demands to be God! That is the great issue in the whole of history! Who or what will be God? Note this emphasis from Genesis to Revelation!

Slide # 20**THE GREAT ISSUE: LORDSHIP!**

Genesis 3:5 “you will be like God.”

Exodus 20:3 “You shall have no other gods before Me.”

1 Samuel 8:7 “they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.”

Psalms 12:4 “Who is lord over us?”

John 20:28 “My Lord and my God!”

Romans 10:13 “For whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”

Phil. 2:10-11 “that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.”

The idolatrous spirit of Babylon insists on man being his own god, epitomized in the man who is Antichrist claiming to be God.

This is the climax of the Day of the Lord in the book of Revelation in which the lordship of Babylon comes crashing down and the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ is gloriously put on display in His Second Coming.

The whole issue is emphatically emblazoned on the robe of the Lord at His Second Coming in power and glory!

Slide # 21**Revelation 19:16 (NKJV)**

16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS**

There is the answer to the great LORDSHIP issue that the Babylonian spirit defied throughout history. This is the great answer to the LORDSHIP debate in the Day of the Lord! It is EMPHATIC!

No more will the Babylonian spirit or system be allowed to exist. Now Jesus ALONE will be recognized as LORD, as KING of kings and LORD of lords!

This is the story of Napoleon Bonaparte [of France] and the Battle of Waterloo in 1815 as recounted by Victor Hugo.

“On the morning of the battle, the little dictator stood gazing upon the field of battle as he described to his commanding officer his strategy for that day’s campaign.

We will put the infantry here, the cavalry there, the artillery here. At the end of the day England will be at the feet of France and Wellington will be prisoner of Napoleon.

After a pause the commanding officer said, ‘***But we must not forget that man proposes, but God disposes.***’

With arrogant pride the little dictator stretched his body to full height and replied, ‘***I want you to understand sir, that Napoleon proposes and Napoleon disposes.***’

From that moment Waterloo was lost, for God sent rain and hail so that the troops of Napoleon could not maneuver as he had planned, and on the night of battle it was Napoleon who was prisoner of Wellington, and France was at the feet of England.

Indeed, man proposes, but it is definitely God who disposes. When puny little man climbs upon his pedestal and declares himself god and his system invincible – (namely Babylon) then God comes along and summarily disposes of the whole thing in short order!

Jesus alone is LORD! “Jesus is LORD!” is known as the oldest confession in Christianity, and it is the confession of all true believers!

Romans 10:9 (ESV)

9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:13 (ESV)

13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Have you done that?

Is He your Lord and Savior?

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved! (Acts 16:30-31)