

20220403 – THE JUDGEMENT OF POLITICAL BABYLON

Sunday AM – Revelation 18:1-19

I. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE JUDGEMENT

A. The Two Babylons

1. The one world religion (Chapter 17)
 - a. Everything becomes “spiritual” and “mystical” and “mystery”
 - b. Mystery is just another word for being IGNORANT
 - c. But this religious system falls in Chapter 17
2. The one world commerce system WILL fall in Chapter 18
 - a. All money all value owned by the beast
 - b. That means the PEOPLE are owned by the beast
 - i. This is the lie of communism
 - ii. That all will be equal so that you cannot better yourself
 - iii. The reality – your TIME is their time (your LIFE is owned)
 - iv. Communism is the WORST form of slavery!
3. Joined together in sinful purpose and rebellion
 - a. The “Mark of the Beast” is a perfect example of this
 - i. A way to control buying and selling
 - ii. A way to denote ALLEGIANCE to Satan
 - iii. In fact, the beast will not allow one without the other
 - b. If all a church ever talks about is money, watch out!
 - i. Money is useful – I use it all the time
 - ii. But we are not here to multiply horses unto ourselves
 - iii. We are not here to build a building!
 - iv. We are not here to build a human or physical empire
 - c. We are here to HEAR (the Word of God)
 - i. We are here to BUILD the Kingdom of God
 - ii. We are here because of what HE did (not what we do)

B. God Announces Babylon’s Political Destruction (vs. 1-3)

1. “After these things” – provides the timeline
 - a. Much of the Revelation is chronological (with parenthesis)
 - b. Occasional pauses or summaries, but generally following a pattern
 - c. REV. 1:19 – “Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;”
2. This is a public announcement with notice given
 - a. You’ve seen signs saying that there will be a zoning hearing
 - i. If you’re not at the hearing, then won’t know
 - ii. You had fair warning
 - iii. Unscrupulous persons might try to hide an announcement
 - b. God is NOT required to announce His intentions
 - i. But He does and He does so PUBLICLY
 - ii. It is not hidden in a corner but right here written

- iii. In His book – it is here for ALL to see
 - iv. It is spoken by the Angel
 - c. And the EARTH was lightened with his glory
 - i. Remember the darkness that had fallen
 - ii. Remember that LIGHT only comes from God
 - iii. Remember that God’s arm is not shortened
 - iv. He can make Himself HEARD!
 - v. 1 JOHN 1:5 – “This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.”
 - 3. The time had arrived
 - a. Many wicked people think they are “getting away with it”
 - b. PSA. 10:13 – “Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it.”
 - c. PSA. 10:14a – “Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with thy hand:”
- C. God’s Description of the City (vs. 2-3)
1. The gain of wealth was the standard of the day (vs. 3)
 - a. I believe that capitalism is God’s will for society
 - i. He said the workman is worthy of their hire
 - ii. He commended Prov. 31 woman for entrepreneurial spirit
 - iii. He said if a man won’t work neither shall he eat!
 - iv. We have the God-given right to alienate our labor
 - b. But only when it is correctly placed with the 10 Commandments!
 - c. EXO. 20:3 – “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”
 2. Wealth and power are their gods
 - a. It is no surprise – this is the WAY of the world
 - b. 2 TIM. 3:13 – “But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.”
 - c. Disney wants to introduce queer characters everywhere.
 - i. Why? It isn’t STRICTLY for money (stocks go down)
 - ii. It’s for power and indoctrination (later stocks go up)
 - iii. It’s MIND CONTROL – ideology – power over thought!
 - d. If you watch the videos released of their web conferences
 - i. Money is not mentioned
 - ii. My “not so secret” gay agenda is!
 - e. Watch Soros, watch the World Economic Forum
 - i. They want a “great reset”
 - ii. Not because they care about anyone else
 - iii. So they can have MORE power amassed to themselves!
 - iv. Not a “conspiracy theory” – but Satan’s PLANNING!
 - v. (People aren’t that smart)
 3. God warns them in His Word

- a. 1 TIM. 6:5 – “Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.
- b. “I must be doing alright”
 - i. Oh no! Watch out! Godliness is Godliness!
 - ii. Gain also happens with the wicked
- c. 1 TIM. 6:9-10 – “But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. (10) For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”

II. THE ALARM TO THE RIGHTEOUS

A. The Voice from Heaven (vs. 4)

- 1. A different voice cries out in warning
- 2. COME OUT of her my people
 - a. That indicates there were still some saved people hiding there
 - b. That they were INSIDE that city
 - c. And that they COULD escape
- 3. Notice that this warning is NOT to everyone
 - a. Compare the difference with vs. 1 – the EARTH was lightened
 - b. This was a private call
 - c. JOHN 10:27 – “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:”

B. Lot in Sodom

- 1. We don’t like to think about it, but Lot was in Sodom
- 2. And HE was saved – 2 PET. 2:8 – “(For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)”
- 3. How could he live there, we wonder?
 - a. And God asks us, how can we stomach the things we see?
 - b. We get used to it. Jaded to the wickedness.
 - c. Called your congressman lately?

C. We Must Separate Even Today

- 1. The Bible COMMANDS us to live RIGHTEOUSLY
- 2. 2 COR. 6:14-18 – “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? (15) And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? (16) And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (17) Wherefore

come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, (18) And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.”

III. THE AWARD OF THE WICKED

- A. The Culmination of Wickedness (vs. 2)
 - 1. A cesspool of corruption and abomination
 - 2. Septic tanks...
 - 3. This is the direction of our world
- B. God Keeps a Record (vs. 5)
- C. God Will Judge
 - 1. A double portion of God’s Wrath (vs. 6-7)
 - a. She glorified herself instead of God
 - b. I am reminded of King Herod who did likewise
 - c. ACTS 12:21-23 – “And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them. (22) And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man. (23) And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.”
 - 2. We are to glorify God
 - a. Not by following the “church” of the wicked
 - b. But in one of the LORD’S churches!
 - c. EPH. 3:21 – “Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”
 - 3. The punishment of plagues (vs. 8)

IV. THE AGONY OF THE MOURNERS

- A. The Kings Mourn (vs. 9-10)
 - 1. Everything burned up in one hour
 - 2. Material things are not eternal (no power on earth lasts)
- B. The Merchants Mourn (vs. 11-16)
 - 1. Their long list of luxuries is gone
 - 2. They wail over their loses
- C. The Sea Merchandizers Mourn (vs. 17-19)
 - 1. They look for and praise the works of man
 - 2. But those works are destroyed, and they weep

V. THE ANSWER FOR MATERIALISM

- A. Earthly Religions Have No Power

- B. Earthly Riches Fade Away
 - 1. Lay-up treasures that cannot perish
- C. Only Jesus Can Save