

sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." [Revelation 18:5.] She has filled up the measure of her guilt, and destruction is about to fall upon her. But God still has a people in Babylon; and before the visitation of his judgments, these faithful ones must be called out, that they "partake not of her sins, and receive not of her plagues." Hence the movement symbolized by the angel coming down from Heaven, lightening the earth with his glory, and crying mightily with a strong voice, announcing the sins of Babylon. In connection with his message the call is heard, "Come out of her, my people." As these warnings join the third angel's message, it swells to a loud cry." (Spirit of Prophecy Vol. 4 p. 422)

From the "Loud Cry" Chapter dealing with Revelation 18: "The **sins of Babylon** will be laid open. The fearful results of a union of Church and State, the inroads of Spiritualism, the stealthy but rapid progress of the papal power,--all will be unmasked. By these solemn warnings the people will be stirred. Thousands upon thousands have never listened to words like these. In amazement they hear the testimony that **Babylon is THE church, fallen because of her errors and sins, because of her rejection of the truth sent to her from Heaven.** The people go to their former teachers with the eager inquiry, Are these things so? The ministers present fables, prophesy smooth things, to soothe their fears, and quiet the awakened conscience. But many refuse to be satisfied with the mere authority of men, and demand a plain "Thus saith the Lord." The popular ministry, like the Pharisees of old, are filled with anger as their authority is questioned; they denounce the message as of Satan, and stir up the sin-loving multitudes to revile and persecute those who proclaim it." (Spirit of Prophecy Vol. 4 p. 424)

"As the storm approaches, a large class who have **professed faith in the third message**, but have not been sanctified through it, abandon their position, and take refuge under the banner

of the powers of darkness. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbath-keepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them." (Spirit of Prophecy Vol. 4 p. 426)

Thus we see that the third Babylon is THE CHURCH that has professed faith in the 3rd message yet not been sanctified by obeying that message. She will be foremost in leading out in persecuting God's true people. For: "Apostasy in THE CHURCH prepares the way for the image of the beast." (1888 Great Controversy p. 443)

"I saw all that "would not receive the mark of the Beast, and of his Image, in their foreheads or in their hands," (see Rev. 15-17) could not buy or sell. I saw that the number (666) of the IMAGE BEAST was made up; (Rev 13:18)" (Word to the Little Flock p. 19)

"And what do we see just ahead?—Another general council! A world's convention! evangelical alliance, and universal creed!" When this shall be gained, then, in the effort to secure complete uniformity, it will be only a step to the resort to force." (1888 Great Controversy p. 444)

Don't be surprised if you soon see the Image Beast raising her ugly head, following in the footsteps of her mother, led by the third part of Babylon.

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Answer: Revelation 16:19 "And the great city was divided into **three parts**, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath."

Question: What does the term Babylon represent spiritually?

Answer: The Term Babylon comes from the word Babel. Genesis 11:9 "Therefore is the name of it called **Babel**; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth." Marginal reference reads: "that is confusion."

Babel = BA'BEL, n. [Heb.] = Confusion; disorder.

Question: How is the church of God described in the Scriptures?

Answer: "I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate **woman**." Jeremiah 6:2

"Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; **for I am married unto you**." Jeremiah 3:14

"Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:" Jeremiah 31:32

"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." 2 Corinthians 11:2

Question: How does God view His church if she turns away from Him, goes against His Word of counsel and into apostasy?

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

Isaiah 1:21 “How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.”

Question: What does God call Babylon?

Answer: Revelation 17:4,5 “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: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”

Babylon # Part 1:

Question: Revelation 16:19 has shown us that Babylon was divided into 3 parts, how can we know what the three different parts are?

Answer: The first Babylon is Rome described in Revelation 17:4-6. She was the first apostate church to join with the state and persecute the saints. Therefore the scriptures refer to her as the Mother of Harlots.

Revelation 17:6 “And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.”

“In the thirteenth century was established that most terrible of all the engines of the papacy,—the Inquisition. The prince of darkness wrought with the leaders of the papal hierarchy. In their secret councils, Satan and his angels presided, while unseen in the midst stood an angel of God, taking the fearful record of their iniquitous decrees, and writing the history of deeds too horrible to appear to human eyes. “Babylon the great” was “drunken with the blood of the saints.” The mangled forms of millions of martyrs cried to

God for vengeance upon that apostate power. The noontide of the papacy was the world's moral midnight.” (Spirit of Prophecy Vol. 4 p. 63, 64)

“In **Revelation 17**, Babylon is represented as a woman, a figure which is used in the Scriptures as the symbol of a church. A virtuous woman represents a pure church, a vile woman an apostate church. Babylon is said to be a harlot; and the prophet beheld her drunken with the blood of saints and martyrs. **The Babylon thus described represents Rome**, that apostate church which has so cruelly persecuted the followers of Christ.” (Spirit of Prophecy Vol. 4 p. 233)

Babylon # Part 2:

Question: Who is the second Babylon?

Answer: The second Babylon is a half a world away -and many years apart from the Babylon of Revelation 17; The Prophet of the Lord gives us the answer in the 1884 Great Controversy page 232:

“When the churches spurned the counsel of God by rejecting the Advent message, the Lord rejected them. The first angel was followed by a second, proclaiming, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.” [Revelation 14:8] **This message was understood by Adventists to be an announcement of the moral fall of the churches in consequence of their rejection of the first message.** The proclamation, “Babylon is fallen,” was given in the summer of 1844, and as the result, about fifty thousand withdrew from these churches. The term Babylon, derived from Babel, and signifying confusion, is applied in Scripture to the various forms of false or apostate religion. But the message announcing the fall of Babylon must apply to some religious body that was once pure, and has become corrupt. It cannot be the Romish Church which is here meant; for that church has been in a fallen condition for many centuries. But **how appropriate the figure as applied to the Protestant churches**, all professing to derive

their doctrines from the Bible, yet divided into almost innumerable sects. The unity for which Christ prayed does not exist. Instead of one Lord, one faith, one baptism, there are numberless conflicting creeds and theories. Religious faith appears so confused and discordant that the world know not what to believe as truth. God is not in all this; it is the work of man,—the work of Satan.” (Spirit of Prophecy Vol. 4 p. 232)

We see here that the Servant of the Lord is very clear that the Babylon of Revelation 14:8 is not Rome at all, but the protestant churches in 1844 that shut out the message of the First Angel of Revelation 14. They did not become Babylon until the message for that hour was rejected by them, and they shut it out of their churches and persecuted those that followed the light.

Babylon # Part 3

Question: Who is the third and final Babylon?

Answer: 1884 Great Controversy gave the first two Babylons together in chapter on the “Second Angel’s Message” but she is silent on the third and final Babylon of Revelation 18 for 187 pages, first she goes through and shows what the final Babylon will be teaching in the chapter on Modern Revivals (Faith Alone, No Effort Needed) She also outlines the fact that the world loving churches will have more and more religious zeal, but without the Spirit of God, it will lead to the heading up of the third and final Babylon. This third Babylon was a message yet future.

“The message of Revelation 14 announcing the fall of Babylon, must apply to religious bodies that were once pure and have become corrupt. Since this message follows the warning of the Judgment, it must be given in the last days, therefore it cannot refer to the Romish Church, for that church has been in a fallen condition for many centuries. Furthermore, **in the eighteenth chapter of the Revelation, in a message which is yet future**, the people of God are called upon to come out of Babylon.” (1888 Great Controversy p. 382)

“Of Babylon at this time it is declared, “Her