

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

as revealed to the Apostle John • Lesson #103 - August 9th, 2026

Moderator: Before I begin the lesson, I want to read to you an article I found regarding the building of the third temple in Jerusalem:

Jordan Summons Emergency Meeting Over ‘Imminent’ Israeli Takeover of Al-Aqsa Compound

“Jordan is convening an emergency meeting of Arab and Islamic foreign ministers today, Wednesday, warning that Israel may be on the verge of seizing control of Jerusalem’s most sensitive religious site. Foreign Minister, Ayman Safadi, who will host counterparts from Arab League states as well as Turkiye, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Pakistan, said the threat to the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound is something the whole international community should be aware of. Describing the stakes bluntly, Safadi called Jerusalem “a tinderbox,” saying Jordan is “trying to explain the danger” and “protesting legally” against the imminent danger of continued Israeli measures. The emergency session follows what Jordanian officials describe as an escalating pattern of government-backed incursions by Jewish religious extremists at the compound around al-Aqsa mosque and the Dome of the Rock, in violation of a decades-old status quo overseen by Jordan’s Hashemite monarchy under which only Muslims are permitted to pray at the site. The flashpoint came on July 23, when more than 2,000 Israelis from the religious right, mostly settlers led by National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir, stormed the compound, praying and performing rituals throughout the site, in the worst such violation in modern history. Amman’s alarm has been compounded by a recent Israeli recruitment drive for religious Jews to join a special Temple Mount police unit, and by fears that far-right leaders will mount more direct challenges to Jordan’s traditional custodianship during major Jewish holidays in September. The holidays period will coincide with an intense Israeli election campaign in which Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s far-right coalition is fighting for political survival. The site’s status has been governed for decades by an arrangement in which Muslims may pray at the compound while non-Muslims can visit but are barred from conducting religious worship there. Jordan has held custodianship over Jerusalem’s Islamic and Christian holy sites for more than a century, a role reaffirmed in its 1994 peace treaty with Israel.” (from www.TheDiplomaticInsight.com - News Desk, August 5th, 2026)

Moderator: We’ve been studying this and here’s what is going to happen. The Antichrist (or someone connected to the beast will arrive on the scene and when the peace treaty promised to the whole world happens...Israel will be given this site for the rebuilding of the third Temple. What is interesting is the many Jews believe that this must happen SOON! We know from Bible the building plan and measurements for this Temple: Ezekiel Chapters 40-48.

Moderator: Now we’ll begin the lesson (#103). Last time we talked at length about the Seven Vials of God’s final judgment on sinners in the world. Now we are getting ready for Christ to come back known as “the Second Coming”. But first, we have chapters 17 & 18 in front of us. These Chapters speak of the judgment of That Great City” of Babylon. Let’s turn first to Revelation 13...

Revelation 13:4-5 “And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.”

Moderator: 2 months is 3.5 years, and it’s the last part of the seven year tribulation. Now, let’s look at Revelation 16:19:

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.”

• #1 OVERVIEW OF CHAPTER 17 (Rev. 17)

Moderator: Both Chapter 17 & 18 detail the judgment of Babylon. This is judgment upon false religion that the antichrist will rule over through power from satan during the tribulation period. Babylon symbolizes Pride, Idolatry, False Religion & Rebellion against God.

• BABYLON WAS BUILT BY NIMROD

Genesis 10:6-10 “And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan. And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtecha: and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan. And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD. And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.”

Moderator: Nimrod was a grandson of Noah, but he didn't fulfill what God wanted him to do. Now turn with me please to Genesis Chapter 11...

• THE TOWER OF BABEL

Moderator: Everyone is probably familiar with the Tower of Babel. It was built to make a name for themselves. When someone wants to become famous, it's pride that enters their hearts. God is the only person who is worthy of praise, honor and glory.

Genesis 11:1-9 “And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, GO TO, LET US BUILD US A CITY AND A TOWER, WHOSE TOP MAY REACH UNTO HEAVEN; AND LET US MAKE US A NAME, LEST WE BE SCATTERED ABROAD UPON THE FACE OF THE WHOLE EARTH. And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. 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.”

Moderator: Quickly go back to Genesis 9:1, and here we find what God wanted of mankind:

Genesis 9:1 “And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.”

Moderator: God wanted mankind to REFILL the earth with people and scattered to all land masses. This is the opposite of what the builders of the Tower wanted. They wanted to remain in one place to be organized to gain great power and worldly wisdom. This was forbidden by God!

Moderator: Now turn Genesis 11:5-9...

Genesis 11:5-9 “And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the LORD said, BEHOLD, THE PEOPLE IS ONE, AND THEY HAVE ALL

ONE LANGUAGE; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. o to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. 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."

• **KING NEBUCHADNEZZER RULED BABYLON FROM 605-562 BC AND HAD PRIDE IN HIS HEART**

Moderator: King Nebuchadnezzar built the "Hanging Gardens" which was absolutely beautiful and was considered one of the "Seven Wonders of the World". He also invaded Jerusalem and enslaved God's people (the Jews) including Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

Daniel 4:29-30 "At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon. The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?"

• **ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS SPEAKS TO JOHN** (Rev. 17:1A)

Revelation 17:1-6: "And there came ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS WHICH HAD THE SEVEN VIALS, AND TALKED WITH ME, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. So he (the angel) carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 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. 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."

Moderator: In the closing verses of Revelation 16 we saw the seventh angel pouring out the last vial judgment. Now we one of the seven angels who shows him the destruction of Babylon. This seventh and final vial judgment is happening during all of Chapter 17 & 18. The fall of Babylon, and the destruction of this false religious system happens just before the Second Coming of Christ. The Angel is going to reveal to John who this "woman" is, what she has done & and how she'll be destroyed.

• **THE JUDGMENT OF THE GREAT WHORE** (Rev. 17:1B)

Revelation 17:1: "And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I WILL SHEW UNTO THEE THE JUDGMENT OF THE GREAT WHORE that sitteth upon many waters:"

Moderator: The Whore is the false religious system (church). She is the direct opposite & enemy of all that God is. The term: "whore" is used for spiritual fornication and Idolatry. In John's day, she was found in Kingdom of Rome, Italy. Why must this whore be judged?...

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."

Revelation 19:1-3 "And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous

are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.”

Revelation 17:4 “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:”

• THE GREAT WHORE SITS UPON MANY WATERS (Rev. 17:1C)

Revelation 17:1 “And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of THE GREAT WHORE THAT SITTETH UPON MANY WATERS:”

Moderator: Many waters symbolize multitudes of peoples & nations

Revelation 17:15-18 “And he saith unto me, THE WATERS WHICH THOU SAWEST, WHERE THE WHORE SITTETH, ARE PEOPLES, AND MULTITUDES, AND NATIONS, AND TONGUES. And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. AND THE WOMAN WHICH THOU SAWEST IS THAT GREAT CITY, WHICH REIGNETH OVER THE KINGS OF THE EARTH.”

Jeremiah 51:13 “O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness.”

Revelation 17:4 “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:”

Revelation 17:2 “With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.”

Moderator: Now, I want to pose a question to all of us today..We know when Jesus comes to rescue his bride at “Rapture”. This means everyone who has accepted Christ “BY FAITH” will no longer be here for the tribulation. So we know that only the sinners are left behind. Many of those sinners who are left behind believe they are saved. There are many “churches” who tell their people they are saved if they join their particular church. Many believe they are saved because they “believe”, but they have not believed in being “saved by grace”. Many churches teach that if you love God you are saved. Many believe if you do good deeds, you are saved. There are people who have said a false “sinner’s prayer”. In this false prayer, Jesus is not mentioned as saviour, his shed blood on the cross of calvary is left out. Confessing to others that Jesus has saved them is left out.

In order to be saved, you must hear a clear presentation of the gospel and be under the conviction of the Holy Spirit. You will know you are a sinner in need of a Savior. That Savior is Jesus the Son of God, who went to the cross of calvary to die for your sins. You must accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, believing in faith, that Jesus took your sins upon Himself and died for you.

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

John 16:8-9 “And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me;”

Romans 10:9-17 “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man

Ephesians 2:8-9 “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”

Pastor Rains: Chris, I believe you are correct in everything you're saying. However, the mindset of rebellion against God is the whole world system, it's not exclusive to just one denomination that has their own specific "sinner's prayer" which has been corrupted. The world system does NOT have the TRUE GOSPEL to give. The one true gospel is nowhere to be found in their teachings.

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