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### II. The Second Angel's Message

**Memory Verse:** "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." Revelation 14:8

1. What is Babylon? Revelation 17:5 "And upon her forehead was a name written, M \_\_\_\_\_, B \_\_\_\_\_ THE GREAT, THE M \_\_\_\_\_ OF H \_\_\_\_\_ AND A \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE EARTH."

**Note:** "In Revelation 14 the first angel is 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. The term 'Babylon' is derived from 'Babel,' and signifies confusion. It is employed in Scripture to designate the various forms of false or apostate religion." GC 381.1

2. Babylon is described as a woman. What does a woman in Bible prophecy represent?

**Jeremiah 6:2** "I have \_\_\_\_\_ the daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ to a comely and delicate \_\_\_\_\_."

Daughter of Zion is likened to a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Isaiah 51:16** "And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto \_\_\_\_\_, Thou art \_\_\_\_\_."

Zion = God's \_\_\_\_\_

**Hosea 2:19** "And I will \_\_\_\_\_ thee unto Me forever; yea, I will \_\_\_\_\_ thee unto Me in \_\_\_\_\_, and in \_\_\_\_\_, and in loving-kindness, and in \_\_\_\_\_."

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

God's People are betrothed, espoused to Christ. [engaged to become His bride]

**Jeremiah 3:14** "Turn, O \_\_\_\_\_ children, saith the Lord; for I am \_\_\_\_\_ unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:"

So a woman represents a church. A pure woman represents a pure church. What would an impure woman represent? An \_\_\_\_\_ church.

**Note:** "In the Bible the sacred and enduring character of the relation that exists between Christ and His church is represented by the union of marriage. The Lord has joined His people to Himself by a solemn covenant, He promising to be their God, and they pledging themselves to be His and His alone."

GC 381.2 "In Revelation 17 Babylon is represented as a woman – a figure which is used in the Bible as the symbol of a church, a virtuous woman representing a pure church, a vile woman an apostate church." GC 381.1

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3. Is Babylon a PURE or an IMPURE woman? (Underline one)

Read Revelation 17:1-5 and underline all the words that tell you the answer:

"And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show 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 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."

4. What does an adulterous woman represent?

Hosea 3:1 "Then said the Lord unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an \_\_\_\_\_, according to the love of the Lord toward the children of Israel, who look to \_\_\_\_\_ gods, and love flagons of wine." The adulteress is like the children of Israel whom God loved but they turned to other gods.

Jeremiah 3:20 "Surely as a \_\_\_\_\_ treacherously \_\_\_\_\_ from her \_\_\_\_\_, so have ye dealt \_\_\_\_\_ with me, O house of Israel, saith the Lord."

**Note:** "The **unfaithfulness** of the church to Christ in **permitting her confidence and affection to be turned from Him**, and allowing the **love of worldly things to occupy the soul**, is likened to the **violation of the marriage vow**. The sin of Israel in departing from the Lord is presented under this figure; and the wonderful love of God which they thus despised is touchingly portrayed." GC 381.3

"In the New Testament, language very similar is addressed to professed Christians who **seek the friendship of the world above the favor of God**." GC 382.1

James 4:4: "Ye \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, know ye not that the friendship of the \_\_\_\_\_ is enmity with \_\_\_\_\_? whosoever therefore will be a \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God."

5. What is the harlot religious system identified as in Revelation 17:18?

Revelation 17:18 "And the \_\_\_\_\_ which thou sawest is that great \_\_\_\_\_, which \_\_\_\_\_ over the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth."  
She is a city that rules over the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth.

**Note:** "Babylon is also charged with the sin of unlawful connection with 'the kings of the earth.' It was by departure from the Lord, and alliance with the heathen, that the Jewish church became a harlot; and Rome, corrupting herself in like manner by **seeking the support of worldly powers**, receives a like condemnation." GC 382.2

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6. The adulterous woman sits on 3 things:

a. **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 show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that \_\_\_\_\_ upon many \_\_\_\_\_."

What does this represent? Revelation 17:15 "And he saith unto me, The \_\_\_\_\_ which thou sawest, where the whore \_\_\_\_\_, are \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** The harlot church rules many nations.

b. **Revelation 17:3** "So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a \_\_\_\_\_ sit upon a \_\_\_\_\_ coloured \_\_\_\_\_, full of names of \_\_\_\_\_, having seven heads and ten horns."

What does this represent in Bible prophecy? Daniel 7:17 "These great \_\_\_\_\_, which are four, are four \_\_\_\_\_, which shall arise out of the earth."

**Note:** A beast represents a kingdom or political power. Therefore, the harlot sitting on the scarlet beast represents an apostate religious system that also possesses political power and rules over kings.

c. **Revelation 17:9** "And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven \_\_\_\_\_, on which the woman \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** There is only one politically powerful apostate church that represents a great city that sits on 7 mountains. Rome is known as "the city on seven hills". This church can be none other than the Roman Catholic Church.

**Note:** "The power that for so many centuries maintained despotic sway over the monarchs of Christendom is Rome. The purple and scarlet color, the gold and precious stones and pearls, vividly picture the magnificence and more than kingly pomp affected by the haughty see of Rome." GC 382.2

7. What other characteristic describes this religio-political power? Revelation 17:6

"And I saw the \_\_\_\_\_ drunken with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the saints, and with the blood of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus: and when I saw her, I \_\_\_\_\_ with great admiration [wonder]."

**Note:** "That the Church of Rome has shed more innocent blood than any other institution that has ever existed among mankind, will be questioned by no Protestant who has a competent knowledge of history." (William E. Lecky quoted in "Who are these Three Angels?" by Jeff Wehr)

"No other power could be so truly declared 'drunken with the blood of the saints' as that church which has so cruelly persecuted the followers of Christ." GC 382.2

8. Read Revelation 17:5. If Babylon is the mother, then who are the daughters?

- a. Babylon is described as an impure woman which is an apostate church.
- b. The daughters would therefore be churches that have left the pure truths of the Bible and adopted errors.

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**Note:** "Babylon is said to be 'the mother of harlots.' By her daughters must be symbolized churches that cling to her doctrines and traditions, and follow her example of sacrificing the truth and the approval of God, in order to form an unlawful alliance with the world. 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 Roman Church alone, for that church has been in a fallen condition for many centuries. Furthermore, in the eighteenth chapter of the Revelation **the people of God are called upon to come out of Babylon**. According to this scripture, many of God's people must still be in Babylon. And in what religious bodies are the greater part of the followers of Christ now to be found? Without doubt, in the various churches professing the Protestant faith. At the time of their rise these churches took a **noble stand for God and the truth**, and His blessing was with them. Even the unbelieving world was constrained to acknowledge the beneficent results that followed an acceptance of the principles of the gospel. ... But they **fell by the same desire** which was the curse and ruin of Israel – the desire of **imitating the practices and courting the friendship of the ungodly**." GC 382.3

"Many of the Protestant churches are following Rome's example of iniquitous connection with 'the kings of the earth' – the state churches, by their relation to secular governments; and other denominations, by **seeking the favor of the world**. And the term 'Babylon' – confusion – may be appropriately applied to these bodies, all professing to derive their doctrines from the Bible, yet divided into almost innumerable sects, with widely conflicting creeds and theories." GC 383.1

"Besides a sinful union with the world, the churches that separated from Rome present other of her characteristics." GC 383.2

9. What does Scripture say about Babylon? Babylon is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Isaiah 21:9** "And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is \_\_\_\_\_, is \_\_\_\_\_; and all the graven images of her gods he hath \_\_\_\_\_ unto the ground."

**Revelation 14:8** "And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is \_\_\_\_\_, is \_\_\_\_\_, that great \_\_\_\_\_, because she made \_\_\_\_\_ nations drink of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the wrath of her \_\_\_\_\_."

**Revelation 18:2** "And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is \_\_\_\_\_, is \_\_\_\_\_, and is become the habitation of \_\_\_\_\_, and the hold of every \_\_\_\_\_ spirit, and a cage of every \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ bird."

**Note:** "The second angel's message of Revelation 14 was first preached in the summer of 1844, and it then had a more direct application to the churches of the United States, where the warning of the judgment had been most widely proclaimed and most generally rejected, and where the declension in the churches had been most rapid. **But the message of the second angel did not reach its complete fulfillment in 1844**. The churches then experienced a moral fall, in consequence of their refusal of the light of the advent message; but **that fall was not complete**. As they have continued to reject the special truths for this time they have fallen lower and lower. Not yet, however, can it be said that 'Babylon is fallen,... because she made **all** nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.' She has not yet made **all** nations do this. The **spirit of world conforming and indifference to the testing truths for our time** exists and has been gaining ground in churches of the Protestant faith in all the countries of Christendom; and these churches are included in the solemn and terrible denunciation of the second angel. **But the work of apostasy has not yet reached its culmination**." GC 389.2

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The Bible declares in 2 Thessalonians 2:9-11 that before the coming of the Lord S\_\_\_\_\_ will work "with all \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and lying \_\_\_\_\_, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness;" and because they received not the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, that they might be \_\_\_\_\_, they will be left to receive "\_\_\_\_\_ delusion, that they should \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_."

"Not until this condition shall be reached, and the **union of the church with the world** shall be **fully accomplished** throughout Christendom, will the **fall of Babylon be complete**. The change is a progressive one, and the perfect fulfillment of Revelation 14:8 is yet future." GC 389.3.

It is getting closer every day. We are nearing this time.

10. What are God's people called to do?

**Jeremiah 51:6** "\_\_\_\_\_ out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver \_\_\_\_\_ man his soul: be not \_\_\_\_\_ off in her \_\_\_\_\_; for this is the time of the Lord's vengeance; he will render unto her a recompense."

**Revelation 18:4** "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come \_\_\_\_\_ of her, \_\_\_\_\_ people, that ye be not \_\_\_\_\_ of her \_\_\_\_\_, and that ye \_\_\_\_\_ not of her \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** God's people are called to come out of Babylon, to separate from her, and to stop participating in her sins.

**Note:** "This scripture points forward to a time when the announcement of the fall of Babylon, as made by the second angel of Revelation 14 (verse 8), is to be repeated, with the additional mention of the corruptions which have been entering the various organizations that constitute Babylon, since that message was first given, in the summer of 1844. **A terrible condition of the religious world is here described.** With every rejection of truth the minds of the people will become darker, their hearts more stubborn, until they are entrenched in an infidel hardihood. In defiance of the warnings which God has given, they will continue to **trample upon one of the precepts of the Decalogue**, until they are led to **persecute those who hold it sacred**. Christ is set at nought in the **contempt placed upon His word and His people**. As the **teachings of spiritualism are accepted** by the churches, the restraint imposed upon the carnal heart is removed, and the profession of religion will become a cloak to conceal the basest iniquity. A belief in spiritual manifestations opens the door to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, and thus **the influence of evil angels will be felt in the churches.**" GC 603.2

"Notwithstanding the spiritual darkness and alienation from God that exist in the churches which constitute Babylon, **the great body of Christ's true followers are still to be found in their communion**. There are many of these who have **never seen the special truths for this time**. Not a few are dissatisfied with their present condition and are **longing for clearer light**. They look in vain for the image of Christ in the churches with which they are connected. As these bodies depart further and further from the truth, and ally themselves more closely with the world, **the difference between the two classes will widen**, and it will finally result in separation. The time will come when those who love God supremely can no longer remain in connection with such as are 'lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.' " GC 390.1

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"Revelation 18 points to the time when, as the result of rejecting the threefold warning of Revelation 14:6-12, the church will have fully reached the condition foretold by the second angel, and the people of God still in Babylon will be called upon to **separate** from her communion. **This message is the last that will ever be given to the world; and it will accomplish its work.** When those that 'believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness' (2 Thessalonians 2:12), shall be left to receive strong delusion and to believe a lie, then the light of truth will shine upon **all whose hearts are open** to receive it, and **all the children of the Lord that remain in Babylon will heed the call:** 'Come out of her, My people' (Revelation 18:4)." GC 390.2

11. What judgments are pronounced upon Babylon?

**Isaiah 13:19** "And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_ Sodom and Gomorrah."

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

**Jeremiah 51:29** "And the land shall \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_: for every \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord shall be performed \_\_\_\_\_ Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a \_\_\_\_\_ without an \_\_\_\_\_."

**Jeremiah 51:63-64** "And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, that thou shalt bind a \_\_\_\_\_ to it, and \_\_\_\_\_ it into the midst of Euphrates: And thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon \_\_\_\_\_, and shall not \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ that I will bring upon her: and they shall be weary. Thus far are the words of Jeremiah."

**Revelation 18:21** "And a mighty angel took up a \_\_\_\_\_ like a great millstone, and \_\_\_\_\_ it into the sea, saying, Thus with \_\_\_\_\_ shall that great city Babylon be \_\_\_\_\_ down, and shall be \_\_\_\_\_ no more at all."

**Revelation 18:8** "Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_; and she shall be utterly \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her."

**Revelation 18:10** "Standing afar off for the \_\_\_\_\_ of her \_\_\_\_\_, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy \_\_\_\_\_ come."

Note: "She [Babylon] 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.' These announcements, uniting with the third angel's message, constitute the **final warning** to be given to the inhabitants of the earth." GC 604.1

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12. What reasons are given for the destruction of Babylon?

a. **Jeremiah 50:29** "Call together the archers against \_\_\_\_\_: all ye that bend the bow, camp \_\_\_\_\_ it round about; let \_\_\_\_\_ thereof escape: \_\_\_\_\_ her according to her work; according to \_\_\_\_\_ that she hath \_\_\_\_\_, do unto her: for she hath been \_\_\_\_\_ against the Lord, against the Holy \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

b. **Jeremiah 50:24** "... Thou art \_\_\_\_\_, and also \_\_\_\_\_, because thou hast \_\_\_\_\_ against the \_\_\_\_\_."

c. **Daniel 4:29-30** "At the end of twelve months he walked in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ spake, and \_\_\_\_\_, Is not this \_\_\_\_\_ Babylon, that \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ for the house of the kingdom by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ power, and for the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ majesty?" He was judged for self-glorification. How many I's and my's are in this verse? \_\_\_\_\_

d. **Revelation 14:8** "... because she made \_\_\_\_\_ nations \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the wrath of her \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "What is that wine? – her false doctrines. She has given to the world a false sabbath instead of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, and has repeated the falsehood that Satan first told to Eve in Eden – the natural immortality of the soul. Many kindred errors she has spread far and wide, 'teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.'" Maranatha 171.3

e. **Isaiah 21:9** Babylon is judged because of her G \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_.

f. **Revelation 18:2** "Babylon ... is become the habitation of \_\_\_\_\_ and the hold of every \_\_\_\_\_."

g. **Revelation 18:5** "For her \_\_\_\_\_ have reached unto \_\_\_\_\_, and God hath remembered her \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "When do her sins reach unto heaven? **When the law of God is finally made void by legislation.** Then the extremity of God's people is His opportunity to show who is the governor of heaven and earth. As a Satanic power is stirring up the elements from beneath, **God will send light and power to His people**, that the message of truth may be proclaimed to all the world." Mar 179.3

h. **Revelation 18:24** Babylon is responsible for "the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_ that were \_\_\_\_\_ upon the earth".

Let's Review:

- ① Babylon has been \_\_\_\_\_ against the Lord;
- ② They fought \_\_\_\_\_ God.
- ③ They took G \_\_\_\_\_ to themselves and did not glorify God.
- ④ They made \_\_\_\_\_ nations participate in their false doctrines and worship.
- ⑤ They made graven \_\_\_\_\_.
- ⑥ They followed the D \_\_\_\_\_'s plan instead of God's.
- ⑦ Their \_\_\_\_\_ are enormous, they have reached unto heaven.
- ⑧ They shed the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's people.

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13. How is this message given to the world? Revelation 18:1-2

"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having \_\_\_\_\_ power; and the earth was \_\_\_\_\_ with his \_\_\_\_\_. And he cried \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_ 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."

**Note:** "Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them. The sins of Babylon will be laid open. The fearful results of enforcing the observances of the church by civil authority, 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 will listen who have never heard 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.** As 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 since 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, filled with anger as their authority is questioned, will denounce the message as of Satan and stir up the sin-loving multitudes to revile and persecute those who proclaim it." GC 606.2

14. What is God's promise to His people? Jeremiah 42:11 "Be not \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Babylon, of whom ye are \_\_\_\_\_; be not \_\_\_\_\_ of him, saith the Lord: for I \_\_\_\_\_ with you to \_\_\_\_\_ you, and to \_\_\_\_\_ you from his \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "No longer have the hosts of evil power to keep the church captive; for 'Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city,' which hath 'made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication;' and to spiritual Israel is given the message, 'Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.' (Revelation 14:8; 18:4). As the captive exiles heeded the message, 'Flee out of the midst of Babylon' (Jeremiah 51:6), and were restored to the Land of Promise, so those who fear God today are heeding the message to withdraw from spiritual Babylon, and soon they are to stand as **trophies of divine grace** in the earth made new, the heavenly Canaan." PK 715.1