

Morning Sermon 2/20/2022
"Babylon's Economic Failure!" Revelation 18:9-19

An ungodly person, and ungodly people - Babylon - seek gold more than God and the wisdom of the world more than the wisdom of the Word (the Bible) and while this may temporarily get them ahead; because they seek these things first and because God provides for all. This chapter tells us judgment is coming, and the foolishness of atheism (Psalm 14:1) and God's judgment of it destroys even the economic realm -

"the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn..." Revelation 18:11

Notice Babylon's relationship with "the kings of the earth":9 and "merchants of the earth" :11 –

I. Babylon's relationship with the "kings of the earth" – Failure of 666

⁹ **"The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, Revelation 18:9 (NKJV)**

1. *If Babylon is, as I say, an assembly of the entire non-believing world, the entire ungodly world, Satan's harlot, his false church note, they will, according to chapter 17 be hated –*

Revelation 17:12 (NKJV)

¹² **"The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.**

Revelation 17:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ **And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire.**

2. *As I said before, the hatred the kings of the earth have for the harlot is not the hatred of two enemies but rather the hatred, the lack of care and love, a man has for a prostitute ... Note it is the end time kings who destroy, burn Babylon, HOW? WHY?*

End time ungodly kings cannot help but burn and destroy Babylon –

A. *For ungodly government, ungodly people are their BASE*

B. *Yet, without God, without morality neither has what the other really needs, they are not capable of prosperity, nor of true kindness, love is not possible without God's grace –*

Psalm 20:7 (NKJV) ⁷ Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

C. *The ungodly, the beast trust in chariots and horses, in military and economic might, but not in God, they have no clue about their own depravity, they count it right and okay to murder and steal when God says not to –*

Proverbs 14:12 (NKJV) ¹² There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.

Exodus 20:13 (NKJV) ¹³ "You shall not murder. Exodus 20:15 (NKJV) ¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

Prayer and the Bible were taken out of schools first, then, a short time later, abortion, the killing of unborn children becomes legal ... Our population becomes TOP HEAVY, there is no base of young people to support a large population of aging baby boomers, euthanasia is more and more likely. Denial of thou shall not steal, based on the concept of private property, leads to socialism or communism! Not only this; but because an ungodly government is paired with a group of ungodly MERCHANTS, Babylon has a double sword coming at them ...

II. *Babylon's relationship with the merchants –*

“the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn...” Revelation 18:11 They weep and mourn at her destruction but they also had their part in it ...

1. *Consider merchants, without God, are ALL ABOUT THE BUSINESS –*

Genesis 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden.

A. *Cain's ungodly children / descendants became leaders in industry -*

²⁰ And Adah bore Jabal. He was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. ²¹ His brother's name was Jubal. He was the father of all those who play the harp and flute. ²² And as for Zillah, she also bore Tubal-Cain, an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron. **Genesis 4:20-22**

B. *Eventually, women who's calling from God is the raising of children –*

Titus 2:3-5 (NKJV) ³ the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things—⁴ that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵ to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

Are made to FEEL economic goals, having things, is MORE IMPORTANT than raising or even having children:

**Thus, children are taught / raised by those who would NOT care about them. Schools are run with a political agenda, and children are not taught Biblical morality, nor math, reading and things that would really help!*

** Children are aborted for the sake of a career / or never even conceived.*

2. *In the long run, business is destroyed, without godly training of children there are less and less “godly” or even decent adults, many more problems are in society ... laziness, crime, lack of motivation*

A. *Businesses are more concerned with money than a quality product*

B. *Business is not concerned at all about employees, except for the bottom line \$\$\$\$\$*

C. *Employees also are only concerned with a paycheck, without God there is no Puritan work ethic –*

¹⁰ Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might... **Ecclesiastes 9:10 A (NKJV)** And especially not –

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NKJV) ³¹ Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

III. *Babylon's temporary success was only due to God's allowance (Matthew 5:44) and His provision for His own people –*

1. *What Babylon had at one point, a lot of this, was because of godly hard workers and for them –*

¹² merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble; ¹³ and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men. **Revelation 18:12-13 (NKJV)**

2. *As salt of the earth, we have slowed the corruption of business & politics – Matthew 5:13*

3. *The meek, God's people inherit the earth –*

⁵ Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. **Matthew 5:5 (NKJV)** see also **Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)**
... But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous. **Proverbs 13:22 B (NKJV)**

4. *The ungodly lose everything QUICKLY, suddenly – Revelation 18:21-24*

¹⁸ Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction. ¹⁹ Oh, how they are brought to desolation, as in a moment! They are utterly consumed with terrors. **Psalm 73:18-19 (NKJV)**

“Babylon would not be bothered by God, so God will not bother Babylon anymore with his pleasant gifts. God will instead give her what she wants: demons, haunting vultures, and predators.” J. M. Hamilton Jr.