

SECOND ANGEL



BABYLON
EXPOSED

The Second Angel's Message

Humanity's Desire to Save Itself – Revealed

And another angel followed, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. Rev 14:8.

Babylon – The State

Nimrod founded the city of Babylon. He was the first man to create his own kingdom. Rejecting the kingdom of God, which is based on parental authority, he created a state system. Each person that resided in a designated territory became his subject and owed allegiance to him. Power and control became the essence and heart of Babylon. This desire for conquest and control spread through the whole world. Many kingdoms have risen and fallen – Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Roman and the “Holy” Roman Empire. Identity and value was found not in intimate relationship with our Father God but rather, each person creates their own identity and is valued by their achievements and performance.

Babylon – The Church

To turn the hearts of people from God to himself, Nimrod created a new religion: A worship of the “inherent” power in nature. When Nimrod died, his wife said that Nimrod was now embodied in the sun and they must worship the sun. Sun worship became almost universal throughout the world. Worshipped as Ra in Egypt; in Caanan as Baal, Moloch; in Syria as Tammuz; in Moab as Baal-peor and Chemosh; in Babylon and Assyria as Bel; in Perisa as Mithra; in Greece as Adonis, Apollo, Bacchus and Hercules; and in Rome as Bacchus, Apollo and Hercules. The essence of this religion teaches the inherent immortal power of man. The nature of this religion is one of force and control by means of the state, to deny individuality and to control the spirit of humanity. Before the arrival of the “Holy” Roman Empire the state controlled the church and its functions but in the Papacy we see a new and diverse kingdom emerge – the church controlling the state. This new kingdom used religion as its prime mode of warfare (“holy wars”) and sought to fully possess mind as well as body.

Is Fallen

From the time of Christ until the end of the first century, the Christian church was sustained by the power of God and not a worldly government. As time moved on and persecution raged, the church fell into a trap of false peace. In the fourth century, Emperor Constantine, to gain political unity, welded the religion of sun worship to the Christian church. The church let go of its hold on God and trusted human power to safeguard her. This was no less than spiritual fornication. In A.D. 533 Emperor Justinian signed a decree handing all the power of the Roman Empire into the hands of the church, and soon the most despotic power ever witnessed became the last in the line of kingdoms to use the principles of Babylon to form a government.

Wine of her Fornication

The wine of Babylon is her belief in the inherent power of nature as reflected in the teaching of the immortality of the soul and the principle of the state to enforce its dogma's. The wine of Babylon is also reflected in the assumption to change and annul the laws of God as reflected in Sunday observance while at the same time claiming to be the bride of Christ. The fornication of Babylon is reflected in the church's intimacy with the state and a rejection of God's government and rulership.

The Objective and Subjective Cry of Babylon is Fallen

The objective cry “Babylon is fallen” unveils this shameless harlot and reveals the abomination of her filthiness in assuming the position of God and establishing an idolatrous system of worship that is based on self. It reveals the fact that Satan has counterfeited the work of Christ and deceived the world. The cry “Babylon is fallen” is Elijah revealing the prophets of Baal as false prophets before the multitude. The subjective cry “Babylon is fallen” reveals the tendency of every human heart towards this false worship. The cry “Babylon is fallen” in the context of Jer 51:8 is a victory cry of its destruction. When as individuals, we see the fallen condition of Babylon in our lives, we are then able to come out of this system and Babylon is destroyed in us. In this sense “Babylon is fallen” is a cry of freedom for the individual. It is important to note that only those who have subjectively experienced the fall of Babylon can preach with power and Christlikeness the objective cry “Babylon is fallen”.

We trace the story of Babylon during the Christian era. We see how Christ's heavenly ministry is obscured by an earthly counterfeit. We firstly identify this power and then examine its activities.