

Revelation to the Nations

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God has jewels in all the churches, and it is not for us to make sweeping denunciation of the professed religious world. The Lord has His representatives in all the churches. These representatives have not had the special testing truths for these last days presented to them under circumstances that brought conviction to heart and mind; therefore they have not, by rejecting light, severed their connection with God. Many there are who have walked in the light as far as they have had a knowledge of it. They hunger to know more of the ways and works of God. All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to Heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the very verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in.

Among the Catholics there are many who are most conscientious Christians, and who walk in all the light that shines upon them, and God will work in their behalf.

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."

In heathen Africa, in the Catholic lands of Europe and of South America, in China, in India, in the islands of the sea, and in all the dark corners of the earth, God has in reserve a firmament of chosen ones that will yet shine forth amidst the darkness revealing clearly to an apostate world the transforming power of obedience to His law. Even now they are appearing in every nation, among every tongue and people; and in the hour of deepest apostasy, when Satan's supreme effort is made to cause "all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond," to receive, under penalty of death, the sign of allegiance to a false rest day, these faithful ones, "blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke," will "shine as lights in the world." The darker the night, the more brilliantly will they shine.

BABYLONS' SINS REACH UNTO HEAVEN

1. How far have the sins of Babylon reached? Rev 18:5.

Ans: a. ⁵For her sins have _____ unto _____, and God hath remembered her _____.
Rev 18:5.

Ans: b. The sins of ancient Babylon were given in _____ as reaching unto _____. ²²It is thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown, and _____ unto _____, and thy dominion to the end of the earth. Dan 4:22.

²⁷Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy _____ by righteousness, and thine _____ by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity. Dan 4:27.

⁹We would have healed _____, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country: for her judgment _____ unto _____, and is lifted up *even* to the skies. Jer 51:9.

When do her _____ reach unto _____? When the _____ of God is finally made _____ by _____. 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.

¹²⁶It is time for *thee*, LORD, to _____; for they have made _____ thy _____. Ps 119:126.

The sins of _____ and Gomorrah reached up to _____ in _____.

²⁰And the LORD said, Because the cry of _____ and Gomorrah is great, and because their _____ is very grievous; ²¹I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is _____ unto _____; and if not, I will know. Gen 18:20,21. See note below.

The sins of ancient Babylon were given in symbol as reaching unto heaven. 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. The sins of Sodom and Gomorrah reached up to God in heaven.

BABYLON RECEIVES DOUBLE ACCORDING TO HER WORKS

2. What reward does God promise to Babylon? Rev 18:6; Jer 16:18; 17:18.

Ans: a. ⁶Reward her even as she _____ you, and _____ unto her double according to her works: in the _____ which she hath filled fill to her double. Rev 18:6.

Ans: b. ¹⁸And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin _____; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable things. Jer 16:18.

¹⁸Let them be confounded that persecute me, but let not me be confounded: let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed: bring upon them the day of evil, and _____ them with _____ destruction. Jer 17:18.

The reward of Babylon will be _____ (Rev 18:4,8) _____ and death (Rev 18:20-24; 19:1-3). She had destroyed, _____, tortured and persecuted God’s prophets and _____ so she will receive according to what she has given (Gal 6:7,8). The _____ which she has given is the cup of false doctrines and great _____ and persecution to all who dare not obey her. This will occur when the Sabbath keeping remnant of God will have a _____ decree made against them (Rev 13:11-17; 18:3). See note below.

The reward of Babylon will be plagues (Rev 18:4,8) destruction and death (Rev 18:20-24; 19:1-3). She had destroyed, killed, tortured and persecuted God’s prophets and saints so she will receive according to what she has given (Gal 6:7,8). The cup, which she has given, is the cup of false doctrines and great wrath and persecution to all who dare not obey her. This will occur when the Sabbath keeping remnant of God will have a death decree made against them (Rev 13:11-17; 18:3).

3. What further description is given concerning the judgments on Babylon? Rev 18:7; Isa 47:6-9.

Ans: a. ⁷How much she hath glorified herself, and lived _____, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a _____, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Rev 18:7.

Ans: b. ⁶I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst shew them _____ mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke.

⁷And thou saidst, I shall be a _____ for ever: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it.

⁸Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall _____ sit as a _____, neither shall I know the loss of children: ⁹But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy _____, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments. Isa 47:6-9.

God’s word has given warning of the impending _____; let this be unheeded, and the Protestant world will learn what the purposes of Rome really are, only when it is too late to escape the snare. She is silently growing into _____. Her _____ are exerting their influence in _____ halls, in the _____, and in the _____ of men. She is piling up her lofty and massive structures in the secret recesses of which her former persecutions will be repeated. Stealthily and _____ she is strengthening her _____ to further her own ends when the time shall come for her to _____. All that she desires is vantage ground, and this is already being given her. We shall soon see and shall feel what the _____ of the Roman element is. Whoever shall believe and obey the word of God will thereby incur reproach and _____. See note below.

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THE PLAGUES ON BABYLON LAST ONE YEAR

4. How does John further describe the judgments of Babylon? Rev 18:8.

Ans: a. ⁸Therefore shall her _____ come in _____ day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. Rev 18:8.

Ans: b. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day. One _____ in Bible prophecy _____ one literal _____ (Ezek 4:6; Num 14:34). The plagues are for a length of one year and the death decree comes soon after the plagues begin.

I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus’ work was done in the sanctuary, and then will come the seven last _____. These plagues _____ the wicked _____ the _____; they thought that we had brought the judgments of God upon them, and that if they could rid the earth of us, the plagues would then be stayed. A _____ went forth to _____ the saints, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance. **Ellen G. White, “Experience and Views” pages 36,37.**

Wonderful events are soon to open upon the world. The end of all things is at hand. The time of _____ is about to come upon the people of God. Then it is that the _____ will go fourth _____ those who keep the _____ of the Lord to buy or sell, threatening them with punishment, and even _____, if they do not observe the first day of the week as the Sabbath. The decree which is to go forth against the people of God will be very _____ to that issued by Ahasuerus against the Jews in the time of Esther. . . . Satan instigated the scheme in order to rid the earth of those who preserved the knowledge of the true God. But his plots were defeated by a counterpower that reigns among the children of men. . . . The _____ world today see in the little company keeping the _____ a Mordecai in the gate. His character and conduct, expressing reverence for the law of God, are a constant rebuke to those who have cast off the fear of the Lord and are trampling upon His Sabbath; the _____ intruder must by some means be put out of the way. The _____ masterful mind that plotted against the

faithful in ages past is still seeking to rid the earth of those who fear God and _____ His law. Satan will excite indignation against the humble minority who conscientiously refuse to accept popular customs and traditions. Men of position and reputation will join with the lawless and the vile to take counsel against the people of God. . . . _____ having a "Thus saith the _____" to bring against the advocates of the Bible Sabbath, they will resort to oppressive enactments to supply the lack. . . . On this battlefield comes the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error. And we are not left in doubt as to the issue. Now, as in the days of Mordecai, the Lord will vindicate His truth and His people. Ellen G. White, "Maranatha," page 190.

The decree that was made by Haman in the reign of Ahasuerus against the Jews was made in the first month and was to be put into affect in the twelfth month (Esther 3:12,13). The plagues are for _____ months and the death decree comes in soon after and will be _____ the same length of time. See note below.

Ans: c. In this age antichrist will appear as the true Christ, and then the _____ of God will be _____ made _____ in the nations of our world. Rebellion _____ God's holy law will be fully ripe. But the true leader of all this rebellion is Satan clothed as an angel of light. Men will be deceived and will exalt him to the place of God, and deify him. But Omnipotence will _____, and to the _____ churches that unite in the exaltation of Satan, the sentence will go forth, "Therefore shall her plagues come in _____ day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her" See note below.

Therefore shall her plagues come in one day. One day in Bible prophecy equals one literal year (Ezek 4:6; Num 14:34). The plagues are for a length of one year and the death decree comes soon after the plagues begin.

I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus' work was done in the sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues. These plagues enraged the wicked against the righteous; they thought that we had brought the judgments of God upon them, and that if they could rid the earth of us, the plagues would then be stayed. A decree went forth to slay the saints, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance. Ellen G. White, "Experience and Views" pages 36,37.

Wonderful events are soon to open upon the world. The end of all things is at hand. The time of trouble is about to come upon the people of God. Then it is that the decree will go fourth forbidding those who keep the Sabbath of the Lord to buy or sell, threatening them with punishment, and even death, if they do not observe the first day of the week as the Sabbath. The decree which is to go forth against the people of God will be very similar to that issued by Ahasuerus against the Jews in the time of Esther. . . . Satan instigated the scheme in order to rid the earth of those who preserved the knowledge of the true God. But his plots were defeated by a counterpower that reigns among the children of men. . . . The Protestant world today see in the little company keeping the Sabbath a Mordecai in the gate. His character and conduct, expressing reverence for the law of God, are a constant rebuke to those who have cast off the fear of the Lord and are trampling upon His Sabbath; the unwelcome intruder must by some means be put out of the way. The same masterful mind that plotted against the faithful in ages past is still seeking to rid the earth of those who fear God and obey His law. Satan will excite indignation against the humble minority who conscientiously refuse to accept popular customs and traditions. Men of position and reputation will join with the lawless and the vile to take counsel against the people of God. . . . Not having a "Thus saith the Scriptures" to bring against the advocates of the Bible Sabbath, they will resort to oppressive enactments to supply the lack. . . . On this battlefield comes the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error. And we are not left in doubt as to the issue. Now, as in the days of Mordecai, the Lord will vindicate His truth and His people. Ellen G. White, "Maranatha," page 190.

The decree that was made by Haman in the reign of Ahasuerus against the Jews was made in the first month and was to be put into affect in the twelfth month (Esther 3:12,13). The plagues are for 12 months and the death decree comes in soon after and will be nearly the same length of time.

In this age antichrist will appear as the true Christ, and then the law of God will be fully made void in the nations of our world. Rebellion against God's holy law will be fully ripe. But the true leader of all this rebellion is Satan clothed as an angel of light. Men will be deceived and will exalt him to the place of God, and deify him. But Omnipotence will interpose, and to the apostate churches that unite in the exaltation of Satan, the sentence will go forth, "Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her"

THE KINGS AND MERCHANTS OF THE WORLD GREATLY SADDENED BY THE FALL OF BABYLON

5. How will the kings of the earth react to the destruction of Babylon? Rev 18:9,10.

Ans: a. ⁹And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall _____ her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, ¹⁰Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in _____ hour is thy judgment come. Rev 18:9,10.

Ans: b. The wicked are filled with regret, not because of their _____ neglect of God and their fellow men, but because God has conquered. They lament that the _____ is what it is; but they do _____ repent of their wickedness. They would leave no means untried to conquer if they could. The judgments come on Babylon in one hour which in prophetic time is _____ days. The judgments come on Babylon quickly (15 days) but continue for a much longer time of a _____ (Rev 18:8). See note below.

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6. How do the merchants of the earth react to the destruction to Babylon? Rev 18:11.

Ans: a. ¹¹And the _____ of the earth shall weep and _____ over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: Rev 18:11.

Ans: b. When the voice of God turns the captivity of His people, there is a terrible _____ of those who have _____ all in the great conflict of life. While probation continued they were _____ by Satan's deceptions, and they justified their course of _____. The rich prided themselves upon their superiority to those who were less favored; but they had obtained their _____ by

violation of the _____ of God. They had _____ to feed the _____, to clothe the naked, to deal justly, and to love mercy. They had sought to exalt themselves and to obtain the homage of their fellow creatures. Now they are stripped of all that made them great and are left destitute and defenseless. They look with _____ upon the _____ of the _____ which they preferred before their Maker. They have _____ their _____ for earthly _____ and enjoyments, and have not sought to become rich toward God. The result is, their lives are a failure; their pleasures are now turned to gall, their treasures to corruption. The gain of a lifetime is swept away in a moment. The _____ bemoan the _____ of their grand houses, the scattering of their gold and silver. But their lamentations are silenced by the _____ that they themselves are to _____ with their idols. See note below.

When the voice of God turns the captivity of His people, there is a terrible awakening of those who have lost all in the great conflict of life. While probation continued they were blinded by Satan’s deceptions, and they justified their course of sin. The rich prided themselves upon their superiority to those who were less favored; but they had obtained their riches by violation of the law of God. They had neglected to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to deal justly, and to love mercy. They had sought to exalt themselves and to obtain the homage of their fellow creatures. Now they are stripped of all that made them great and are left destitute and defenseless. They look with terror upon the destruction of the idols which they preferred before their Maker. They have sold their souls for earthly riches and enjoyments, and have not sought to become rich toward God. The result is, their lives are a failure; their pleasures are now turned to gall, their treasures to corruption. The gain of a lifetime is swept away in a moment. The rich bemoan the destruction of their grand houses, the scattering of their gold and silver. But their lamentations are silenced by the fear that they themselves are to perish with their idols.

THE CHURCHES OF BABYLON ESPECIALLY THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH INVOLVED WITH EVERY KIND OF TRADE IMAGINABLE

7. What are the merchandise that Babylon dealt with? Rev 18:12,13.

Ans: a. ¹²The merchandise of _____, and silver, and precious _____, and of _____, and fine linen, and _____, and silk, and _____, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, ¹³And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and _____, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and _____, and _____ of men. Rev 18:12,13.

Ans: b. Houses of prostitution, dens of vice, criminal courts, _____, almshouses, insane _____, hospitals, all are, to a _____ degree, filled as a result of the _____-seller’s work. Like the mystic _____ of the Apocalypse, he is dealing in "_____ and _____ of men." Behind the liquor-seller stands the mighty _____ of souls, and every _____ which earth or hell can devise is employed to _____ human beings under his _____. In the city and the country, on the railway trains, on the great steamers, in places of _____, in the halls of pleasure, in the medical dispensary, even in the _____, on the sacred communion-table, his traps are set. Nothing is left undone to create and to foster the desire for intoxicants. On almost every corner stands the public house with its brilliant lights, its _____ and good cheer, inviting the working man, the wealthy idler, and the _____ youth. See note below.

Houses of prostitution, dens of vice, criminal courts, prisons, almshouses, insane asylums, hospitals, all are, to a great degree, filled as a result of the liquor-seller’s work. Like the mystic Babylon of the Apocalypse, he is dealing in "slaves and souls of men." Behind the liquor-seller stands the mighty destroyer of souls, and every art which earth or hell can devise is employed to draw human beings under his power. In the city and the country, on the railway trains, on the great steamers, in places of business, in the halls of pleasure, in the medical dispensary, even in the church, on the sacred communion-table, his traps are set. Nothing is left undone to create and to foster the desire for intoxicants. On almost every corner stands the public house with its brilliant lights, its welcome and good cheer, inviting the working man, the wealthy idler, and the unsuspecting youth.

8. How is the sorrow of the merchants of the world further described by this prophecy? Rev 18:14-19.

Ans: a. ¹⁴And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are _____ from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them _____ more at all. ¹⁵The _____ of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the _____ of her torment, weeping and wailing, ¹⁶And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! ¹⁷For in _____ hour so great riches is come to _____. And every shipmaster, and all the company in _____, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, ¹⁸And cried when they saw the smoke of her _____, saying, What city is like unto this great city! ¹⁹And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich _____ that had _____ in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one _____ is she made _____. Rev 18:14-19.

Ans: b. The Vatican during the Second World War had a major _____ in Spain where she had lost _____ of her amassed wealth. Franco restored the Vatican _____ which had been confiscated. Thus on January 27th, 1940, he signed a decree formally restoring "the vast _____ holdings of the Society of Jesus, which had been confiscated by the Republic in 1932." At the same time he restored all _____ which either the 1931 Republic or the loyalists had taken over from the Church. To the Vatican this was a great victory; its _____ had returned to its coffers. The Nationalist Government started to rebuild. So did the Church. She did this buying _____ property, by investing in real _____, blocks of _____, even buying _____ in factories, and by searching frantically for _____ of pesetas which had been lost during the Civil War. During the civil war hundreds of millions of pesetas and of dollars’ worth of _____ and stocks had either been confiscated or, having been hid in safe places had been forgotten, lost or stolen. The Spanish hierarchy used every available means of their disposal to _____ the riches of this world, with zeal usually unmatched when dealing with the treasures of the next. They mobilized _____, at home and abroad. They went so far as to use that most undignified lay commercial vehicle: newspaper advertising. And so it came to pass that the business-minded prelates, early in 1940, began to place advertisements in sundry newspapers, giving numbers and other details of the _____ shares, and their efforts were crowned with success. The _____, however was a _____ one. For Roman Catholics now, to their surprise, came to know with exactitude how their church, seemingly so concerned only with the riches of heaven and with moral principles, had been and was still no less concerned with the

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_____ she had held in the _____, telephone companies, _____ companies, and other such unscriptural concerns long before the Civil War had begun, and this after the numberless _____, during the conflict, that she had any _____ interests at _____. Avro Manhattan’s, Vatican Billions, page 136,137. From this quote and others previously in this lesson it can be clearly seen that the Roman _____ Church as the Mother Church of _____ (Rev 17:5) has not only great _____ interests in the articles of trade carried by the _____ companies of this world but in the _____ companies themselves. When the Vatican crashes financially it will be the _____ and utter collapse of all the _____ systems of the world, in fact it will be the end of the world, and the blessed Second _____ of our Lord and Saviour _____ Christ. See note below.

Ans: c. The Saviour’s prophecy concerning the visitation of _____ upon _____ is to have another fulfillment, of which that terrible desolation was but a _____ shadow. In the fate of the chosen city we may behold the _____ of a _____ that has _____ God’s _____ and trampled upon His _____. Dark are the records of human misery that earth has witnessed during its long centuries of crime. The heart sickens, and the mind grows faint in contemplation. Terrible have been the results of rejecting the authority of Heaven. But a scene yet _____ is presented in the revelations of the _____. The records of the past,--the long procession of tumults, conflicts, and revolutions, the "battle of the warrior . . . with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood" (Isaiah 9:5),-- what are these, in contrast with the _____ of that day when the restraining Spirit of God shall be wholly _____ from the _____, no longer to hold in check the outburst of human passion and satanic wrath! The world will then behold, as never before, the _____ of Satan’s _____. See note below.

The Vatican during the Second World War had a major victory in Spain where she had lost much of her amassed wealth. Franco restored the Vatican fortunes which had been confiscated. Thus on January 27th, 1940, he signed a decree formally restoring “the vast property holdings of the Society of Jesus, which had been confiscated by the Republic in 1932.” At the same time he restored all lands which either the 1931 Republic or the loyalists had taken over from the Church.

To the Vatican this was a great victory; its billions had returned to its coffers. The Nationalist Government started to rebuild. So did the Church. She did this buying more property, by investing in real estate, blocks of flats, even buying shares in factories, and by searching frantically for millions of pesetas which had been lost during the Civil War.

During the civil war hundreds of millions of pesetas and of dollars’ worth of bonds and stocks had either been confiscated or, having been hid in safe places had been forgotten, lost or stolen.

The Spanish hierarchy used every available means of their disposal to retrieve the riches of this world, with zeal usually unmatched when dealing with the treasures of the next. They mobilized experts, at home and abroad. They went so far as to use that most undignified lay commercial vehicle: newspaper advertising. And so it came to pass that the business-minded prelates, early in 1940, began to place advertisements in sundry newspapers, giving numbers and other details of the missing shares, and their efforts were crowned with success.

The triumph, however was a mixed one. For Roman Catholics now, to their surprise, came to know with exactitude how their church, seemingly so concerned only with the riches of heaven and with moral principles, had been and was still no less concerned with the riches she had held in the banks, telephone companies, steamship companies, and other such unscriptural concerns long before the Civil War had begun, and this after the numberless disclaimers, during the conflict, that she had any temporal interests at all. Avro Manhattan’s, Vatican Billions, page 136,137.

From this quote and others previously in this lesson it can be clearly seen that the Roman Catholic Church as the Mother Church of Babylon (Rev 17:5) has not only great invested interests in the articles of trade carried by the ship companies of this world but in the ship companies themselves. When the Vatican crashes financially it will be the complete and utter collapse of all the monetary systems of the world, in fact it will be the end of the world, and the blessed Second Coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Saviour’s prophecy concerning the visitation of judgments upon Jerusalem is to have another fulfillment, of which that terrible desolation was but a faint shadow. In the fate of the chosen city we may behold the doom of a world that has rejected God’s mercy and trampled upon His law. Dark are the records of human misery that earth has witnessed during its long centuries of crime. The heart sickens, and the mind grows faint in contemplation. Terrible have been the results of rejecting the authority of Heaven. But a scene yet darker is presented in the revelations of the future. The records of the past,--the long procession of tumults, conflicts, and revolutions, the "battle of the warrior . . . with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood" (Isaiah 9:5),-- what are these, in contrast with the terrors of that day when the restraining Spirit of God shall be wholly withdrawn from the wicked, no longer to hold in check the outburst of human passion and satanic wrath! The world will then behold, as never before, the results of Satan’s rule.

GOD’S PEOPLE ASKED BY GOD TO REJOICE AT THE DESTRUCTION OF BABYLON

9. What is the command given to the righteous in heaven and earth at the destruction of Babylon? Rev 18:20.

Ans: a. ²⁰ _____ over her, *thou* heaven, and *ye* holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her. Rev 18:20.

10. With what symbolic language is the destruction of Babylon further described? Rev 18:21; Jer 51:63,64.

Ans: a. ²¹ And a mighty angel took up a _____ like a great millstone, and cast *it* into the _____, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city _____ be thrown down, and shall be found _____ more at all. Rev 18:21.

Ans: b. The destruction ancient Babylon was described in similar language.

⁶³And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, *that* thou shalt bind a _____ to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates: ⁶⁴And thou shalt say, Thus shall _____ sink, and shall _____ rise from the evil that I will bring upon her: and they shall be weary. Thus far *are* the words of Jeremiah. Jer 51:63,64.

¹⁹And _____, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees’ excellency, shall be as when God overthrew _____ and Gomorrah. ²⁰It shall _____ be _____, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there. ²¹But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful _____; and _____ shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there. ²²And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in *their* pleasant palaces: and her time *is* near to come, and her days shall _____ be prolonged. Isa 13:19-22.

11. How is the picture of Babylon’s final and irreversible destruction explained by John? Rev 18:22,23.

Ans: a. ²²And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard _____ more at all in thee; and _____ craftsman, of whatsoever craft *he be*, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard _____ more at all in thee; ²³And the light of a candle shall shine _____ more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard _____ more at all in thee: for thy _____ were the _____ men of the earth; for by thy _____ were _____ nations deceived.
Rev 18:22,23.

Ans: b. For by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. ¹⁸And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds. ¹⁹Many of them also which used curious _____ brought their books together, and _____ them before all *men*: and they counted the price of them, and found *it* fifty thousand *pieces* of silver. ²⁰So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed. Acts 19:18-20.

Those magical books contained rules and forms of communication with _____ spirits. They were, in fact, the regulations of the _____ of _____; directions for soliciting his help, and obtaining information from him. The system of magic or sorcery then extant was in reality the same as that which is now known as modern _____. Many were deceived in Paul's day by this Satanic delusion, and many are deceived to-day by the _____ power. "Magical books" were not confined to the apostolic age, or to nations that are called heathen. The _____ of our time are taking advantage of the freedom of the press to spread abroad their baleful _____. Could all the productions of modern _____ be treated as were the magical books of the Ephesians, one of Satan's _____ successful avenues to destroy the souls of men would be cut _____. The Roman _____ Church and the _____ Churches as we have noticed in earlier lessons are _____ of _____. Communication with evil angels as the spirits of _____ relatives and friends, speaking in _____ tongues, miracles of devils, along with _____ of Mary and the saints has swept the world into one great Satanic _____ that will prepare them to be _____ with Babylon and her terrible plagues.

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12. What final accusation is brought against Babylon in this sobering chapter? Rev 18:24.

Ans: a. ²⁴And in her was found the _____ of prophets, and of _____, and of _____ that were _____ upon the earth. Rev 18:24.

Ans: b. Those who have once been convicted of the truth, but have resisted the Holy _____ influence, walk and work in co-partnership with Satan, the first apostate. Blinded by the sophistry of him who was once found in the heavenly courts, they _____ his ranks. The apostle Paul, speaking of this says, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall _____ from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of _____; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their _____ seared with a hot iron." Those who have turned away from a plain, "Thus saith the Lord," will be blinded in a superstitious faith in every kind of _____, and will be led into that terrible iniquity which God's word represents as being _____ with the _____ of the saints. As we have noticed in earlier lessons the Roman _____ Church was responsible for _____ of Christian _____ and even in modern times virtually every war is religious in its underlying cause. Ireland, the Middle East, Asia, and Europe all have religious intolerance causing the bloodshed and ethnic cleansing of many unwanted religious minorities.

But Romanism as a system is _____ more in harmony with the gospel of Christ now than at any _____ period in her history. The _____ churches are in _____ darkness, or they would discern the signs of the times. The Roman Church is far-reaching in her plans and _____ of operation. She is employing every device to extend her influence and increase her power in preparation for a _____ and determined conflict to regain _____ of the world, to re-establish _____, and to undo _____ that _____ has done. Catholicism is gaining ground upon every side. See the increasing number of her churches and chapels in Protestant countries. Look at the _____ of her colleges and seminaries in America, so widely patronized by Protestants. Look at the growth of ritualism in England and the frequent defections to the ranks of the Catholics. These things should awaken the anxiety of all who prize the pure principles of the gospel.

Protestants have tampered with and patronized _____; they have made compromises and concessions which papists themselves are surprised to see and fail to understand. Men are closing their eyes to the real character of Romanism and the dangers to be apprehended from her supremacy. The people need to be aroused to resist the advances of this most _____ foe to civil and _____ liberty. The _____ of Protestants by Romanism, by which the religion of Jesus Christ was almost _____, will be _____ than _____ when _____ and _____ are _____. The _____ pages of history will be opened in that great day when it will be too late for wrongs to be righted. Registered in the book are crimes that have been committed because of religious differences. We are not ignorant of the history. Europe was shaken as though with an earthquake, when a church, lifted up in pride and vanity, haughty and tyrannical, devoted to condemnation and death _____ who dared to _____ for themselves, and who ventured to take the Bible as the foundation of their faith. See note below.

Those who have once been convicted of the truth, but have resisted the Holy Spirit's influence, walk and work in co-partnership with Satan, the first apostate. Blinded by the sophistry of him who was once found in the heavenly courts, they join his ranks. The apostle Paul, speaking of this says, "Now the

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Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron." Those who have turned away from a plain, "Thus saith the Lord," will be blinded in a superstitious faith in every kind of apostasy, and will be led into that terrible iniquity which God's word represents as being drunken with the blood of the saints.

As we have noticed in earlier lessons the Roman Catholic Church was responsible for millions of Christian martyrs and even in modern times virtually every war is religious in its underlying cause. Ireland, the Middle East, Asia, and Europe all have religious intolerance causing the bloodshed and ethnic cleansing of many unwanted religious minorities.

But Romanism as a system is no more in harmony with the gospel of Christ now than at any former period in her history. The Protestant churches are in great darkness, or they would discern the signs of the times. The Roman Church is far-reaching in her plans and modes of operation. She is employing every device to extend her influence and increase her power in preparation for a fierce and determined conflict to regain control of the world, to re-establish persecution, and to undo all that Protestantism has done. Catholicism is gaining ground upon every side. See the increasing number of her churches and chapels in Protestant countries. Look at the popularity of her colleges and seminaries in America, so widely patronized by Protestants. Look at the growth of ritualism in England and the frequent defections to the ranks of the Catholics. These things should awaken the anxiety of all who prize the pure principles of the gospel.

Protestants have tampered with and patronized popery; they have made compromises and concessions which papists themselves are surprised to see and fail to understand. Men are closing their eyes to the real character of Romanism and the dangers to be apprehended from her supremacy. The people need to be aroused to resist the advances of this most dangerous foe to civil and religious liberty.

The persecutions of Protestants by Romanism, by which the religion of Jesus Christ was almost annihilated, will be more than rivaled when Protestantism and popery are combined. The darkest pages of history will be opened in that great day when it will be too late for wrongs to be righted. Registered in the book are crimes that have been committed because of religious differences. We are not ignorant of the history. Europe was shaken as though with an earthquake, when a church, lifted up in pride and vanity, haughty and tyrannical, devoted to condemnation and death all who dared to think for themselves, and who ventured to take the Bible as the foundation of their faith.

13. Would you like to come out of Babylon if you are one of God’s people in the Roman Catholic, Protestant or pagan religions and become a member of the church that keep the Commandments of God? Would you like to love Jesus and by a close relationship with Him escape the Seven Last Plagues and the great wrath of God that will be poured out on all that remain in Babylon? _____