

What is Mystery Babylon?

Chapter Three Evil In Three Parts

In Revelation 16:19, it seems that the great city (Mystery Babylon) is then divided into three parts by that shaking, just before she is totally destroyed and before Christ's rule is set up on the earth. Those three parts of Babylon are already formed upon the earth. A look at our present world shows that Russia controls one sphere of influence in the world, with its power centered in Moscow, and has as its main area of control, Russia and Eastern Europe. Another sphere of influence centers in Peking and rules China, Southeast Asia, and is now taking over much of Africa. The final sphere of influence is what we know as "capitalism," which centers out of New York and "rules" over the Western Hemisphere and Western Europe. Each of these three claims the other two are their enemies. However, an examination of their total policies reveals an amazing amount of cooperation among these three parts in their oppression of the people. They can even conduct wars in which millions of people die; yet the power base of the rulers remains intact and even grows stronger.

Other terms which demonstrate this division of world control into three parts are actually in use today; but most people do not recognize them. One would be Communism for Moscow and its satellite nations. The second would be capitalism for the banking and money-control system out of New York and other major Western cities in their area of control, which includes our own beloved America. This second part, under capitalism, is often called for propaganda purposes "the Free World." That is to make us think we are

still free; although, some few are beginning to see that we are not really free at all because of the growing dictatorship which is taking over this nation. The third part of Mystery Babylon has already been named by the news media, surprisingly enough, as the "Third World." Sometimes it is referred to as the "non-aligned nations" in an attempt to convince their readers that somehow these "third world" nations are not under anyone's control. However, they are as much controlled in their freedoms, trade, war and propaganda, as we are. The world control is here. It is complete and is divided into three parts, just as Revelation 16:19 said it would be.

As the great city (Mystery Babylon as shown in Revelation 17:18) was divided into the three parts, **Revelation 16:19** goes on to say that "*the cities of the nations fell.*" The cities of the nations would be the governments of the nations just as Mystery Babylon is the "city" or government over all the kings of the earth. The governments of the nations of the world fell, according to this phrase in verse 19, and the current world situation shows that this has largely been completed. Almost every non-Communist government in all of the earth has fallen, and has been replaced by a government controlled by secret or open Communists, or what is being described in these chapters as Babylon.

That Babylon operates today in three parts is obvious to students of current events, although many of them know nothing of Bible prophecy. John was given a vision of this great anti-Christian power

in control over most of the earth, and was shown that as the governments of the nations fell, this power would be carried out in three parts. Mystery Babylon would not seem to be a monolithic world structure, but would be a tripartite world-ruling system. The fact that Communism is one of the world-ruling systems is obvious to anyone who studies current world history.

As the U.S. fights on one side of a war in Vietnam, and Russia and China fight on the other side, and publically declare each other to be enemies, the rulers of America, China, and Russia carry on negotiations, trade, exchanges, information, and visit each other just as if they had no disagreement. In truth, they have none. The rulers are in complete agreement. The disagreements are, but show, to fool the people into thinking that they must be prepared for war, and even fight in wars against each other. The wars and the preparations for war, necessitate unbelievable taxation, which goes into the hands of the rulers of each of these three parts of Mystery Babylon, making them rich. That is why our Secretary of State and our President can put their arms around and hug Mao Tse-tung of China, and Krushchev and Brezhnev of Russia, and smile fondly upon each other and show genuine friendship. They ARE friends. They are fellow compatriots in the plunder and robbery of all of the peoples of the earth! Their robbery of the people would not work if the people realized that there was no real reason for war, and for preparedness for war, against other people. Americans would not allow themselves to be taxed 80 billions of dollars for defense, or over two and one-half trillions of dollars since 1950, unless they were convinced by their statesmen that America must fear Russia and China. The same thing goes on in Russia and China. In this way Babylon's world government

is never seen by the people of the world as one entity.

All of the people see it as disagreeing nations and peoples who must continually be armed for war and in fact, must often fight great battles and wars such as WWI, WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and a score of other minor wars around the world. All of these wars end up without destroying any of the power of the ruling antiChristians, but are, in actuality, exalting their power over the nations. The Christian people usually are the major suppliers of money and blood for the wars. You would think that after sixty-five years of the growth of World Communism, some of these Christian people would begin to suspect that their rulers are not opposed to World Communism, but actually support it! Few seem to see and understand such an obvious truth.

Our fields, factories and pocket books are stripped to build up Russian industry and to send food to save the Communist government of China. Meanwhile our foolish Christians still think our rulers are opposed to Communism. No, my friends in Christ, what you are watching are the three parts of Mystery Babylon, operating in cooperation to control and enslave all the peoples of the earth.

That the robbing of the people of their wealth is the major goal of Babylon the Great is obvious in some of the phrases in **Revelation chapter 18**, such as in **verse 3**, *"...the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies;"* **verse 11**, *"And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her;"* **verse 19**, *"and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness!"* That last verse is obviously being fulfilled

today, for much of the wealth of the merchants of the earth is coming from trade between nations and continents.

Consider this example: American-owned oil companies sold gasoline and oil to North Vietnam and to the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, making hundreds of millions of dollars from both sides on that one product alone. Natural gas is used to make both fertilizer and explosives used in bullets, shells, bombs, and so on. Both sides of the war bought their natural gas from the same world oil cartel, pouring more billions into the pockets of the merchants of Babylon. Merchandise made in Communist countries by people forced to work for low wages, makes almost-unbelievable profits for the merchants, who handle their sale in other countries. Babylon profits on trade between continents on merchandise moved by ships in the sea.

Wheat is grown in America, paid for by the taxes forcibly taken from the American workers, then given outright to the rulers of Russia and China, who in turn sell it to the countries in Africa and Eastern Europe! Profits of hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars go to a few thousand people who call themselves Communists, but who work in cooperation with the same people in other countries who call themselves capitalists. All of them are part of an oppressive system of rule, prophesied in detail in the Bible. This is not in the future; it is happening before our eyes. The anti-Christian rule of Mystery Babylon the Great is here to see, for any who will read God's Word, and look at today's world through eyes enlightened by God's truth.

In **Revelation 16:20** it says, *“And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.”* Now mountains and hills and islands are terms often used by the prophets to indicate nations.

Almost every nation of the world had its right of self government or sovereignty, but has now lost this sovereignty and is ruled by treaties and agreements engineered through the United Nations and controlled by the secret rule of the three parts of Mystery Babylon.

South Vietnam is an example of a nation which refused to follow a U.N. order to form a coalition government with Communists. The result was that America was ordered by the UN. to send in an army under the guise of saving South Vietnam; but in the process they destroyed almost every city and village in that nation. America, operating under UN. orders, destroyed not one city or village in North Vietnam, but confined all fighting to the soil of the people who resisted Communism! Today, ten years later, South Vietnam is under World Communism or Mystery Babylon.

In America, new laws on equal rights for women, for control of small business, and the thousand-and-one controlling laws on pollution, land use, zoning, and so on, all originate in the U.N. The UN. has ordered that the U.S. disarm its citizens, resulting in the passing of gun registration and gun confiscation laws. The U.N. has also ordered the US. to supply free food to other nations. Thus, the men who rule us are arranging shipments of our food to wherever the UN. orders. That means nothing to the wicked rulers of our people. What matters is their place in the multi-billion dollar operation of the world trade of Mystery Babylon.

Hope In Destruction

However, praise God for the hope in the last part of **Revelation 16:19**, where we are told that when Mystery Babylon is divided into three parts she would then *“come in remembrance before God, to*

give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.” Her division into three parts is observable today, making the time for her disposal soon at hand.

Consider Revelation **16:21**: *“And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, for the plague thereof was exceeding great.”* The strangeness of this verse makes it sound as if all that God can do about all of this is cast down chunks of ice from heaven. Remember, these visions are symbolic and must fit that which is prophesied by the prophets, which they do.

In only one other place in the Bible is the destruction of the enemies of God prophesied to be by hailstones. That is in Ezekiel 38 and 39 — the prophecy of the war and invasion of the nations of Israel by Gog and Magog, which ends with the destruction of the armies of Magog, partially by hail. (I cover these chapters in more detail in my book. The Bible Says Russia Will Invade America and be Destroyed.)

If you can understand what was to happen before Mystery Babylon's destruction, according to Revelation chapters 15 and 16, then you would know that Mystery, Babylon the Great was not something that was to come upon the earth only after you are gone, but would be a great, mysterious, and powerful system which ruled over Christians to the point of persecuting and killing them. The teaching that all living Christians are to be snatched off the earth in what is called the “rapture,” prior to the rise of a world-ruling antiChrist, is a most common teaching today, and it is false. If it were true, Mystery Babylon would not now exist, but would be something, yet future. However, we have seen in Revelation

chapters 15 and 16, that such a world control system, by those who hate Jesus Christ, is already here, just as prophesied by the prophets and recorded in this book of Revelation.

In Revelation **17:1** John writes: *“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....”* Now remember the last half of this verse as we go on in Revelation chapters 17 and 18. The angel said, *“I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters.”* John is not describing a vision of Mystery Babylon's beginnings and her rise to power over all of the earth; he is describing a vision of her judgment-of her destruction. That is what we read in Revelation **16: 19**, *“..and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.”*

John will see and describe to us God's wrath upon Mystery Babylon. That wrath will work those things necessary to bring judgment upon her and that judgment is total destruction. That it is total destruction is testified in Revelation chapter **18** in phrases such as **verse 8**, *“and she shall utterly be burned with fire,”* and **verse 21**, *“with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.”*

Many people reading Revelation chapters 17 and 18, and not realizing it is not a vision of her beginnings but only a vision of her end, have thought that this great world-ruling system must be yet future. This is not the case — as she is already here! Millions of your brethren have already been killed by Mystery

Babylon and more are being killed as the years go by. It is training and equipping the greatest army the world has ever seen in Russia and China for a future invasion of Western Europe and America. However, Christians still cannot see that Mystery, Babylon the Great rules the earth.

A Drunken World

Revelation 17:2 says, *“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.”* The inhabitants are drunk. When a person is drunk his brain is foggy, not functioning correctly, and he does things which are wrong, even to his own injury. That is a good description of the whole planet. It is drunk with Babylon's wine or with Babylon's false ideologies, teachings, and propaganda. One simple example will show the meaning of this.

God's Word — God's ideology if you please — teaches us that we must execute murderers, homosexuals, rapists, blasphemers, and habitual criminals. God's philosophy or reason for this is given in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy a number of times in phrases such as this: *“And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously”* (Deuteronomy 17:13). **Deuteronomy 19:20** says, *“And those which remain shall hear, and fear and shall, henceforth, commit no more any such evil among you.”* In other words, if the criminals are punished, the rest of the people will not be criminals!

The philosophy with which we are being made drunken, by which we are being put in a stupor (made stupid on this one subject) is that murderers, rapists, and thieves are just victims of their envi-

ronment; we must change the environment; we must blame society; and society must then spend its time and money, not in executing the criminal, but in educating and rehabilitating him! This stupor or drunkenness on our part has now overrun us with criminals. Our whole society is being torn apart and destroyed. From what is it? It is from the fornications of Babylon or the false ideologies of Mystery Babylon.

We could explore God's laws on other things, things which the political and religious voices which guide America are at variance over, whereby they always come up with means and solutions which are antagonistic to God's laws, and which bring confusion upon us. God has economic laws: laws on gold, on usury, and debt. God has laws on marriage, on raising children, on the education of those children, on health, on foods, on treatment of diseases and on war. Yes, God has laws on warfare. I dare say that not a handful of new readers could even write and tell me where these laws are in the Bible. According to Revelation 17:2, Babylon has caused the peoples of the world to live and act as if they were drunk.

A City On Seven Hills

Let us continue with **Revelation 17:3**: *“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.”* What the seven heads and ten horns are is given a few verses later on, and will be discussed when we read those verses. Briefly, in verses 9 and 12, it says the seven heads are seven mountains and the ten horns are ten kings. Many have said that because of this phrase about the seven mountains, that Mystery Babylon is the Roman Catholic church, because

Rome is built on seven hills, or small mountains. It is true that the headquarters of the Roman Catholic church is in Rome and that Rome is built on seven hills; but there is another city of great importance in the present world, anti-Christ system, which is, also, built on seven hills.

Collier's magazine of April 28, 1951, in an article titled: This Is Moscow Today says, "Moscow, showcase of the U.S.S.R, sits on a large plain on the banks of the Moscow and Ursa Rivers, which are frozen about five months of the year. Out of the plain rise SEVEN LOW HILLS [my emphasis], on the highest of which is the Kremlin, the walled fortress of ancient Moscow and, now, the guarded citadel for the politburo. From the Kremlin comes the politburo's booming challenge to the Western world." Moscow, capital of Communist Russia and headquarters of the vast political and propaganda apparatus, which has invaded the Christian West, is a city built on seven hills!

If you have a preconceived idea that Mystery, Babylon the Great can be explained by simply labelling the Roman Catholic church as Babylon, perhaps you had better give that a little more thought. It is not Mystery Babylon which is on the seven mountains. If you read Revelation 17:3 again, you will see that the seven heads, which are the seven mountains, are on the scarlet-colored beast upon which Mystery Babylon sits. Moscow has seven mountains. Moscow's flag is red or scarlet and they even call themselves, "the REDS."

John saw the woman sitting on a red beast and then in **Revelation 17:4-6** he says: *"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 filthi-*

ness 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."

Several things are evident in these verses. She wears purple and scarlet. She is decked or gilded (as the margin says) with gold and precious stones and has a golden cup of abominations and fornications. Her Biblical name is given and she has apparently caused the death of so many of the saints that she is drunken with their blood.

Remember that Revelation 17:6, alone, is enough to prove that this is no great antiChrist ruling over the earth, after the Christians are snatched off to heaven. Mystery Babylon could not be drunken with the blood of the saints and with the martyrs of Jesus, if all she can persecute and kill is unbelievers and the heathen who are the only ones supposedly-left for her to rule, according to the rapture teachers. Most men who preach the "pre-tribulation rapture of the church" tell you that all of the book of Revelation, after chapter six is completed, after the "rapture." And they read chapter seven about the sealing of the 144,000 of the tribes of the children of Israel saying, "Oh, see! That is going to happen to the Jews during the great tribulation, while you Christians are all in heaven." However, here we are, reading Revelation 16 and 17, discovering that here are described things that are happening in the earth now long after Revelation chapter 6, where their so-called "rapture" is to take place.

Some rapturists say the rapture occurs after Revelation chapter 4, and some say after Revelation chapter 6, but they all

say before Revelation chapter 7, because they say that the 144,000 are Jews who come out of tribulation. A good part of their error is in their thinking that the Jews are the Israel people and that we so-called “Gentiles” are just some heathen race, a few of whom have found Christ and have become Christians. No, my friends! We are the Israel people. God is dealing with us. We are fulfilling the prophecies to Israel, and we are the people who will be delivered in the day of God's wrath upon Mystery Babylon.

You will notice in Revelation 17:5, where the angel gives the name of the woman riding on the scarlet beast, that her name is not just Babylon the Great; but it is prefaced with the word, Mystery — MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT. That name, MYSTERY, is very fitting, for I would guess that not one human being out of ten thousand, upon the earth today, knows about the world-ruling system, which now controls all nations and all governments upon the earth. We are living in the time of the fulfillment of the sixth and seventh vials of God's wrath, with the seventh vial specifically being poured out, NOT upon God's Christian Israel, but upon the wicked and anti-Christian peoples of the earth — the people who hate Jesus Christ, who blaspheme His name and who refuse to obey His Word.

Jesus said in Luke 19:27, “But those, mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me. “ The work of the sixth vial was to gather all nations to the battle of that great day of God Almighty, as told in Revelation 16:14, the battle in which the wicked and the antiChristians of the earth would be destroyed.

The nations are being gathered together under the U.N., which is anti-

Christian, and under a score of lesser organizations, all subservient to the United Nations. Even America is being ruled today by treaties and edicts emanating from that cesspool called the UN. in New York. The UN. building is on the former site of a slaughterhouse, and the land was donated to the UN. by the Rockefellers. The rise and final destruction of the U.N. is prophesied in Ezekiel chapter 13. The UN. is Communist-controlled-controlled by the “REDS.” Mystery Babylon is clothed in red and rides a red beast.

In Revelation 17:6, we see that whatever Mystery Babylon or the woman is, she is drunken with the spilled blood of the followers of Jesus. That she was, actually, responsible for their death is verified after she is destroyed, in **Revelation 18:24**, where John writes: *“And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.”* This is quite a charge of murder against this woman clothed in purple and scarlet and decked with gold and precious stones.

Going on in **Revelation 17:7**: *“And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery, of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.”* The angel is going to tell or reveal the mystery of the woman and the beast, to John. If we understand what was revealed to John by the angel, we will understand how she will be destroyed.

The angel goes on in **verse 8**: *“The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the*

world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is." We seem to have a riddle here. A beast that was, and is not, and yet is. Something that existed once, but seems not to exist now, and yet does exist. What in the world can that be?

Before answering the above question, I would like to explain **verse 9**: *"And here is the mind which hath wisdom."* In other words, here is the explanation which will make you wise regarding this woman and beast. **Verse 9** continues, *"The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth."* Following the literal meaning of the use of "mountains," we have already seen the answer to the seven mountains of this verse in the seven hills of both Rome and Moscow. However, since these visions are highly symbolic, a study of the word, mountain, in the prophetic sense would be in order.

The Seven Nations

In **Daniel 2**, the stone which destroyed the image is, then, said to become *"a great mountain and fill the whole earth."* That mountain is obviously the Kingdom of Christ upon the earth. Babylon is called in **Jeremiah 51:25**, *"O destroying mountain."* In **Ezekiel, chapter 38**, the forces of Gog and Magog were to invade *"the mountains of Israel"* Since there were to be many nations of Israel (as father Abraham was to be the father of many nations), that phrase refers to the modern-day nations of Israel. These nations are in Western Europe, North America, South Africa and Australia — generally-called, Christendom or Christ's domain. That would be the nations of Christ or the nations of Christ's Kingdom.

Using the same Biblical principle that mountains are nations or kingdoms, the

seven heads of the red beast, which carries Mystery Babylon, become seven nations or seven kingdoms. They are not just seven hills as some think, who then call the Roman Catholic Church "Mystery Babylon" because Rome is built on seven hills. Remember what we learned about Moscow.

In Revelation 17:9, the seven heads or seven mountains are to be interpreted as seven nations. In today's international scene, we find that every nation of the world is controlled to some extent by treaties and pacts made under the U.N. organization. Although there are over 100 members in the U.N., her control is vested in five nations called, after World War II, "the big five": Russia, China, the United States, Great Britain, and France. Each of these big five were given power by the U.N. charter to veto any U.N. action by the other nations.

This does not seem to have much to do with the seven nations of Revelation 17:9. However, the answer becomes clear, when one realizes that these five nations in the U.N. are actually voted as SEVEN nations, a fact not too well-known. In 1945, when the U.N. charter was adopted, Communist Russia was given THREE votes instead of one. Russia has three delegates and the other four nations each have one, making a total of seven ruling nations in the U.N. These seven nations control that world organization known as the U.N., which is very leftwing or Communist in its functions. (I have identified Communism as the beast of Revelation 17:3.) These seven heads or seven nations are the brainpower of that beast of verse 3, of which they are a part.

By now, Bible students will see the similarity of this vision with another vision recorded in the books of the prophets. Before turning to those

prophets, I will quote Revelation 17:10-12 to be kept in mind as we find out what the prophets have to say about this subject.

Revelation 17:10-12: *“And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.”*

Remember again, these visions seen by John on the Isle of Patmos about 95 A.D., would have to be identical with those which were written by the prophets; for God, who knows the end from the beginning, gave all of the future history of the world to his prophets before the time of Christ.

Isaiah 42:9 says, *“Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.”* We read in **Isaiah 46:9 and 10:** *“Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.”* God is not saying that He will reveal the future just before it comes to pass. He is saying that He HAS revealed the future from ancient times. **Amos 3:7** says, *“Surely, the Lord God will do nothing, but He revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.”* Therefore, to understand what the angel was showing John, having seen the book of Revelation using the same signs, symbols, and descriptive words used by the prophets, we should turn to that prophet and see what he has written about this same thing.
