

Babylon is Fallen!



Q. Who is **Babylon** and what do you mean *it is fallen*?

A. **Babylon** is another name God uses for the world of Christendom as it has existed throughout time. It was typified by the Tower of **Babel** that was in building long ago where God intervened and caused it to cease from being a tower. Spiritually God has intervened in the affairs of men in bringing the world of Christendom to an **end**. This would include the activities of our local churches and congregations. Today He is pouring out His plagues on Babylon and in so doing, is commanding those who belong to Christ to come out and join Him, spiritually, on the mountains to keep the *feast of tabernacles*. Christ has been revealed through the Bible as God has unsealed it. This is why some are now understanding the nature of Time and Judgment:

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

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Revelation 18:4

Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the LORD'S vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence.

Jeremiah 51:6

Q. Are you saying I should no longer go to church? And doesn't the Bible teach that before the end of the world, we will see the tribulation and the man of sin?

A. The Bible does teach this, but the problem is the way many have been understanding and teaching the details of these events. The tribulation the Bible talks about has to do with the FALL of Christendom. According to the current Biblical calendar, this event already started in **1988** and was to go on for **23 years**. Tribulation comes just prior to the end of the church age, then God calls His Elect out as Satan is now ruling in what used to be the Body of Christ. Satan is a spirit being. He's called a man because God frequently refers to the church as a man. God destroying the nation of Israel in 587 BC was a picture of the great tribulation. Just as the people of God were carried away captive by the Babylonians under the leadership of its king. So too, the church went into captivity and is referred to as Babylon with Satan as the king of Babylon. He has taken his seat and is ruling in the temple of God because of the ever increasing disobedience of the church to the Bible:

When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place. . .

Then let them which be in Judea (elect) flee into the mountains (safety of Christ Himself): **Matthew 24:15-16**

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

2Timothy 4:3-4

Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

2Thessalonians 2:4

And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

2Peter 2:2

Q. How has the church fallen away? Jesus said He would build His church and the gates of hell would not prevail.

A. We do read that in *Matthew 16:18*, but the church in view is not the local churches as we know them. We know this because at any time in history there have been the wheat (*elect*) and the tares (*unsaved*) sown by Satan, in the churches (*Matthew 13:38-39*). The church in view is the invisible, eternal church which is made up of every born again, predestined believer wherever they may be in

the world. Christ paid for their sins individually and the gates of hell will not prevail against them.

And she shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.
Matthew 1:21

I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. **John 17:9**
For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city. **Acts 18:10**

By the way, because God is unsealing the Bible right now, we're also learning that **hell** is a condition of being under the wrath of God and is taking place today as He judges His own people. The actual fate of the unsaved in eternity future is in the hands of God. And given the fact that God is to be feared, we warn ALL men to be reconciled to Him:

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

2Corinthians 5:11

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

2Corinthians 5:20

Q. And what do we do with the verse that says *not to forsake the assembling of the church?*

A. You mean *Hebrew 10:25* and it says we are not to forsake the assembling of ourselves. Today the believers are being assembled unto Christ. But prior to the command to come out of Babylon, the unsaved in the body had forsaken this assembling by turning away from God. Today it's too late to renew them again to repentance (*Heb 6:6*). Also, as mentioned before, the day that is in view is God destroying the church NOW. The important thing is for professing Christians to recognize this and to seek the Lord's mercy so that they might begin to understand the nature of today's judgment. God's people, of like mind, may still come together for Bible Study outside of any church authority.

Q. Why are the churches under God's judgment?

A. The Bible faults today's church on many doctrinal issues including Salvation where the program is that God loves everybody and one has to exercise the work of accepting Jesus as savior in order to become saved (*free-will gospel*) when the Bible teaches that God Himself is responsible for our salvation (*Ephesians 2:1, 8-9 / John 6:44, Romans 9:15, Romans 3:11*).

Signs and wonders. Although these relate spiritually to the falling away of the church, we also find literal application of this language, contrary to the Bible, as we see gospels featuring supernatural activities like falling over backwards, miraculous healings, dreams, visions and tongues. **Killing the Prophets:** Above all, however, God seems to fault Babylon for having killed (*silenced*) the prophets over the years. God appears to be very angry and concerned that His elect were not cared for as He had commanded the pastors to feed His flock. These pastors and Bible teachers can often misuse and misquote the Bible:

Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.
Ezekiel 34:10

God warned that believers would be put out of the synagogues if they tried to remain faithful to the Bible. This was before the separation as God's Elect (*third part*) were tried at the start of the tribulation:

They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.
John 16:2

And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

Zechariah 13:9

For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God:

1Peter 4:17

Q. That is awful. Why can't church leaders understand this and become more faithful to the Bible?

A. Because this appears to be God's end-time program. He is allowing Satan to rule in the Body of Christ. Furthermore, God Himself is blinding church leaders and evangelists:

*And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: **2Thessalonians 2:11**
Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation...**Revelation 2:22***

Q. But what does this say about the end of this world. How close are we?

A. As we carefully study the Bible, we do see patterns in the way God uses numbers. He has also provided a calendar in Genesis 5 and 11 that has proven to be accurate over the years. We can see a timeline of history that shows creation occurring in the year 11,013 BC. The flood of Noah's day in 4990 BC. Jesus being born in 7 BC, the beginning of the 23-year tribulation in 1988, but cut short in the Jubilee of 1994 so that God's Elect would be gathered out of Babylon...

Q. What are some of these numbers and how can we learn from them?

A. While many of the numbers are spiritual and point to different aspects of salvation and judgment on the church, we do see patterns in the calendar that seemed to point to 2011 as a possibility for a literal end. 1994 would have been the Jubilee year that initiated the separation, and the time in question in 2011 would be the window between May and October 21. October 21 would have coincided with the unfulfilled *feast of tabernacles*. But since we are past that window it appears that extending the calendar to the very last day was a painful TEST that God had set up for the post-church community. This seems to confirm the language of the Bible that the *Day of the Lord* is **spiritual** and focusing primarily on God's judgment on the CHURCH. How God will bring about the literal fulfillment of these events remains to be seen as we patiently wait on Him. Since the tribulation was cut short to 2300 days (*Da 8:13-14*) for the sake of the Elect (*Mt 24:22*) God appears to have stepped down the calendar when Christ was revealed in 1994. This would make sense because the numbers also reveal the Gospel, to which Christ, is the very essence of. So if He has been revealed, this would mean that the calendar has served its purpose of the **appointed time** (*He 2:3*). Therefore, the *feast of tabernacles*, which pointed to the end of the church age (*last day*), is actually being fulfilled today as God's people come out of Babylon to be nourished by Christ on the mountains:

*And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. **Zechariah 14:16**
In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. **John 7:37***

The feast days and new moons were shadows of things to come; and past the revelation of Christ, we are no longer to place any substance in them:

*Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: ...Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. **Colossians 2:16-17***

Q. Interesting. But what does this mean for me if I'm still unsaved?

A. We have reasons to believe that God is no longer saving today. Instead He appears to be gathering and redeeming His people out of Babylon:

*And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. **Mathieu 24:31**
Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. **Ezekiel 33:4***

But since we still don't know who the elect are, as long as we are alive, we should continue to seek God for His mercy and hope that He will save His own according to His good pleasure. We should also make every effort to be under the hearing of God's Word, the Bible:

*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God **Romans 10:17**
Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: **Isaiah 55:6**
It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD. **Lamentations 3:26**
And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. **Acts 16:31**
Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. **Acts 4:12***

Where do you Stand with the LORD?

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