

FIRST JOHN STUDY

CHAPTER 4:1-6

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Living in the Daze of Deception” - Part 10

The Deception of The Rise of Babylon *“The Roman Road to Deception”*

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

1 John 1:3

“that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

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The Deception of the Rise of Babylon *“The Roman Road to Deception”*

By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Contrary to your Love for Jesus Christ and your love of the Truth,
There is a very real and present danger to our Christian faith

2 Timothy 4:5-7

But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. 6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have **fought** the good fight, I have **finished** the race, I have **kept** the faith.

the good fight, / the race, / the faith.

Because there are hostile deceiving doctrines and spirits aloof

All with one key goal in mind - To blind, confuse, derail a soul from finding the truth and path that leads to everlasting life through Jesus Christ

The Deception of the Rise of Babylon

"The Roman Road to Deception"

Throughout the Scriptures

The Name or Title of Babylon is given and referred to. We know that as we approach the Last day's scenario there will be a great gathering toward a worship system that the Bible calls Mystery Babylon, The Harlot, and The City.

When, in the Bible, we read of Babylon we must understand that we can be talking about three different issues that manifest themselves under the banner and title of Babylon, Babylonia or Babylonism.

First is Babylonia

The **physical** geography of Babylon or **Babylonia**

Second is Babylonism

Is the **spirit** of Babylon or what is known as **Babylonism**

Third is Babylonian

the **teachings** the come from Babylon is called **Babylonian**

From Genesis to Revelation

Babylon is a key topic of issue which has great significance to the Judeo Christian Believer throughout the ages.

Israel

Babylon has always been an enemy to Israel
In religious practice as well as political behavior

The Church

Babylon has always been an enemy to the church because of the spiritual pollution that it's worship has brought in to the church.

1.) Babylon's ancient beginnings

2.) Babylon's source of power

3.) Babylon's second coming

1.) Babylon's ancient beginnings

First is **Babylonia**

The **physical** geography of Babylon or **Babylonia**

The Founding of the City

Genesis 10:8-10

Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. 9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD." 10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel... in the land of shinar

Nimrod and the First of Man's Governments

Nimrod – Forerunner to the Antichrist

Cityhood and the Preisthood

Genesis 11:1-4

he whole earth had one language and one speech. 2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. 3 they said to one another, "Come, **let us make bricks** and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. 4 And they said, "**Come, let us build ourselves a city,**

These Were the bedfellows of the day. There was no division between the civic makeup of the city and its religious beliefs.

Babel was the Religion and the Religion was Babel

A Political and Religious Union
That together desired to dominate the world

World Government and World Religion as One

The Founding of the Temple

Genesis 11:4-9

and a tower whose top is in the heavens; **let us make a name for ourselves**, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." 5 But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. 6 And the LORD said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. 7 "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." 8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. 9 Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

The Ziggurats

Were believed to be designs given by ancient gods that traveled the heavens in search of worship and worshippers.

The design of the tower of Babel

was what is called a ziggurat which was the popular form of temple construction for the Babylonians. For example the temple of Marduk was a huge Ziggurat or Stepped Pyramid shape.

The Tower of Babel

Was built on the plains of Shinar (today in present Iraq)

From that geographical position Babylon infused into the world many different pagan worship systems and beliefs that still exist today

Babylon – a kingdom in opposition

2 Chronicles 36:5-7

Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem eleven years. He did evil in the eyes of the LORD his God. 6 Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon attacked him and bound him with bronze shackles to take him to Babylon. 7 Nebuchadnezzar also took to Babylon articles from the temple of the LORD and put them in his temple there.

Babylon – its demise in the end

Zechariah 2:6-7

"Up, up! Flee from the land of the north," says the LORD; "for I have spread you abroad like the four winds of heaven," says the LORD. 7 "Up, Zion! Escape, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon."

Babylon's ancient beginnings Began to take on a deeper fulfillment with the coming of Jesus Christ into the world and birth of the Christian church. Spiritually, Babylon moved from its geographical location to a new spiritual location in Rome, Italy.

1 Peter 5:13

The church that is at Babylon,
elected together with you, saluteth you;

2.) Babylon's source of power

Second is Babylonism

Is the **spirit** of Babylon or what is known as **Babylonism**

a.) *Babylonism manipulates the masses*

In Babylonian Worship, The Religious Leaders Had Complete Control of the Masses.

What to Wear, What to Say, What to Do, How to Think

In The Late 200 & early 300's the Remains of the Roman Empire merged with the new born catholic church

The State and the Church became One

Emperor Constantine Declared the Catholic church to be Christian
and made Christianity the State Religion

It's Religious Leaders Soon Controlled Nations as well as Churches

The Papal Leadership
Had Complete Authority and Power

The Church at Ephesus

Rev 2:1-6

write, 'These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: 2 "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; 3 "and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary. 4 "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. 5 "Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place-- unless you repent. 6 "**But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.**

The Church at Pergamos

Rev 2:15-16

"Thus you also have those who hold **the doctrine of the Nicolaitans**, which thing I hate. 16 'Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

Nico (nike, champion or ruler)
laitan (laity, the masses or people)

The Pope is Called the Vicar of Rome

b.) *Babylonism superceeds the word of God*

c.) *Babylonism assimilates cultures and customs*

The Fatal Flaws Along the Roman Road to Deception

The ministry of Jesus Christ

The benefits of His priesthood is direct

His priesthood is exclusive – he performs it alone

His priesthood is all-sufficient – it is all-powerful and able

His priesthood is condescential – he is a man who can feel

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3.) **Babylon's second coming**

Third is **Babylonian**

the **teachings** the come from Babylon is called **Babylonian**

That Which is Baylonian

Is truly pagan and is the origin of spiritual idolatry

a.) *The Babylonian Belief*

b.) *The Babylonian Priesthood*

c.) *The Babylonian Church*

The Babylonian/Roman Connection

1 Pet 5:13

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elected together with you, saluteth you;

Karl Keating

A catholic theologian and apologist claims that "1-Peter 5:13 proves that Peter wrote the epistle from Rome because of his reference to the city as being called Babylon by which Rome has often been addressed".

Israel & Jesus

Rev 12:1-2

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. 2 Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.

(Catholics call this woman - the Queen of Heaven)

Jer 7:17-18

But do you not see what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? 18 "The children gather wood, the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes for the **queen of heaven**; and they pour out drink offerings to other gods,

Jer 44:15-19

Then all the men who knew that their wives were burning incense to other gods, along with all the women who were present-- a large assembly-- and all the people living in Lower and Upper Egypt, said to Jeremiah, 16 "We will not listen to the message you have spoken to us in the name of the LORD! 17 We will certainly do everything we said we would: We will burn incense to the **Queen of Heaven** and will pour out drink offerings to her just as we and our fathers, our kings and our officials did in the towns of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem.... 19 "When we burned incense to the **Queen of Heaven** and poured out drink offerings to her, did not our husbands know that we were making cakes idols like her image and pouring out drink offerings to her?"

Rev 17:1-9

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, 2 "with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication." 3 So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. 5 And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. 6 I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement. 7 But the angel said to me, "Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. 8 "The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. 9 "Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits. (vatican city)

The Bible Makes Clear That in the Last Days

There would be a world wide christinized form of believers who will worship an ancient religeous system who's beginnings are directly linked to babylon having its headquarters in Rome, Italy.

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Rev 17:9

"Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.

Rev 17:18

"And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth."

Next Time Together
The Deception of the Evolutionary Doctrine
Endorsed by the pope john paul and the catholoic church