

BABYLON

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“And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints...” (Revelation 18:24).

The prophets did not speak and write for the purpose of shocking the people of God. Yet the message they delivered often was shocking and unpleasant to those who received it.

Utterly shocking is the message of Revelation 18. It is a description of the fall of Babylon the Great, with a warning to Christians not to participate in her sins. It is the purpose of this article to identify Babylon the Great, and if I have properly identified it, then the message of Revelation 18 is both horrible and shocking to consider”

This Babylon is an extremely prosperous nation. “The merchants of the earth waxed rich by the power of her wantonness” (Verse 3). “Wantonness” is more properly translated “luxury.” She is a nation which produces things “that are dainty and sumptuous” (Verse 14) and all that had their ships in the sea were made rich by reason of her costliness” (Verse 1.9). In verses 11-13 John used all the riches known to the world at that time to describe the wealth of Babylon. One doesn’t have to think twice to determine which nation in all of history is the most prosperous and the most luxurious. Even the poor of the United States live in luxury compared to the people of other nations. The average citizen of the USA lives in greater Luxury than did kings and princes of a century ago. The United States produces and uses more luxury items (bathtubs, TV sets, automatic appliances and automobiles) than all the rest of the world combined.

Babylon the Great is a nation of great power, “For she said in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall in no wise see mourning” (Verse 7). In modern language, “It can’t happen here.” Only the United States has proven that she is the most powerful nation on earth. Ours is the only great nation that has never been invaded nor felt the force of war are upon our own soil.

Babylon the Great is a nation responsible for the bloodshed throughout the world. “For with their sorcery were all the nations deceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all that have been slain upon the earth” (Verse 23-24). Here we are tempted to protest that this description would better fit Communistic Russia. Surely our beloved country is not guilty of the blood of prophets and saints; surely not this “nation under God”. However, to challenge you to think again, and consider the facts which are well known to every American citizen. The conclusion is utterly shocking.

FACT: The hosts of assassins and evil men who went into Russia in 1917 to overthrow law and order and set up communist rule were trained in New York and financed by American citizens.

FACT: The Russian Communist power would have collapsed after World War I if Lenin and his followers had been left to themselves. It was American money which poured into the Communist government of Russia to keep it alive.

FACT: Uranium and information concerning the atomic bomb prior to the bombing of Hiroshima were deliberately shipped to Russia. Without this Russia would have had no modern weapons with which to threaten the world and advance communism by these threats.

FACT: When Harry Dexter White was in our State Department he shipped our money plates, with the paper and ink to go along with them, to Russia. Even though this plot was exposed by a military official, it was allowed to go through” Millions of dollars, just like the money we are using, was made in Russia with the approval of our Government — money to finance the power of the communists as they entered one state after another, slaughtering Christians and all who stand for righteousness.

FACT: Under the Lend-lease agreement, WE shipped to Russia 11 billion dollars worth of non-strategic material in order to build up Communist power.

FACT: WE pulled the rug out from under Chiang Kai Shek’s army by placing an embargo upon arms to China. Right when the Republic of China was in a life and death struggle against Russian supported Communists, the WHITE HOUSE sent a letter ordering that NO material was to go to the free Chinese army. The planes and guns which Chiang Kai Shek had purchased from us were useless, without gasoline and ammunition. Our government deliberately turned all of China over to the Communists. Therefore by OUR help over 20,000,000 Chinese were “liquidated”. Hundreds of thousands of Chinese preachers were cruelly tortured, as “examples” to the faithful Christians in China. Since then millions more have been slain, or placed in slave-labor camps.

FACT: In Korea, General Douglas MacArthur was not allowed to beat the Communists, by orders from the WHITE HOUSE. General Van Fleet testified that if he had been allowed to pursue the enemy he could have destroyed the communist stronghold in North Korea. Missionaries from Korea tell us of the “blood of prophets and saints” in North Korea; slain by the financial and military aid of the U. S. This is to say nothing if the thousands of American soldiers sacrificed in order to preserve communism in North Korea and Manchuria.

FACT: The tanks and guns with which Sukarno destroyed freedom in Indonesia were supplied by the American citizens. Recently we gave him another 400,000,000 dollars to bolster his murderous regime.

FACT: When the Hungarians threw off the Communist yoke and sent a radio message asking for immediate help from the United States, our officials sat frozen for three days, giving the brave Hungarians nothing but silence. Our citizens were shocked that our government didn’t immediately rush to defend the people of Hungary. But the help was

deliberately withheld in order for Khrushchev to send troops into Hungary to massacre those who wanted freedom. The one nation which talks the loudest about freedom gave aid to Khrushchev, but none to the Hungarians. "And in her was found the blood of the prophets and saints, and of all that have been slain upon the earth."

FACT: Recently we sent millions of tons of wheat to Russia to keep her hungry citizens from becoming restless with Communism. We are now in the process of arrangements to build the communists an atomic power plant in Rumania.

FACT: The USA rejected the anti-Communist Mihailovitch in Yugoslavia in favor of Communist Tito. "With thy sorcery all the nations were deceived" (V. 23).

FACT: Castro was placed in power in Cuba with the blessing of our State Department. We torpedoed the "Bay of Pigs invasion" by withholding promised air cover, thus betraying the freedom fighters to be slain by the Communist forces. We do not allow Cuban freedom fighters to move against Castro.

FACT: The United States supplied the finances and the airplanes for the United Nations troops to enter the Congo and give it a blood-bath. Thousands of people, including missionaries and their congregations, were massacred by UN troops in the effort to force Katanga into a Communist Congo. Can you imagine the wrath of God upon those who finance and conduct this kind of slaughter?

FACT: Some of the arms used to kill our soldiers in Viet Nam are arms which the US supplied to the Cambodian army.

FACT: The godless United Nations is kept alive by the United States. And yet, under the slogan of "keeping the peace", the United Nations has consistently checked any opposition to Communism. Under United Nations protection, financed by our money, Communism has enjoyed two decades of expansion in which the prophets and saints have been slain all over the world.

FACT: As a result of the support which OUR COUNTRY has given to Lenin, Stalin and the Communist apparatus in Russia, over 60,000,000 people have been murdered and unnumbered millions are enslaved in labor camps. Over 20,000,000 were slain in China as a result of manipulations of men in our government. Thousands were slain by the FLN in Algeria, under the approval and by the diplomatic aid of the USA, to seat the Communist Ben Bella.

These are only a few of the more glaring and well known facts of how our own beloved nation has supplied the lifeline and power for the murder of multiplied millions. In a nation which we have loved and for which our fathers, brothers and sons have bravely died, it is hard, almost impossible, to realize the terrible immorality of what has been happening. But the facts cannot be denied. "In her was found the blood of prophets and of saints and of all that have been slain upon the earth."

What does God say about such a nation? “How much so-ever she glorified herself, and waxed luxurious so much give her of torment and mourning: for she said in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall in no wise set mourning. Therefore in one day shall her plagues come, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire; for strong is the Lord God who judged her” (Rev. 18:7-8). God promises to judge and destroy Babylon, so that the depth of her desolation will correspond to the depth of her idolatrous degradation. In the 17th Chapter, the destruction is described as coming from the hands of the other nations which have been under her influence. One immediately is reminder of the “hate America” campaigns now being launched over the world. One shudders to realize that in spite of the billions in aid given to other nations, we really have very few friends, and even our honored men of state dare not travel too widely. The other nations have envied the luxuries of Babylon, and envy is only a short step from hate”

Many are misled into thinking that because we are a nation. Of many religions and many churches, and because our pledge of allegiance mentions God that we are excused from God’s judgment. Others rationalize away the criminality of sin. We are so accustomed to measuring everything by its material worth, that we no longer think of this as idolatry. We are so used to luxuries that we consider them as practically essential. All of this is exactly as John describes Babylon the Great. Notice verses 16 and 17: “Woe, Woe the great city, she that was arrayed in fine linens and purple and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stone and pearl! For in one hour so great riches is made desolate.”

God will judge the Nation, just as he did the Babylon of Belshazzar, and the nations of Israel and Judah when they became idolatrous.

There are two things for the Christians to do. First we are to recognize the sure word of God. The mere fact that some citizens of our nation are Christian will not deter the judgment of God. Second, we are to heed what the prophet says in verse 4 of this chapter: “Come forth, my people, out of her that you have no fellowship with her sins, and that you receive not of her plagues.” Coming forth does not necessarily mean to leave the country, as there is no country that has not been contaminated with the same idolatry. But it means that a Christian is to take a stand which sets him apart from the idolatry and godlessness of our day. God will not tolerate idolatry and the kind of world we have been shaping. He is no respecter of nations. Our personal love for country and devout patriotism will not prevent judgment upon an idolatrous nation. God does promise, however, to be with the Christian. He who excludes himself from her sins, God will exclude from her plagues.

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