



Looking Ahead –

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“The Political and Economic Fall of Babylon”

Part 2

Rev. 18:6-8

Dec. 9, 2018

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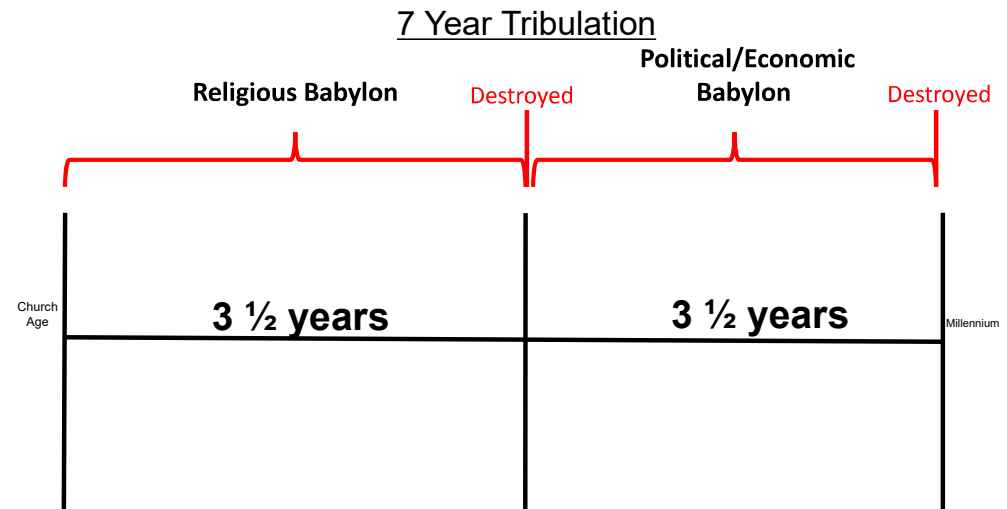
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Rev 18:1-5

- 1 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illumined with his glory.
- 2 And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird.
- 3 "For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality."
- 4 I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues;
- 5 for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

"Pay her back even as she has paid,"

- Punishment is always required for sin committed.

Punishment -

Ps 28:4

4 Requite (make appropriate return for) them according to their work and according to the evil of their practices;

Requite them according to the deeds of their hands;

Repay them their recompense.

Jer 50:14-15

14 "Draw up your battle lines against Babylon on every side,

All you who bend the bow;

Shoot at her, do not be sparing with your arrows,

For she has sinned against the Lord.

15 "Raise your battle cry against her on every side!

She has given herself up, her pillars have fallen,

Her walls have been torn down.

For this is the vengeance of the Lord:

Take vengeance on her;

As she has done to others, so do to her.

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Jer 50:29

29 "Summon many against Babylon,

All those who bend the bow:

Encamp against her on every side,

Let there be no escape.

Repay her according to her work;

According to all that she has done, so do to her;

For she has become arrogant against the Lord,

Against the Holy One of Israel.

Jer 51:24

24 "But **I will repay Babylon** and all the inhabitants of Chaldea for all their evil that they have done in Zion before your eyes," declares the Lord.

Gal 6:7

7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

"and give back to her double according to her deeds;"

- Why pay her back double?
- Because as her sins were overflowing so her punishment will be overflowing.
- God will measure out twice as much judgment on Babylon because of the enormity of her sin.
- **αποδιδωμι**(apodidomi) means literally "to pay a debt" or "to give back that which is due." It is the law of retribution. This is what is owed, therefore this is what should be paid back. The punishment should always fit the crime.
- God has always operated this way both in punishment and reward.

Ex 22:4

"If what he stole is actually found alive in his possession, whether an ox or a donkey or a sheep, **he shall pay double**.

Ex 22:7

7 If a man gives his neighbor money or goods to keep for him and it is stolen from the man's house, if the thief is caught, **he shall pay double**.

Ex 22:9

9 "For every breach of trust, whether it is for ox, for donkey, for sheep, for clothing, or for any lost thing about which one says, 'This is it,' the case of both parties shall come before the judges; he whom the judges condemn **shall pay double** to his neighbor.

Isa 40:1-2

1 "Comfort, O comfort My people," says your God.

2 "Speak kindly to Jerusalem;

And call out to her, that her warfare has ended,

That her iniquity has been removed,

That she has received of the Lord's hand

Double for all her sins."

Jer 16:18

18 "I will first **doubly repay** their iniquity and their sin, because they have polluted My land; they have filled My inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable idols and with their abominations."

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Jer 17:18

8 Let those who persecute me be put to shame, but as for me, let me not be put to shame;

Let them be dismayed, but let me not be dismayed.

Bring on them a day of disaster,

And crush them with **twofold** destruction!

Reward –**Zech 9:12**

2 Return to the stronghold, O prisoners who have the hope;

This very day I am declaring that I will restore double to you.

Ps 23:5

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You have anointed my head with oil;

My cup overflows.

Luke 6:38

38 "Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure — pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."

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Jer 51:7

7 Babylon has been a golden cup in the hand of the Lord, Intoxicating all the earth.

The nations have drunk of her wine;

Therefore the nations are going mad.

Matt 5:38-42

38 "You have heard that it was said, 'AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.'

39 "But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. 40 "If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, let him have your coat also.

41 "Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two.

42 "Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.

Prov 20:22

22 Do not say, "I will repay evil";

Wait for the Lord, and He will save you.

Rom 12:14

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Rom 12:19-21

19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

20 "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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Pay Day Will Be Some Day

3 sins that bring the wrath of God on her:

1. Self-glorification - she lived to praise herself.
2. Self-gratification - she lived to please herself.
3. Self-magnification – she lived to promote herself.

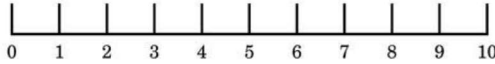
Hedonism – the pursuit of pleasure. It is sensual self-indulgence. The belief that pleasure is the highest good and proper aim of human life.

Narcissism – excessive interest in oneself. Extreme selfishness.

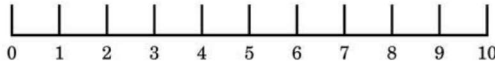
- The city of Babylon in the Tribulation will be the apex, the peak of hedonism and narcissism.

On a scale of 1 to 10:

1. How hedonistic is our society today?



2. How narcissistic is our culture today?



What drives the scale?

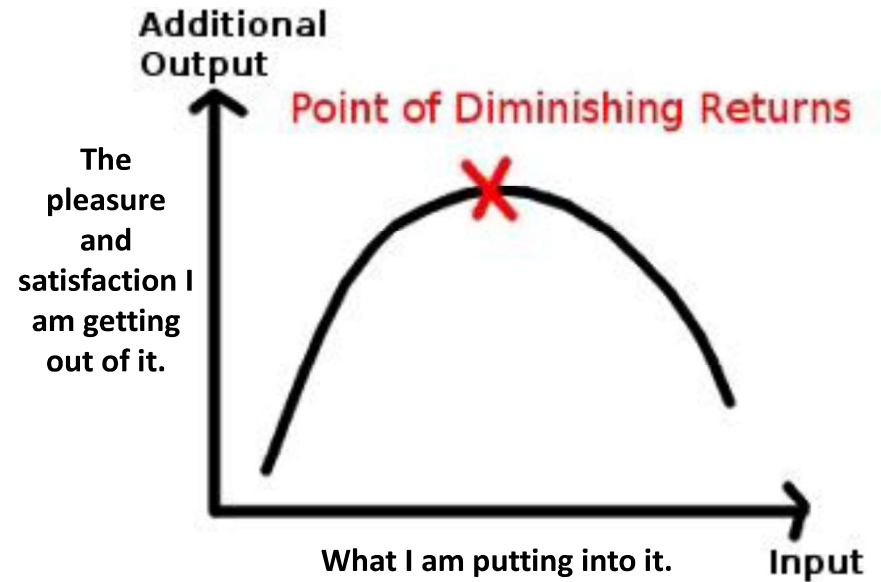
- The law of diminishing returns: Desires once achieved don't provide the same pleasures & satisfaction over time, thus greater desires must be achieved.

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"for she says in her heart, 'I SIT as A QUEEN AND I AM NOT A WIDOW, and will never see mourning.'"

- **"Not"** is the double negative, οὐ μὴ - the strongest negative statement in Greek. She is sure she will not ever see mourning.
- This is not reality. This is self-deception.
- She thinks everyone is madly in love with her.
- When in reality they are not in love with her but with what she can provide for them. Same as a prostitute.

Isa 47:1-11

- 1 "Come down and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; Sit on the ground without a throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans! For you shall no longer be called tender and delicate.
- 2 "Take the millstones and grind meal. Remove your veil, strip off the skirt, Uncover the leg, cross the rivers.
- 3 "Your nakedness will be uncovered, Your shame also will be exposed; I will take vengeance and will not spare a man."
- 4 Our Redeemer, the Lord of hosts is His name, The Holy One of Israel.
- 5 "Sit silently, and go into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans, For you will no longer be called The queen of kingdoms.
- 6 "I was angry with My people, I profaned My heritage And gave them into your hand. You did not show mercy to them, On the aged you made your yoke very heavy.

“to the same degree give her torment and mourning;”

- As punishment, she is to be given torment and mourning which is the absolute opposite of the life she lived.

Summary –

1. There is no security in riches.
2. Riches can be taken in a moment.
3. Happiness and joy for the believer comes from our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and the abiding truths of His Word. With this we shall be content.

- 7 "Yet you said, 'I will be a queen forever.' These things you did not consider Nor remember the outcome of them.
- 8 "Now, then, hear this, you sensual one, Who dwells securely, Who says in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one besides me. I will not sit as a widow, Nor know loss of children.'
- 9 "But these two things will come on you suddenly in one day: Loss of children and widowhood. They will come on you in full measure In spite of your many sorceries, In spite of the great power of your spells.
- 10 "You felt secure in your wickedness and said, 'No one sees me, 'Your wisdom and your knowledge, they have deluded you; For you have said in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one besides me.'
- 11 "But evil will come on you Which you will not know how to charm away; And disaster will fall on you For which you cannot atone; And destruction about which you do not know Will come on you suddenly.

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"For this reason in one day her plagues will come,"

Normal Greek word order:

conjunction, verb, subject, object, and modifiers

- What Greek does is move words out of their "normal" order to emphasize them. Normally the movement is toward the beginning of the sentence, and the very beginning carries the greatest emphasis.

2 examples of swift judgment

5 ὅτι ἐκολλήθησαν αὐτῆς αἱ ἁμαρτίαι ἄχρι τοῦ οὐρανοῦ
For have reached her sins unto heaven,
καὶ ἐμνημόνευσεν ὁ θεὸς τὰ ἀδικήματα αὐτῆς.
and hath remembered God iniquities. her

8 διὰ τοῦτο ἐν μιᾷ ἡμέρᾳ ἔξουσιν αἱ πληγαὶ αὐτῆς, θάνατος
Therefore in one day, shall come plagues her death,
καὶ ἐν πυρὶ κατακαυθήσεται, ὅτι ἰσχυρὸς κύριος
and with fire: she shall be utterly burned for strong is the Lord

Luke 12:16-21

- 16 And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man was very productive.
- 17 "And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?'
- 18 "Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.
- 19 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.'"
- 20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?'
- 21 "So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Dan 5:25-31

- 25 "Now this is the inscription that was written out: 'MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.'
- 26 "This is the interpretation of the message: 'MENE' — God has numbered your kingdom and put an end to it.
- 27 " 'TEKEL' — you have been weighed on the scales and found deficient.
- 28 " 'PERES' — your kingdom has been divided and given over to the Medes and Persians."
- 29 Then Belshazzar gave orders, and they clothed Daniel with purple and put a necklace of gold around his neck, and issued a proclamation concerning him that he now had authority as the third ruler in the kingdom.
- 30 That same night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was slain.
- 31 So Darius the Mede received the kingdom at about the age of sixty-two.

Mike Minnix

“When The Stock Market Crashes For The Last Time” – Rev 18

“Think of anything you have today that money cannot buy and that time, disaster, or death cannot take away from you.”

“for the Lord God who judges her is strong.”

- God has always been strong.
- So why has He not judged her before? Why doesn't He judge her now?
- **Answer:** Any other plan than what the Bible describes here, would be a plan that world glorify God less.
 - The events of history up to the last tick of the clock a second ago are all in the predetermined plan of God which have, are, and will bring Him the most glory.
 - The judgment of the City of Babylon at the end of the Tribulation, will be the perfect timing for God to display His awesome power.

“pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire;”

“Pestilence” – deadly disease.

“Mourning” – because the loss of life and riches will be unfathomable.

“Burned up with fire” – whatever is left of the city will be incinerated.

What will happen to the world economic/political system?

- The stock market of the entire world will utterly and finally fall.
- The entire business world will be sent into chaos.
- World leaders will be paralyzed and will try to prevent panic among the people.

Next time we will look at the reaction of those who made it our of Babylon alive.



**Phillips Brooks
(1835–1893)**

Phillips Brooks was born in Boston, December 13th, 1835. He came from a long line of Puritan ancestors, many of whom had been Congregational clergymen. His parents became connected with the Episcopal Church, and he was reared in the strict ways of the Evangelical wing of that Church. He had the typical Boston education, the Latin School and then Harvard, from which he was graduated in 1855. Brooks was an American patriot, fighting for the union in the Civil War and standing against slavery. He held a Doctorate of Divinity from Oxford and taught at Yale University. Standing at 6 feet, 8 inches he was loved by young and old alike. He is reported to often be seen sitting on the floor playing with children that visited his office and keeping toys in his office for his young visitors. He soon decided to enter the ministry, and studied at Alexandria Seminary, in Virginia.



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In 1859 he became pastor of a small church in Philadelphia. Here his sermons attracted much attention, and in 1861 he was called to be minister of the Church of the Holy Trinity, in the same city. In that position he remained until 1869, when his own leanings toward his native town and the urgency of repeated calls from there led him to accept the pastorate of Trinity Church, Boston. The congregation built for him the great church building in the Back Bay, and there he exercised that wonderful ministry with which many of us are familiar. In 1891 he was elected pastor of his Church in Massachusetts, and after some controversy, occasioned by his broad views in church matters, his election was confirmed and he was consecrated.



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But this position he was not to fill for long. The strain of the great work he had been doing had undermined even his giant strength, and after a short sickness he passed away on January 23rd, 1893 at age 58 years. When Phillips Brooks was pastor of Holy Trinity Church in Philadelphia, his parishioners in August 1865, sent him abroad for a year. His travels took him through Europe, and in December to the Holy Land. Here with reverent feet he traced the footsteps of his Lord and Master from Nazareth southward and visited the scenes of the Bible narrative. After two weeks spent in Jerusalem, on December 24th he made his way on horseback from Jerusalem to Bethlehem where he attended a five-hour Christmas musical praise celebration at the Church of the Nativity.



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Stirring his emotions on that night, he later wrote to his Sunday school back in Philadelphia: "I remember especially on Christmas Eve, when I was standing in the old church at Bethlehem, close to the spot where Jesus was born, when the whole church was ringing hour after hour with the splendid hymns of praise to God, how again and again it seemed as if I could hear voices that I knew well, telling each other of the 'Wonderful Night' of the Savior's birth, as I had heard the year before; and I assure you I was glad to shut my ears for a while and listen to the more familiar strains that came wandering to me halfway round the world." Two years after his return to America, still full of the thrilling memories of that magical night in Bethlehem, Phillips Brooks wrote for his Sunday school this Christmas hymn, which for a long time had been singing in his soul.



**Phillips Brooks
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His organist put melody to his words and on Christmas Eve, 1868, this hymn was sung for the very first time. Neither Phillips Brooks nor his organist ever thought the carol or the music to it would live beyond that Christmas of 1868. The name of this hymn and Christmas carol is . . .

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together,
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth!

3. How silently, how silently,
The wondrous Gift is giv'n;
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His Heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

4. Where children pure and happy
Pray to the blessèd Child,
Where misery cries out to Thee,
Son of the mother mild;
Where charity stands watching
And faith holds wide the door,
The dark night wakes, the glory breaks,
And Christmas comes once more.

5. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!

Have a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!