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THEME: EVENTS OF THE LAST DAYS

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TOPIC: THE FALL OF BABYLON, THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB, CHRISTIANS ARE WINNERS AND THE SUPPER OF THE GREAT GOD

TEXT: REVELATION CHAPTERS 18-19

Introduction: We shall continue, today with the study of events of the last days as we focus on chapters 18 and 19 of the Book of Revelation. We would be dealing with four [4] outlines, that is: [i] The Fall of Babylon [ii] The Marriage of The Lamb [iii] Christians are Winners, and [iv] The Supper of the Great God.

Recall that during our study last week, we focused majorly on the Wrath of God and the Battle of Armageddon.

OUTLINE 1: THE FALL OF BABYLON: Rev. 18:1-24

In the days of old, Babylon was reputed to be a great city buzzing with political and economic power before its fall, Rev. 18:23b. Geographically, located on the eastern banks of Euphrates River in ancient Mesopotamia. This location is about 85 kilometres from the southern part of Baghdad in modern day Iraq.

In the context of end time events, Babylon metaphorically represents the things/events/people that try to block God's purpose. It stands for evil and is likened to the events at Sodom and Gomorrah. Rev. 18:2-3, Isaiah 13:19. The story of Babylon can be described as of sweet and sour taste. In Jeremiah 21:10 a prophesy came that the city of Babylon shall burn with fire; bringing it to an end.

The sins of Babylon: The end time Babylon became the habitation of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird: Revelation 18:2. It became the headquarters of fornication and homosexuality: Revelation 18:3. Its negative influence was corrupting not only its people but other peoples of the world: Jeremiah 51:7.

The destruction of Babylon: The wages of sin is death: Romans 6:23. It was naturally a matter of time for Babylon to fall because its cup runneth over. Her sins had reached unto heaven and God had remembered its iniquities: Rev. 18: 5, 8. When it was time to punish Babylon, however, God wanted the children of Israel who had been taken there to get out of the place before the destruction started so that they would not be caught up in the calamity that was to befall the city: Revelation 18:4, Isaiah 48:20. John saw a mighty angel lift a great millstone and cast same into the sea. That action marks the end of Babylon. Rev 18: 21, Jer 51:64.

The world weep for Babylon: When the time of destruction of Babylon comes, the nations that had flirted with her shall weep and mourn over her calamity. Why? It is God's way of expressing disgust for businesses and governments founded upon greed and oppressive power. Rev. 18:9-16. Another deduction from this story is that God can use a sinner to punish another sinner before the first mentioned sinner faces his own judgment.

OUTLINE 2: THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB: Rev. 19:1-10

After the destruction of Babylon, there was jubilation in heaven with shouts of Alleluia, salvation, and glory and honour and power unto the Lord: Rev. 19:1-3, such that the twenty four elders in heaven worshipped God who was on His throne: Rev. 19:4, thus heralding the marriage of the lamb: Rev. 19:7, Eph 5:32, 2 Cor. 11:2. This symbolises the union between Christ and the righteous ones (the Saints): Rev 19:8, Ps 132:9, Matt 25:1-13.

OUTLINE 3: CHRISTIANS ARE WINNERS: Rev. 19: 7-14

It is to be noted that after the revelation to John, he attempted to worship the angel but he was rebuked by the Angel who admonished him not to do such a thing again because he, the angel, was a servant of God like John and had only brought the good news about Jesus. He further counselled John to worship only God: Rev. 19: 10, Acts 10:25-26, and give testimony of Jesus: 1 John 5:10. So, as Christians, we are obliged to believe and share testimony of Jesus as the Son of God. In Rev 19:11, with Him being called Faithful and True, and making His judgment in righteousness: Ps 96:13, Rev 19:12-13, Daniel 10:6. His robe was red coloured, and His name was called 'The Word of God'; Rev. 19:13, John 1:1, 14.

OUTLINE 4: THE SUPPER OF THE GREAT GOD.: Rev. 19: 15-21

Judgment time shall surely come. With righteousness shall He judge the nations and reprove with equity. The wicked ones shall surely be punished with a heavy rod: Rev. 19: 15, Isaiah 11:4, 2 Thessalonians 2:8. He will Judge the world as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords: Rev. 19:16, Daniel 2:47. When it is the time of judgment, it shall be regarded as the supper of the great God, for, it is recorded that blood shall flow, and kings, captains and mighty and small men shall be called upon to face their judgments: Rev. 19:17-18, Ezekiel 39:17-18. There would be an attempt to resist Christ in judgment but all the rebellion will be crushed devastatingly: Rev. 19:19-21, Daniel 7:11

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Babylon should be seen as a metaphor for sin. The wicked ones will surely fall and be called to judgment, irrespective of how great they might appear to the whole world. Angels are not to be worshipped because they are fellow servants of God. We must give testimony of Jesus as the son of God. Both the mighty and the small will be called to face judgment at the end