

Sabbath Marketplace Service

Unpacking the Book of Revelation
From the Hebraic Mindset

The Mystery Babylon

Rev Chp 17-18

July 17th (Sat) 2021

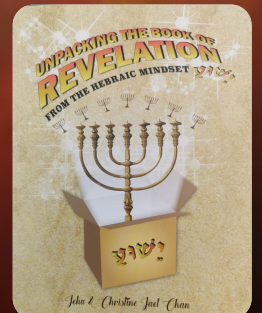
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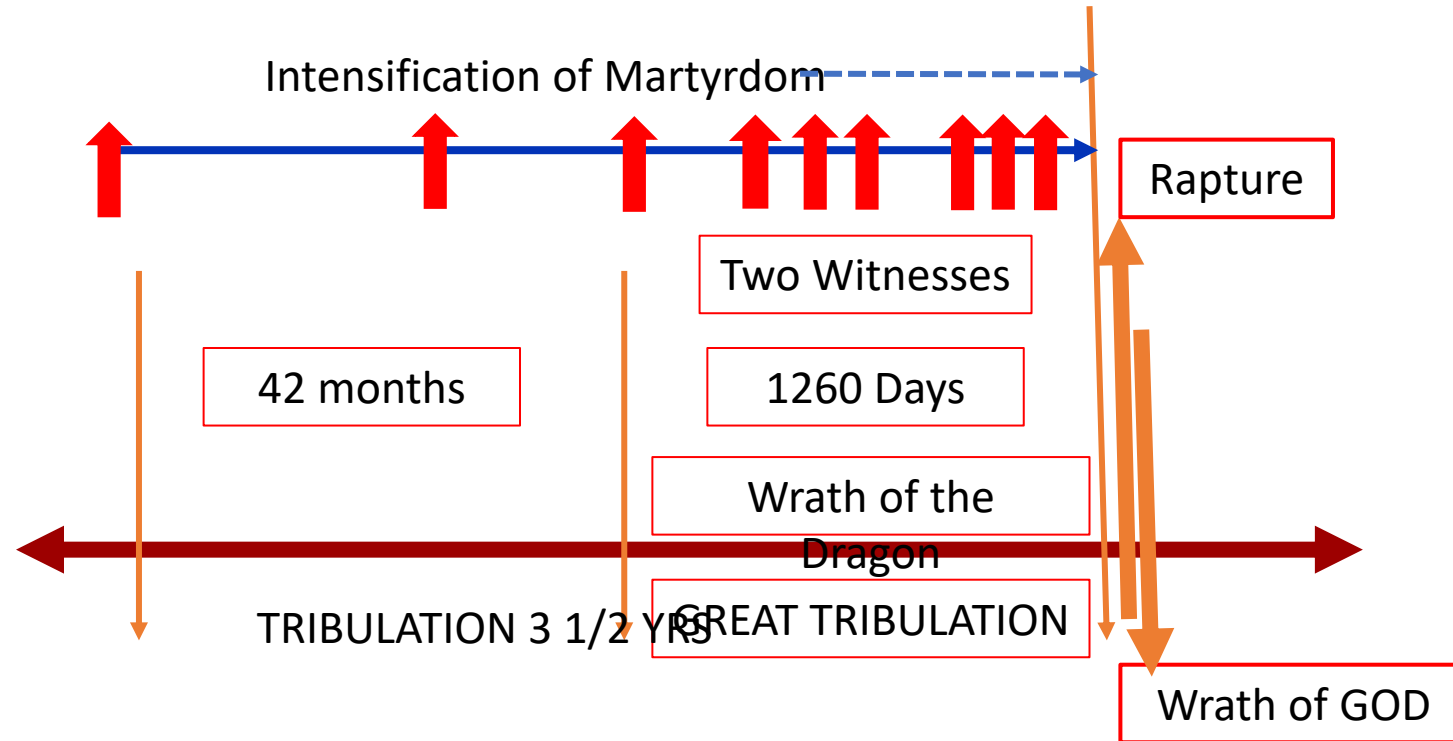
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Re-Cap: What we have learnt



KEY PLAYERS

1. Yeshua
2. His Bride
3. **The whore – Mystery Babylon**
4. Abaddon – the angel from the bottomless Pit
5. False Messiah - The Beast from the Sea
6. False Prophet – The Beast from the Earth
7. The Dragon - Satan



The Seven Angels – Seven Bowls

- **17** 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.”
- The Seven Bowls are about to be poured – Judgment to Come
- Interlude Chapters 17 to 18
- Tares vs Wheat; the Goats vs Sheep

Who Is This Harlot?

- 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.***
- Sits on many waters means influence over mankind
- False bride deceive mankind – lawless
- Apostate church

When Was the Church Birth? Acts 2 Church

- ¹⁶ But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:
- ¹⁷ 'And it shall come ***to pass in the last days***, says God,
That I will **pour out of My Spirit** on ***all flesh***; Your ***sons and your daughters shall prophesy***, Your young men shall see visions,
Your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ And on My menservants and on
My maidservants. ***I will pour out My Spirit*** in those days; And they
shall prophesy.
- ¹⁹ I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth
beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. ²⁰ The sun shall be
turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, ***Before the coming of
the great and awesome day of the LORD***. ²¹ And it shall come to pass
That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.'

What Must We Do? Acts 2:38

- ³⁸ Then Peter said to them, “**Repent**, and let every one of you be **baptized in the name of Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins; and you **shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**. ³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

Acts 3:19 “Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,”

Church Without Walls – Early Church

- ⁴⁰ And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “***Be saved from this perverse generation.***” ⁴¹ Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about ***three thousand souls were added to them.*** ⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. - Acts 2:40-42

27 And he said to them, “Thus says the Lord God of Israel: ‘Let every man put his sword on his side and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and let every man kill his brother, every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.’” 28 So the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. ***And about three thousand men of the people fell that day.*** – Exodus 32:27-28

GOD’s PLAN for RESTITUTION Acts 3:21 - ²¹whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.



Persecution purified the early Church. Pagan religions could not compete with in. Yet by the Sixth Century, the Church was largely destroyed. It has become a corrupt political power with little evidence of the life and power it had once known.

Constantine had a vision instructing him to fight in the name of Christ – **The Battle of Milvan-312 A.D.**

The new Emperor claimed that he is a follower of Christ. Over night Christianity changed from a persecuted, illegal religion to a favored religion





Persecuted Saints
became
Revered Saints

Thirteen Apostles



325 A.D. The Council of Nicene

- Emperor Constantine demanded absolute control in return for favor
- His title was "Pontifex Maximus" means "High Priest"
- He named himself as the 13th Apostle
- Made himself more than equal to the Apostles
- Roman Emperor takes over as the High Priest cf to Rev 13 – Beast from the Earth

How Did Emperor Constantine Gain Control of the Heart and Soul of the Believers?



- By giving them what they want.
- They wanted PEACE
- They wanted easy life, NO persecution
- He gave land, favor to those who give him their allegiance

How Did Pharaoh Takes Control?



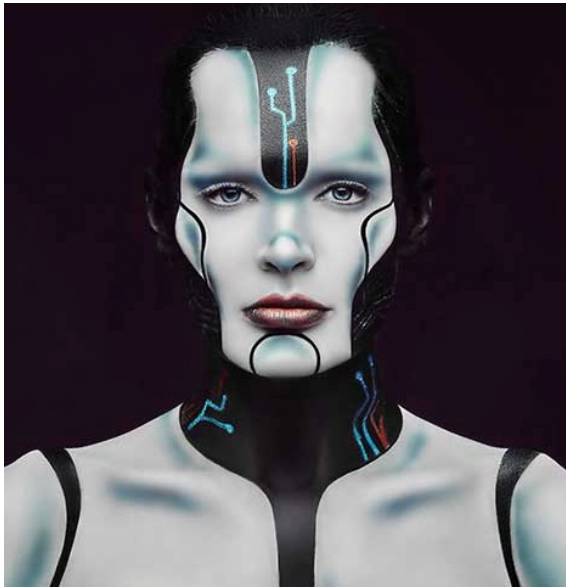
- There was a Famine (Natural disaster)
- God gave Joseph wisdom to prepare store houses during good times
- Egyptians sold their land and their souls to Pharaoh in exchange for life
- Exchange FOOD for FREEDOM

Is there a Present Day's Parallel?



GREAT RESET

**Destroy the economy of every nation on earth, plunge
humanity into despair and poverty, and then offer their
solution: THE GREAT RESET.**



325 A.D. The Nicene Creed End of the Apostolic Church – Cut off Jewish Roots



Ancient Rome becomes Holy Rome

- Emperor is the High Priest of Christianity when the Roman Empire is strong
- When Roman Empire crumbled politically, Ancient Rome Empire morphed into Holy Rome Empire
- The Church gained military-political power but lost the supernatural power of God it had once known
- The Pope, instead the Emperor became the High Priest
- To observe Passover or Sabbath is punishable by death
- The Messianic Church died

Celebrating Christmas & Easter

- Before Constantine, Christians never celebrate Christ Birthday
- Emperor Constantine had long celebrated Dec 25 as the birthday of the Sun god (Mithras)
- Yeshua subsumed into the sun god and Christmas was designated as the birthday of Yeshua
- Easter is a spring fertility festival – Canaanites goddess Asherah
 - Persian name – Aestarte
 - Babylonian name – Ishtar
 - Ancient Briton name – Eastre
 - At the Council of Nicene, Constantine outlaw the Feast of Passover
 - Change to celebrating Christ resurrection on the Sunday following the first full moon after the equinox (Spring festival)
 - Hence Easter, (Ishtar) was the fertility goddess (Should be Resurrection Sunday)

Mother and Child

- Egyptian goddess Isis – “Great Virgin” also “The Mother of god”
- Commonly holding her son (Horus)
- Absorbed into the statue of Mary and baby Jesus



Changes to Christian Faith

- Remove any linkage to Jewish Roots
- Introduced Pagan rituals into the Faith
 - Cut off Jewish roots
 - Replacement Theology began here
 - No celebration of Feast of the Lord
 - Change Sabbath to Sundays – A day to worship the sun god (Mithras)
 - Worshippers turn their faces as they entered the St Peter's Basilica and worship the rising sun! (Eze 8:6-16 stated when this happens God's presence departs from His people)
 - The Church entered into the DARK AGES
 - Hated the Jewish people as rebellious people

Changes to Christian Faith - What we need to do?

- Move to smaller house churches, which are
 - Spirit led, no set forms and liturgies
- Avoid worship in formal majestic buildings devoid of the Holy Spirit
- Return to the Church of Acts
 - Operate at house church levels
 - Operate in signs and wonders
 - Relying on the Power of God instead of Man
 - Discipling imparting LIFE-LIVING-LIVELIHOOD

The Original Organism Church...Organisation





Wrong Doctrine Resulted in Holocaust





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Mystery Babylon

³So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a **woman sitting ...** ⁴The 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. ⁵And on her **forehead a name** was written:

MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT,
THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS
AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS
OF THE EARTH.

⁶I 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



Purple and Scarlet
Organized Religion???



Mystery Babylon

³ *a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.*

- This is the Beast of Rev 13
- The same Beast that come out from the Sea
- Has Seven Heads and Ten Horns (Crowns)
- 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.
- The woman seems to be in control but for a short while

The Main Characters in the End Times

- God's Bride – Believers who have intimate relationship with Yeshua
- The Whore – Astarte, Goddess of Heaven, False Religion, the Harlot, the False High Priest
- Satan – The Dragon
- Abaddon – The angel of death, the star that falls from heaven with the keys to the bottomless pit
- The False Messiah – Anti-Christ. Satan inspired the Beast from the Sea and from the bottomless pit (Abaddon – Rev 9:11,17:8) - Teraph
- The False Prophet – The Beast from the Earth - Teraph

Who are these People who marveled?

- 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***.
- Book of Life – Hebrew thinking
- These are the Nephilim in our midst – names not written in the Book of Life
- This Beast is the Anti-Christ, imitating Christ resurrection.
- This is a Teraph, fallen angel in Genesis 6

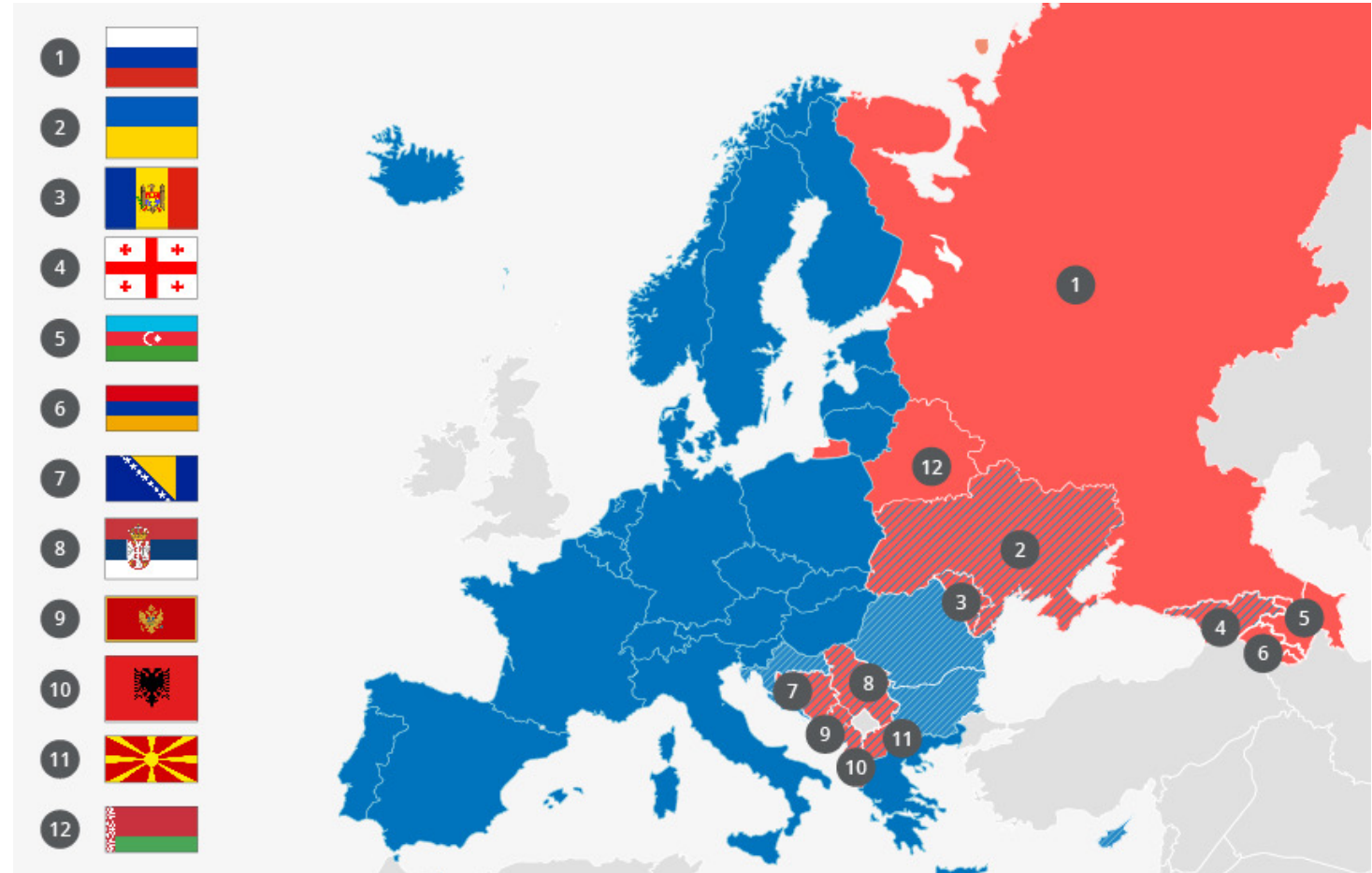
Seven Hills of Rome

- ⁹ “Here *is* the mind which has wisdom: The ***seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.*** ¹⁰ There are ***also seven kings. Five (5th) have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come.*** And when he comes, he must continue a short time. ¹¹ The beast that was, and is not, is himself ***also the eighth,*** and ***is of the seven,*** and is going to perdition.

Seven Kingdoms

1. Babylon – Nimrod (1st)
2. Egypt (2nd)
3. Assyria (3rd)
4. Babylon
5. Medo-Persia (4th)
6. Greece (***5th***)
- 7. Roman Babylon counted twice***
- 8. Revived Rome (7 & 8)***

EUROPEAN UNION



Ten Horns?

- ¹⁴ These will make war with the Lamb, and the ***Lamb will overcome them***, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and ***those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.***
- ¹⁵ Then he said to me, “The ***waters*** which you saw, where the harlot sits, are ***peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.*** ¹⁶ And the ***ten horns*** which you saw on the beast, these will ***hate the harlot***, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. ¹⁷ For God has put it into their hearts to ***fulfill His purpose***, to be of one mind, and to ***give their kingdom to the beast***, until the words of God are fulfilled. ¹⁸ And the ***woman*** whom you saw is ***that great city*** which ***reigns over the kings of the earth.***”

Who Are these Ten Horns

- **Ten Economic Blocks**

- EU - European Union
- Asean – Association of SEA Nations
- BRICS – Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa
- APEC – Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation
- NAFTA - North America Free Trade Agreement
- CIS – Commonwealth of Independent States
- COMESA – Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
- SAARC – South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
- MERCOSUR – Mercado Comun del Cono Sur
- IOR-ARC – Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation



OR Big Tech Companies

Apple
US\$2.04T

Microsoft
US\$1.75T

Amazon
US\$1.5T

Alphabet
US\$1.4T

Tencent
US\$856B

Facebook
US\$750B

Alibaba
US\$645B

TSMC
US\$587B

Tesla
US\$574B

Samsung
US\$500B

The Fall of Babylon the Great

- **18** After these things I saw *another angel* coming down from heaven, having *great authority*, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. ² And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, “***Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen***, and has become a ***dwelling place of demons***, a ***prison for every foul spirit***, and a ***cage for every unclean*** and ***hated bird***! ³ For ***all the nations*** have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the ***kings of the earth*** have committed fornication with her, and the ***merchants of the earth*** have become ***rich through the abundance of her luxury***.”

Judgment

- ⁴ And I heard ***another voice from heaven*** saying, “***Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.***” ⁵ For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. ⁶ Render to her just as she rendered to you and ***repay her double*** according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her. ⁷ In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, ‘I sit *as* queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.’ ⁸ Therefore ***her plagues will come in one day—death and mourning and famine.*** And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong *is* the Lord God who judges her.

Babylon, that Mighty City

- ⁹ “The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, ¹⁰ standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, ‘Alas, alas, that **great city Babylon, that mighty city**! For in one hour your judgment has come.’
- ¹¹ “And the **merchants of the earth** will weep and mourn over her, for **no one buys their merchandise anymore**: ¹² merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble; ¹³ and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men.

Final Destruction of That Great City

- ¹⁹ “They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, ‘Alas, alas, that **great city**, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in **one hour** she is made desolate.’
- ²⁰ “Rejoice over her, O heaven, and *you* holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!”

Babylon As a Trading Post

- ¹⁴ The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all. ¹⁵ ***The merchants of these things***, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, ¹⁶ and saying, 'Alas, alas, that ***great city*** that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls! ¹⁷ For in ***one hour such great riches*** came to nothing.' Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance ¹⁸ and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What *is* like this great city?'

Finality of Babylon's Fall

- ²¹ Then a ***mighty angel*** took up a stone like a great millstone and threw ***it into the sea***, saying, “Thus with violence the ***great city Babylon*** shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore. ²² The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you anymore. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore. ²³ The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For ***your merchants*** were the great men of the earth, for by your ***sorcery*** all the nations were deceived. ²⁴ And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth.”

Characteristics of Babylon

- Dwelling place of demons
- A City of 7 hills
- A mighty City of Commerce
- Fronted by Sea-Water
- Destroyed on ONE Day
- Warning to get out of Babylon

- History
- Jezebel ruled over Ten Tribes in the 9th century
- Jezebel father is the King of Tyre (Ezekiel 28 - Cherub/Satan)
- Elijah confronted Jezebel and King Ahab
- The two witnesses



The City of Babylon???



The LORD's Supper

- Please prepare your elements for the
- LORD's Supper at the end of the sharing

Aaronic Blessing