

NOTES.-The Church of Rome is called Babylon, and its religion is a revival of the religion of ancient Babylon. She claims a priesthood with exceptional powers and privileges, just as did ancient Babylon. Through the dogma of the immaculate conception of the Virgin Mary, she denies that God in Christ dwelt in the same flesh as fallen man has, just as ancient Babylon did. See Dan. 2:11. She claims universal spiritual jurisdiction and demands submission under pains and penalties, just as ancient Babylon did. See Daniel 3. She repudiates the fundamental gospel truth of justification by faith, and boasts of works, just as ancient Babylon did. See Dan. 4:30. A careful comparison of the ritual of ancient and modern Babylon shows that the latter is copied from the former; and it is easy to trace the connection historically through the paganism of political Rome.

On the overthrow of Babylon by the Persians who nourished a traditional hatred for its idolatry, the Chaldean priesthood fled to Pergamos, in Asia Minor, and made it the headquarters of their religion. . . . The last pontiff king of Pergamos was Attalus III, who at his death bequeathed his dominions and authority to the Roman people, 133 B.C., and from that time the two lines of Pontifex Maximus were merged in the Roman one.-"*The False Christ*," J. Garnier, London, George Allen, 1900, Vol. II pages 94, 95. Thus did the religion of ancient Babylon become the religion of modern Babylon.

**15. What did Jesus say of the sacramental wine?**

"This cup is the new covenant in My blood." Luke 22:20, R.V.

**16. What is the essential teaching of the new covenant?**

"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; *I will put My laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts*: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to Me a people." Hebrews 8:10

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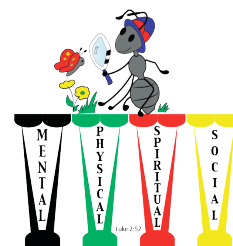
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**1. What announcement immediately follows the judgment-hour message of Rev. 14:6,7?**

"And there followed another angel, saying, *Babylon is fallen, is fallen*, that great city." **Revelation 14:8**, first part

**2. What reason is assigned for the fall of Babylon?**

"Because *she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication*." **Revelation 14:8**, last part

**3. How was the overthrow of ancient Babylon foretold?**

"And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be *as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah*." Isaiah 13:19

**4. What call was made to come out of Babylon?**

"*Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity*; for this is the time of the Lord's vengeance; He will render unto her a recompense." Jeremiah 51:6

**5. What did ancient Babylon do to all the nations?**

"Babylon hath been a golden cup in the Lord's hand, that *made all the earth drunken*: the nations have drunken of her *wine*; therefore the nations are *mad*." Jeremiah 51:7

**6. What was the effect of this apostasy?**

"Babylon is *suddenly fallen and destroyed*: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed." Jeremiah 51:8

**7. Just before the fall of Babylon, what did her king do?**

"Belshazzar the king *made a great feast* to a thousand of his lords, and *drank wine* before the thousand." Daniel 5:1

**8. By what command did the king repudiate the religion taught in Babylon by Daniel and others who feared God?**

"Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein." Daniel 5:2.

**9. What marked the climax of Babylon's apostasy?**

"Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them." Daniel 5:3

**10. While drinking the wine, what gods did they honor?**

"They drank wine, and *praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone*." Daniel 5:4

**11. What immediately followed this complete apostasy?**

"In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. And Darius the Median took the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old." Daniel 5:30-31

NOTE.-The gospel of the kingdom was preached in Babylon (see reading on "The Gospel of the Kingdom," Lesson 49), and Nebuchadnezzar was brought to acknowledge and to worship the true God. But after the death of Nebuchadnezzar, Babylon relapsed into idolatry again, and this apostasy was rendered hopeless when Belshazzar used the sacred vessels from the house of God, dedicated to the worship of God, in which to drink the wine of Babylon while worship was offered to the false gods. Then came the handwriting on the wall, and the fall of ancient Babylon.

**12. In the visions of John, what interpretation is given to the woman who sat upon many waters?**

"And the woman which thou sawest *is that great city*, which reigneth over the kings of the earth." Revelation 17:18

NOTE: The great city which reigned over the kings of the earth in John's time was Rome, and that city has given its name to the church which is represented by the woman, the Church of Rome, or the Papacy.

**13. In this same prophecy, how is the Church of Rome, the Papacy, designated as the antitype of ancient Babylon?**

"And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." Revelation 18:5

**14. What specific statement emphasizes this identification?**

"With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication." Revelation 18:2. See Revelation 18:4.