

## Mystery Babylon the Great is not Jerusalem

Many people have speculated as to who MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH is as found in the book of Revelation chapters 17-18.

This portion of the lesson will be showing scripturally why MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT **cannot be Jerusalem.**

Let me begin with a possible different perspective on the topic at hand versus only clues pertaining to the identity of Mystery Babylon.

### **Revelation 18:20-21**

20 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

### **Matthew 23:37-39**

37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

**38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.**

39 For I say unto you, **Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

### **Revelation 17:6**

6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

Here it may appear to some to support the theory of Jerusalem being Mystery Babylon by the clue that she killed the Prophets by comparing this with Mystery Babylon and the holy Apostles and Prophets being avenged of her because she was also drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. **But, what about the clue that Jesus said, “Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.”** This is directly speaking of the time that Jesus will come and defend Jerusalem.

However this passage of scripture in Matthew is not alone concerning the words Jesus spoke saying, **“Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.”**

### **Romans 11:25-27**

25 For I would not, brethren, **that ye should be ignorant of this mystery,** lest ye should be wise

in your own conceits; **that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.**

26 And so all Israel shall be saved: **as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:**

27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

Here we see that all Israel will be saved as it is written, **“There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:**

27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.” **This is found in the Prophet Joel** **“And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.”** (Joel 2:32) We see how this unfolds in the Prophet Zechariah chapters 12-14.

### **Zechariah 12:6-14**

6 In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem.

**7 The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah.**

8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.

**9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.**

10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

**11 In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem,** as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

**12 And the land shall mourn,** every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart;

13 The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart;

14 All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

We see Jerusalem being defended by God at the end of the age at verse 8 **“In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem”**, thus **Mystery Babylon the Great is not Jerusalem.** Look at verse 7 **“The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah”** and at verse 10 **“And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.”**

### **Zechariah 13:1-2**

1 In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

2 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.

Again we see the saving of Jerusalem and that of Israel “In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness” and “I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.”

However, there is going to be a great battle as this is taking place at the battle of Armageddon when the Lord saves the remnant of Israel as this is a covenant he has with them “For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.” (Rm 11:25-27)

### **Zechariah 13:8-9**

8 And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.

9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

Just as Jesus has said in the book of Matthew “For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.” (Mt 23:37-39)

### **Zechariah 14:1-12**

1 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark:

**7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night:** but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.

8 And it shall be in that day, **that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem;** half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

10 All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses.

11 **And men shall dwell in it,** and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

12 **And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.**

Here we see the Lord defending Jerusalem or Zion and this would be the prophesied time that the children of Israel would be saying, **“Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord”**. Also take notice of verses 8-9 **“And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.”**

**I believe this is enough proof that it is impossible for Jerusalem to be mystery Babylon.** I chose this route in explanation versus looking at more of the clues from Mystery Babylon because so many people have already tried to explain how those clues still fit Jerusalem. But there is no way to come against **clear Word of God** and in this case we can find many passages of scriptures showing Jerusalem being defended by God and safely inhabited again in her own place.

**Therefore Mystery Babylon the Great is not Jerusalem!!**