

***Question: Who is this fallen Babylon?**

***Answer:** Revelation 17:5 depicts "Mystery Babylon" as being the "Mother of Harlots." God referred to His people as being a "whore" and a "harlot" in Ezekiel 16:28 when they broke God's commandments by worshipping the Assyrian gods. A woman is also symbolic of a church according to Ephesians 5:25. Therefore, Babylon, is symbolic of a church that has compromised with the world and accepted pagan and false doctrine.

8) Why did Jesus warn His people of corrupted religion and religious leaders in His day? -Matthew 15:14, Matthew 23:13.

- 1 - Jesus had to warn His people of false religion because "if the bl__nd [religious leaders] lead the bli__d, b__th fall into the d__tch."
- 2 - The corrupt Pharisees would "shut up the kin__dom of hea__en against m__n." Neither the Pharisees, nor their followers could enter into the kingdom of God.

As Jesus warned against false religion in His day, the 2nd Angel's Message warns against religions that teach....



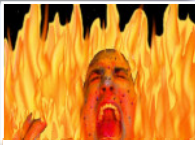
...the false doctrine of "Once Saved Always Saved" (See Lesson 5)



...Sunday Sacredness (See Lesson 9)



...the immortality of the soul (See Lesson 11)



...the eternal torment in hell. (See Lesson 12)

***Third Angel -** The Bible warns of false churches in the second angel, but the third angel warns us that the false churches will eventually control the law making bodies of the world. All will be forced by the governments of the world to worship the image to the beast power. Those who refuse to worship the beast and take His mark will be persecuted and will NOT be able to buy or sell. (See Revelation 13:15-17) Those who worship the beast and accept this counterfeit global religious movement will be punished by the 7 last plagues and cast into the lake of fire. This prophecy may sound impossible to take place under a democratic society, but there are already alterations to the US Constitution, such as the right to privacy, due process, free speech and the right bear arms. This prophecy will be fulfilled sooner than what we think!

9) What type of character and faith will God's true church have that overcome the great test of the Mark of the Beast and proclaim the Present Truth? -Revelation 14:12 1 - They will "ke__p the comm__ndm__nts of G__d and have the fa__th of Jes__s."

Appeal) Will you make a commitment to live and teach the Present Truth of the 3 Angel's Messages to prepare the world for Jesus' coming? ____.

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Build on the Rock Doctrinal Lesson Series 2023

Lesson 14:

"Present Truth in the Time of the End"



The many biblical prophetic signs that have been fulfilled tell us that we are living in the time of the end. Is there a special Present Truth message that God is calling His church to proclaim in these last days? The answer to that question is found in the book of Revelation. It is essential that you know and understand this Present Truth message because it will prepare you for what is soon to come. Complete this lesson with the KJV Bible and learn what is the Present Truth in the Time of the End!

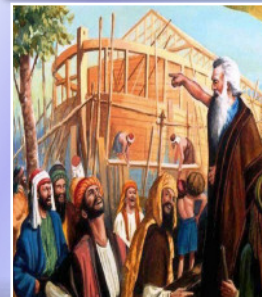
1) What was the moral condition of the people in Noah's day? -Genesis 6:5

1 - In Noah's day, the "wick__dn__ss of man was gr__at in the earth, and that every imagi__ation of the thoughts of his he__rt was only ev__l continually."



2) As a result of all the moral wickedness in Noah's day, what Present Truth message did God command Noah to give to the world? -Genesis 6:13

1 - Noah had to let the people of his day know that the "end of all fl__sh is c__me" and that God would "d__stroy them w__th the ea__th."

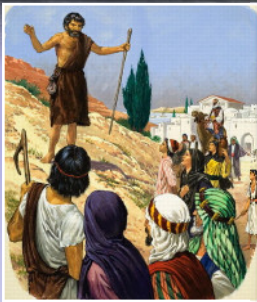


***Note:** As a result of all the evil and immorality in Noah's day, God gave Noah a special message for his time. 2 Peter 2:5 refers to Noah as a "Preacher of Righteousness." Noah was NOT just to tell the people about God's love, that they need to be obedient to God, or even that they need to turn from their sins. Noah's Present Truth Message was that God would destroy the earth by a flood and that they needed to repent of sin and get on board the Ark. If Noah had given any other message during this time, he would have been unfaithful to God.

3) What was John the Baptist's Present Truth message to the world? -Luke 3:2-4

1 - John the Baptist's message was the "bapt__sm of rep__ntance for...."

....the remission of sins" and he also called people to "prepare ye the way of the Lord."

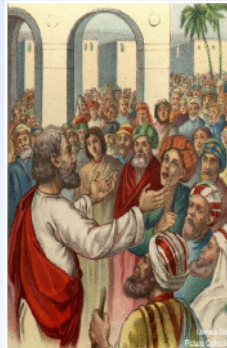


*Note: John the Baptist lived in a time when Jesus was about to start His ministry. Therefore, God gave John the Baptist a special Present Truth message to preach to the people. His message was a message of repentance of sin, baptism and a preparation to receive the Savior, Jesus Christ. He also had to warn the people of the "crooked" teaching of the religious leaders of his day. (See Luke 3:6-8). John was NOT educated in the religious schools of his day, but instead, God took him into the wilderness to be trained by the Holy Ghost.

4) What does the Bible say we must be established in? -2 Peter 1:12.

1 - We must be "established in the Present Truth."

*Note: Peter and the early church had to teach the Present Truth Message of Christ crucified and a risen Savior. To be "established in the Present Truth" means that they needed to understand the Old Testament prophecies of Jesus' birth, life and death, as well as the fulfillment of these prophecies. It also meant to be living the life of Jesus through faith. This Present Truth message was a very unpopular message at the time because the Jewish leaders were responsible for having Jesus put to death. Peter and the Apostles were persecuted, put in prison and eventually died a martyr's death. Though, they went through all this suffering, they considered it an honor to suffer for the cause of the Christ!



John was beheaded for preaching Present Truth!

*Note: Noah preached Present Truth in his time and was considered a wild fanatic. John the Baptist preached Present Truth and was eventually beheaded. There are many other cases in the Bible of God's faithful Present Truth messengers being persecuted and killed. This tells us that Present Truth was not, is not and will never be popular in the world, nor in the church.

5) How does the Bible describe the churches in the last days before Jesus comes? -2 Timothy 3:1-5

1 - In the "last days," men will be "lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers." They will be "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God" and will have a "form of godliness, but denying the power thereof."

*Note: In a time when the churches should be preparing for the soon return of Jesus, the Bible describes the church as being morally corrupt, loving pleasure more than God, yet still going through the motions of church. God has a Present Truth message for the church and the unbelieving world for this present time!

6) What is the Present Truth Message found in Revelation that is designed to prepare the world for Jesus coming? -Revelation 14:6, 14.

1 - John saw that the "everlasting gospel" must be preached to a every "nation, kind, tongue and people" before Jesus comes on a "white cloud" with a "sharpest sickle."

*Note: Before Jesus comes, there is a Present Truth message to be given, which the Bible refers to as the "everlasting gospel." The Word "gospel" means GOOD NEWS. The word "angel" means messenger and is symbolic of those who will faithfully proclaim the Present Truth message for this time.

7) What 3 important messages are found within the "everlasting gospel"? -Revelation 14:7-10.

1 - The first angel calls us to "fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heavens" and the earth.

2 - The second angel warns that "Babylon is fallen" because she made all "nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

3 - The third angel warns us that "if any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in His forehead or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God."



The 3 Angel's Messages are the Present Truth for this time.

*Note: Let's now examine each of the 3 messages so that you can more clearly understand the Present Truth for this time:



*First Angel - God knew that the peoples of the world would grow to be morally corrupt and too busy for God in the last days, so he gave us a message to "fear God", give glory and worship the Creator, especially on His 7th day Sabbath. Today, many are distracted by their career, entertainment, sports, sinful pleasure, worldly ambition and are just too busy to learn about and worship their Creator. The warning of the "judgment hour" informs us of the nearness of Christ's coming and of the necessity of repenting of all our sins!

*Second Angel - This urgent message warns us of the corruption and falling away of many Christian churches in the last days. God wants us to commit our lives to Him and worship Him, but if our church is corrupted by the world, we are in a worse situation than when we were not in church. The Bible says that "God is a Spirit: those that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth." -John 4:24.