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## I. The Counterfeit and True Bride of Christ

1. Another major aspect of the bride being made ready is for believers to come out of all agreement with the great harlot, Babylon the Great.

- a. As you will recall, Session 11 explored Genesis 24 and how Abraham sent his servant into Babylon to get a bride for Isaac. As that session illustrated, Isaac was not to go to Babylon for a wife. Instead, the bride had to come out of Babylon in order to be married to Isaac. The same is true for the bride of Christ. She must come out of Babylon. In this session and the next, we want to explore again the idea of the bride coming out of Babylon so as to be prepared for her Bridegroom. To do this, we will examine Revelation 17-18.
- b. Revelation 17 through Revelation 19:10 form a unit which pictures Babylon the great who is also called the great harlot in direct contrast to the true bride of Christ. In the context of this stark contrast between the true and counterfeit bride, John wrote, "I heard another voice from heaven, saying, 'Come out of her, my people [Babylon the Great], so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues'" (Rev. 18:4).
- c. This passage ends with the bride having made herself ready, a passage that we have observed in great detail in previous sessions. The point for this session is that another aspect of the bride making herself ready involves the betrothed bride of Christ coming out of all agreement with Babylon the great, the mother of all harlots.
- d. In this session and the next, we will explore the need to come out of Babylon the great. In exploring this woman who sits on the beast, we will not attempt to address every detail about this immoral woman but rather to examine two essential actions that the bride must take related to Babylon the Great: 1) come out of allegiance with the antichrist system being promulgated by Babylon the great and 2) come out of participation in her sins. In this session we will explore the first of these two points and the second in the next session.
- e. Let's begin by looking briefly at the contrast between the harlot and the true bride. This will provide us with important background as to why the bride must come out of all aspects of the harlot Babylon.

2. The intended ultimate destination for God's people is the new Jerusalem.

- a. Revelation 21:2 reads, "And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband." From this brief description of the eternal age, we learn several vital truths. First, there will ultimately be an eternal city on the earth. Second, the Father and the Son will be the temple in it (Rev. 21:22) and their throne will be there (Rev. 22:3). Third, the city will be holy for as we learn a little later in the chapter "nothing unclean and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it" (Rev. 21:27). Fourth, "He who overcomes shall inherit these things" (Rev. 21:7). Finally, we learn that the holy city is both a city and a bride for Jesus (Rev. 21:2, 9).
- b. Throughout history, God's great cloud of witnesses have devoted their lives to qualify to dwell in this city. To make sure we are clear on the idea of dwelling there, as we have stated repeatedly in

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this class only the prepared bride who allows the Holy Spirit to do a deep work within them so that they take on the nature of Christ in fullness will be the eternal wife of the Lamb and dwell eternally in the new Jerusalem.

- c. There is much more that we could say about the eternal city and the journey toward it; but for our purposes, we should note that the new Jerusalem is an eternal, heavenly city characterized as pure in every way and, in some mysterious manner, is also the bride of Christ housing people who are righteous having been made perfect (or mature).
- d. The book of Revelation makes it clear that those who will ultimately dwell there as the bride of Christ are a people who have made themselves ready through a radical pursuit of righteousness (Rev. 19:7). To dwell in God's full purpose there must be a radical pursuit of putting on one's bridal garments which is the righteousness of Christ.

## 3. In contrast to God's eternal plan, Satan is raising up a great harlot as a counterfeit to oppose people from becoming a prepared bride.

- a. In contrast to the bridal city we just described, Revelation Chapters 17 and 18 speak of another city called a scarlet woman who rides on a beast. The woman is referred to as Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and of the abominations of the earth (Rev. 17:5).
- b. Throughout church history, opinions have varied widely as to who or what this harlot is. She has been referred to as Rome, the Roman Catholic Church, New York City, modern apostate Jerusalem, literal Babylon, apostate ecumenism, the Illuminati, Islam, and Mecca/Saudi Arabia.
- c. As we have stated in our Forerunner School class, *Understanding the End Times*, we believe that Babylon the great is the seventh kingdom referred to in Revelation 17:9-10. Babylon the great is both a literal city and an entity that influences or controls many people and nations as she "sits on many waters". The city is a harlot because it exports false religion to the nations, intoxicating the world with a mixture of paganism and Christianity, doctrines of demons, humanistic ideologies, and soulless philosophies. Babylon the great will lead a global government, a global religion, and a global economy. This global movement will facilitate universalism, tolerant lifestyles of every sordid style, and a false sense of justice. Whereas many will willingly and happily participate in Babylon the great, Christians who hold to biblical values and lifestyle will be greatly opposed and persecuted.
- d. As we discuss coming out of this evil, anti-God entity, there are three dimensions to Babylon the great we want to address: 1) her governmental influence, 2) her economic control, and 3) her religious impact. Let's look at each beginning with government. There is a fourth element—her harlotries and abominations—which we will look at in the next session.

## II. Three Dimensions of Babylon the Great

### 1. First, there is a governmental aspect to Babylon the great.

- a. As the text states, Babylon the great is a city. "And the woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth" (Rev. 17:18). Whereas her capital most likely will be a

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literal city in the earth, her reach affects many nations, “Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, ‘Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot *who sits on many waters*’” (Rev. 17:1). Later in the chapter, the many waters are explained as peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues (Rev. 17:15). Of course, at the present time, there is not a global entity which has governmental authority over the people of the earth or even a major part of the earth. However, our belief is that the seventh kingdom mentioned in Revelation 17 will, in fact, be the city over many waters referred to in Revelation 17 and 18 as Babylon the great.

- b. As with many end time prophecies, it is really hard to accurately predict exactly how events will work out in the future. We all tend to interpret current events in light of what is happening in real time. However, as soon as we do, something happens that we had not anticipated, making it is really hard to know for sure. Having said that, our view is that Babylon the great will be a global coalition of nations who will pass coordinated laws and regulations which will control many aspects of life in those nations. Global organizations like the United Nations, the World Economic Forum, and the World Health Organization will lead the way with initiatives which individual nations will implement as law. Although there will most likely be some variation in the laws from one nation to another, the impact of these laws will affect life in a coordinated way throughout the earth.
- c. For example, the UN’s 17 Goals of Sustainable Development are a collection of interlinked global objectives. These are designed to be a blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for the whole world. These 17 goals are:
  - 1. No Poverty
  - 2. Zero Hunger
  - 3. Good Health and Well-being
  - 4. Quality Education
  - 5. Gender Equality
  - 6. Clean Water and Sanitation
  - 7. Affordable and Clean Energy
  - 8. Decent Work and Economic Growth
  - 9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
  - 10. Reducing Inequality
  - 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities
  - 12. Responsible Consumption and Production
  - 13. Climate Action
  - 14. Life Below Water
  - 15. Life on Land
  - 16. Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions
  - 17. Partnerships for the Goals
- d. When you first read these goals, your initial reaction might be who could argue with this? This sounds so good. However, as you dig into how these initiatives are being implemented, you quickly note they will restrict freedoms and lead to isolation and even persecution of Christians as they attempt to hold on to their traditional values and beliefs.
- e. Going back to Revelation 17-18, the text further explains the interaction between the leaders of the nations and Babylon the great, stating, “the kings of the earth” commit “acts of immorality” with her

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(Rev. 17:2; 18:3) and “lived sensuously with her” (Rev. 18:9). The way the global government is being facilitated at this time and probably will be in the future is that the elite of the earth along with government leaders, police, the military, the press, social media, educators, the medical community, and wealthy business leaders are now and will in the future act as a global cabal to work together to implement this global agenda proposed by the United Nations. The promise is for a utopian society in which everyone will live prosperously and in peace. It will not be great for anyone except those planning it, but especially evil for Bible believing Christians who will be forced to

## 2. Second, there is an economic component to the system.

- a. Not only is there a governmental aspect to Babylon the great, there is also an economic dynamic at work in this great harlot. Note these verses,

For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality (Rev. 18:3).

And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargoes any more (Rev. 18:11)

The merchants of these things, who became rich from her, will stand at a distance because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning (Rev. 18:15).

- b. Robert Thomas writes the following about Babylon the great in his commentary on the book of Revelation,

The distinction between the two chapters [chapters 17 and 18] is that between two systems or networks that have the same geographical headquarters. In chapter 17 it is a religious system that operates independently of and in opposition to the true God, but in chapter 18 it is an economic system that does the same.<sup>1</sup>

- c. As Babylon the great arises in the earth, it will become very lucrative for both the kings of the earth (Rev. 18:9) and the merchants of the earth. Before God judges Babylon, there will be great prosperity and wealth for many but only for those who willingly participate in her anti-Christ system. For those who refuse her abominations and immorality and, hold to the one true God through Christ it will be a very difficult time.
- d. Again, looking at what we see arising in the earth today, it is clear that the kings of the earth, that is, the national leaders and the elite businessmen and women of the earth are planning to implement a worldwide digital currency. It is yet to be determined if or when that will happen; however, if it does occur, people will only be able to buy or sell or to be paid from their jobs through this digital currency system. The kings of the earth will control this system and as Thomas wrote it will be an economic system which will “operate independently of and in opposition to the true God”.

## 3. Third, there is a religious component to the system which is adamantly opposed to true Christianity.

- a. In addition to the governmental aspect and her economic control, her primary objective is to lead people away from Christ and from becoming the true bride for Christ. The primary goal of the elites of the earth who are facilitating the rise of the great harlot may be to reduce global population, to

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bring the earth into subjugation to their leadership or other devious objectives; however, the goal of Satan who is orchestrating the rise of the harlot is to hinder the true bride from arising and to oppose as many people as possible from becoming the bride made ready.

- b. With these objectives, the great harlot is a religious movement adamantly opposed to true Christianity. Once again, we quote Robert Thomas in his commentary on the book of Revelation,

It is indicative of her spiritual harlotry and representative of an ecclesiastical or religious facet that is a counterfeit of the real. In prophetic language, prostitution, fornication, or adultery is equivalent to idolatry or religious apostasy...she leads the world in pursuit of false religion whether it be paganism or perverted revealed religion.<sup>2</sup>

- c. One example of how the harlot religion is being raised up in our day is the joining of the three monotheistic religions of the earth into unified houses of worship. The center for a One World Religion will open in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) the Abrahamic Family House which will consist of a mosque, a church, a synagogue, and an educational center.<sup>3</sup> Similar unified faith houses of worship are planned in other locations throughout the earth. For example, the House of One is another multifaith house of worship being built in Berlin.<sup>4</sup> In addition to this unified faith movement, there most likely will also include the rise of pagan religions and practices.

- d. Another example of how Babylon the great will oppose true Christianity is that this global city will oppose, persecute and even martyr those who hold to and stand firm on true biblical views. Note these verses,

And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus (Rev. 17:6).

And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints and of all who have been slain on the earth (Rev. 18:24).

- e. We are already observing the persecution of believers who are taking a stand against sin in the land. As the seventh kingdom arises, there will be increasing attempts to seduce and even force believers to oppose or abandon true biblical beliefs and practices. The church will be placed in positions in which they must choose whether to honor Christ and His word or compromise in order to be accepted into the ever-increasing control of the global systems. Every believer will have to make these choices because most likely the global economic and governmental initiatives will require adherence to their plans in order to participate in society. Even though every believer will be affected, the pressure and opposition will be even greater on church leadership and those who speak as witnesses of truth.
- f. Babylon the great is arising in the earth today in ways we have never seen in our lifetime. This global entity is arising governmentally, economically, and religiously and is aggressively coming against believers and their worship of the true Christ. With this as Babylon's objectives, we must come out of agreement with Babylon the great and its plans and come out of participation in her sins. We will look at coming out of allegiance with this system next and come out of participation in her sins in the next session.

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## III. Come Out of Allegiance

### 1. For most of us, we are called to live in Babylon without being of it.

#### a. Repeating the passage we are addressing in this session, John wrote:

I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues; for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. Pay her back even as she has paid, and give back to her double according to her deeds; in the cup which she has mixed, mix twice as much for her. To the degree that she glorified herself and lived sensuously, to the same degree give her torment and mourning; for she says in her heart, "I SIT as A QUEEN AND I AM NOT A WIDOW, and will never see mourning". For this reason in one day her plagues will come, pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for the Lord God who judges her is strong (Rev. 18:4-8).

#### b. As we stated previously, believers are called to come out of this evil system called Babylon the great. This global city is extremely evil and impure, and God will severely judge the great harlot. Although there is a great mystery about what this will entail, it is very important that the bride who desires to be made ready come out of all allegiance with the evils and controls being promulgated by this system. The bride must come out of allegiance with the harlot Babylon and resist her evil ways at every opportunity.

#### c. If we are correct and this mysterious Babylon we are speaking of is a revived Roman empire centered in Europe, then it could be that the Lord calls some Christians to physically move to a safer place to live. However, most believers will be called to live in Babylon the great without being of it. That is, most will continue to live in the sphere of Babylon without aligning their lives, families, or churches with this evil antichristian system. Said again, we will be called to live in it without being of it.

### 2. Modern day Babylon will use the three areas of government, economy, and religion to ensnare people in its harlot system.

#### a. We have already devoted quite a bit of time to describing the three tentacles of the modern day Babylonian system currently being employed globally. Babylon the great will use the three components of government, the economy and monetary system, and religion to control the masses throughout the world. Believers must be very discerning in terms of decision making and participation or resistance related to Babylon's initiatives and mandates.

#### b. The recent Covid 19 pandemic and vaccine serves as a clear example of what I am speaking of. Regardless of your view of the vaccine, the governments of the world and global organizations used the vaccine in an attempt to control all three of the components described about mystery Babylon. Many governments dictated that people were required to take the vaccine. Some nations were more restrictive than others; however, virtually all nations strongly pushed for people to take it. In addition, many businesses forced employees to take the vaccine in order to remain employed. Other businesses like some restaurants would not serve patrons unless they were vaccinated. A third component impacted religious institutions. Governments shut down churches or restricted attendance because of what they said was the threat of Covid. The Covid pandemic illustrates very

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clearly what is being planned for the earth by the harlot Babylon. In fact, quite possibly, the Covid restrictions and mandates were a trial to see if people would comply with major restrictions of freedom in order to make their future plans.

- c. Believers must be alert to what is happening. We can no longer blindly trust our governments and societal systems to be looking out for our welfare. We must pray and discern closely what the Holy Spirit is saying to us. He may tell us to participate or He may lead us to resist. Watch closely and follow the Lord's leading.
3. The book of Daniel describes with great accuracy how modern day Babylon will employ a progressively restrictive strategy to impose their global control over the people.
- a. To observe how we might live in Babylon without participating in her evil plans, we will draw from the lives of Daniel and his three friends—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.
  - b. The book of Daniel begins with these words,

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. The Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the vessels of the house of God; and he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and he brought the vessels into the treasury of his god (Dan. 1:1-2).
  - c. We know from history that in 586 BC Jerusalem was conquered by King Nebuchadnezzar and the first Jewish temple was destroyed. As the above passage notes, Nebuchadnezzar brought some of the temple vessels back to Babylon and placed them in the treasury of his pagan god. For us in this study, there is great symbolism in Nebuchadnezzar's evil acts. Nebuchadnezzar was attempting to destroy the distinctive nature of Judaism. Nebuchadnezzar was determined to receive the worship that Jewish believers would naturally offer to God, and if not, to persecute or martyr those who resisted.
  - d. In the book of Daniel, King Nebuchadnezzar's demands of Daniel and his three friends did not begin with a demand to worship him or be killed. Instead, they began with a policy that led Jewish young men to compromise their distinctive lifestyle as a faithful Jew. Reading through Chapter 1 of Daniel, we see that the king chose Daniel and his friends to participate in a three-year program to be taught the literature and language of Babylon; they were provided the king's choice food and drink; and their names, symbolic of their Jewish identity, were changed to Babylonian names. The plan was to indoctrinate them so that they understood, accepted, fully participated in, and enjoyed a Babylonian worldview and lifestyle.
  - e. For those who were willing to compromise, it was a great opportunity. They were being trained to be leaders in their new land. For sure, they would rather still be free in Israel, but if they were forced to live as captives in Babylon, it was a great lifestyle. But compromising their Jewish faith was required. They had to give up the freedom to worship as they would like and adopt a totally new way of life.
  - f. Babylon the great is attempting to do the same to Christians as ancient Babylon did to the Jews. There is an active and aggressive plan currently being implemented by the emerging Babylon of our

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day to eliminate the faith and practice of true Christians from the earth. It begins with an attempt to lead Christians to compromise their adherence to the scriptures and key truths of the faith.

4. In the early stages of its plan to eliminate Christianity, Babylon the great will attempt to lead Christians to compromise their adherence to the scriptures and key tenets of the faith.
  - a. Once again we go to the book of Daniel to observe how the opposition to true faith began in ancient Babylon. Daniel was selected from a much larger group to be trained to be a leader in the land. In some ways, it was an honor for him to be selected as he was. However, there was a consequence to his selection. Daniel was asked to violate the Jewish dietary laws. At this point, Daniel was not asked to give full allegiance to the antichrist system that operated in Babylon or to deny His God. He was asked to compromise a biblical truth.
  - b. Daniel cooperated with the king's demands in those areas that did not require him to compromise his faith, but he also resisted in those areas in which compromise was required. Noted in the scriptures, he resisted taking the king's food and drink. He made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the king's food and drink because it violated the dietary laws that he had followed all of his life. Even though Daniel was committed to resist the king's plans regardless of the cost, he first asked permission to follow his Jewish dietary laws. He received favor and was allowed to try them, and, of course, he was blessed in his efforts.
  - c. As the seventh kingdom of Babylon the great arises, policies, regulations, and laws are being put into place which will require believers to compromise their faith in order to participate in society. The three areas of the Babylonian system we discussed earlier are working together to restrict Christian freedoms. Believers are called to resist these efforts and to refuse to compromise their faith in order to participate in society. Long before believers are demanded to give allegiance to the antichrist himself or to deny Christ, they will and are being asked to compromise the clear teachings of the scriptures. The church must resist now so that they come out of Babylon's snare.
5. As their plans are implemented, the leaders of modern day Babylon will progressively increase the demand for full allegiance to their system of government, their religion and their economic restrictions.
  - a. As we noted in Daniel Chapter 1, Daniel was asked to violate the Jewish dietary laws, not give full allegiance to the antichrist system that operated in Babylon. However, over time the demands upon Daniel and the Jews who had been taken there grew much more restrictive in opposition to their faith.
  - b. For example, in Chapter 2 Nebuchadnezzar had a dream that Daniel correctly interpreted for him. In the dream, it was revealed that there would be multiple kingdoms to come as global empires. In the dream, Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom was depicted as gold. Because of the dream, Nebuchadnezzar erected a statue of gold representing himself. He demanded that at its dedication every person in the kingdom bow down and worship the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. Anyone who didn't would be cast into a fiery furnace. In doing this, he was demanding that everyone worship him.



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- c. Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego refused to bow down and worship Nebuchadnezzar and were cast into the fiery furnace. Thankfully God rescued them in a miraculous fashion. However, when they decided not to bow before a false god, they did not know if they would be rescued or not. In fact, they stated these now famous words,

If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up (Dan. 3:17-18).

- d. As Babylon arises in our day, believers must be aware that the leaders of this arising kingdom are implementing a diabolical plan which will ultimately demand the full allegiance to this anti-Christian system in order to participate in society. In fact, as we think once again of Revelation 17-18, resistance to their plans will result in persecution and martyrdom. Believers are being called to come out of allegiance with this Babylonian system now and to develop the same attitude that Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego had as described in Daniel 3:17-18.

### 6. As the Babylonian system arises in our day, their leaders will specifically devise plans that will result in the persecution and even martyrdom of Christians.

- a. Again we go to the book of Daniel. Later in the book when the kingdom was ruled by Darius, Darius' leaders began to attempt to accuse Daniel. Out of jealousy, they devised and implemented a law that any person who made a petition (prayed) to any god or man other than Darius would be cast into the lions' den.
- b. Of course, Daniel refused to comply with this law that had been instituted specifically to establish a legal way to persecute or even martyr Daniel for his faith. Like Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, Daniel refused to comply with this evil law. He was prepared to die for his faith rather than to worship and give allegiance to a false god. You know the story, God spared Daniel from martyrdom.
- c. In the lions' den incident, we note another facet to Babylon's persecution of believers. In this case, the leaders of the kingdom *intentionally devised laws* for the express purpose of forcing Daniel to deny his God and worship the pagan king.
- d. It is of note that the opposition to true faith in God increased as the book of Daniel proceeds. Initially Daniel was only asked to compromise a scriptural truth, not to fully deny his God. In Chapter 3 the demand to deny God increased to the point of requiring the Jewish men to worship Nebuchadnezzar himself and if not to suffer persecution. In the instance we just discussed, Babylonian leaders specifically formed a law to martyr Daniel. In these three incidences, we note the progression of evil and how the plans to force the people of God to deny their God increased to direct allegiance and worship of a pagan king with persecution and even martyrdom the consequence of refusing to comply.
- e. Based on the progression of persecution in the book of Daniel, the progression of these evil plans in our day are beginning to follow a plan like the following.

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- Plans could begin (and in fact have already begun) with government propaganda assisted by willing media and voices from government, media, entertainment, and sports. The propaganda would paint a beautiful picture of how wonderful their plans are.
  - As their plans progress, they will most likely require conformance to the plans in order to participate in the work force, travel, and participate in certain aspects of society.
  - Continuing in its progression, the governments of the earth will require allegiance to the system for government assistance, the ability to purchase key products like food, medicine, and the like.
  - Along these same lines, the laws they are implementing will ultimately require believers to compromise their faith in order to participate in the global economy. Issues like food, employment, cash, and travel will require full allegiance to the system.
  - The progression that lies ahead for the global church will ultimately require that believers deny Christ as being the only way, the truth, and the life.
- f. Make no mistake about it. A similar progression is being planned for believers today. Although we are unsure exactly how this will all unfold and how rapidly it will happen, the plans are in place now to implement a similar progression of persecution and martyrdom for believers. As Babylon arises in the earth in our day, a similar dynamic is at work. Leaders of this arising kingdom are intentionally creating policies and laws in the three major areas of government, economy, and religion to force allegiance to the evil Babylon of our day. Policies that seem like they are good for safety and prosperity are being implemented even now. Without discerning vision, many of these policies seem to be for the welfare of society. Many are and will rejoice about the trends that are infiltrating the nations of the earth.
- g. As Babylon arises throughout the earth, believers will eventually be required to deny Christ or to be persecuted, imprisoned, or martyred. In light of the Babylonian plans, believers must come out of all agreement and allegiance with the Babylonian system. We must not wait until it is too late. We must resist their plans now.
7. In addition to coming out of Babylon in the ways we mentioned, believers and especially forerunners, must be a voice back into the system.
- a. Again looking to Daniel for insight, in Chapter 4, Nebuchadnezzar had a night vision and asked Daniel to interpret. Although appalled at the interpretation Daniel boldly spoke the truth of what God told him. His interpretation was that Nebuchadnezzar would essentially go mad until he recognized and declared that the one true God was the Most High over all the earth. It is obvious from the text that Daniel did not want to share these terrifying words, but he chose to obey God and speak truth into Nebuchadnezzar's life.
- b. In Chapter 5 Belshazzar, the last king of the Babylonian empire, held a great feast in which he drank wine from the vessels Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the Jewish temple. During the feast, Belshazzar saw a man's hand writing on the wall. He called on Daniel to interpret the meaning of what was written. Daniel essentially told him that God was putting an end to his kingdom. Daniel was again bold in speaking what God told him to say.

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- c. As we come out of Babylon in our day, we are also called to be a voice into those still blind to Babylon's deceptive opposition to Christ and His kingdom. Some will be positioned like Daniel to speak into governmental leaders and the elite of the earth. However, all must speak as the Holy Spirit leads into the lives of believers and the church in general to come out of the snare of this evil kingdom which is arising in the earth today.
  
- d. Like the voice from heaven spoke, "Come out of her my people!" Whereas this session dealt with coming out of allegiance with the system, the next session will address coming out of participation in her sins.

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<sup>1</sup> Robert L. Thomas, *Revelation 8-22, An Exegetical Commentary* (Moody Press, Chicago, 1995), p. 313-314.

<sup>2</sup> Robert L. Thomas, *Revelation 8-22, An Exegetical Commentary* (Moody Press, Chicago, 1995), p. 282.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.bridgeinternational.org/apostasy-the-abrahamic-family-house-in-abu-dhabi-the-nohadide-law-and-the-global-reset/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://house-of-one.org/en>