

An Angel Declares the Gospel (Cont.)

- Romans 1
 - o Failure to Acknowledge God Results in God’s Judgement (Reprobate Mind)
 - o Product of Willful Disbelief
- The Gospel Throughout Time
 - o OT: The Love of God Through Covenantal Worship
 - o NT: The Death, Burial, Resurrection of Christ
 - o Rev: Fear and Worship God for His Judgement is Coming

An Angel Declares the Destruction of Babylon (v. 8)

- First Mention in Rev. of Babylon (First City “Babel”)
- Capitol of the First United World Government
 - o Nimrod (Gen. 10)
- Separation Point of World Cultures and Religions
 - o Each Has a Shadow of the Religion of Abraham
 - o The Farther (Geographically) the Culture the Farther (Theologically) the Spirituality
- Seat of Idolatry and Pagan Worship
- Historically: Conquered & Abandoned but Never Destroyed (Cf. Isa. 13:11-19; Jer. 25:15-26; 51:6-9)
 - o Will be Literal (Rebuilt)
- “Is fallen, is fallen...” πίπτω (Pipto: Lit. to fall. Met. To fall under judgement, came under condemnation.) “...was judged and has been condemned.”
- πορνεία (Porneia: lit. illicit sexual intercourse. Met. Defilement of idolatry) -Outline of Biblical Usage.
- Linked Directly with the Rise and Work of the Antichrist

Contention with Babylon as “Code:”

- Babylon has Always Been a Prophetic Image: City Against God and God’s People (Cf. Esther)
- RC Tradition Teaches Babylon was Code for Rome
 - o Peter’s Letters as 1st Bishop of Rome (IPet. 5:13)
- Did Peter Not Believe in Divine Providence?
- Did Peter Feel the Need to Lie to Protect Himself?
- Did the Holy Spirit Allow a Lie to Enter the Word?
- Did the People of Mesopotamia Not Need the Gospel?
- Is the Truth of Theology Not Enough?

Blessing of Redemption, Curse of Apostasy (v.9-13):

- **Worshipping the Beast & Receiving the Mark Results in Condemnation**
 - o No Offer of Repentance
 - o Instruction to Endure in Faithfulness
 - o Literal Eternal Judgement (Ref. Mt. 13:36-42)
- **The Faithful Dead**
 - o Final Stages of Tribulation Still in Place
 - o Faithful are Passing Away
 - o The Spirit Sends Reassurance of Salvation, Post-Rapture
(Ref. 1Thess. 4:13/Phil. 1:23-26)

Christ and the Harvest of Wrath (v. 14-16):

- Christ Surrounded by the Shekinah
- Crowned with a στέφανος (Stephanos)
- ξηραίνω (xE-ra'EnO) to mature:—dry up, pine away, be ripe, wither (away). -Strong's Definitions
- Met: Harvest Wrath from the Sinful (Ref. v. 9)

The Harvest (v. 17-20):

- Sin Generates the Wrath of God (Jer. 25:30)
 - o Consider Christ (Let this cup... Mat. 26:39)
- The Gathering of the Unrepentant
(Isa. 34:1-6, 63:1-6, Joel 3:1-17, Zech. 14:1-3)
- God's Judgement on Sin is Without Mercy
(Ref. Rom. 6:23)
 - o Remedy: To Be Found Without Sin
 - o Imputation of Righteousness from Another Source (Heb. 9:15-28)
- 180 Mi. (1,600 Stadia)
 - o Distance from Megiddo to Petra

For Session 27:

- Read Ch's 15-16
- Look for Parallels of Exodus
- Plagues?
- Hard Heartedness?
- Journal and Share with Groups.