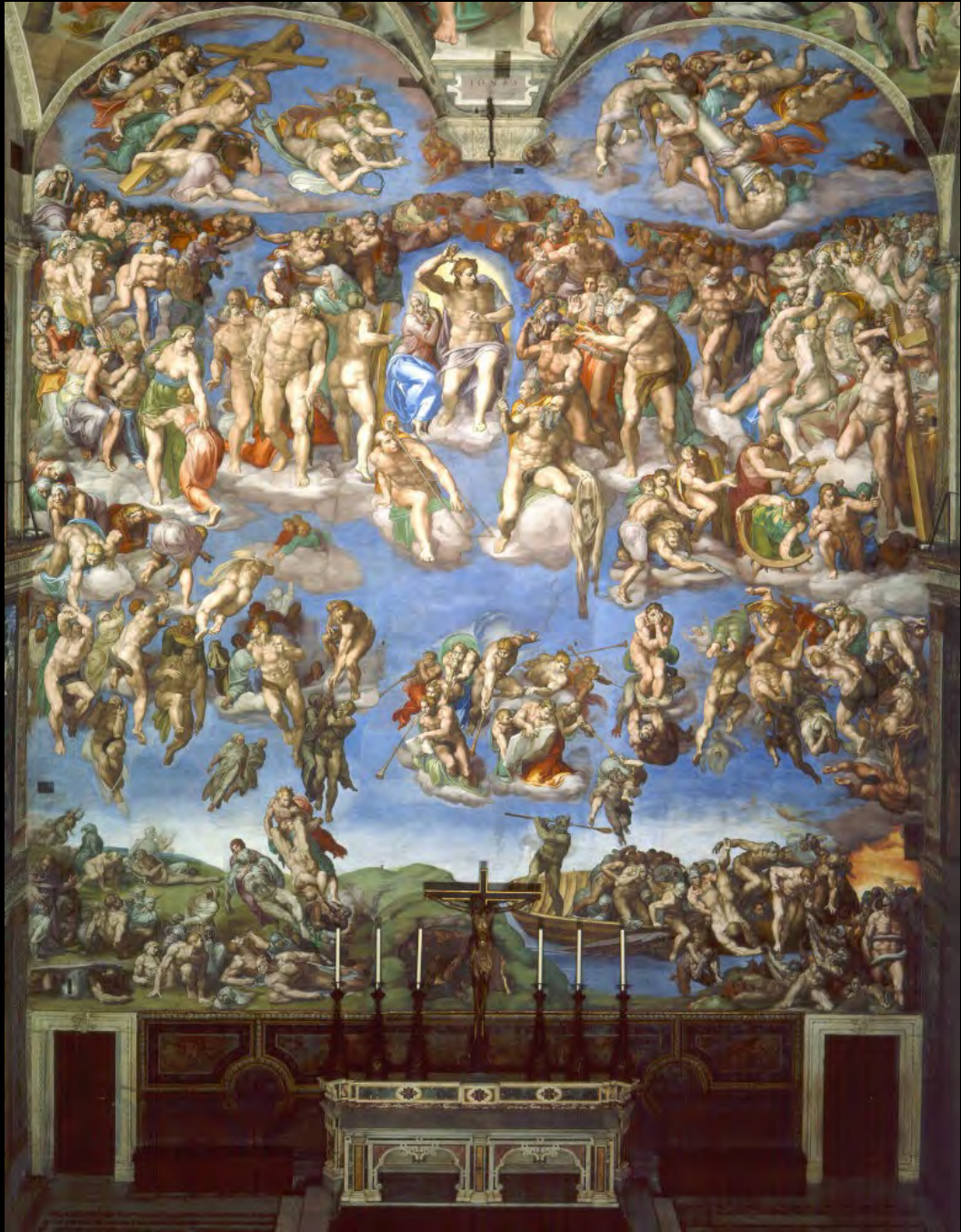


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THE CAMPAIGN OF ARMAGEDDON

The Campaign of Armageddon is actually a multi-staged event. It is not just the invasion of Jerusalem.

The campaign of Armageddon involves eight stages. They are as follows:

- ~~1. The Assembling of the Allies of the Antichrist.~~
2. The Destruction of Babylon.
3. The Fall of Jerusalem.
4. The Armies of the Antichrist at Bozrah (Petra).
5. The National Regeneration of Israel (Zechariah 12)
6. The Second Coming of the Messiah.
7. The Place of the Second coming.
8. The Manner of the Second Coming.

The Battle from Bozrah to the Valley of Jehoshaphat.

The Victory Ascent Up the Mount of Olives.

BABYLON CONTINUED

THE TWO WOMEN

The book of Revelation describes two women who are mothers that represent God's chosen people and the Babylonian system from Nimrod to the end of the present age. It is important to demonstrate the contrast between the two to see how God characterizes His chosen in true faith and the abomination of idolatry that He is about to over throw with the destruction of Babylon and the Babylonian system.

The first is called the woman clothed with the sun the moon and the stars and she is presented in the 12th chapter representing the Nation Israel or God's chosen. This is not to say that all Israel were true to Him. We know better. However, He chose them and gave them His oracles (Scripture) and brought His Messiah through them (Romans 3:2). The woman presented in the 17th chapter represents the Nimrod initiated Babylonian system of corruption. Both are mothers. The first brought forth a son who is to rule all nations (Jesus). The second is the mother of harlots and of the abominations of the earth. Both are splendidly dressed. The first is clothed with the sun and her clothing is made of light from heaven. The second is clothed in purple, and scarlet, decked with gold and precious stones and pearls. All her ornaments are from below, either in the earth or the sea. Both are very influential in their positions. The first has the moon, the empress of night and the powers of darkness under her feet. The second has the rule of kingdoms and kings upon the earth. Both suffer. The first gets persecuted by the dragon (Satan) who tries to devour her child

(Jesus) and the second gets persecuted by ten kings who make her desolate and naked and eat her flesh, and burn her with fire, while God in His strength and judgment gives her plagues. Both are very conspicuous and fill a lot of space in the history of the world. Both are counterparts of each other. One is a pure woman and the other is a harlot.

The first is hated by the powers on the earth the second is loved, flattered, and caressed by them. The first produces masculine nobility and is caught away to God and His throne. The second produces effeminate impurity, which calls down the fierceness of the divine wrath. The first is sustained and helped by celestial wings and the second is supported and carried by the beast with seven heads and ten horns. The first has a crown of twelve stars wearing the patriarchs and the apostles in her royal diadem while the second has upon her forehead the name of the greatest destroyer and oppressor of the holy people and is drunken with the blood of the prophets and of saints and of all that been slain upon the earth. The first will finally give way to the New Jerusalem with its entire heavenly splendor as the kingdom of heaven is finally here on earth in the restoration of the eternal order.

The second gives way to the city of Babylon that becomes under the intense wrath of heaven a habitation of demons and a hold of unclean spirits. These two women are set against each other as rivals and opposites. Just as Antichrist corresponds to Christ so Great Babylon corresponds to the Woman who bears the man-child Christ as her rival and antagonist. The true woman is made up of the whole congregation of the faithful from the beginning and the Harlot is made up of the faithless from the beginning.

The Angel calls her the Great Harlot and she wears that name on her forehead. Harlotry is the word God uses to stand for a debauched worship, idolatry and false devotion. When people worship something in place of God for God or give their hearts to idols, systems, doctrines, rites or administrations that take the place of God the Scriptures call it whoredom, adultery and fornication. (See Jeremiah 3:6, 8, 9; Ezekiel 16:32; Hosea 1 & 2; Revelation 2:22) The reasons are obvious. God ordained marriage to be a pure and holy union of one man and one woman. When that is broken it is separating what God has placed together. It is a sin against Him. So too is the worship of anything that is outside of God in place of God. We are commanded to love the Lord our God with all of our hearts, souls, mind, and strength. Nothing should come between Him and us (Matthew 22:37).

Government was instituted by God, instituted for human good, necessary to man, and invested with rights from the eternal throne. Satan has perverted it to his own evil ends. Most of the world's governments throughout history have served him and his adulterous bride the Great Harlot. True Godly worship have never suited the representatives of power or pleased them for very long. Their worldly ambitions are at odds with their needs of unrestrained power. This is not to say that all have been this way but sooner or later they all fall victim to selfish pride, power and ambitions. They will continue to do so until Christ gets the government upon His shoulders. (Isaiah 9:6)

GOD IMPLORES US TO COME OUT OF HER.

Revelation 18:4-5

⁴ And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, That ye be not partakers of her sins, And that ye receive not of her plagues. ⁵For her sins have reached unto heaven, And God hath remembered her iniquities (KJV).

This message that the apostle John received on the isle of Patmos was given by Christ through an angel to him about 96 A.D. It is therefore directed to all people since that time including us. So, for the last 1923 years the Bible has predicted the downfall of Babylon. This destruction will include the city, the government, the ecclesiastical systems and the economy. The city of Babylon will be destroyed during the campaign of Armageddon. The three systems will be destroyed and replaced upon Christ's Second Coming. He will replace the government.

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace (ASV, 1901).

It is important to understand the nature of the three systems, their effect on our lives and our responsibility to adhere to the commandment in Revelation 18:4-5 to come out of her.

1. The Government
2. Religion (ecclesiastical)
3. The Economy

These three systems have a strong effect on our lives as they touch all humans in ways that we seemingly cannot avoid. Every country on this earth has a government. God has placed the need for Him in the heart of all humans so all follow some form of religion even if it is denied. That denial usually results in what is called secularism or humanism. The economy touches all lives on the earth. Everybody must participate to some degree in economic matters. Let's look at each individually and discuss how we may adhere to the commandment.

THE GOVERNMENT:

That God has instituted government is quite clear from Scripture and from empiricism.

Romans 13:1-5

¹Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. ²Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. ³For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: ⁴For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil,

be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. ⁵Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake (KJV).

All people have a conscience and a desire to be governed in some manner. That is the need to be led and follow some established rules. Since God established civil and theocratic government it is His choice as to who will rule over us. Nebuchadnezzar was forced to learn this.

Daniel 5:21

²¹and he was driven from the sons of men, and his heart was made like the beasts', and his dwelling was with the wild asses; he was fed with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; until he knew that the Most High God ruleth in the kingdom of men, and that he setteth up over it whomsoever he will (ASV, 1901).

We are commanded to follow the direction of those that govern us.

1 Peter 2:13-15

¹³Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; ¹⁴Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. ¹⁵For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men (KJV):

Since God ordained government and commanded to follow our leaders how can it be that we are commanded to come out of her?

Psalms 127:1

Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh [but] in vain (KJV).

It is when the government does not acknowledge God as the creator and sustainer of all. Presently the Western Democracies acknowledge God and His authority over the operation of the government to one degree or another. When the government decides that we must honor men and ways that are against God's commandments then we must resist.

Acts 5:29

Then Peter and the [other] apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men (KJV).

Unless the government requires us to disobey God's commandments, we are obligated to obey it. Political differences are insufficient to warrant disobedience. However, if we were for example, commanded to abort any child after a government-imposed limit of one child per family, we would have grounds for disobedience. We also presently have an obligation to vote for individuals that

will uphold God's laws as much as possible. For example, if one is in favor of aborting babies for any reason, we must not vote for them. Further, we must speak out against such practices. As governments gradually grow more corrupt, we must distance ourselves from those that ordain godless practices. If the government begins to act like the Roman Caesar Domitian we must disobey. Domitian was the despot who banished the apostle John to the isle of Patmos. He demanded that the people address him as dominus et deus or "my lord and God." When this happens, we must come out of her...

RELIGION:

As believers we must not participate in any religious organizations that do not accept the deity of Christ and have Him as the head of their organization. Further, we must be salt and light to speak out against unbiblical requirements in the church organizations in which we participate.

II Corinthians 6:14-17

¹⁴Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? ¹⁵And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? ¹⁶And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ¹⁷Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you (KJV).

II John 1:7-11

⁷For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. ⁸Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. ⁹Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into [your] house, neither bid him God speed: ¹¹For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds (KJV).

The following verses in chapter 18 segment out the subject of the economy. It is important to notice that the text is from a voice in heaven saying to God's people to come out of Babylon. This includes all believers, Jews and Gentiles since 96 A.D. as well as those who become believers during the Great Tribulation and do not take the mark of the Beast (Antichrist's 666). The following verses from the eighteenth chapter illustrate the economic component of Babylon.

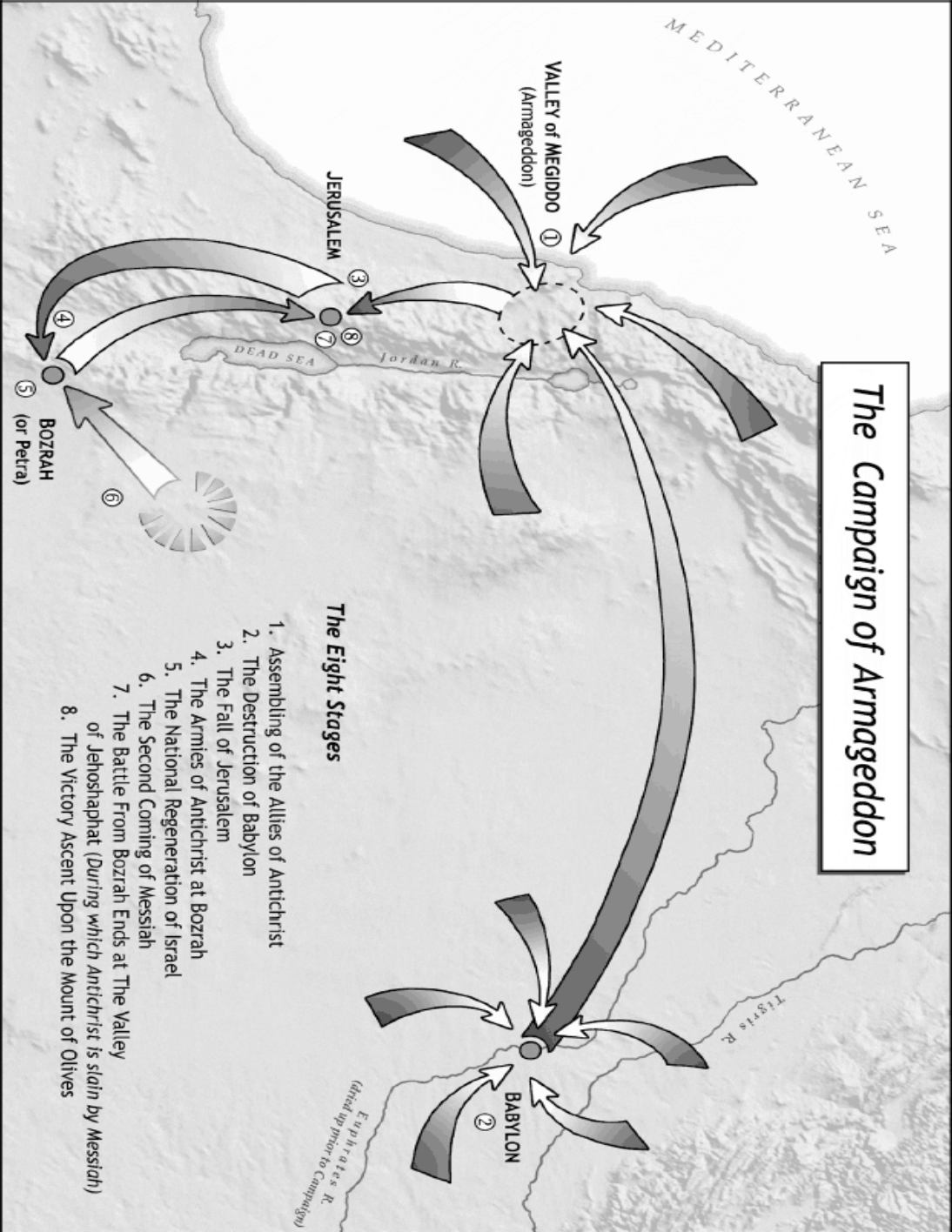
Revelation 18:3, 11-19,23

³ For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. ¹¹ And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. ²³ And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived (KJV).

We must note here that the message discusses five (5) aspects of the Babylonian economy.

1. Corruption
2. Enslavement of the souls of men
3. Believers, souls lusted after material things
4. We became rich
5. We have been deceived

The Bible makes it quite clear that prosperity for the believer comes from Him. There is nothing wrong with being prosperous. It is the Lord's will that we be prosperous. This does not mean riches. The Bible makes a great distinction between prosperity and riches. God wants us to focus on Him. He does not want us to focus on riches. Further, if we simply focus on Him as a formula to get prosperous, He will not honor that misguided approach. He knows the difference. Again, our goal is not wealth. It is a strong fulfilling relationship with the God of the universe. If we are striving to become materially wealthy instead of growing closer to God, we are exhibiting characteristics of one who is in love with money instead of God. This will lead to all sorts of evil in our lives (I Timothy 6:10). Love of Money is a root of all sort of evil. Money itself is simply an abstract concept that has purchasing power to control men through goods and services. Money itself is not evil. Corruption is inherent when love of money replaces love of God. This false love corrupts, as men want to pridefully dominate others, and exert powerful influence through the economy. This is the Babylonian corruption of economic matters; controlling men by enslaving them through economic matters.



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