

Revelation 17-19; Daniel 2

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Last week, we started the fourth and final account of the Tribulation and the Second Coming found in the book of Revelation. I told you, if you remember, we were going to have to take a couple of weeks to do this because there is just so much information in this passage. This really brings it all together and lays everything out. It is something that you want to take the time to get right. I am going to tell you right now, if you are going to try to take notes on this, you ought to just give that idea up this morning. It is going to be a lot of information. The best way to get this, and the best way to study it, is to just get the CD or go online tomorrow and pick it because there is going to be a lot of material.

This last account starts in Revelation 15 and goes through Revelation 19. This time, the main emphasis, and every time we have seen a main emphasis on something with a lot of sub-themes coming through it, and then a lot of material that puts it all together. The last time we came through, we know that it is dealing with the destruction of Mystery Babylon. I briefed you through Revelation 15 and showed you that this all takes place up before the throne of God, with all that was taking place up there. Right before the final destruction comes, we looked at Revelation 16, and I went through the seven vials that contain the last seven plagues, and we detailed those out. Then we started in Revelation 17 and 18, all dealing with the judgment and unraveling this mystery in the Bible, which is called Mystery Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots.

I told you, and you remember, that the key to unraveling this mystery is the book of Daniel. I read for you last week, and will not go through it again today, all of Revelation 17. We are going to hit on the parts that we did not get to last week. I showed you how the book of Daniel is the key to understanding and unraveling this mystery. Daniel had the ability, and we talked about it, Daniel represents what you and I should be as a Christian. Daniel is in that 70 years of captivity, which is a picture of your life and my life. Daniel is faced with all the issues out there in Babylon. Babylon is a type of the world system. It is a picture in Daniel, especially in Daniel 1, of how you and I are up against the world system. The world system has one thing that it wants to accomplish in your life, and that is to deceive you. It is the Bible that keeps you from being deceived.

We saw in Daniel that Daniel's diet made him ten times better than all of the other people that Nebuchadnezzar tried to bring in to unravel his dream. His dream, and we are going to look at it here in a little bit, is really the key to understanding this mystery in the book of Revelation. I showed you last time how in Genesis 1:1-4, you find the issue popping up that is going to be the issue of the Bible: light versus darkness. You can actually come through the book of Genesis and see how it stages itself in. When God begins the creation, there are no men yet, no nations yet, no countries. All you have basically is God and the devil, God's plan and the devil's plan. What happens in Genesis 1:4 is you see the first thing revealed: light (God) versus darkness (the devil).

The next thing in the progression is in Genesis 3. In Genesis 3, you have two seeds. We have gone from light versus darkness to the devil's seed and God's seed. God's seed can be traced all the way down through the Bible and it comes out on the other end in the person of the Lord Jesus

Christ. The devil's seed can be traced all the way through the Bible and comes out on the other end as the Antichrist, just that simple. The next progression is to find that we had light versus darkness, now we have two seeds, God's and the devil's. The next thing that takes place, takes place in Genesis 10 and 11, and that is the two nations that spring forth. You are going to find in Genesis 10:10 that the first time you find Babel in the Bible, Babylon, Shinar, it is with a type of Antichrist, Nimrod, and there is the devil's nation. Now we have it coming through light versus darkness to the seeds, and now we have come to a nation.

It is in Genesis 11 that God calls out Abraham. In Genesis 10, you have Nimrod's kingdom, which is the one that is associated with darkness and the devil's seed. In Genesis 11, you have the calling out of Abraham, and Abraham gets called out in Genesis 11, and that is light, that is God's seed. From Abraham comes God's nation, the nation of Israel. So by the time you get to Genesis 12 or 13, everything is set to begin to unravel this mystery. The mystery is simply: how did the devil and his seed, which became a nation or nations, how did they survive down through history? The whole key of Revelation 17 and 18 is the unraveling of the mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots, and that is where you get the answers to all this. The key to it, obviously, as we have already seen, is the book of Daniel.

You are going to find two things about this mystery. I have already given you the one: how in the world did the devil stay in power from Genesis to Revelation? The second thing is, how did he do it and nobody caught it? How did a person like the devil, who everybody knows about, I do not think there is any lost man in the world who does not know there is a devil, how in the world did somebody so popular or so well known as the devil get through 6,000 years of man's history and nobody ever catch it? Nobody ever check it. The answer is found in Mystery Babylon the Great, and the answer to that mystery is found in the book of Daniel.

I. The Great Whore of Revelation 17

With that in mind and that background, I want you now to turn to Revelation 17, and let us pick it up in verse one. I will come down here and read the first ten verses. Here is what it says:

Revelation 17:1-10

And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

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.

And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is; and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

Revelation 17:11-18

And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

Father, we thank you and praise you for the Lord Jesus. We ask you today to meet with us, to give us the wisdom and the insight into everything that we need to see today. Lord, there is a lot of material here that I want to get through today. Lord, you are going to have to help me organize it as I go, and take out what you do not want me to say and deal with, and put in what I have forgotten to do. You are just going to have to take over this and make it work. We pray, Father, for all of the folks that are here today, Lord, that your word will get into their hearts and be a

blessing to them. We love you, we thank you, Father. We just pray now in Jesus' name, your blessing upon this time. In his name we pray, Amen.

II. Identifying the Roman Catholic Church

The thing that I told you last week, if you remember, the whole key to this and understanding this is found in the title. I am going to make some statements. I have found in teaching, the best way to teach, and people teach differently. Some people teach and they want to hold the answer to the end. I have found it, in some cases, that is okay to do, but when you have something that is very complicated, I have found that the best way to teach it is to tell you what the bottom line is first, and then bring you back through and show you all the supporting factors of it to make it work. As we come down through this, the thing that I wanted to tell you here is that this woman, beginning to unravel this mystery, this woman, without a doubt, in the modern day world that we live in, is the Roman Catholic Church. There is no question about that.

We know from our past studies that in the Old Testament, God dealt with nations. Here is really another part to this mystery, and most people miss this. In the Old Testament, God and the devil used nations and kingdoms by which he was going to run the world. When we get into the New Testament, we find that changing. We find that the devil understands that the world's perspective is changing, the nations are changing. He knows now that there is no way that one nation on planet Earth is going to run the world, or he is going to be able to run the world through it. So what he does is he switches from a nation, a literal seed, to a religion and a spiritual seed. By that, then he runs the world. That is why in the Old Testament, the religion of Baal worship was the religion that was all of these nations in the Old Testament. We are going to look at them here in a minute. In the New Testament, all of those nations come under the concept of Roman Catholicism.

That is why you will find if you go to Central America, you do not have to join the Catholic Church and become a Catholic when you are born into a South American, a Central American, and even in Mexico. In many places in Europe, though some of the nations in Europe are Lutheran or Presbyterian, they all follow the same reasoning. You do not have to join those churches. Those churches are set up as church-state religion. The devil made sure that when he switched from the nation to the religion, though he knew he could not run the world through the nations anymore, he knew he was going to have to run it through a religion. So he simply had the leaders of those nations make his church the state church. So that when you are born into Argentina, you are born into Mexico, you are born in Paraguay, you are born in El Salvador, you are born in Costa Rica, you are born in Spain, you are born in Portugal, you are born in France, you are born in Italy, you are Catholic. You do not have any say in it. You are born because they are the recognized state religions of those countries and many other countries. When you begin to understand that concept, then you begin to be able to look down through here.

First of all, I want to show you how you know that it is the Roman Catholic Church. I want you to see this. First of all, let us just use the Bible. It says in Revelation 17:1-2:

Revelation 17:1-2

And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

Here is the first clue of who this nation is: "with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication." Whoever this woman is, she has a drink that is called wine that she has been giving to the kings down through history that have made them drunk with fornication. We know this woman cannot be a literal harlot because by this time she would be about 1,900 years old. So we have to know that it has to be something spiritual. There is only one church that claims to be the oldest church, and in this sense, it is true, claims to be the oldest church that for the last 1,900 to 2,000 years has had a drink that has been associated with its religion, that it forces you to drink, and it is the backbone of their religion, which is called transubstantiation, and it is connected with wine. You drink it, and without that, you do not have any Roman Catholicism.

The second thing I want you to see here is Revelation 17:4.

Revelation 17:4

And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

"Purple and scarlet." There is only one church whose official colors are purple and scarlet, and it is the Roman Catholic Church. You go back to the book of Matthew, and you go back there when Christ was crucified in Matthew 27, and then go to John 19. You know what you will find? This is what I am telling you about how you have to study your Bible. You know what you find? When you go to Matthew 27, it talks about the robe that Rome gave the Lord. One place it talks about that it was a purple robe. Then you go over to John 19, it tells you the exact same story, and it says it was a scarlet robe. The person who does not understand the scriptures will say, "Wow, I wonder which one it was." No, no, no, he just told you when you study to show yourself approved that the robe that they gave Christ was purple and scarlet. That has always been the official colors of Rome. In the pagan Roman Empire, the reason why the Romans gave Christ a scarlet and purple robe was because that was their symbol of royalty, and they did it mocking him as the King of the Jews. On the other end, when it makes its transition from the nation of Rome to the religion of Rome, their official colors become purple and scarlet. No question about it.

Look at Revelation 17:4 again: "purple and scarlet and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls having a golden cup in her hand." The official seal of the Roman Catholic Church on every Bible, in every church, you will see it on every official document, is a golden cup.

Then it says down here in Revelation 17:6 that she is guilty of the blood.

Revelation 17:6

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.

All you have to do is go to any public library, get Fox's Book of Martyrs, get Trail of Blood, get any of the 150,000 books out there that will show you that from 400 AD up to the middle of the 1800s, there is only one church on this planet that martyred the true church of Jesus Christ to the tune of hundreds of millions. It is the Roman Catholic Church. Somebody said, "You are really anti-Catholic." I am not, you need to understand. This is nothing personal for me, it really is not. I had a friend of mine at one time who had wrote a book called *Bible Babel*. Somebody said one time, "Well, that is the greatest book against the Roman Catholic Church I ever read." He told that to him. He said back, "Well, I appreciate that, but it is not. The greatest book ever written against the Roman Catholic Church was not a book ever written by man. The greatest book written against the Roman Catholic Church was the one that God wrote."

Of course, that is why Catholics are not told to read their Bible. That is why for 500, 600, 700 years, it was against the law if you were Catholic to read your Bible. You know how a Catholic will get saved? A Catholic, if he gets saved, he will get saved because he starts to read his Bible. He will even have to have a King James Bible. When he starts to read his Bible, which he has been told not to, because he cannot understand it, when he is told to read his Bible, he starts to see things that do not line up to what he is taught. Then he asks himself these questions, and then the Holy Spirit of God gets in there. So you know what the Roman Catholic Church does? They make it an official policy that you are not allowed to read your Bible. Today they cannot do that, so they discourage you from reading it because they are saying you are going to get confused. That is what happens, because if a Catholic starts reading his Bible, he reads a book that God wrote that is the greatest book against his church.

Look at Revelation 17:9.

Revelation 17:9

And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

That is good. Then we know we just got a great key. Then you just got something there that tells you that here is the mind that has wisdom. That means that you are going to find the answer to this mystery in the wisdom books in the Bible. That is why when you go to the book of Proverbs, this woman is laid out. That is why when you go to the book of Ecclesiastes, it is laid out. That is why when you go to the wisdom books, it is laid out, because "here is the mind that hath wisdom." That is one of those little keys in your Bible.

Look at the last verse, Revelation 17:18.

Revelation 17:18

And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

Then we are told, the last thing we read about this mystery, is that this mystery, this religion, Babylon mystery religion, is a city. We are told that it sits on seven mountains. Only two cities in the world are built on seven mountains. One is Jerusalem, the other one is Rome. Only two cities in the history of the world that are built on seven mountains. Jerusalem is built on seven mountains. Mount Nebo, Mount Moriah, they are all right there. You can go back and you can get a list of them. If you happen to want them on Thursday night, I will give them to you. They are all back there in the Bible. When you lay it all out and you put it together, there are only two cities on the face of this planet in history that have been built on seven mountains. One is God's city with God's seed. The other one is the devil's city with the devil's seed. It is just that simple. The Bible says, "Here is the mind that hath wisdom."

Now here comes the next part. You have got to see that. You have got to understand now that this is, we are talking about the Roman Catholic Church. We are talking about a literal city. If you would talk to a Roman Catholic priest about the book of Revelation, here is what he would tell you. I have talked to them to the tune of two or three hundred times in my lifetime about this very same thing. Here is what he would tell you. First of all, he would tell you that you should not try to read the book of Revelation because it will confuse you. He will tell you the book of Revelation is allegorical. That means it does not mean anything at all, and somebody smarter than you has to interpret it for you. That will be him, he will say.

I will teach you that the book of Revelation is written in 90 AD. John is on the Isle of Patmos in 90 AD when he has this vision. The Roman Catholic Church will dispute that. The Roman Catholic Church will teach you that it is not 90 AD, that it is 70 AD. They will say that John was on the Isle of Patmos in 70 AD. You know why they do that? I will tell you why they do that. Because when they move it back just 20 years from 90 AD to 70 AD, when they get into Revelation 17 and 18, which deals with the destruction of Babylon the Great, you know what they will teach you who it is? It will teach you that it is Titus coming down in 70 AD destroying Jerusalem when he comes. They have to do that because if they leave it at 90 AD, it has to be them that gets destroyed. Of course, every Bible teacher that was a real Bible teacher for the last 500 years knew and understood that the great whore of Revelation 17 was the Roman Catholic Church. The destruction of Babylon had nothing to do with Titus coming down in 70 AD, but rather had to do with what John saw at the Second Coming of Christ when he wrote it in 90 AD. Those things are very important.

So you begin to see exactly why they do not want this getting out and they do not want you reading it. Because when you come down through here and you see that this woman is a great political machine, yet she is cloaked in religion, and she gets nations to commit spiritual fornication with a drink that is associated with a religious mass, that is the central concept of what she believes. When you see that her official colors are purple and scarlet, her golden symbol is a golden cup, and she kills all God's people down through history, and she is on a city on seven mountains, it does not leave a lot to your imagination. It is not Topeka.

III. The Seven Kings and Daniel's Prophecy

It goes on and he says this in Revelation 17:9: "Here is the mind that hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sitteth." Revelation 17:10: "And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is; and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space." That will be three and a half years. What you have in Revelation 17:9-10, and again, I am going to tell you the answer up front and I am going to show you how it works, what you have in Revelation 17:9-10 are seven nations by which the devil in the Old Testament ran the world. But there is a mystery involved here. The mystery is getting all of this stuff together. This is where you have to begin to get the Bible and Daniel and put it all together, which is exactly what we are going to do.

I heard a preacher not too long ago. He got up, and the new teaching now that is out there is that in Revelation 17 and 18, the Babylon mystery religion here is not the Roman Catholic Church. I do not know if you have seen it or not, but in the last 30 years, if you are paying attention, there has been a real cohesiveness of everybody getting back to Rome, even Baptist churches. A lot of that has a lot to do with the issues of the day that they have rubbed shoulder to shoulder against. It is an incredible mindset to watch those things happen. I heard a pastor a week or so ago, he got up and he was talking about Revelation and sharing, and he was teaching his people that the great whore Babylon mystery was not the Roman Catholic Church, but was Jerusalem itself. Of course, that happens. His people are dumber than him, and they do not know enough about the Bible either. It is easy to say those kinds of things when you do not have anybody in your audience that knows the Bible any better than you.

What do you do? If I would have been in there, I would have asked him, "If that is true, then who are the seven kings, five are fallen, and one is? Who are they? How does that line up with Jerusalem?" I do not know what his answer would have been, but it would not have been the right answer because the only way to find out who those seven kings are, and five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come, is to go back to the book of Daniel. The only way to understand that, and I will go back to my original statement, the only way to get and understand that the Roman Catholic Church or the great Babylon and whore here is the Roman Catholic and not Jerusalem, is to understand the seven mysteries. I promised if you would ask this guy and put him on the spot, "Okay, lay out for me, just name them, you do not have to go through them, just show me that you even understand they exist. Name for me the seven mysteries." He could not do it. You know why? Because he does not know there are seven mysteries. He is a pastor, and yet he has no concept. He is not a good steward of it. So therefore he gets messed up and he teaches his people wrong.

I do not know what to tell you. The Bible is what it is. It is not some arbitrary book that you can kind of know it. That is why I tell you, and I will make this statement and I can, I will just say it. He may not like it, may not agree with it. If you are trying to pastor and you do not know what these seven mysteries are, just starting with these, you are better off to get out, give your church to somebody else, or tell everybody you will be back in three or four years and try to figure the thing out because you are going to mess them up if you do not understand the fundamental things you work with. I do not know what to tell you. I tried to explain it to these people. It is like sitting down and trying to explain to a three-year-old that there is no Easter bunny. They do not

have the tools wherewith to grasp the concepts, and you have got to begin with the basics. That is why I teach you young men and you young ladies from the ground up. That is why I will drill into your mind about the seven mysteries. That is why, I will give you a space to learn it, but you are going to have to get it. If you are ever going to be good with what you do in the Bible, you are going to have to get the basics down and understand how it all works together. That is exactly what you have got to do.

He told you in Revelation that even though this woman was a mystery, he gave it to the church. He said to John, "I will show you the mystery of the woman." Why does the church not get it? If he showed it to the church, why do they not get it? Because the way he shows it to the church is through the seven mysteries. When you do not know the seven mysteries, it is like dominoes, the whole thing just falls down, and you have nothing to stand on.

I am going to walk you through and show you this. Remember now, keep in mind from Genesis to Revelation, in the Old Testament, both God and the devil operate with a literal seed. Remember the progression now: light versus darkness. Then you had two seeds in Genesis 3. Those two seeds develop in Genesis 10 and Genesis 11 to two nations. In the Old Testament, you have a literal seed that is God's, that is associated with a nation that is God. In the Old Testament, you have the devil's seed, literal, who is associated with a literal seed and a literal nation that is the devil. All history of the world, and certainly all history of your Bible, is nothing more than watching those two nations in the Old Testament.

When you get to the New Testament, the devil says, "Whoa, the church is going to start. God is no longer going to have a nation of Israel. It is not going to be a literal city anymore. God is going to switch it from the literal city to the spiritual city, and from a literal nation to a spiritual priesthood of people." He says, "I have got to get up with the times. I am going to switch my into a church too." After the New Testament on, you have a spiritual church with a spiritual seed, with a spiritual Bible, and then you have an unspiritual church with an unspiritual seed, with an unspiritual Bible. Just that simple.

IV. Daniel's Dream and the Gentile Kingdoms

Daniel 2. Remember now, Daniel is a picture of what your goal ought to be in your life as a Christian. Your goal in life is to be able to get into a situation like Daniel is in, and be able to look at the world situation, see it for what it is, and then be able to see it from God's standpoint. Daniel 2 is a very telling chapter. I love it. It says in Daniel 2:1-5:

Daniel 2:1-5

And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.

Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.

Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.

The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.

Here is the thing I want to give you. I want you to see this. You want at some point in your life, get these notes in your Bible, and then get them into your life, get them into your heart. Nebuchadnezzar is a picture of the devil, and Babylon, for you and me, is a picture of the world system. The dream that he has is something that God is going to do. Nebuchadnezzar has no idea what it is. It is a picture of the world system not understanding what God is trying to do. In fact, your verse in the Bible on this, in the New Testament that fits right into it, write this down: 1 Corinthians 2:14. You know what that says?

1 Corinthians 2:14

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

What a great verse. That verse says exactly what we are dealing with here. You have Nebuchadnezzar, who is a picture of an unsaved man, or at least in the sense of he is a picture of the devil and his kingdom is a picture of the unsaved world, and he gets something or he reads something or he hears something or he has a dream of something that God is going to do. But because he is a picture of an unsaved man who has no discernment, he has no clue what it is. You know what he represents? He represents Rush Limbaugh. He represents Bill O'Reilly. He represents Tom Brokaw. He represents Fox News. He represents Hannity and Colmes. I am not saying they are bad people. Please, I listen to them all. I get a lot of information from them. The greatest thing I learned from them is they do not know what in the world they are talking about when it comes to the Bible. You see, they are like Nebuchadnezzar. They see something, but they do not understand it because they do not have any discernment. So they get on there and they talk about it in the limited scope from which they can talk about it without God and the Bible.

In fact, you are going to find, and you want another good verse, you want to put right down Jeremiah 23:25. In Jeremiah 23:25, you have a little story there about the time that is really what it is like today. It is talking about everybody dreaming dreams. That is what Nebuchadnezzar did. That is what America is. America is a dream world. America looks at the Middle East and dreams that it is going to get better. They listen to the president, they listen to Congress, they listen to all the leaders talk about what is going on and "we need this" and "we can win the war in Iraq" and "we can do this" and "we can make." Hey, you are never, you are not going to win it. It is not going to happen. You have no discernment. You are dreaming. You are dreaming about someday your administration or the next guy's administration or somebody is going to bring peace to this world in our lifetimes that is going to solve all those problems. Hey, the guy that does do it is the guy you do not want for president.

Of course, when you see Nebuchadnezzar down here, he does the same thing. Notice where he looks for his answers. He calls the magicians. He calls the astrologers. He calls the sorcerers. He calls the Chaldeans. I do not know if you know this or not, but the Chaldeans during this period of time were the greatest group of people, a nation, whatever, who were known for their ability to see into the future and contact this and contact that. In other words, he gets all of his crowd together to interpret this dream. I want you to know one thing about all these astrologers and all these people, these sorcerers, and all these people down here that he knows: they all have one thing in common. None of them can actually do any magic.

You take David Copperfield, great magician, great magician, but you know what? It is all an illusion. As great as he appears to be, he does not have the ability to make a 747 just disappear in another time warp. We like to think he does, and we really enjoy it when we see it, and we hope it is true, but at the end of the day, it is not. Harry Houdini probably was the greatest magician of all time, and for years and years and years, the mystique of Harry Houdini, this guy was incredible. They would bury this guy in a box or a barrel or something, tie him up, handcuff him, shackle him, drop him in the Hudson River underwater, and 15 minutes later, he would come out. They all thought he was dead, and one time, he did not come up for like 25 minutes. How did he stay in 25 minutes? He is handcuffed, shackled, sometimes, and it was not like his own. They had the police chief of New York or wherever. They come, they had a big deal. They tied his hands, they shackled him, put shackles on his thing. I mean, you could not move. Put him in a thing, locked whatever they put him in, and then lowered him down to the bottom 20, 30 feet into a river off New York. One time, he did not come up for 30 minutes. The newspapers were already saying, "Houdini is dead." You know what happened? That little head bobbed up there about 35 minutes later, and he later told the story that how he got out of all these things, on that day, he had a little malfunction and did not get out quite as fast. But the bottom line is, it was not magic. It was all a trick. They dropped him in a chained up into a freezing thing of water in the middle of February, cut a hole in the ice. He could not, and he put him down there, and he got out of this one, and he could not find the hole. He was underwater 40 minutes this time, and again, the newspaper said, "He is dead." How do you live 40 minutes? Later, when he wrote, or somebody wrote about him, they told how he did that. He used to start six months ahead of time, getting cold baths, putting ice cubes in, getting his body ready for that, and when he could not find the hole, which was not planned, by the way, when he could not find the hole, you know how he got air? He went up and he scraped the ice and stuck his nose up in the ice pocket and got whatever air was trapped in that ice, until he worked around and found the hole. He could not survive that long. It was an illusion. You know what this world is? It is an illusion. They are telling you it is one thing, and then the smoke and mirrors and all of the things are paying and pulling it off, they are like, it looked like one thing and it is illusion. That is Nebuchadnezzar. He brought in his magicians, his astrologers, his soothsayers, his sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, and none of them could tell him what the dream was. You know why? Because when God is in it, the natural man cannot get it, and the only way you are going to get it is to get it where Daniel got it from the book. It is a picture of you and me. So the story is, they cannot get it, because the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God.

So in Daniel 2:19-49, Daniel gets a night vision. You want to mark that. Night in the Bible will be one of two things. It will either be the nighttime of the Tribulation period, or it will be the nighttime of the Church period. Here, Daniel in the book of Daniel is two types. You can study Daniel from a doctrinal standpoint, and he is a type of a nation of Israel going through the nighttime of the Tribulation. Or you can study the book of Daniel in an inspirational application, as I have been talking to you about it, and you are going to find that Daniel is a picture of what you and I ought to be in the Church Age, which is called the nighttime. Mark 13, remember that thing? Of the four watches in the night, going from even to the morning, and in the morning, the rapture of the church takes place, where in the nighttime, the Church Age in your body, so he got a vision from God in the night. Picture you and I getting the answer that God wants us to have in the Church Age. Then in Daniel 2:31-35, and on down through here, he tells the king what the interpretation is, and this is where we begin to unravel this mystery of seven kings, five are fallen.

Daniel 2:31-35

Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.

This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,

His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

You know what you have? Let me tell you what you have. Daniel 2:38-43 describe this image. In Daniel 2, we just read in Revelation, "seven kings, five are fallen." I am going to give you your first four kings right here.

- 1.) In Daniel 2:38, the head of gold is Babylon.
- 2.) In Daniel 2:39, the breasts and the arms of silver are Persia.
- 3.) In Daniel 2:39, the belly and the thighs of brass are Greece.
- 4.) In Daniel 2:40, the legs of iron become the Roman Empire.

Here is what you have. Remember now, Daniel is written during the times of the Gentiles. When Daniel sees this great vision with Nebuchadnezzar, God is showing him the Gentile nations that are going to bring them up to the Second Coming of Christ. In history, Babylon is in power as Daniel speaks. Babylon comes into power, is in power around 606 BC. Around 536 BC, we have Persia rising up and conquering Babylon. Persia then is in power for a number of years. In 330 BC, around thereabouts, we have Greece with Alexander the Great conquering Persia, he runs

the world. Then around 100 BC, you have the Roman Empire conquers Alexander the Great, and they become the nation that runs the world. So what you have in this image are four nations, starting with Daniel, that show you the nations that are going to be in power by which the devil is going to run the world from Daniel up to the First Coming of Christ. The first one is Babylon. The next one is going to be Persia. The next one is going to be Greece. Then Rome comes in power about 100 BC, and Rome then is in power at the First Coming of Christ. That is where this brings us up to.

The book of Daniel does two things. The book of Daniel brings you up and shows you the nations that are going to bring you up to the First Coming of Christ, and then it does something else. It leaps past that and shows you how these whole things, all these nations, are connected.

Let us go back here and look at Daniel 2 again, look at verse 31 again.

Daniel 2:31-33

Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.

This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,

His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

Now, you know what he just did in Daniel 2:33? He just, that is probably the greatest verse in the Bible single-handedly. It gives you the greatest key to this. He just told you that when Rome came into power, she is not going out of power like the other nations did. She stays in power. You know why? Because it went from the feet, it went from the legs of Rome, right into the feet and his toes, iron and clay. That is the Antichrist kingdom. You know what you just got? You know the secret he just gave you? You know what part of the mystery you got? That you got these kingdoms coming down through here. When Rome comes into power, she starts as a literal seed, as a physical nation. Then the next thing you find is the Antichrist kingdom, which is a spiritual kingdom and with a spiritual seed. It brings you right into the Second Coming of Christ.

Look at the next verse, Daniel 2:34, the Second Coming.

Daniel 2:34

Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

That is Christ. Christ is called the stone made without hands. You know why? Because he had a virgin birth. No human hand, no human part in it. So he is designated as the stone cut without hands. You know where that stone falls? It falls right on the feet. It breaks the ten toes. You notice the iron mingled with clay in your Bible. Iron will always be associated with the sons of God, and clay will always be associated with human beings. Your body is a temple of clay. That is why the Bible talks about your body being a vessel made of clay. Adam means red brown. He is made out of dust of the ground, red clay. Clay in the Bible will always be a reference to human

beings. Iron in the Bible will be always associated with the devil and the sons of God in Genesis 6. You know what happened in Genesis 6? The sons of God came down and had relations with men and women, produced the race of giants. You know what you have here? You have here that the iron was mingled with clay. The Bible says, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of Man." See the connection? See what we are doing is unraveling this mystery one string at a time, but oh, what a mystery it is. But he gave it to the church.

The mystery here begins to, you begin to see that the mystery is that Rome, when it gets into power, never stops being in power. It just switches from pagan Rome, where the literal seed was a physical nation, to a spiritual seed with a spiritual religion, and it stays in power. You will notice that this image, when it gets down to the Antichrist, it has ten toes. Those ten toes will be the ten kings found in Revelation 13:1, that I told you about Mohammed and Mary getting hitched together and the Muslim world and the Roman Catholic world getting together. All fits right in there.

Let me give you some more references just real quick here on this stone without hands. Here is what you want:

- Matthew 21:42
- Romans 11:7
- 1 Peter 2:4-8
- Isaiah 8:14

Here is the whole thing in a nutshell. Here is what you have. You have the image of the beast being set up here. Then you have its feet and its toes are the Antichrist, part iron, part clay. Then you have a stone cut without hands. That stone cut without hands is the Lord Jesus Christ. Here is the story in a nutshell. The Lord Jesus Christ wanted to start his nation. His nation was going to be the nation from which all the nations on the earth got blessed. Of course, you know what happened to that. The devil got in and got God's people to accept the devil's religion. That is how he stopped Israel. You want to know in a nutshell how the devil stopped the greatest nation on the face of this planet? It was not with other nations. He got the people of those nations to marry the nation of Israel's boys and girls and bring in their religion, Baal worship, end of the story. He got God's people in the Old Testament to buy into his nation and his religion. They all took it in, Israel got destroyed. You know how he destroys it in the New Testament? He just gets God's people to get his Bible. It does the exact same thing.

He came to the nation of Israel back there in the Old Testament. When he came to the nation of Israel, he says, "You are going to be my chief nation, and I am going to make myself, the Lord Jesus Christ, the chief cornerstone." You know what happened? They rejected it. You know what the Bible says in those verses I just gave you? It says that the chief cornerstone that Israel rejected became the stumbling stone for Israel. Israel tripped over it. The Bible calls it in Isaiah, I believe it is, the rock of offense. They took offense to it because they rejected Christ. So that same chief cornerstone that God gave Israel to be the chief cornerstone of their nation turns out to be the smiting stone of Daniel because they rejected it. At the Second Coming of Christ, the iron and the clay, that stone without hands crashes into the feet and the toes.

Look what happened to the rest of it. Daniel 2:35 says:

Daniel 2:35

Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

See that little thing there? "No place was found for them." You only find that verse one other time: Revelation 20, when the heavens and earth scroll back to the Great White Throne Judgment, it says "there was found no place for them." There is your connection. You have got to watch those things. "And the stone that smote the image became a great mountain and filled the whole world." There is spiritual Mount Zion, Christ and the Millennium. That is what you have got.

So we know now that the head of gold is Babylon, the breasts and the arms of silver are Persia, and the belly and the thighs of brass are Greece. Then we know that the legs become the Roman Empire, the old Roman Empire, the pagan Roman Empire. Then it goes right into the feet and the toes, showing you that Rome stays in power, and that kingdom is the Antichrist. The mystery is how did the devil stay in power all down through history and wind up in charge of everything? The answer is Babylon mystery religion, the Mother of Harlots.

V. The Seven Kings Identified

Now let us put it all together. "Seven kings, five are fallen." Four are listed in Daniel 2. Then you have the Antichrist, but we are two short. We have to go back in history and figure out where the other two are. Here is where the mystery gets unraveled some more. I already told you in Genesis 10:10, where it changes from a seed to a nation. From Genesis 10, you know what happened in Genesis 11, the Tower of Babel. When the Tower of Babel takes place, then they get scattered all through the world, but they take one thing with them. They may have went with different languages, they may have developed different cultures, but every one of them took one thing with them that was the same. It was the religion that they got in Genesis 10:10 that developed into Baal worship and every form of it. So when you go down through here, we have two missing.

Let us go back in history and put the two together. The first major nation we find after the dividing of the nations, and that is where we have got to start, we cannot go before, we have got to start with the nation to get divided.

- 1.) The first one will be Pharaoh, Egypt. You are going to find that Genesis 37, you have the story of Joseph. Joseph takes place around 1780 BC. That is a long time ago. That is long before, that is almost 1,500 years before they go into captivity. Long time. That is 1,500 years before Daniel ever sees a thing. Long time. Yet in that period of time in 1780, Egypt is already a mighty powerful nation. Been around for a long time. You want to study Egyptian history, you have to study in three phases: the ancient, the middle, and the late. It spans that

far. I have read some accounts, and I do not know that much about it, but I never got into it, but the guy that laid it out knew much more about it than I did. I watched the guy lay it out one time and showed that the first Pharaoh, the first Pharaoh in the Babylonian records and in the Egyptian records, he showed how the first Pharaoh was named Adam and he had two sons. One of them's name was the one who was a murderer. Now where does that fit? He took it all the way back to when Adam got on that thing that Adam started that concept. There are some great things there. But I know this, Pharaoh and Egypt was around for a long time. That is our first nation.

- 2.) Our second nation, I am going to give them to you in order now. I am going to take the four in Daniel and add you two more to it. The second one is Sennacherib, king of Assyria. Assyria comes in around, well, it comes in around 800 AD somewhere in there, maybe a little bit before, and it is around in 721. It is Sennacherib who comes down into captivity and takes the Northern tribes. Babylon comes up from the South and it comes over from the East and takes the Southern tribes.

So here is what you have. Now taking the ones we had in Daniel, adding the two that we had that start from Genesis 11, now we have:

1. Pharaoh (Egypt)
2. Sennacherib (Assyria)
3. Nebuchadnezzar (Babylon)
4. Darius (Persia)
5. Alexander (Greece)
6. Rome
7. The Antichrist

Those are seven kingdoms. We now have found and answered the mystery of seven kings. The seven kings now are the seven nations, literal seeds, by which the devil runs the world from Genesis 11 right up to and including the first king, and right on into the Second Coming of Christ. Here they are again: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome is number six, and the Antichrist is number seven.

Here is what it says in Revelation 17:10: "Seven kings, five are fallen and one is, and the other is not yet, but when he cometh, he comes for a short space." See it? Seven kings, five are fallen. John is writing in 90 AD. Five are fallen: Pharaoh is down (one), Sennacherib is gone (two), Nebuchadnezzar is gone (three), Darius is gone (four), Alexander the Great is gone (five). "And one is" (six), Rome. The other thing works. The five that are fallen of the seven kings are Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece. Five are fallen, and one is Rome. "And the other is not yet" is the Antichrist kingdom, "but when he cometh, he must come for a short space."

You see, this is why in the Old Testament in Isaiah 14, Isaiah 19, Isaiah 23, Isaiah 31, Isaiah 28, Isaiah 29, you find God addressing the devil through the leaders of the nations. He will call the devil Pharaoh. He will call the devil King of Persia. He will call the devil Prince of Tyrus. He will call the devil King of Babylon. He will call the devil King of Assyria. He will address the devil through those kings because the devil is running the world at any given time through those

nations. So the mystery in Revelation 17 is there are seven kings. Five are fallen. The five that are fallen run from Egypt, fallen, right up to Greece, fallen. The one that is, is the Roman Empire. The one that is yet to come will be the Roman Catholic Church under the concept of the Antichrist. That is why there is no break from the legs right into the feet. That is why in history, you find pagan Rome ceasing about 300-400 AD, and papal Rome under the Roman Catholic Church starting from that point and bringing it right through where we are at now. When you understand what you have here, you begin to understand the concept of Babylon mystery, the Mother of Harlots. You will begin to understand the phraseology, "all roads lead to Rome." It is exactly what happens.

You are going to find again that in the Old Testament, God deals with nations, a literal seed. Daniel 2 is laying the four of them out, showing you that the four that are there in Daniel 2 are the ones by which he is going to move forward with. Then you put the other two in its place after Genesis 11, where they start to be legitimate nations. That is when you have your seven, five are fallen. In the time John writes, he writes in 90 AD, Rome is in power. When John sees it, John sees pagan Rome turning into the Antichrist through papal Rome and taking right over the world.

VI. The Destruction of Babylon and the Second Coming

Now look at Revelation 18:1-6.

Revelation 18:1-6

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

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.

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.

For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

"For all nations." You know what that means? That means America is right in the mix with them. But do not get any illusions. Do not be an illusionist. See what it is. "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."

Revelation 18:7

How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

I will tell you something else. There is only one religion on the face of this planet today that has a queen associated with it. It is the Roman Catholic Church, and it is Mary, whom they call officially the Queen of Heaven, who is found in Jeremiah 44:18 as Ashtoreth and all the other gods. There has always been a queen associated with the devil's church, always has been. Osiris, Isis, you can go down through history. I mean, Tammuz, you can go all the way down there, and everyone will go there. She is always there. She is always there. But whoever this church is, she says, "I am a queen."

The first thing I want you to notice in Revelation 18:2 is that this church is a habitation of devils. You want to mark these verses down:

- Matthew 13:19
- Matthew 13:31
- Ecclesiastes 10:20
- Ezekiel 31:6
- Isaiah 34:10

Those verses will tell you and show you that birds in the Bible are like demonic spirits. All the churches today have a dove sign out front. You are supposed to think that is the Holy Spirit. You better go read the book of Deuteronomy. Then go dove hunting.

Revelation 18:3 says "all nations." Revelation 18:6 says she gets double wrath. In Matthew 23:15, you will find out that people connected with the church get a double dose of hell. Try to figure that one out. In Matthew 23, you are going to find eight woes. Eight woes, woe, woe, woe, woe, woe, woe, woe, eight woes that are all directed toward this church. You know the director two over there in Matthew 23:9, somebody that wears a special suit of clothes that goes around being a priest and likes being called father. It does not take a rocket scientist to figure this out. But this is why the Roman Catholic Church does not want you to read the Bible. Look at it for yourself. Matthew 23:14 says they are going to receive the greater damnation. Revelation 17 and 18 says "I sit a queen," only one church in the world. I said Jeremiah 33 earlier, I am sorry, it is Jeremiah 44:18.

Now look at Revelation 17:4, the great calling out: "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." This woman, it talked about a little earlier, I showed you how this says that the mind that has wisdom. In this particular case, you want to write down:

- Proverbs 2:16-22
- Proverbs 5:1-14
- Proverbs 7:1-27
- Jeremiah 51:33-36

You are going to find that that woman is laid out right there for you in those books. You are going to find that is the start. That is not the only place you want to go, but Proverbs is the greatest book that lays it out.

I want to draw your attention over here to a little verse in Revelation 18:3. It says, "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." Sometimes you get a little chance to get a book. I have told you this before, as far as I am concerned, and I have read a lot over the last couple of years in my life, the greatest author on the Roman Catholic Church, if you really want to get the insight on it, is a guy by the name of Avro Manhattan. He is dead now. He wrote a number of books, his books you can still find them on the internet. But if you want to see what this means here in Revelation 18:3, about all nations drinking of the wine and committing the fornication, get a book called **Vatican Politics** by Avro Manhattan. Get a book called **The Vatican-Moscow-Washington Alliance** by Avro Manhattan. He will show you in there the political intrigue. Get a book called **Vietnam, Why Did We Go?** by Avro Manhattan. He will lay out for you and show you the political intrigue that goes on all down through that makes that statement so true.

Avro Manhattan died of a natural death. That surprised me because, boy, he had to have somebody out there that hated him. But I have had people say, when they read his books, I have heard them say, "Well, I have never had anybody slam a church better than this, more this, and this is terrible. This guy just says some terrible things." Well, you know what? In all the years that he was alive, he lived to be 85, 86 years old, wrote a number of books, probably in the scope of about 30 or 40 when you get all of this stuff together. You know what happened? Never in the history of his life has Avro Manhattan ever been taken to court by the Roman Catholic Church and sued for slander. You know why the Roman Catholic Church never took Avro Manhattan to court and sued him for slander? Because in the court of law, they would lose. Because what he has shown in those books, he can prove in history. He did not just come out there winged out of his mind and just read a lot of things. He could take and show you everything he said in history and document what he said. But people do not like to read that kind of stuff, you see.

Let me show you something else. Let me show you what this church's passion is. Look at Revelation 18:12-13. This is a great passage here on her priorities. This is talking about all that she has. This is talking about where her heart is. Great Babylon, mystery religion, Mother of Harlots.

Revelation 18:12-13

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.

The last thing she is concerned about is the souls of men. The first thing she is interested in is gold. Get a book by Avro Manhattan called **Vatican Billions**. In 1980, in the United States

alone, the Roman Catholic Church in the United States in 1980 was worth a hundred billion dollars. In 1980, get a book, *Vatican Billions*. You know, in America, there are 125 orders of monks. There are 414 orders of nuns in the United States. You go right down here, you go right down here off of James Reed there down in South Kansas City. There is a little place called, one of the orders of the nuns is called Sisters of the Poor. You go down here and drive by. Anytime you drive by, they are always having a garage sale. Every time you drive by, every time the place you go, they have a little thrift store. Every place you go down there, they had a thing a while back on, they need a new roof on it. They got this, got people coming in to donate and doing this stuff, getting it all done. Little Sisters of the Poor, helping this, helping that, helping that. You know what Avro Manhattan did? He got on there and however he did it, he figured it out and he got on there and he documented that their net worth in 1990 was \$25 million. I do not know what to tell you, but I will tell you Revelation 17 and 18 has got it nailed.

Then Revelation 19:11-16.

Revelation 19:11-16

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Greatest passage in all of the Bible on the Second Coming of Christ right here. This is the last account found in Revelation 19:11. Therefore it is the best account, law of last mention. It is the one that ties everything together. It is the one that shows you exactly what is taking place now in the book of Revelation.

VII. The System of Sevens and Conclusion

You remember from our study now going all the way back to the beginning. Heaven opens up two times. Once in Revelation 4, once in Revelation 19. You have got to have the whole book now put together for you by the series of seven. I showed you Revelation 1, 2, and 3 was the Church Age. In the Church Age, you find how the Roman Catholic Church makes the transition. We studied in great detail. In Revelation 1, 2, and 3, when those seven churches started with Ephesus and lining up to Laodicea, you find exactly how the Roman Catholic Church makes its

switch. That is where the mystery really begins to be unraveled. That is where John begins to see. That is where the Holy Spirit of God begins to show you and me. You take that and add it to the book of Daniel and put it all together, the mystery is a piece of cake. In those three chapters, you find the seven periods of the history of the church, and you watch as Rome goes from pagan Rome to papal Rome. By the time we get to the Laodicean church, right now where we are at, we are right in the middle of it. The church is absolutely shot.

Then what happens? Revelation 4, door opens, church goes out. Revelation 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, all the Tribulation. Four accounts, different emphasis every time we came through, we just went through it. The last one we come through brings you through to the destruction of Babylon, and the mystery is explained in its entirety with all the other pieces that you have. What happens in Revelation 19? Heaven opens again. This time somebody comes down. Second Coming of Christ. Revelation 20, Millennium. Revelation 21, New Jerusalem. Revelation 22, new heavens and a new world. The whole book of Revelation, just that simple.

The mystery is simply this. Taking everything we have said and putting it into a context now that you can go home here today and understand it and then work it through and put it together, here is what you have. That mystery of seven kings, five are fallen, is a picture that once you understand that the devil starts out light versus darkness, then God's seed, the devil's seed, and then God's nation and his nation. Once you get past Genesis 11, you have seven kings by which the devil runs this world. When he runs this world, he runs it through these seven kings. When John writes, five are come and gone. You have Pharaoh's gone, Sennacherib's gone, Babylon's gone, Persia's gone, Greece is gone, Rome is, and the other is not yet come. But when he comes, he must continue for a short space, three and a half years.

When you put Daniel to it, you find that the feet, this image is all, all, when I talked about the smiting stone, I want you to notice a little thing in there. Go back and look at it this afternoon. The smiting stone just does not hit the feet. It does, but it tells you that it destroys the whole image. You know why? Because that image is a picture of a composite of the image that is going to be worshipped in the Tribulation period in Revelation 12 and 13. That is the mystery. How the devil stayed in power, kept control of the world, and brought that thing right into the Tribulation period and wrote it in from a nation in the Old Testament with a literal people to a religion in the New Testament and a spiritual seed and brings it right into the Tribulation period. In Revelation 19, it opens up, God comes down and he establishes his kingdom. Then the true city on seven hills, the true city on seven mountains reigns. But do you not know, do you not know it is never the first one, it is always the second one? Do you not know it was not Cain, it was Seth? Do you not know it was not Esau, it was Jacob? Do you not know it is always the second? Do you not know it was not Saul, it was David? Do you not know that it will not be the one in Revelation 17 that is on seven mountains? It will be the one in Revelation 19 that is on seven mountains? Some things the Bible just lays out.

Here is what we have been through here now. We have been through every one of these. If you have been paying attention, you now understand how easy the book of Revelation is. We went through seven angels that represented the seven churches. We went through the seven lamps of fire, the seven spirits of God, the seven eyes, the seven sealed book, the seven seals, the seven

personages, the sun seven times hotter, seven trumpets, seven judgments, seven angels, another set from the church, seven heads, seven kings, seven crowns, seven vials, seven angels, another set, seven thunders. The whole book of Revelation is built around the system of sevens. Here this book that everybody thinks is absolutely so complicated, breaks itself down, and now the mystery has been revealed. Now you do not have to ever wonder again when you get into Revelation 17 and 18, when it talks about the seven kings, five are fallen and one is, now you put it all together. You have got to be able to go back to Daniel, you have got to be able to go through, you have got to be able to know what I gave you. If you need some help with it, I will do it again on Thursday night and break it down for you. You have got to be able to start in Genesis, starting with Genesis 1:4, and systematically walk it through. The light versus darkness, the seed in Genesis 3, Genesis 10, the nation, the nations get divided, and then they go like this. By the time you get in Genesis 11 of the Tower of Babel, you know what you have? Abraham is called out, and this one goes this way. Then you just walk down the rest of your Bible, looking at two seeds, two nations. In some place down around after the First Coming of Christ, about 200 years, one changes into a church, the other one changes into a church. It keeps on going. Just that simple.

The Bible is not hard. We have got too many Chaldeans and magicians in our lives. That is the problem. We read too many illusionary dreamworks. Our life is too much fiction and not enough fact. That is the bottom line. That is the difference between what makes somebody who knows the Bible and somebody who just gets confused in the Bible. You have now with that everything that you need. The only bonus factor is, I am still here and I can help you sort it out and put it together. If you want to learn it and you want to get it down, you have in the study of Revelation in the seven series, not only a great thing showing you the system of sevens, but you have an understanding concept of how the book of Revelation breaks down and shows you ties into the book of Daniel and puts the whole thing in perspective for you.

Next week we will have our Memorial Day service, and we are going to talk about some things along those lines. Then I will tell you next week, I think what we are going to do is a good chance we are going to start the seven suicides. So we get into that and get that counseling side set up and be a lot of practical things for you out of the Bible. We will talk about it there.