

The Seven Dooms

Chapter 19 is one of the most glorious chapters in the entire Bible. Here we see the Second coming of Christ- His coming to the earth with power and glory. Seven years before this event, the New Testament Church, or the Bride will have gone up to meet her Lord in mid heaven. The Lord meets and receives the Bride mid way between His abode and her abode, just like Isaac received Rebekka (Gen.24:63). The Bride - in fact each member of the Church - stands before the Judgement seat of Christ in order to receive her reward. (1Cori.3:12-15; 2Cori.5:10).

During the seven years after the Rapture, several groups of people are saved, and taken up to heaven. They are: 1) Martyres from Jews, 2).144,000 Jews sealed and separated, 3). Large multitude saved from the Gentiles. These saints are usually called **Tribulation saints**. In the opening scene of the 19th chapter, we find all these groups rejoicing in heaven and worshipping God.

“Then I heard what sounded like a great multitudeshouting: “Hallelujah ! For our Lord Almighty reigns.”(19:6). Although Jesus Christ was appointed and anointed as King, He did not take the diadem yet. Look at the following passages carefully:

Announcement of Christ's receiving the Kingdom Rev.11:15

Proclamation of His power and authority Rev.12:10

Commencement of His Kingdom Rev.19:6

“I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a White Horse, whose rider is called faithful and true. With justice He judges and makes war” (19:11). On His robe and on His thigh He has this name written: “**King of kings and Lord of lords**”(19:16).

Here we find the Lord emerging as the King of kings. He is bent on eliminating the key persons responsible for the ruin of the earth. However Satan the ancient serpent will be cast in to the lake of fire at last(20:10)

Seven Dooms

1. First Doom - Doom of the Mystery Babylon(Rev.17)

"This title was written on her forehead: **"Mystery, Babylon the great, The mother of prostitutes and of The abominations of the earth"** (17:5).

Dragon, the ancient serpent has been behind the scene since the beginning. Antichrist comes to power at the beginning of the Tribulation period. By that time those left out of the Laodicean Church Period will come together under the umbrella of a world church leader. Eventually the Antichrist will become the world leader of the nations, with the support of this world church leader, who is named as **"Mystery the Great Babylon"**. This Babylon may not be confused with another **Great Babylon** referred in Ch.18:2, which is the **commercial Babylon**. During the first half of the tribulation the Antichrist will be a vassal king under the influence of this church leader. However, by the end of the first half, the Antichrist will fully establish his rule all over the world. The same Antichrist is referred as the **Beast** coming out of the **sea** in Ch.13. **"The Dragon gave the Beast his power and throne and great authority"**(13:2)

"The Beast and the Ten Horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked: they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire"(17:16.) While it is the will of God to judge the Mystery Babylon, Antichrist himself is the instrument to execute this judgement. Thus the Mystery Babylon is burnt to ashes.

2. Second Doom - Doom of Babylon the Great.(Rev.18:1-24)

"With a mighty voice he shouted : Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a home for demons and a haunt for every evil spirit, a haunt for every unclean and detestable bird."(Rev.18:2).

We have already seen about the doom of the **Mystery Babylon** (The False church or The **Ecclesiastical Babylon**), which was announced by the Bowl Angel(17:1). But this is announced by another angel who is strong and mighty and lightens the earth

First Doom - Doom of the Mystery Babylon



“There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns. The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries. This title was written on her forehead: “Mystery, Babylon the great, The mother of prostitutes and of The abominations of the earth” (Rev.17:3-5).

with His glory (18:1) He is none other than Jesus Christ. The doom of this Babylon the great (The Commercial Babylon) is announced also in Ch.14:8.

Once the city of Babylon was the most glorious and wondrous. During the time of Nebuchadnezer the king (B.C.606-562), the city reached the zenith of its power and glory. Persian Emperor Cyrus the Great captured Babylon in B.C.541. Alexander the Great of Greece conquered Babylon in B.C.331. The Glory of Babylon was on the wane from B.C.293. In A.D.60, we find Apostle Peter working in Babylon, for he wrote his first epistle from there (1peter. 5:13)

There are so many prophecies about the perpetual desolation (ruin) of the city:

“Babylon the jewel of kingdoms, the glory of the Babylonians pride, will be overthrown by God, like Sodom and Gomorrah”

Isa.13:19

Speaks of the great desolation of Babylon Jer.50:1-46

“.....you will be desolate for ever” Jer.51:26

Also there are prophecies about its rebuilding and its becoming the world famous commercial complex in the book of Zechariah. Just as God revealed to Daniel the events happening until the end or the will of God regarding the future world events, God showed to Zachariah through ten visions which are found in Zech.Ch.1-6. The ninth of these visions is about “**Ephah**” which points to the **Commercial Babylon** (Zech.5:5-11). The Ephah was the largest dry measure among the Jews. It is a symbol of trade and commerce.

“Then the cover of lead was raised ,and there in the basket (Ephah) sat a woman ! He said, “This is wickedness”, and he pushed her back in to the basket and pushed the lead cover down over its mouth.Two women.....lifted up the basket between heaven and earth..... taking..... to the country of Babylonia (Shinar)”(Zech5:7-11).

Taking the Ephah to Babylon suggests that the present **World Trade Centre** (Manhattan island, U.S.A.) shall be shifted to the newly rebuilt Modern Hi-tech commercial complex in the land of Shinar or **Babylonia** (the present day Iraq).

Note.

[Electricity failed while writing this passage at, 6:30 PM on 11.9.2001. At 8:00 PM the news came in T.V. that the twin tower in Manhattan Island was attacked by terrorists.

*The **World Trade Centre** was housed in the 110 storeyed twin towers (417 and 415Mtr high) in Manhattan, New York, the fifth tallest building in the world now-(the tallest being Petronas Towers, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia ,88 storys, 452 Mtr. high) This World Trade Centre was attacked by Bomb Blast on Feb.26, 1993. Again on Tuesday morning (0855 EDT - 1825 IST)the **11th September 2001** it was under terrorist attack, and **completely destroyed**. Four large passenger Jumbo Jet planes were hijacked almost simultaneously from airports from the East Coast (Boston) and two of them were deliberately crashed in to the Twin Towers of the World Trade Centre. An hour or so after the crash the **structures collapsed.**]*

At present the ancient city of Babylon is being resurrected. The **One world government, The One World Religion and The One world Banking system** that make possible the **World Commerce** are already gathering momentum. It is just a matter of time before they decide to locate in a single spot. That spot will be Babylon. The world bankers will be more than happy to finance the rebuilding of Babylon as the greatest city of the world to accommodate the headquarters of this one world government and one world religion. The fact that **Iraq** is the most oil rich country in the world will guarantee the world bankers' investment, which naturally will return them a handsome profit. Railroads, River bottoms, dredged to provide harbour facilities, and Trans-Atlantic Air routes will make Babylon the strategic centre of the world. And, like the ancient Babylon in its day, it will be the glory of Kingdoms (Nations). But the great city will be **destroyed** completely in no time ! God who did not spare the wicked Sodom and

Gomorrhah, Tyre, Ancient Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome is mighty enough to deal with the worst city Babylon the Great.

“Fallen! Fallen! is Babylon the Great!” (Rev. 18:2) “Terrified at her torment, they will stand far off and cry “Woe! Woe! O great city, O Babylon, city of power! In **one hour** your doom has come!”

“The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her.....” (Rev. 18:10,11)

“Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea, and said: “With such violence the great city of Babylon will be thrown down, never to be found again.” (Rev. 18:21)

From the current event we can easily understand that the World Trade Centre likely to be shifted in future to Babylonia (Iraq) reaching its zenith of glory attracting the entire world will be destroyed in **an hour** according to the prophecy.

Exercise

1. *What is the great event in the chapter 19 of the Revelation ?*
2. *Who are worthy to be named the bride of Christ ?*
4. *Name and outline the events of the first doom.*
5. *What is the second doom ?*
6. *Explain the relevance of the W.T.C. and its related events.*

M.V.: Rev. 19:6