

## Revelation: Step 2

*“Come out of her my people”*

We are approaching one of the **two great pivot points in human history**, but most people are completely unaware. The previous pivot point was at the time of Noah, and we all know what happened then, Matthew 24:39, ‘and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, **so will be the coming of the Son of Man.**’ So shall it be when Jesus Christ returns for His Bride, Matthew 24:31, ‘**And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**’ Not when He comes WITH His Bride, but when He comes FOR His Bride!

The reason is, that *after* He has carried His Bride away to Heaven for 3½ years, to prepare them to share His rule on earth (Revelation 12:14, 14:1-5, 20:4), God pours out His wrath upon sinful mankind in the 7<sup>th</sup> Seal, Revelation 6:17, ‘**for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”**’

The sad fact is that most Christians will not qualify to be in the small Firstfruit Resurrection, because of their Laodicean attitude (Revelation 3:14) and so are called ‘the remnant’ in Revelation 12:17, ‘**And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**’

We are told in Matthew 24:21-22, together with Isaiah 24:6, that the “Great Tribulation”, the 7th Seal, will be so dangerous that few people will survive, ‘**For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.**’

‘**Therefore a curse devours the earth, and its inhabitants suffer for their guilt; therefore the inhabitants of the earth are scorched, and few men are left.**’

But before we reach that point, we must cover the period between the First Angel's message and the return of Christ for His Bride. This period is called 'the Tribulation of those days', in Matthew 24:29, and is the equivalent of the first 5 Seals of Revelation 6. "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken." The Heavenly Signs are a part of the 6th Seal!

Co-incident with the First Angel's message right at the beginning of the 7 years, occurs one other important event, which we read of in Daniel 9:27, "And he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week. And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease, and upon the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate even until the consummation. And the fully determined end which is decreed shall be poured out upon the desolator." A Faithful Version.

This covenant is a treaty of protection to be made between the EU, led by Germany, we will see, and the people of Israel in the Middle East, the people who in this chapter are under discussion. The "he" mentioned here is the man who is to become the 'Beast' of Revelation 13:4-5 etc. "So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for **forty-two months.**"

At that point he has not achieved full power, but his plans are made and include a stepping stone into the Middle East. This he will achieve through that treaty, he hopes. Many believe this man is already on the world stage, has growing international influence and close connections with those at the top in Germany. Also predicted has been the rise of Germany from the ashes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War to leadership of Europe, and Britain's departure from the EU *even as Germany fell*, because all of these things are prophesied as the lead up to the End-Time. We should watch the Germans strategically position their troops around the world, even build military co-operation with Israel, and joint war-games and commemoration of the Holocaust, now and over the coming years, and see the time of Christ's return draw near!

Europe is well aware of Iran's sponsoring of terrorism, and its threat to European peace, so Israel, Iran's greatest enemy, welcomes its support and will readily accept the protective treaty, when offered. Look for this strongman to emerge in Europe, and his involvement with its defence forces, for his empire-building ambitions are described throughout Daniel chapter 11, and begin with Daniel 11:23, 'And from the time that an alliance is made with him he shall act deceitfully, and he shall become strong with a small people.' This is the 'token force' the Beast is first allowed by Europe to station in Israel with its co-operation.

This treaty will contribute to the growing sense of peace which is inspired by the First Angel's message, Revelation 14: 6-7, 'Then I saw another angel flying overhead, with **the eternal gospel** to proclaim to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation and tribe and tongue and people. And he said in a loud voice, "**Fear God** and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come. Worship the One who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and the springs of waters.'" Essentially this is the same message Jesus Christ brought – "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand."

Much of the world rejoices at the news that Christ is to return soon, but, 1Thessalonians 5:3, 'While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.' As has been the case throughout history, people forget or are miss-led into ignoring the second part of God's message – to fear God and repent by keeping the Commandments of their Creator. Once again, Humanity ignores their God given warning through the First Angel, and the die is cast for a worldwide disaster!

This seeming peace lasts for just over 8 months – 7 years minus 2,300 days, Daniel 8:13-14, 'Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to the one who spoke, "For how long is the vision concerning the regular burnt offering, the transgression that makes desolate, and the giving over of the sanctuary and host **to be trampled underfoot?** And he said to me, "For 2,300 evenings and mornings. Then the sanctuary shall be restored to its rightful state." The reason for this delay in God's punishment, is to allow time for those who *are* faithful and are physically able, to obey His Command of Jeremiah 31:6-9. First, notice the last verse

of the previous chapter and the first verse of this chapter determine that Jeremiah 31 is about the “latter days” or End Time. Then, Jeremiah 31:6-9,

‘For there shall be a day  
When the watchmen will cry on Mount Ephraim, [Britain or British Commonwealth]  
“Arise, and let us go up to Zion,  
To the Lord our God.”  
For thus says the Lord:

“Sing with gladness for Jacob, [US and UK]  
And shout among **the chief of the nations**; [same]  
Proclaim, give praise, and say,  
‘O Lord, save Your people,  
The remnant of Israel!’  
Behold, I will bring them from the north country,  
And gather them from the ends of the earth,  
Among them the blind and the lame,  
The woman with child  
And the one who labours with child, together;  
A great throng shall return there.  
They shall come with weeping,  
And with supplications I will lead them.  
I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters,  
In a straight way in which they shall not stumble;  
For I am a Father to Israel,  
And Ephraim is My firstborn.

It is quite apparent from this broadcast message from God’s faithful servants, that after their invasion, the remnant of “the chief of the nations” will be taken in captivity to other lands, but will be finally rescued and returned to their ancient origin, Israel in the Middle East.

Sometime after that message goes out the people of those same nations hear this: Revelation 18:2,4, ‘After this I saw another angel descending from heaven with great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his glory. And he called out with a mighty voice, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great.....!’

‘Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, **“Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues.”** (Read our article, “What is Babylon?” on page one, ‘Articles’.

Those who do fear God, ie. love and obey Him, understand that to ignore **God’s warning** is not only unthinkable, but will almost certainly mean slavery or destruction in the invasion of the nations who have behaved like Babylon, the US and UK, who God had intended to be His exemplars to the world.

God’s servants will have sold up and moved to Jerusalem, taking advantage of the temporary peace. It is in their hearts to fulfil God’s instruction to broadcast that message of hope to the remnant of Israel after its invasion and decimation. Others will move anywhere to escape the invasion of the US and UK, spurred on by the God’s miraculous intervention and warning to “Babylon”, which was miraculously unmistakable.

After they have moved to Jerusalem during those 8 months, God brings down the mighty US by cataclysmic events, Revelation 18:8,21, ‘Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.’ 21, Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, “So will Babylon the great city [see Jeremiah 51:43] be thrown down with violence, and will be found no more.”

The UK, so closely tied to the US, then bears *her* guilt, Hosea 5:11-13, ‘Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment, because he was determined to go after filth.

But I am like a moth to Ephraim,  
and like dry rot to the house of Judah.

When Ephraim saw his sickness,  
and Judah his wound,

**then Ephraim went to Assyria,**  
and sent to the great king.

But he is not able to cure you  
or heal your wound.

Britain faces economic collapse, and turns to German led Europe for help, but their answer instead, is invasion.

Isaiah 10:5-7, “Woe to the Assyrian, **the rod of my anger,** in whose hand is the club of my wrath!

I send him **against a godless nation,**  
I dispatch him against a people who anger me,  
to seize loot and snatch plunder,  
and to trample them down like mud in the streets.

But this is not what he intends,  
this is not what he has in mind;  
his purpose is to destroy,  
to put an end to many nations.”

With American power removed, the world slides into war, and some of the first to take advantage of the situation will be the Arab nations.

Psalm 83:4-8,

“Come, let us erase them as a nation;  
may the name of Israel be remembered no more.”

For with one mind they plot together,  
they form an alliance against You—  
the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites,  
of Moab and the Hagrites,  
of Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek,  
of Philistia with the people of Tyre.

Even Assyria has joined them,  
lending strength to the sons of Lot.

These are the Arab nations around Israel in the Middle East, who attack Israel until Germany steps in to ‘honour her treaty of protection’ under the direction of the “Beast”, who is delighted to move a token force into Israel to gain his foothold. Daniel 11:23, ‘**And from the time that an alliance is made with him he shall act deceitfully, and he shall become strong with a small people.**’ That token force is quite enough to discourage the Arabs taking more than parts of Israel that are recognised by the UN as officially Palestinian, but the Jews see German led Europe’s intervention as supporting the Arab invasion, and their loss of land.

So comes about Jeremiah 50:33, “**Thus says the LORD of hosts: The people of Israel are oppressed, and the people of Judah with them. All who**

took them captive have held them fast; they refuse to let them go.” Never in history have Israel and Judah been invaded at the same time! This is the time of Jacob’s trouble! ‘Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.’ The two leading Tribes of Israel are often referred to as Jacob because of his adoption of Joseph’s two sons Ephraim and Manasseh.

It is also the fulfilment of Revelation 14:8, “Another angel, a second, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen is **Babylon the great**, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality.” This cannot be the fall of *religious* Babylon of Revelation 17, for the invasion of Revelation 18 Babylon occurs *early* in the *first* year of the 7 years of Tribulation, some 8 months after its start, as we have seen. The Babylon of Revelation 17 falls at the *end* of the 7 years with the defeat of the Beast at Armageddon.

Notice also that it is at that point, just *after* the fall of the US and UK as Babylon, that God warns against worshipping the Beast in the very *next* verse, Revelation 14 verse 9, ‘And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, he also will drink the wine of God’s wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulphur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.”’

Obviously, the Beast, together with the false prophet are still in existence. They ARE religious Babylon – Its End-Time leaders! But AFTER the fall of Rev.18 Babylon, God warns the world not to worship them, *before* they come to full power. Thus, at that stage, they are unable to prevent God’s message of hope going out to the captive US and UK and the Jews from Jerusalem during the *first* 3½ years, probably from East Jerusalem.

None of us in the US or UK like to accept the concept that God thinks that we have behaved as Babylon, but we have. We might not have offered our babies as a burnt offering to Baal (cf. Jeremiah 19:4-5) but we are guilty of the blood of even more millions of aborted innocents torn from the womb and offered to our own selfish interests.

Even if we were to be wrong in thinking Revelation 18 applies to us as nations, we would still be liable for the great evils we have committed, and we are still commanded to carry out that message of hope from Jerusalem.

So, if we hope to have obeyed God at that **2nd coming pivot point**, and take part in the First Resurrection, we must recognise that **Revelation 14 is the key chapter**, revealing 2 “Babylons” which are destroyed almost 7 years apart, without which our understanding and preparation for the coming 7-year tribulation would be, and has been, totally confused!

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