



**Message Five: GET OUT OF BABYLON WHILE YOU
HAVE THE CHANCE**

Revelation 14:8-11 14:14-19 18:1-5 19:6-8

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Immediately after the mission of the two witnesses (the faithful church) is complete, the 7th Trumpet is sounded...

Revelation 11:15-19, The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever." And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign..." Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. (NIV)

All heaven is about to break lose! God's wrath is going to be poured out on the wickedness of the earth. But, there is one more call and one more message, and it has to do with a harlot, her pimp and a bride.

THE GREAT PROSTITUTE - 14:8-11

Babylon is the **symbolic name** of any power system that succumbs to the influence of the Dragon.

It is the "city of the Antichrist." In John's day it was Rome.

Babylon is a symbol for any power system that gives itself to a status that is only due to God.

Here prostitution is not about sexual sin. It is a metaphor for **worship gone wrong**.

It's about the seductive power of the world to draw us away from our devotion to Christ. (1 John 2: 15-18)

The prostitute has a **pimp**. (Revelation 17: 3-8)

The pimp is the beast from the Abyss – the Dragon.

END THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PROSTITUTE 18:1-5

Revelation 18 is about one thing: **The Party is Over!**

A message of grace is offered again: **Come out of Babylon**

ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL TO BE CHRIST'S BRIDE 19:1-16

Revelation 19 is the only New Testament passage to use the Hebrew word *Hallelujah*.

It means to **joyously celebrate God with abandon**.

One party is over and another is just beginning.

The plot of Revelation is very simple...

Two cities are open for citizenship: Babylon and the Holy City.

The danger of harlot worship is not that of its obvious **evilness** but its **easiness**.

A dark, textured rectangular box with white text that reads: "IT IS URGENT THAT WE SETTLE THE ISSUE OF OUR CITIZENSHIP - 14:8-11". The background of the box has a grainy, starry appearance.

The message of God through John in the book of Revelation is not an enticement of easy promises.

The message is that followers of Christ may often find themselves in difficult situations, outside the social mainstream, but if the other option is to cozy up with a debauched prostitute and her pimp, life outside the mainstream may not be so bad.

The promise is that when the wrath of God comes, the Bride will not be touched!