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In our last podcast, we discussed the first command, to come out of her, to come out of Baylon, the great Harlot. We learned that if we do not flee, we will face the judgment of the Harlot, for we will have been participating in her sins that are glued together building a spiritual tower of Babel all the way to the heavens. The Harlot, she holds believing Christians captive to her will, and she pleasures them with all manner of religious service and duty such that the only way to really know if a person has escaped her clutches is if they bear the fruit of God’s *agape* love. That is the test. Let’s pick up with an analysis of this test.

## EP150 Revelation 18 verses 6-7

### The Test

The Spirit tells us to test or examine ourselves to see if we are in the faith.<sup>1</sup> But given the level of delusion in which the people of God tend to dwell (still drunk or hungover from the Harlot’s wine), how do we know if we have passed the test?

Simply said, if we are in any way living for God and not by God (Jesus living His life in-and-through ours), then we are still captive in the Harlot’s house and are not living by the grace of God.<sup>2</sup> If our lives do not pour out *agape* love (if with humility of mind we do not consider others more important than ourselves), we are deceived.<sup>3</sup> If we do not abide in “rest,” free from the law, free from guilt, shame, and duty, we are deceived.<sup>4</sup>

If we are obsessed with sin, our sin or the sin of others, we are still held captive by the demonic and are not living in the truth that Jesus died for the sins of the world and removed our sins as far as the east is from the west.<sup>5</sup> If we do not believe (better said, bet our lives upon the fact) that Jesus **now** is our **I AM**, our source for all things all the time, and that He chooses to now be a rewarder of those who are **now** seeking Him, we are still drinking the wine from the Harlot’s cup. If we do not, by faith, embrace our new identity of being those to whom He says, “*mine*,” but continue to live according to our old identities that were created by our *flesh*, through our wounds, and so on, we will likely not completely abandon this *great city*. We will keep coming back again and again for a few more drinks because truth be told, we kind

<sup>1</sup> **2 Corinthians 13:5**

<sup>2</sup> **See Galatians 2:19-21**

<sup>3</sup> **See Philippians 2:1-7; 1 John 3:10, 14, 18-21, 23-24, 4:8, 20-21**

<sup>4</sup> **See Hebrews 3-4**

<sup>5</sup> **See Psalm 103:10-12; 1 John 2:1-2, 4:14**

of miss our old cages in the Harlot's city.

**"YOU ARE COMMANDED, THE PEOPLE, THE PEOPLE, MINE, TO COME OUT OF HER ..."**

In the **Codex**, **Yahweh** makes some clear proclamations regarding our need to flee Babylon the great. It is imaged for us through His instruction to His people Israel to literally flee from her, even though the first instruction, in the book of *Isaiah*, was made some 150+ years before the Israelites were even in captivity in Babylon. Therefore, this is a prophetic instruction that applies to those within **Yahweh's** household. Simply said, **He wants us to flee this Harlot**.

- **"Go out from Babylon**, flee from Chaldea, declare this with a shout of joy, proclaim it, send it out to the end of the earth; say, **Yahweh** has redeemed his servant, Jacob!"<sup>6</sup>
- **"Flee from the midst of Babylon**; let everyone save his life! Be not cut off in her punishment, for this is the time of **Yahweh's** vengeance, the repayment he is rendering her...**Forsake her**, and let us go each to his own country, for her judgment has reached up to heaven and has been lifted up even to the skies."<sup>7</sup>
- **"Go out of the midst of her**, my people! Let everyone save his life from the fierce anger of **Yahweh!**"<sup>8</sup>

We are also given insight into God's purposes, what He intends to do with Babylon the great. *"So, the land quakes and writhes, for the purposes of **Yahweh** against Babylon stand, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without inhabitants."*<sup>9</sup> God gives us this command to *"come out of her"* because His desire is to empty out this city of religious apostasy, as this city is the birthplace of lawlessness—deeds done in His name but not before the face of the Father.

### The Power of Her Delusion

What we learned in the scene in *Revelation 17:7*, where John marveled and was struck with wonder when he first saw the woman who sits atop the Beast, is that obedience to this command, to come out of her is not easy, for to come out of her one must reject with their own heart, mind, soul, and strength, all that this harlot has to offer to him or her, and she offers so much.

Perhaps you too have marveled when you see her in action, when you see many people come to an amazing worship service, when you see people go forward in a response to an altar call, or you see the church mobilize for action for some big outreach event, and you too are filled with awe. Without question, the Harlot can be so attractive and powerful, for all that she does feels so good deep down inside, it all feels so right. Surely God must be pleased.

So long as we continue to drink from her cup and remain in a drunken stupor enamored by this woman, the Harlot provides a beautiful and powerful *delusion* by which we may live. This *delusion* is so powerful

<sup>6</sup> *Isaiah 48:20*

<sup>7</sup> *Jeremiah 51:6, 9*

<sup>8</sup> *Jeremiah 51:45*

<sup>9</sup> *Jeremiah 51:29*

that most Christians never know that they are held captive by demonic overlords; after all, they are permitted to do all things in Jesus' name, and they get results, sometimes amazing supernatural results. It can all be so confusing.

Let's examine some of the variants of *delusion* that she mixes in to the wine she serves those in the Household of God. Keep in mind, to sell her delusion so effectively, she always constructs her delusions on the truths found in the Word of God, and then she twists and perverts them with some element of law, some work of the hands.

- *Control*: she convinces us that the desired outcomes for our lives (the blessings of God) are, at least in part, in our hands, and they are based on our doing it right in terms of our Christianity, and not doing it wrong.
- *Success*: Because God has given us everything we need for life and godliness, that means we can do it right. Our success comes down to discipline, accountability, and keeping oneself from temptation. Over-and-over she reminds us that sin is the problem, and if we wage the right war against sin, we will have success and all the reward that comes with it.
- *Power*: when we have done it right, or mostly right, at least better than others, then we are looked to as the leaders, the ones whose life should be emulated, and that gives us power in our institutions, in our assemblies, and in our relationships. Lo and behold, others submit to our authority, it is the Christian thing to do, and those who do not submit are marginalized and even vilified by those who do loyally submit.
- *Honor & Recognition*: Those who rise to power are publicly honored for being so godly and wise. This dynamic is apparent, for example, in the mega churches which are fueled by cultic personality centered operations.
- *Wealth*: if we do it right, we will no longer have to scratch out a living. When we garnish unto ourselves *power, honor, and recognition*, our churches and ministries will hand us a standard of living that is more than fitting for our public image, and then some.
- *Opportunity*: if we do it right, we will be afforded opportunities that others just do not have. We will write books, and the system of the Harlot will help us promote them on television, radio, and so on. We will be invited to speak at important functions. We will take trip after trip to the holy sites, visit missionaries around the world, and we will travel about bringing our message to others. Everything we do will provide an opportunity to either sell something or ask for money to support something. The opportunities abound practically and financially for those who do business on her waters.
- *Insight*: if we do it right, and if we stay in the middle of the flow of her waters, we will hear more clearly the voice of the image of our Messiah. This voice will teach us insights that we previously did not possess, and the voice will show us new ways to stop sinning, new methods of ministry, new ways to reach out to the lost, to be a witness to our communities, and new ways to motivate people to do it right in order that they too might have success and all that comes with the "blessing of God."
- *Community*: if we do it right, if we support the Harlot's system, we will have a community of people who are not just around us, but who want to be around us. We will all serve and do ministry together, and it will seem as if we are sharing such deep intimacy with one another.
- *Acceptance*: If we do it right, we will be accepted, especially if we are one who gains *power*,

*honor, and recognition.* People will make excuses for our shortcomings, they will turn a blind eye to much of our sin, and they will seemingly “accept” us just for who we are.

- *Belonging:* If we do it right, we will find our place in this world, we will find our people, we will find our community, we will find our home and purpose in this life. We will feel as if we belong here, to this world of Christianity and ministry pouring out our lives for the lost.

There are so many facets to her delusion that keeps people joyfully plugged into her system of immorality and lawlessness. This is the reason why the fires of mercy are so important. The fires of mercy are a means by which God attempts to wake us up from this delusion and give us the opportunity to either reject her ways and to flee her system or to double down and cling to all she has to offer.

### Don't Look Back

#### **Proverbs 23:26-28**

Give me your heart, my son, and let your eyes delight in my ways. For a harlot is a deep pit and a strange woman is a narrow well. Surely, she lies in wait as a robber, and increases the faithless among men.

#### **Jeremiah 50:6-8**

*My people have become lost sheep; their shepherds have led them astray.* They have made them turn aside on the mountains; they have gone along from mountain to hill and have forgotten their resting place. All who came upon them have devoured them; and their adversaries have said, 'We are not guilty, inasmuch as they have sinned against **Yahweh** who is the habitation of righteousness, even **Yahweh**, the hope of their fathers.' Wander away from the midst of Babylon and go forth from the land of the Chaldeans; be also like male goats at the head of the flock.

Coming out of this great city is an issue of believing with our heart, mind, soul, and strength that **Only God is Good** and only God can do good, i.e., believing that **the source matters the source is everything!** It is upon this foundational truth that we derive the **Substitute Principle** (all that we are for all that He is) and the **Design Point** (*I have been caused to being crucified with Christ it is no longer I who now live but Christ now in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I now live by faith in the Son of God who was loving me and was giving Himself for me*).<sup>10</sup>

If we are now standing immovable on this rock of truth, not only will we want to flee, but it is also likely that we will be forced to flee. The great Harlot will not want us infecting her captives with the truth, she will not want to risk any of them waking up from their drunken stupor. And if we do not leave on our own accord, she will likely hurt us.

Either way, we must be determined to leave, and when we go out from the midst of her, we must not look back. We must be like those male goats at the head of the flock, boldly leading the way for others to follow. *“Therefore, you are commanded to strengthen the hands that have been caused to being weak and*

<sup>10</sup> **Galatians 2:19-20**

*the knees that have been caused to being feeble, and you are **now** commanded to make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be caused to be put out of joint, but rather may be caused to be healed.”<sup>11</sup>*

Do you recall the story of Lot’s wife? **Yahweh** sent His angels to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. However, before the destruction, the angels had to remove Lot and his family from the area. They were instructed by the angels to flee and to not look back. But when the cities were being destroyed, Lot’s wife looked back and instantly became a pillar of salt. She was consumed by the punishment that came upon these cities. The implication is that although she physically followed her husband out of the city of immorality, she did not want to leave because her heart was bound to the city, to the community, and to its immorality and apostasy.<sup>12</sup> She did not truly leave the city, and so she was judged with the city. The implication of this story for our lives is crazy.

With our heart, mind, soul, and strength, God wants us to come out of her and to never look back. He commands us to completely abandon her house of immorality.

Have we left the city, have we fled Babylon? Do we even recognize this woman and her abominations in our religious engagements and relationships? If we have left or begun to leave, do we still have parts of our heart that are looking back and holding on to this great city and marveling at this woman?

Do we miss being drunk with her delusion? Living with her is much easier than living by faith. After all, outside of the great city of religious apostasy, it is a very lonely and a barren place with so few people with whom to connect. And being alone can feel terrible. All the action takes place within this great city.

We must ask ourselves, do we still crave to earn our reward, to be recognized for our efforts, for all that we do and have done for God? Do we desire to have God communicate how impressed He is with our faithfulness? Do we struggle within our heart desiring position, title, recognition, and honor?

Are we proud of ourselves for our fight with sin, while at the same time punishing ourselves for our failures with acts of remorse and religious repentance? Do we still lie and cover up our sin out of fear of being judged, humiliated, and rejected? Are we afraid of God’s punishment in our lives? Do we still believe that we will not be blessed by God when we sin? Are we quick to judge others for their sin? Do we arrogantly wield the sword of judgment and condemnation on those who are bound by their sin? Are we constantly striving to discipline ourselves and to be accountable to others so we will not sin?

Do we dive into reading the Bible, praying, serving, giving, and doing what we think God expects of us in order that we might be blessed by Him? Do we forgive as we have been forgiven, or do we hold on to the hurts and wounds caused by others? Are we consumed with experiencing God and what more we can be doing for Him? We can literally go on and on and on with examples, but these questions can be a powerful test, that is if we are willing or even able to answer honestly.

**MAYBE WE HAVE NOT LEFT THIS CITY,  
OR EVEN REALLY KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO FLEE BABYLON?**

<sup>11</sup> **Hebrews 12:12-13**

<sup>12</sup> See **Genesis 18:16-33, 19:1-29**

As we have learned, using the implements of the 10 horns and the Beast, God has plans to destroy the Harlot and to pay her back for all her ways. In one day, her plagues or wounds will come, and in her “hour” of judgment she will be laid to waste. But we must not ignore the fact that each of these six (6) commands are personal. They are given to the people of God, they are for those to whom He says, “mine.” God is commanding us to flee her delusion and to pay her back even as she has paid, to pay her back double and double according to her deeds, in the cup she has mixed to mix twice as much for her, and to give her torment and mourning.

Unfortunately, the Spirit did not provide us with specifics as to how we are to obey these commands, so we will draw on what He has shown us, but it should be noted that there is a significant level of aggression and intensity associated with each of these commands. These commands should not be taken lightly.

Let’s examine commands 2-5 collectively that are in **Revelation 18:6-7**, and then we will look at the original source of those commands, all of which come from the book of **Jeremiah** and a commentary on these commands from the **Psalms**. This should help us derive a foundation for discussing what our obedience to these commands might practically look like.

#### *Command 2*

*“You are commanded to pay her back even as she has paid ...”*

#### *Command 3*

*“... and you are commanded to give back to her double and double according to her deeds ...”*

#### *Command 4*

*“... in the cup which she has mixed, you are commanded to mix twice as much for her.”*

#### *Command 5*

*“To the degree that she glorified herself and lived sensuously, to the same degree you are commanded to give her torment and mourning ...”*

These commands are found in the prophetic judgment declared over Babylon, a layered judgement, which has both a historical application and an **End Times**, end of the age, application. The prophecies in part detail the physical judgment that happened on Babylon when it was conquered by the Medes and the Persians in 539 BC (or BCE). But they also contain details and commands connected with a later judgment, by the people of God, on the angelic spirit of religious apostasy, the great Harlot, the great city, Mystery Babylon. Ultimately, they predict her decimation at the hands of the 10 Horns and the Beast.

#### **Jeremiah 50:13-16**

Because of the indignation of **Yahweh** she will not be inhabited, but she will be completely desolate; everyone who passes by Babylon will be horrified and will hiss because of all her wounds. "Draw up

your battle lines against Babylon on every side, all you who bend the bow; shoot at her, do not be sparing with your arrows, for she has sinned against **Yahweh**. "Raise your battle cry against her on every side! She has given herself up, her pillars have fallen, her walls have been torn down. For this is the vengeance of **Yahweh**. Take vengeance on her; as she has done to others, so do to her. "*Cut off the sower from Babylon and the one who wields the sickle at the time of harvest; from before the sword of the oppressor they will each turn back to his own people, and they will each flee to his own land.*"

### **Jeremiah 50:29**

Summon many against Babylon, all those who bend the bow: Encamp against her on every side. Let there be no escape. Repay her according to her work; according to all that she has done, so do to her; for she has become arrogant against **Yahweh**, against the Holy One of Israel.

As to the commentary on these commands, the **Psalms** give us some disturbing perspective.

### **Psalms 137:8-9**

O daughter of Babylon, you ravager {devastator}, how blessed will be the one who repays you with the recompense with which you have repaid us. How blessed will be the one who seizes and dashes your little ones against the rock.

The Spirit is declaring a blessing for those who obey these commands to repay Babylon.

- Pay her back as she has paid,
- Give back to her double and double according to her deeds,
- In the cup she has mixed, mix twice as much for her, and
- To an excessive degree, give her torment and mourning.

As violent and terrible as it sounds to seize and dash little ones against **the rock**, please do not miss out on the fact that the Spirit used the singular "*rock*," and not the plural "*rocks*," as one might expect. Jesus once declared that His words are **the rock** upon which a wise man builds his house, and the **Codex** declares that He is the stone of stumbling, **the rock** of offense, "*and he who has been falling on this stone will in the **future** be caused to be broken to pieces; but on whomever it may fall, it will in the **future** scatter him like dust.*"<sup>13</sup>

The difficult part of this passage is addressing the "*little ones*." Are her "*little ones*" the people who are held captive by the harlot and kept in a drunken stupor? If so, then if they are taken, seized (which is a very aggressive action), and dashed against **the rock** of truth, they will either be broken or shattered.

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<sup>13</sup> See **Matthew 7:24, 21:44; Romans 9:33**

They have been seduced and mesmerized into following a shadow of the true rock, an image, but when they are dashed against the rock, against Jesus as He declares Himself to be, not how the Harlot has explained Him, then one of two things will happen. They will either be broken before Him, and they will lay down their pride, arrogance, and devotion to this woman and her system, or they will be shattered and devastated in her judgment.

The Great Harlot, Babylon, is a ravager, therefore, we are not to just escape her clutches, but we are to pay her back, ravage her in return, dash her little ones on the rock. We are to draw up our battle lines, raise our battle cry, and bend the bow against her, and not be sparing with our arrows. We are to shoot at her. Perhaps in the same way that the enemy fires flaming arrows of doubt and lies at believers, our arrows are to be arrows of uncompromising truth.<sup>14</sup>

We are even expected to *“cut off the sower from Babylon and the one who wields the sickle at the time of harvest,”* euphemisms for the pastors, teachers, and evangelists who have promoted her system, spreading her apostate religion, and are collecting souls for her prisons. We are to give them no place our authority in our lives, we are to cut them off, and to the extent possible by paying this Harlot back double and double, limit their ability to continually recruit new followers, in the name of Jesus. We must not be afraid to stand against the pastors, teachers, and the evangelists, we must not be afraid to speak the truth to those who are held captive by their words. This is a very scary command, and it will place us directly in opposition to spirits and people, a place that many of us are not used to and simply do not like.

In that regard, because of the numbers on the side of the great Harlot, both demonic and human, and because of the punishment she has exerted against those who have left this great city, many who leave sit quietly, timidly, and simply watch. They know what is going on in our churches and religious institutions, but they don't know what to do about it. They are not actively engaged in the battle to pay her back, double upon double, twice as much, and they have no idea what it means to give her torment and mourning. This is where these commands become far too uncomfortable and, honestly, it is hard to fathom what this practically means. Therefore, most seem to give little attention to these commands. It is unlikely that any of us have heard a sermon on putting into practice these six (6) commands.

There have been some who have tried to fix things and attempt to sort out some of the issues in the “church” such as fine-tune the theology, alter methodologies, preach on freedom, and so on, hoping that if they get some truth into her cup, then it will all be ok. But the **Codex** is clear, this Harlot, Babylon, is unfixable and we are to completely forsake her.

### ***Jeremiah 51:9***

We applied healing to Babylon, but she was not healed; **forsake her** and let us each go to his own country, **for her judgment has reached to heaven** and towers up to the very skies.

Babylon is the problem, and this is why our battle cry is intended to wake her captives from their drunken stupor and urge them to flee, seize them even. Every one of us should struggle with these commands and ask the Holy Spirit to show each of us, individually and collectively, how we can be a part

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<sup>14</sup> See ***Ephesians 6:16***



of fulfilling them.

Her cup is a golden cup. This is the cup that gives her credibility since gold is a picture of divinity. We need to fill this cup with the truth every chance we get and give her twice as much to drink. Like an antidote to poison, **the rock** of truth that declares that we are to choose to live like little children in unrestrained freedom, wholly dependent upon **Yahweh** for all things all the time, will counteract the delusion that she has been serving up.

Perhaps, what the people, ***the people***, need to wake up is to swallow the truth that there is no law, but the law of *agape* love, which can only be expressed by the one who is *agape* love.<sup>15</sup> If God has asked us to be part of a fellowship, then we need to be shouting the truth. We need to declare that **the source matters, the source is everything!** And since **Only God is Good**, then only God can do good, just like only God can *agape* love, we simply cannot. We are 100% dependent upon what He does in-and-through our lives, and not upon what we can do and should do and must do for God. We need to counteract the poison of her lies with these foundational truths.

To shake off our lingering hangover from consuming so much of her wine, we need to stop living only by the mercy of God and start living by the grace of God. The mercy of God is beyond necessary, and He has thankfully given it to us in abundance, and He pours it upon us day-in-and-day-out. Yet, when we live only by the mercy of God, it creates a cycle of frustration. We try to do good, and we fail, so we cry out for God's mercy to cover us over-and-over again. We get tired of doing good and so we intentionally fail, so we cry out for God's mercy to cover us over-and-over again. This way of living is exhausting.

What we need is to become convinced that God has given us a better way. In all things, we need to live by grace through faith. This is how we have been caused to being saved. And it is not a result of our work or our efforts, it is not of ourselves, lest anyone should boast.<sup>16</sup> Grace is a gift of God, and we are to live by what He freely gives as we bet our lives on who He says He is and who He says we are to Him. And He has given us His Spirit to be our source, to be the very means by which we live. After all, **the source matters, the source is everything!** *"If we now live in the Spirit, may we now walk in the Spirit..."* Why is this so important? *"... if we now walk by the Spirit, we may not fulfill the lust of the flesh."*<sup>17</sup>

It is important to note that both in **Galatians 5:16** and **1 John 2:16**, the phrase, *"the lust of the flesh"* utilizes the *singular* "lust" and not the plural "lusts." The flesh has one singular lust, but many deeds are produced from that lust. And what is the *"lust of the flesh?"* It is the lust of Cain, the desire to be good like God and have God recognize our own goodness because of all that we have done for Him. This is the first six (6) in the satanic triad, **666**.

When we stand for the truth, when we fill her cup up with truth, a double portion, doubly mixed, this causes the Harlot immense torment and mourning, for it exposes her for all her lies, deception, and delusion, it exposes her for the harlot that she is. And we are not to stop, as the Spirit said, *"To the degree that she glorified herself and lived sensuously, to the same degree you are commanded to give her torment and mourning."* Later in this chapter, we will discover that this Harlot has no limit and no restraint when it comes to glorifying herself and living *"sensuously,"* (the Greek word of which is often translated as

<sup>15</sup> **1 John 4:8, 16**

<sup>16</sup> **See Ephesians 2:8-9**

<sup>17</sup> **Galatians 5:16, 25**

“luxuriously”.) She loves the glory, the honor, and all the wealth and other benefits that come with ruling the religious masses, and everyone who is a part of her system loves it too and desires to be just like her. And it is to this degree of excess that we are commanded to give her torment and mourning.

Seizing and dashing her little ones on **the rock** should do the job.

Let’s stop here and in our next podcast pick up again with Command Six, the reason, and the judgment.

I am glad you “tuned in” and have been “ready to listen.”