

## LOOKING OUT ON THE WORLD

Intro. 3 doors in Rev. 3:20-sal; 3:8-service; 4:1-perspective. On other side of this door you see things from God's viewpoint. 1 of these things is Babylon. To know Him must know what He thinks.

## I. Definition of Babylon.

City (Rome, 17:9) Babylon but more-system. Like Wall St or Madison Ave. Stands for enterprise. In short, world. World, 1 Jn 2:17. Ordered system headed by Satan which leaves God out. Not nec wrong, many good things in it.

## II. Description of World.

- A. Demonic, v 2. Habitation of demons, prison of foul spirits (Eph 2:2; 1 Jn 4:6), prison of birds (Mt 13:31) Warfare in the world is against demons.
- B. Deceiving or deluding, 3. All are intoxicated by her.
- C. Delightful, 3.
  - 1. Makes rich.
  - 2. Offers delicacies, lit luxuries or careless ease.
  - 3. Reigns with lovers, 7.

## III. Destruction of World

- A. God retaliates, 5-8. Retribution double, 6. Destruction immediate, 8.
- B. Man responds, 9-19
  - 1. Kings, 9-10.
  - 2. Merchants, 11-17a. Reason, 11b, not concern for Babylon but for their businesses. Business incld luxury items and people.
  - 3. Sea Merchants, 17b-19. Same reason, 19.
- C. Heaven Rejoices, 20/21 19:1-2. Righteous but vengeance.
  - 2 questions? Which viewpoint or reaction do you have? What does this mean now while in world.
  - Ans to 1st should be God's. "Thy Kingdom come."
  - Ans to 2nd is in v 4--partake not of hersins. Things can become sin to one and not to another. Must go into world and live in not as hermits or ascetics. 1 Cor 5. How to keep balance? Proper object of worship. Note this came to Jn at first when went thru door, 4-5. God as Creator and Redeemer. Sovereign, Savior. Cultivate by learning more of Him thru classes, study, exp, prayer, tests. This will put world in proper perspective.