

THE UPWARD CALL

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet;
but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,
**I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God
IN CHRIST JESUS.***

(Philippians 3:13-14 NASB)

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Unholy Alliance of Kings & Merchants

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Looking back on the theme of my writings over the last few months, especially in the last several issues, I realize that this is the Lord's doing, especially in light of the arrival of September 2010, which is 9 years from the fall of the World Trade Center towers and 2 years from the beginning of the global/financial meltdown, which occurred 7 years after the towers fell. The number **9** signifies **judgment** or **gifts and fruit of the Spirit**, and the number **7** signifies **completeness** or **spiritual perfection**. I believe we are about to see both of these meanings unequivocally manifested soon. Great change is coming; change that is of both good and bad, of both light and darkness, of both the Spirit of Christ and the spirit of antichrist, of both the Lord, and man and the devil. Are you ready?

At any rate, as I have been considering what is happening in the world today in light of Revelation, it seems to me that we are very close to the end of our present wicked age. If you have read much of my material, you know this is sort of an understatement for me. I have been stating this emphatically and earnestly for the last three years and have referenced the fall of Mystery Babylon many times throughout my writings. See article #9, May, 2008, *A Mystery, The Great City Babylon*.

Many people look at the prophecies of Revelation futuristically; that is, they view most of what John saw as yet to occur and not beginning until the church is "raptured" out of here to walk on golden streets. I reject the futuristic view, as well as the "rapture" and golden street thing.

The fact of the matter is that it can be shown that most of Revelation is already past and in the annals of history. If you want to know where we are in history, read Revelation 17-18, for this reveals the **global alliance of political leaders, central banks and investment firms/banks [financial leaders], and multi-national corporations [business leaders]** that rules our day and has enslaved the whole world to its sensuality and immorality. It is a global political/economic system.

"For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality." (Revelation 18:3 NASB)

(9) "And the kings of the earth, who committed acts of immorality and lived sensuously with her, will weep and lament over her when they see the smoke of her burning, (10) standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, "Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come." (Revelation 18:9-10 NASB)

(11) "And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargoes any more— (12) cargoes of gold and silver and precious stones and pearls and fine linen ... (13) and slaves and human lives. (14) The fruit you long for has gone from you, and all things that were luxurious and splendid have passed away from you and men will no longer find them. (15) The merchants of these things, who became rich from her, will stand at a distance because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning, (16) saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, she who was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls; (17) for in one hour such great wealth has been laid waste!' And every shipmaster and every passenger and sailor, and as many as make their living by the sea, stood at a distance, (18) and were crying out as they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What city is like the great city?' (19) And they threw dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea became rich by her wealth, for in one hour she has been laid waste!'" (Revelation 18:11, 12a, 13-19 NASB)

Revelation 18 reveals the fall of **a mystery, Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and the abominations of the earth** (Revelation 17:5). It is a mystery because those caught in it do not recognize it for what it truly is or how it is falling until it is too late. We need vision to see it in our day.

Some might read verse 13 about “no one buys their cargoes any more—and slaves and human lives” as if a worldwide slave market will be revived in the last days. However, it is already upon us, but in a far more subtle and insidious way. The mother of harlots does not have to shackle people in ships and ferry them off to foreign lands. No! The mystery is that the current global political-financial-business system that is driven by **western capitalism** has brought us all into bondage or slavery to its immorality and sensuality. Capitalism in its pure form of righteous entrepreneurship is *not* what western capitalism is about today. It is about creating money out of thin air (by fiat) and then lending this previously non-existent money with interest, which is usury and against God’s law. In other words, the bankers make money on money they never had in the first place. This is not true wealth or capital. It is called fraud!

In the US, have you noticed the proliferation of ads telling us how important it is for us to know our credit scores and to keep track of our credit record? Like our social security numbers, our credit scores are required for many transactions, including applying for a job. Why? Because we have been bound to a beast system that is built on usury! See issues #03-0966 and #03-0967, February 2009, dealing with the law of lending and borrowing and the law against usury.

In Revelation 18, there are two groups mentioned that are in bed with the harlot, so to speak, and that have the most to lose with the fall of Mystery Babylon. They are **the kings of the earth and the merchants of the earth**.

Generally, modern governments do not call their leaders kings. In modern terms, **kings of the earth** refer to **governmental and political leaders** in what is called the **public sector**, meaning they lead the public. **Merchants of the earth** refer to leaders of **multi-national corporations and financial institutions** of the **private sector**, meaning they drive private commerce.

Like their harlot mother, the ones in bed with her are also in bed with each other. In other words, the kings of the earth and the merchants of the earth are joined together in an unholy alliance. They all are guilty of harlotry. The kings are guilty of immorality, and the merchants are guilty of the love of money. Actually, both groups are guilty of the sin of the other. The kings love money as well, since they live sensuously with the harlot. If you want proof of this, I simply direct you to the current political-business alliance that is rooted in the American system today. Why is it that so many laws and regulations benefit the very corporations that fill the coffers of the politicians, as the politicians smile at the American public telling us that they just did something to help us? Yes, they did; it is called bondage.

Further, it is noteworthy that the first cargoes listed are gold and silver. Gold signifies the **golden calf** and the love of money. Please see article #31, April 2010, *The Mark of the Beast as Signified by 666*.

As I have noted in other issues, it is significant that one of the major and most successful banking/investment firms on Wall Street is **Goldman Sachs**, which reaped great financial gains from government bailout programs. It shouldn’t surprise anyone that they fared so well. After all, many of their former leaders have become leaders in government, and they look out for their former boss. The fact is that one of its own engineered the banking bailouts (former Treasury Secretary Paulson).

Add to this the proliferation of companies trying to get Americans to buy and sell gold, and the golden calf becomes even more apparent in our day. One cable network in particular might have three to four different gold broker companies advertising during a one-hour show. “**Buy gold! Buy it now!**” To a lesser degree, the same thing is being done with silver. In an attempt to scare buyers into acting now, the ads claim that the prices of gold and silver are going to skyrocket. Interestingly, watching the price swings of these metals makes one wonder how much manipulation is going on in the setting of prices. Up until 2004, the banking house of the **Rothschilds** set the world price for gold twice a day.

Is it any wonder that the kings of the earth and the merchants of the earth cry woes as Mystery Babylon falls? Yet, there is much rejoicing in heaven, along with the saints, apostles and prophets (Revelation 18:20). But here is the question: Have the woes already begun? If so, when?