

# 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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**Woe, Woe, The Great City**

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The last issue was about Mystery Babylon, the mother of harlots, which, in practical terms, is a modern-day unholy alliance of kings and merchants of the earth that is characterized by immorality, sensuality, and the love of money. At the heart of Mystery Babylon is the golden calf.

However, the good news is that Mystery Babylon will fall to make way for the **Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ**. In all the rhetoric and preaching of our day, I seldom, if ever, hear this message of good news. This is not a criticism; just recognition of where the church is spiritually in our day, more in the character of the Old Covenant rather than the New Covenant. It is time to wake up!

In this issue, I want to prove that we have been given two powerful witnesses that the fall of Mystery Babylon is well underway, based on the date of September 11, seven years apart. In the following verses, there are two woes spoken three times. The first set of woes comes from the **kings**, the second from the **merchants**, and the third from **every shipmaster, passenger, and sailor**, meaning **all people as laborers and consumers**.

**(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.” ... (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 ... (17) for in one hour such great wealth has been laid waste!’ And every shipmaster and every passenger and sailor, ... 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 18:9-10, 15-19 NASB)

The first date is **September 11, 2001**, when the United States and the world witnessed something that was unimaginable as all watched the twin towers of the World Trade Center fall to the ground within one hour of each other (south tower @ 9:59 am; north tower @ 10:28 am).

The towers were symbols of the global economic system through which the nations of the world trade (buy and sell) their goods. Those killed that day were of 55 different nationalities, signifying the kings of the earth. On that infamous day, many stood at a distance and watched in fear as they saw the smoke rise over NYC, a city known for world commerce and finance. **On September 11, 2001, the kings (leaders) of the earth cried the first of the three sets of woes.** They cried one woe for each of the towers, and a coalition of nations entered into two woes (wars) in Afghanistan and Iraq.

If John were standing at a distance from NYC on that day, there is little doubt that he would have described what he saw just as he did in his Patmos vision. The fact of the matter is that John was standing there, for he had been transported through time to see it. Transcend time!

Many Christians saw this event as the hand of the devil and an evil that had to be combated, so we went off to war on two fronts. This is the mindset of an Old Covenant Christian; an eye for an eye. However, there is a less known fact that reveals the hand of God. Another building also fell that day; it was designated as building #7 and called **7 World Trade Center**. It fell at 5:21 pm, which was **7 hours and 7 minutes** from the fall of the north tower. Notice that there are three sevens, and the number 7 signifies “**completeness**” or “**spiritual perfection.**”

As I see it, the fall of the towers signified that God is bringing Mystery Babylon to a complete end and that His work is perfect. In many respects, the Twin Towers symbolized the Tower of Babel, the ancient building project that had to be stopped through the confusion of language so that mankind would be fruitful and multiply in the earth. Man became fruitful, but as he filled the earth, he began to build new towers even taller and grander in order to make a name for himself and bear fruit for his own glory, not for God and His kingdom. The Twin Towers were occupied by people of many languages representing all the nations and kings on earth; most of which have failed to produce the fruit of the Kingdom of God.

Now, the second date is **September 11, 2008**, when the United States and the world watched again as the **global financial system** began to be shaken to its foundations. It is no coincidence that this occurred **exactly 7 years** from the fall of the towers. Most analysts do not use this precise date to mark the beginning of the shaking, and arguments could be made for other dates. However, from what I have read, most all agree that the fall of Lehman Brothers sent shockwaves throughout the system and was the tipping point for the global financial crisis that followed. Ellen Brown, author of *Web of Debt*, wrote: "Although Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy on Monday, September 15, 2008, **it was actually "bombed" on September 11**, when the biggest one-day drop in its stock and highest trading volume occurred before bankruptcy." Consequently, on **September 11, 2008, the merchants of the earth cried the first woe of the second set of woes**. The second woe of this set came 6 months later on March 9, 2009 when the Stock Market's Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) crashed.

Date	DJIA	Comments
9/11/2001	8920	Down 7%; largest \$ loss in history
10/9/2002	7286	Down 38% since 1/14/2000
10/9/2007	<b>14164</b>	<b>Up 94% since low of 10/9/2002; all time high</b>
<b>9/11/2008</b>	11433	<b>Lehman Brothers stock plummets on rumors</b>
9/15/2008	10917	News of Lehman Brothers failure
9/18/2008	11016	<b>Global financial system nearly collapses</b>
10/9/2008	8579	Down 39% in one year
<b>3/9/2009</b>	<b>6547</b>	<b>Down 54% since all time high of 10/9/2007</b>
9/11/2009	9605	Down 16% in one year
10/9/2009	9864	Up 15 % in one year

Stock Markets around the world are the barometers, so to speak, of what is going on in the global financial system of Mystery Babylon. They are only one piece of data in the overall financial picture; nevertheless, they are closely watched and reported every day, so much so that they have become a form of worship. The markets are like the golden calf the Israelites worshipped at Sinai.

The above chart shows the all-time 2007 high and its meteoric dive until it hit bottom on 3/9/2009, which was the second woe of this set of woes. Since then, the DJIA has briefly risen above 11000 and lately has hovered around 10000, but it has not recovered to anything near its all-time high. Some analysts are predicting it will dive to 5000 in one to two years, if not sooner.

As we approach September 11, 2010, there is something else brewing that may indicate how close we are to the end of Mystery Babylon. No sector of the economy is taking on debt, and debt is the engine of western capitalism that is fueled by usury (interest on loans). It is particularly good news to read that consumer credit, that is, the money people are borrowing, has dropped significantly. Obviously, this is bad news for the capitalists who drink at the trough of the golden calf.

Perhaps people are beginning to hear the voice from heaven, saying, **"Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues"** (Revelation 18:4).

September 11, 2010 will be **9 years** from the beginning of the demise of Mystery Babylon. The number **9** signifies **"judgment."** Two sets of woes have passed. **A third set of woes is coming when many people of the world will cry: "Woe, woe!"** However, the number 9 also signifies **"gifts and fruit of the Spirit."** Others will cry "Hallelujah, hallelujah!" as they come out of Babylon in their immortal bodies, full of the Spirit of God, proclaiming: **The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns!**