

Rev 18:20-24- The Destruction Of Our Hatred Toward Christ And His Christ

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Rev 18:24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

Introduction

Here in this 18th chapter of Revelation is the temptation which no one but our Lord has ever resisted. We have all preferred "the kingdoms of this world... and the glory of them" to the promise of being given the opportunity to be in the kingdom of God, and the being hated of all men and the sure promise of being persecuted for living Godly lives in Christ, which come with being placed into that kingdom.

Luk 4:5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

Luk 4:6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

Luk 4:7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

Mat 10:22 **And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake:** but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

2Ti 3:12 Yea, and **all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.**

The living out of the verses of our study today are what we experience when we, with our Lord, are able to say the following words to all that Babylon within us has to offer. When the day finally comes that we see that man of sin standing in the holy place, which is just another way of describing our complete servitude to Babylon the Great the Mother of harlots and of abominations of the world within us all, then we too, will say this to that great red dragon which gives our beast

His throne and great authority over our lives...

Luk 4:8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Get thee behind me, Satan**: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

The destruction of the man of sin from out of the temple of God is the casting out of Satan from our heavens, because "the coming of the man of sin is after the working of Satan".

2Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for [that day shall not come], except there come a falling away first, and **that man of sin** be revealed, the son of perdition;

2Th 2:4 **Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.**

2Th 2:5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

2Th 2:6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

2Th 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth [will let], until he be taken out of the way.

2Th 2:8 And **then shall that Wicked be revealed**, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

2Th 2:9 [Even him], **whose coming is after the working of Satan** with all power and signs and lying wonders,

2Th 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

"That man of sin" is the worst enemy any of us will ever face. He is not some outward heretic or outward persecutor. He is in "the temple of God which temple ye are"

1Co 3:16 Know ye not that **ye are the temple of God**, and [that] the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1Co 3:17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; **for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.**

So "that man of sin" whose throne is given to him by Satan himself, is that person we all seen in the mirror every morning, and it is between the temples of that man where all of these wars in the heavens are taking place and are being fought. Our natural inclination to avoid being persecuted and hated of all men is one of the greatest weapons the Adversary has in his spiritual arsenal, to keep the beast over whom he has been granted dominion as the ruler upon the throne of our hearts.

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Luk 4:7 **If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.**

Rev 13:2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as [the feet] of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

We all, by the nature "delivered unto" us, just naturally prefer the temporary "pleasures of sin for

a season" over the unseen, permanent spiritual blessings which are all in Christ. It is this natural inclination which makes all that Babylon has to offer so very attractive to us all, as it was to the natural flesh of our Lord Himself. His own temptation in the wilderness was so strong that we are told "angels came and ministered unto Him".

Mat 4:8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

Mat 4:9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, **if thou wilt fall down and worship me.**

Mat 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Mat 4:11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, **angels came and ministered unto him.**

The only other time we are told that an angel came to strengthen our Lord, though they were no doubt there all along, is at the time of His impending crucifixion.

Luk 22:41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,

Luk 22:42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

Luk 22:43 **And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.**

So our Lord's temptation to succumb to the temporary pleasures of Babylon were very real. We too, require the ministry and strengthening of "His angels" to see us through these same periods of our own lives.

Mal 3:16 Then they that feared the LORD **spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it,** and a book of remembrance was written before him **for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.**

Mal 3:17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

Mal 3:18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

Eph 4:16 From whom **the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth,** according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, **maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.**

Heb 1:7 And of the angels he saith, **Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.**

Rev 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him [the angel]. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: **I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God:** for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Rev 22:8 And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of **the angel which shewed me these things.**

Rev 22:9 Then saith he unto me, **See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.**

We all live out these verses. We all attempt to "worship the angels sent to show us these things". We must be careful never to place God's messengers above our Lord, and yet we need to understand that without the messengers of the Lord, we will not be strengthened to endure to the end. Yes, the angels of Mat 4:11 and Luk 22:43 were spirit beings, but our "fellowservants, of our brothers, who keep the sayings of this book" speak the same spiritual words spoken by the angels which comforted and strengthened our Lord. It is always the same spiritual words which strengthen and heal us when we are in need.

Psa 107:20 **He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.**

Psa 107:21 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

With this in mind let's look at the good news of our deliverance out from under the deep darkness we once considered to be "angels of light", which are the sorceries of Babylon.

Rev 18:20 Rejoice over her, [thou] heaven, and [ye] holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

Why is heaven told to rejoice? Here is why heaven is told to rejoice at the fall of Babylon.

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

Eph 2:6 And hath raised [us] up together, **and made us sit together in heavenly** [places] in Christ Jesus:

If we are truly "in Christ" and He is "in us", then we are "seated with Him in the heavens" [Greek, *epouranios* - heavens], which "heavens have been cleansed by better sacrifices than the blood of bulls and goats".

Heb 9:19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, **he took the blood of calves and of goats**, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people,

Heb 9:20 Saying, This [is] the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.

Heb 9:21 Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.

Heb 9:22 And almost **all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of**

blood is no remission.

Heb 9:23 It was therefore necessary that **the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves [you and me, "in the heavens in Christ"] with better sacrifices than these.**

Heb 9:24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, **which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself** [into your heart and mine], **now to appear in the presence of God for us:**

Rev 18:21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast [it] into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

What is this stone? What is "the sea" into which it is cast?

Mat 21:42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, **The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?**

Mat 21:43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

Mat 21:44 **And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken:** but on whomsoever it shall fall, **it will grind him to powder.**

Mat 21:45 And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, **they perceived that he spake of them.**

It is only a millstone which grinds **us** to powder, and only after **we** are first broken by that same Stone, is the Pharisical spirit of Babylon **within us**"ground to powder" by the words of our Lord.

We have already seen that "the sea" is our flesh with all of its natural beastly desires, which are 180 degrees opposed to the leading of the spirit of our Lord. "The sea" within us is dominated by the natural influences and naturally desirable "delicacies" offered to us by the Biblical symbols of Tyre and Babylon, as we saw in last week's study. Here is "the sea" into which Christ, the rejected "millstone" is cast.

Rev 13:1 And I stood upon the sand of **the sea**, and saw **a beast rise up out of the sea**, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, **and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.**

Rev 17:15 And he saith unto me, The waters [the sea] which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

This beast, and all the peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues within us are "ground to powder" and are "destroyed by the brightness of the coming" of Christ, this rejected millstone, into our beast and into our "peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues" upon which Babylon

within us sits and rules over us as a monstrous, and unmerciful, and demanding God.

2Th 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; **so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.**

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Rev 18:23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

Was "the voice of harpers and musicians and of pipers and trumpeters" ever heard in Babylon? Were craftsmen and builders ever found in Babylon? Had the millstone ever done its work in Babylon? Did the light of a candle ever shine in Babylon? Was the voice of the bridegroom and the bride ever heard in Babylon to begin with?

What do the scriptures teach us? What they teach us is that those in Babylon are "carnal babes in Christ" who consider the milk of God's Word to be strong meat, and who consider strong meat to be impractical and deadly heresy. Babylon is not pagans or unbelievers, but "those... who believe on Christ" and "are yet carnal" and who cannot hear or understand Christ's speech", who do not believe it is possible to "know the Truth", and who mistake "the voice of a stranger" for the voice of "the true shepherd of the sheep". Babylon is the doctrines we have all believed which crucify Christ to this very day as He is proclaiming His gospel of His kingdom within those who are coming out of Babylon.

Joh 8:30 As he spake these words, **many believed on him.**

Joh 8:31 Then said Jesus **to those Jews which believed on him**, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

Joh 8:32 And **ye shall know the truth**, and the truth shall make you free.

Joh 8:33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

Joh 8:34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

Joh 8:35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: [but] the Son abideth ever.

Joh 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Joh 8:37 **I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.**

Joh 8:38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

Joh 8:39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.

Joh 8:40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.

Joh 8:41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, [even] God.

Joh 8:42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

Joh 8:43 **Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.**

Joh 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

These Jewish multitudes who "believed on Christ", yet "had no place within them for His Word" are the Biblical symbol of the multitudes of Christianity to this very day, who believe on Christ, yet have no place in them for His Word. We have all been there, just as the church at Corinth exemplifies.

The church at Corinth, is no different than "the seven churches of Asia". Corinth had many very commendable attributes. They had been given every conceivable spiritual gift and had waited upon and expected the coming of Christ, and yet they were "yet carnal" and were mere "babes in Christ" spiritually. Here we have the same seemingly impossible situation we see in John 8, where "many believed on Him... [and yet] wanted Him dead... because they "could not understand His speech or hear His Word". This is Babylon, which appeals to us all as spiritually "carnal... babes in Christ".

1Co 1:1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,

1Co 1:2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, **to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called [to be] saints**, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

1Co 1:3 Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

1Co 1:4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;

1Co 1:5 **That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and [in] all knowledge;**

1Co 1:6 Even as **the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:**

1Co 1:7 So that **ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:**

"Sanctified in Christ, called saints, in everything enriched by Him, in all utterance, and all knowledge... the testimony of Christ was confirmed in these Christians, and they came behind in no gift..." But in spite of all of these blessings this church was not "of one mind and one spirit", and were, in the final analysis, "yet carnal... babes in Christ", still in the bondage which is Babylon. Just

like the orthodox Christians of today, this church thought of itself as one church, while following different men instead of following Christ.

1Co 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, **but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.**

1Co 3:2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able [to bear it], neither yet now are ye able.

1Co 3:3 For **ye are yet carnal**: for whereas [there is] among you envying, and strife, and divisions, **are ye not carnal, and walk as men?**

1Co 3:4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; **are ye not carnal?**

Those who take pride in being divided from the Word, who identify with the doctrines of men over the Word of God, which is Christ, are "carnal... babes in Christ", who are yet in Babylon, the very throne of Satan himself.

God's elect, as His messengers and His angels, do their work "in the sea" also. But the angels and messengers of God should be followed only as they follow Christ.

Mat 4:19 And he saith unto them, **Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.**

1Co 11:1 Be ye followers of me, **even as I also am of Christ.**

It is incumbent upon all who would have life to know the voice of the True Shepherd.

Joh 10:4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: **for they know his voice.**

Joh 10:5 And **a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him**: for they know not the voice of strangers.

Knowing the voice of the True Shepherd is life eternal itself.

Joh 17:3 And **this is life eternal**, that they might **know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ**, whom thou hast sent.

We know the Father only through His Son. Therefore it is expedient that we "know His voice" and are able to "try the spirits to see whether they are of God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world".

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

1Jn 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but **try the spirits** whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. ["As angels of light", and as "the light of the candle" in Babylon]

2Co 11:14 And no marvel; for **Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.**

2Co 11:15 Therefore it is no great thing if **his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of**

righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

It is our candlestick in Babylon that is spoken of at the very beginning of this prophecy, because our walk begins in the darkness which is the spirit of Babylon. Yet that darkness is really just "the lesser light which rules the night", which is Babylon.

Gen 1:16 And God made **two great lights**; the greater light to rule the day, and **the lesser light to rule the night**: [he made] the stars also.

Rev 2:1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

Rev 2:2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

Rev 2:3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

Rev 2:4 Nevertheless I have [somewhat] against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

Rev 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and **repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.**

Rev 18:24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

Again, the Jewish economy of Christ's days in a body of flesh, are the type and shadow of the religious world of today. All religions on earth are in complete rebellion against the doctrines of our Shepherd and against His voice. To this very day, it is "those... that believe on Him" and who profess to follow Him, who hate Him the most. Christ says all prophets are slain only in Jerusalem.

Joh 8:37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; **but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.**

Luk 13:33 Nevertheless I must walk to day, and to morrow, and the [day] following: **for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem.**

Luk 13:34 **O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee**; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen [doth gather] her brood under [her] wings, and ye would not!

Luk 13:35 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, **Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

As the sons of God, we are not called out of the light, but "out of darkness". Jerusalem above is the mother of us all. But before we are her children, we are first in the darkness that is "the lesser light"

of Babylon, and in "Jerusalem which now is and is in bondage with her children".

Gal 4:22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.

Gal 4:23 But he [who was] of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman [was] by promise.

Gal 4:24 Which things are an allegory: **for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.**

Gal 4:25 For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to **Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.**

Gal 4:26 But **Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.**

"Bondage" and "darkness" are one and the same. And when we think of darkness as light, we are thinking of milk as meat.

Mat 6:22 **The light of the body is the eye:** if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

Mat 6:23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. **If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!**

Mat 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. **Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**

Mammon is money, and the delicacies of Babylon have a very high price. That price is our life, which we willingly forfeit for the temporary pleasures of this temporary, physical realm. It is for "thirty pieces of silver" that we all betray our Lord, and it is for so little that we despise our own birthright and our own lives in Christ. Such is the spirit of the great harlot who rules over all the kings of our earth and destroys and kills all the prophets who are sent to her.

Mat 26:14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, **went unto the chief priests,**

Mat 26:15 And said [unto them], **What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you?** And they covenanted with him **for thirty pieces of silver.**

Mat 26:16 And **from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.**

In closing I want to share a short study on the city of Capernaum which was sent to me by Larry Groenwald in Cape Town, South Africa. It is extremely instructive concerning the time we all spend in Babylon and our attitude during that time. Christ, as our example, "dwelt in Capernaum" after His baptism, just as we dwell in Babylon after our calling.

Here is Larry's study:

"I noticed something very familiar the other day when I read about the city of Capernaum that links to 'the great city', Babylon (the harlot) and the city of Tyrus (the city who said "I am of perfect beauty").

What first struck me was **the time** when Jesus came to dwell in Capernaum and where it was situated:

Mat 4:13 And **leaving Nazareth**, he came and dwelt in **Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast**, in the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali:

Jesus came up to Capernaum (after His temptation by the devil) **at the beginning** of His earthly ministry (Matt 4). It is situated 'upon the sea coast.' People also 'took shipping' to seek for Him (for physical miracles) when Jesus 'was not there':

Joh 6:24 When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, **they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum**, seeking for Jesus.

*[Editors note: Rev 17:1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore **that sitteth upon many waters:**]*

Jesus taught many times in their synagogue.

Mar 1:21 And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.

Luk 4:31 And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days.

*[Editors note: Rev 18:23 And **the light of a candle** shall shine no more at all in thee; and **the voice of the bridegroom** and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.]*

The reference to darkness when they 'went over the sea toward Capernaum' is also significant.

Joh 6:16 And when **even was now come**, his disciples went down unto the sea,

Joh 6:17 And entered into a ship, and went **over the sea** toward Capernaum. **And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them.**

*[Editors note: Joh 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I **am the light of the world**: he that followeth me **shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.**]*

The disciples also 'disputed among themselves by the way' to Capernaum about 'who should be the greatest'. In Capernaum a little child was used to teach the disciples humility.

Mar 9:33 And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way?

Mar 9:34 But they held their peace: for by the way **they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest.**

Mar 9:35 And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, **the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.**

Mar 9:36 And **he took a child, and set him in the midst of them:** and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them,

Mar 9:37 **Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me:** and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

While in the synagogue [at Capernaum], Jesus delivered His shocking message on the true Bread of life. Here many 'went back' and left Him and 'walked no more with Him'.

Joh 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.**

Joh 6:64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

Joh 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

Joh 6:66 **From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.**

*[Editor's note: Rev 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.***

Rev 18:5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.]

Jesus spent a lot of time in Capernaum. Jesus had to pay taxes there according to Jewish custom of the day, if a man became a resident in any city for twelve months, he thereby became a citizen and paid his proportion of dues and taxes. Capernaum, as Babylon, like tributes to be paid

Mat 17:24 And when they were come to Capernaum, **they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute?**

Mat 17:25 He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers?

Mat 17:26 Peter saith unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free.

Mat 17:27 Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.

*Editor's note: Rev 18:3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, **and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.***

Jesus performed many physical miracles in Capernaum (Mat 8:5-7; Mat 8:13; Mat 8:14-15; Mat 8:16; Joh 4:47; Joh 4:50).

Mat 8:5 And **when Jesus was entered into Capernaum**, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,

Mat 8:6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

Mat 8:7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

Mat 8:13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so]be it done unto thee. **And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.**

Mat 8:14 And when Jesus was come into **Peter's house**, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever.

Mat 8:15 **And he touched her hand, and the fever left her:** and she arose, and ministered unto them.

Mat 8:16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with [his] word, and healed all that were sick:

Mat 8:17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, **Himself took our**

infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

Joh 4:46 So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. **And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.**

Joh 4:47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.

Joh 4:48 Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

Joh 4:49 The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.

Joh 4:50 Jesus saith unto him, **Go thy way; thy son liveth.** And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.

'The multitude resorted unto Him' because of the physical miracles:

Mar 2:13 And he went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them.

It was in Capernaum that Jesus spoke this rebuke:

Joh 4:48 Then said Jesus unto him, **Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.**

Editor's note: Joh 8:43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

Capernaum was not spiritually awakened and was worse than Sodom with their physical lust and pride:

Mat 11:23 And thou, **Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.**

Luk 10:15 And thou, Capernaum, **which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell.**

Editor's note: Rev 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Rev 18:5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

Rev 18:6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

*Rev 18:7 **How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.***

*Rev 18:8 **Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire:** for strong [is] the Lord God who judgeth her.*

What is further interesting is that Capernaum was never mentioned in the Old Testament neither outside of the four Gospels. The gospels emphasize the importance of Capernaum in the earthly ministry of Christ when we know Christ [only] after the flesh:

2Co 5:16 Wherefore **henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.**

However, five of Jesus' apostles came from or was associated with Capernaum (Peter, Andrew, James, John, Matthew):

Rev 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven