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*An Apostolic Pentecostal
Interpretation of Revelation 17-18
with Isaiah 24:20*

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Revelation 16:15

Foreword

My booklet offers an Apostolic Pentecostal reading of Revelation 17–18 with Isaiah 24:20 integrated throughout. It is written to encourage repentance, holiness, faithful stewardship, and readiness in the Body of Christ. Scripture quotations are given in the King James Version (KJV). This is a pastoral and prophetic application — not a precise timetable — intended to help believers prepare spiritually and practically.

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Introduction: Hermeneutic and Method

An Apostolic Pentecostal hermeneutic affirms:

- The Bible is the inspired, authoritative Word of God.
- Prophecy in Revelation and the prophets is both symbolic and anchored to real historical and future realities (nations, cities, systems).
- Holiness, repentance, and reliance on the Holy Ghost are central.
- Application should lead to revival, evangelism, and practical care for the needy.

We read Revelation 17–18 and Isaiah 24:20 as prophetic testimony that God will shake and judge worldly empires built on pride, idolatry, and oppression. This shaking is both moral and material, designed to expose sin and make way for God's righteous rule.

Overview of Revelation 17–18 and Isaiah 24:20

Revelation 17 (summary)

- Depicts a woman called Babylon the great, sitting upon many waters (Rev 17:1–3), arrayed in purple and scarlet, adorned with gold and precious stones (Rev 17:4–5). She is said to be drunken with the blood of the saints (Rev 17:6). The beast and kings of the earth commit fornication with her (Rev 17:3–13). The beast destroys the woman in the closing vision (Rev 17:16–18).

Revelation 18 (summary)

- Declares the fall of Babylon (Rev 18:2–3). An angel cries “Come out of her, my people” (Rev 18:4). Merchants, shipmasters, and kings mourn because their riches vanish (Rev 18:9–19). The chapter details the economic and cultural devastation and commands rejoicing in heaven over her judgment (Rev 18:20–24).

Isaiah 24:20 (KJV)

“The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.”

Isaiah 24:20 amplifies Revelation’s seismic judgments: the nations and their structures will reel and be removed because of transgression. Together these

passages portray decisive divine action against corrupt systems.

Who or What Is Babylon? (Identity and Character)

Babylon as Type and Reality

- Not only ancient city: Babylon is a biblical type representing systems that exalt wealth, power, false religion, and immorality above God.
- A combined religious-political-economic system: Revelation shows Babylon as both a harlot (religious seduction) and a merchant power (economic domination).
- Characteristics:
- Seduction and deception: she entices nations into compromise (Rev 17:2–3).
- Luxury and excess: adorned in gold, silk, and costly things (Rev 17:4; Rev 18:12–13).
- Persecution of the saints: drunk with the blood of God’s people (Rev 17:6).
- Global economic influence: kings, merchants, and shipmasters depend on her commerce (Rev 18:9–19).

Contemporary manifestations

- Transnational financial networks, corrupt political alliances, cultural elites, and false prosperity

teachings that fuse religion and wealth are ways the Babylonian type can appear today. The prophetic pattern warns against allegiance to these systems.

The Economic Forecast: How Babylon's Fall May Manifest

The prophetic language in Revelation and Isaiah suggests motifs that may accompany Babylon's judgment. These are pastoral forecasts, not precise predictions.

A. Systemic Financial Shock

- Sudden market collapses and major stock market crashes.
- Banking crises, freezes of liquidity, runs on institutions.
- Rapid devaluation or failure of dominant currencies that underpin global trade.
- Isaiah 24:20's "earth shall reel" supports the expectation of abrupt, seismic financial shocks.

B. Political and Oligarchic Accountability

- Exposure of corruption; public shaming or removal of powerful elites.
- Legal action, asset seizure, or collapse of oligarchic structures that benefited from oppression.

- Redistribution effects as ill-gotten wealth is taken from complicit powers (Rev 18:17–19).

C. Global Trade Disruption

- Collapse or severe contraction of luxury markets, speculative finance, and industries tied to extravagant consumption.
- Supply-chain interruptions affecting nations dependent on imports/exports and tourism.
- The mourning of merchants and seamen (Rev 18:11–19) portrays the economic fallout for trade-focused actors.

D. Cultural and Religious Unmasking

- False religions, prosperity schemes, and cultural idols lose credibility.
- Moral reckoning as societies confront the cost of systemic sin.

E. Social Consequences

- The poor and vulnerable will suffer first and most; displacement and increased need for relief will follow.
- Potential social unrest as populations respond to economic distress.

F. A Call to Separation

- God’s command “Come out of her” (Rev 18:4) is central. Separation from corrupt systems preserves the faithful from sharing in judgment and positions the church to minister in crisis.

Theological Implications for the Church Holiness and Separation

- The church must resist assimilation into Babylonian patterns of greed, compromise, and moral laxity. True separation is not isolation but sanctified engagement for witness and mercy.

Persecution and Perseverance

- Babylon persecutes saints. Expect opposition, slander, and material pressures. The church is called to persevere by faith and prayer.

Stewardship and Generosity

- Wealth is to be stewarded for kingdom purposes. The coming shocks emphasize generosity, justice, and communal provision.

Prophetic Witness

- Believers must speak truth, call for repentance, and model sacrificial love and integrity.

Hope and Restoration

- Judgment of Babylon clears the way for God's righteous reign and the ultimate restoration of all things in Christ.

Pastoral Counsel and Practical Preparation

Spiritual Preparation

- Repentance: personal and corporate confession of complicity with unjust systems.
- Revival prayer: seek the infilling and guidance of the Holy Ghost.
- Teach and preach the urgency of holiness and evangelism.

Financial and Practical Steps (wise, not fear-driven)

- Reduce unnecessary debt and avoid speculative investment schemes that promise get-rich-quick returns.
- Diversify legitimate sources of provision and cultivate practical skills.
- Build local resilience: community food stores, benevolence funds, shared skill networks.
- Transparent and ethical business practices: be above reproach.

Church Readiness

- Develop benevolence plans, emergency response teams, counseling resources, and partnerships with local ministries.
- Train members in practical relief work: food distribution, sheltering, and trauma care.

Advocacy and Justice

- Speak against systems that exploit the poor; support policies and ministries that promote economic justice and human dignity.

Call to Repentance, Prayer, and Action

Immediate spiritual actions:

- Confess and forsake any allegiance to covetousness or injustice.
- Organize corporate prayer and fasting for nations, leaders, and the oppressed.
- Heed the angel's warning: "Come out of her, my people" (Rev 18:4).

Sample short prayer

Heavenly Father, we repent for any part we have played in supporting or benefiting from systems that oppress and exalt wealth above You. Deliver Your

people from compromise; give us courage to come out of the things that grieve You. Give wisdom to prepare, mercy to care for the afflicted, and boldness to preach Jesus. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Appendices

Appendix A — Isaiah 24:20 — Expanded Study and Commentary

Isaiah 24:20 (KJV) — “The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.”

Context and Background

- Isaiah 24 is an oracle of global judgment. The chapter speaks of devastation across the earth because of widespread transgression (Isaiah 24:5–6). The language is cosmic: the earth is defiled; the inhabitants are punished; the cities and strongholds are broken.
- Verse 20 uses an image of a drunken, stumbling earth. The “cottage” image implies a fragile dwelling that is easily moved — the nations’ foundations are unstable because of sin.

Prophetic significance

- The verse harmonizes with Revelation’s shaking

imagery (Rev 6:12–14; Rev 16:18–20). It emphasizes the sovereignty of God in bringing decisive judgment upon systems rooted in iniquity.

- The “transgression thereof” being heavy indicates that corporate and national sin incurs consequence, not merely individual sin.

Applications (Apostolic Pentecostal)

- The verse supports a theology of divine shaking: God will remove or overturn systems that defy His righteousness.

- Economically, Isaiah 24:20 is consistent with sudden and irreversible breakdowns of institutions and currencies that are upheld by power and injustice.

- Spiritually, the call is to be anchored in Christ so that when the earth reels, believers stand firm.

Cross-references

- Revelation 6:12–14 — cosmic disturbances at God’s judgments.

- Revelation 16:18–19 — great earthquakes and cities falling.

- Psalm 46:2–3 — God’s people not afraid though the earth be removed.

- Haggai 2:6 — “Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth...”

- Hebrews 12:26–27 — God’s voice then, and the shaking of things that are shaken to remain.

Sermon/Application Outline (brief)

- Introduction: The world reels — Isaiah’s picture of a staggering earth.
- Point 1: The cause — transgression and corporate sin (Isaiah 24:5–6).
- Point 2: The shaking — why God shakes nations (Haggai 2:6; Heb 12:26–27).
- Point 3: The consequences — systems fall (Isaiah 24:20; Rev 18).
- Point 4: The remedy — come out of her, repent, anchor in Christ (Rev 18:4; Psalm 46).
- Conclusion: The shaking is terrible but purposed for restoration; call to repentance and readiness.

Appendix B — Key Scriptures and Cross-References (KJV)

- Isaiah 24:20
- Revelation 17:1–18
- Revelation 18:1–24
- Revelation 16:19
- Revelation 6:12–14
- Haggai 2:6; Hebrews 12:26–27
- Jeremiah 50–51; Isaiah 47

- Psalm 46; Matthew 6:19–21; James 5:1–6

Appendix C — Sermon Outline on Isaiah 24:20 and Revelation 17–18

Title: When the Earth Reels — Come Out of Babylon

- Opening Scripture: Isaiah 24:20; Revelation 18:4
- Outline:
 1. The Condition: Transgression weighs heavily (Isaiah 24:5–6).
 2. The Shaking: God’s sovereign correction (Haggai 2:6; Heb 12:26).
 3. The Exposure: Babylon’s luxury and blood (Rev 17:4–6; Rev 18:3).
 4. The Consequence: Economic and political collapse (Rev 18:9–19; Isa 24:20).
 5. The Call: Come out of her, my people (Rev 18:4) — repentance, separation, witness.
 6. The Hope: God’s kingdom and restoration (Rev 21–22 summary).
- Closing: Altar call for repentance, baptism in Jesus’ name, prayer for infilling of the Holy Ghost.

Appendix D — Study Questions and Small Group Guide

Study Questions

1. What images in Revelation 17–18 most clearly reveal Babylon’s character?

2. How does Isaiah 24:20 amplify the prophetic message of Revelation 17–18?
3. In what ways might modern financial systems reflect the Babylon type?
4. What are practical church responses to come out of Babylon?
5. How do we care for the poor and vulnerable during systemic collapse?

Group Guide (60–90 minutes)

- Opening prayer (5 min)
- Read Isaiah 24:20, Revelation 17–18 (10–15 min)
- Discussion on imagery and identity of Babylon (15–20 min)
- Practical planning: community care, benevolence, skills training (15–20 min)
- Commitments: actions the church will take in next 30/90 days (10 min)
- Closing prayer and commissioning (5 min)

Appendix E — Prayers, Litany, and Practical Templates

Prayer for Deliverance and Wisdom

Heavenly Father, in mercy deliver us from the spirit of Babylon. Grant us courage to come out of that which offends You. Give us wisdom to steward resources righteously, to care for the poor, and to

stand faithful in times of shaking. Pour out Your Spirit upon Your Church. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Litany — “Come Out”

Leader: “Come out of her, my people.”

People: “We come out by repentance and faith.”

Leader: “For her sins have reached unto heaven.”

People: “We cry for mercy and commit to holiness.”

Leader: “God will shake the earth.”

People: “Lord, make us steadfast in You.”

Practical Templates (to copy and adapt)

- Church Benevolence Policy: criteria, process, fund management.
- Emergency Response Plan: team roles, food distribution, temporary shelter.
- Financial Stewardship Checklist: reducing debt, building emergency savings, ethical investments.

Final Encouragement

The prophetic vision of Revelation 17–18 and Isaiah 24:20 calls the Church to sober vigilance, holiness, and compassionate action. Judgment of Babylon is a warning and a summons: to come out, to prepare, and to be instruments of mercy and truth. The collapse of

worldly empires points us to an unshakeable hope —
Christ alone.

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