

“And I heard another voice from heaven saying,
‘Come out of her, my people ...’”



Revelation 18:4

*Many people wonder why there are so many Christian denominations. This is a fair question. After all, there is just **one** Bible, **one** Savior and **one** God, so it is difficult to understand why there should be so many different churches. The purpose of this lesson will be to understand both the cause of and the solution to this phenomenon.*

Revelation 14:6-12 contains God’s final message that goes out to all the world.

1. According to Revelation 14:6, what does the angel have and to whom does it go?

2. What is the essence of the angel’s message in Revelation 14:7?

3. What is the message of the second angel in Revelation 14:8?

4. Summarize the message of the third angel in Revelation 14:9,10.

5. What does the third angel call people to do in Revelation 14:12?

6. Revelation 17:5 tells us the “name” of this unfaithful woman. What is it?

This reference to Babylon is an important one, and we must not overlook it! Genesis 11:1-9 and Daniel 4:30 are two passages that sum up what Babylon represented and stood for. Babylon (both ancient and neo) was a man-made system and the center of false worship.

Identifying End-Time Babylon

7. Revelation 17 gives no less than seven identifying characteristics of end-time Babylon:

Guilty of _____

Dressed in _____

Called the _____

Has fallen harlot _____

Persecuted and murdered _____

Sits on _____

Relationship to kings _____

Significantly, Revelation describes this woman, this unfaithful church, as dressing in the same colors as the priests of the Old Testament. There is just one color missing: blue (see Exodus 28:2, 4-5). According to Numbers 15:38, 39, the blue in the priestly garment in the Old Testament was a symbol of the remembrance of and adherence to the commandments of God. Clearly, she cannot be Christ's true bride, for Christ's true bride at the end of time keeps the commandments of God.

See Revelation 12:17; 14:12; 22:14.

8. The woman of Revelation 17 purports to be God's priest, God's representative, but in the absence of the color blue, John, the author of Revelation, is communicating that this unfaithful church has something. What is it?

9. According to Matthew 16:13-19 (especially v. 18), how many churches did Jesus Christ establish?

There are over 1000 separate Christian denominations and sects in the world today, yet Jesus established just a single church. What happened? Revelation holds the key.

The harlot daughters are daughter churches which represent the Protestant/Evangelical churches that came out of the mother church and brought with them many of her teachings.

10. In Revelation 17:2, what kind of doctrine does the golden cup of wine in her hand represent?

As an eternal principle, you do not go to the church to find the truth, you go to the Bible to find the truth. When you find the truth, you look for a church that teaches the truth.

11. In Revelation 18:1-5, what is God calling His people to come out of?

God claims the people, but the systems that teach error and ignore the plain teachings of the Bible are judged and disavowed. It is not difficult to discern whether or not one is “in Babylon;” one need only ask, and answer, a simple question: Does my church, my “community of faith,” contain any residual papal, pagan, or Babylonian elements or teachings?

The woman of Revelation 12 is depicted as being clothed with those things that bring light to this planet, the sun, moon, and stars. God’s end-time church will be steeped in the light of the Bible - its teachings, its principles, its practices, and its commandments.

God’s end-time church will adhere to the faith of Jesus. It will uphold the divine law as the great moral standard, but it will point to Jesus Christ as the only way of salvation. Law and gospel will be joined beautifully in this end-time community of faith.

Identifying God's End-Time Community of Faith

13. List characteristics of God's end-time community of faith:

Keep _____

Revelation 12:17

Preach _____

Revelation 14:6

Size _____

Revelation 14:6

Preaches we are living in a time of _____

Revelation 14:7

Teaches the body is _____

Revelation 14:7, 1 Corinthians 10:31

Identifies _____

Revelation 14:9,10

Teaches the truth about _____

Revelation 14:13

Preaches _____

Revelation 14:14

Calls people out of _____

Revelation 14:8

14. God challenges you today the same way He challenged God's people through Elijah in 1 Kings 18:21. What was the challenge?

God has a plan for your life, and it is not by accident that you came to these meetings. God has brought Bible truth to you because He believes you can be trusted with it. Will you join this end-time movement? What is your answer to Him? _____