Praise God, her end is coming and, from the context here, she will remain a mystery to most of the people until her destruction is finally complete; then they will see just what she was. Revelation chapter 18, continues the description of Babylon's end in verse 20: "Rejoice over her, thou heaven and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her." We, who are Christians, are to rejoice at her end, and not be sorrowful that the present world system is passing away, but joyful that its wicked control and destructive influence is at an end. We have already been told in this same passage that she is the cause of the death of the Christian martyrs. In Jeremiah 51:25, God calls her, "O destroying mountain which destroyeth all the earth." And we read in Jeremiah 51:49, "As Babylon hath caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth."

Babylon is guilty of causing the death of the Israel people and, as she falls, it will be revealed that she is actually the cause of death of the people of the earth. In other words, this iniquitous and wicked system of secret rule over the nations and the governments of the nations is responsible for all wars and for the deaths of untold millions upon millions of the people of the earth, in this last age. That is why we read in Revelation 18:24, "And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth." It will be found and it will be disclosed that she was the cause of wars, of famines, of pestilences upon earth. How could all of these Scriptures be fulfilled in a short sevenyear reign of some future man called

antiChrist? Obviously, they could not; but they are fulfilled in the secret, behind-thescenes control of the nations, which has existed in this age. Now, at the end of this age, it is being made visible to the inhabitants of the earth. Mystery, Babylon the Great and the wicked people, who are her operatives, are being revealed just prior to their destruction and the end of their wicked rule.

Reading on in Revelation 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*" This last verse again-shows the parallel with Jeremiah 51:60-64: "So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, even all these words that are written against Babylon. And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When thou comest to Babylon, and shalt see, and shalt read all these words; Then shalt thou say, O Lord, thou hast spoken against this place, to cut it off, that none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate for ever. And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, that thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates: And thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her: and they shall be weary. Thus far are the words of Jeremiah." The symbolism of the stone sunk in the river is identical in both prophecies. Mystery Babylon shall, utterly and everlastingly, be destroyed from off the face of the earth!

Revelation 18:22, "And, the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee,. and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee,. and the sound of a stone shall be heard no *more at all in thee.*" None of the people or the workers and producers of the earth will ever work for the wicked of Babylon any more. Verse 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.*" I believe this has reference to the Christian church coming out from under Babylon's control.

Throughout this study, I have shown that the doctrine of the pretribulation rapture of the church is false, that it has no foundation in Scripture; and that it is, actually, a doctrine which hides the present existence of Mystery Babylon from the Christian people. By getting the Christians to look for a future antiChrist, they do not see the present antiChrist. By getting them all to desire to leave the earth and turn the earth over to antiChrist, they are removed from the field of battle. So, today, many professing Christians are in Babylon protecting her, propping her up, supporting her secret power over the people and even siding in with her to urge the people to war against each other, rather than against Mystery Babylon. However, they will come out as Babylon falls and they will not support her, but instead will join with those of us who are exposing and fighting this most wicked of all of the wicked dictatorships of the earth — that of Mystery, Babylon the Great.

The next phrase of **Revelation 18:23** reads, "...for thy merchants were the great men of the earth." Yes, the multibillionaire merchants of world trade and

commerce are the great men of the earth; the most powerful, the ones who actually and secretly control nations and their governments. The last phrase in verse 23 says, "...for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived." The word" sorceries" is from the Greek word "pharmakeia," which means drugs or anything which confuses or befuddles the mind. Lies, propaganda, mental conditioning and even actual, mind-affecting drugs, all fit this and the world is saturated with them today. As mentioned earlier in this study, the resulting state of mind is what the Scripture calls drunken or incapable of natural reason. The mind is affected and the person acts irrationally, even doing things which are harmful to himself, to his loved ones or to his nation. It will end only with the destruction of this Babylonian dictatorship system.

As this revealing of her secrets progresses, we are discovering her guilt in the deaths of "all that were slain upon the earth"; this guilt will condemn her and then destroy her with the completion of God's work, in this age. This is the time spoken of by Jesus in Luke 21:22, "For these be the days of vengence, that all things which are written may befulfilled." Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 2:7 and 8, "But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew, for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory." When the antiChrists crucified Jesus, they sealed their own doom; for His death bought our life and His resurrection made Him victor over even death itself!

The last act of this glorious drama is about to be enacted upon the stage of the world. The time is soon coming when Jesus' words in Matthew 13:41 and 42, will be fulfilled: "The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth" Who shall be gathered out, the church, the Christian believers? No, the wicked will be gathered out! Matthew 13:43, "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

In this Bible study, I have identified this mysterious control, this mystery, if you please, from Revelation, Bible prophecies, and from the obvious proof which can now be seen as we come under greater dictatorial control by the enemies of Christ. Part of this control is shown to be operated through the U.N. Also, part of it is obviously religious in that few if any of the churches of America, either Protestant or Catholic, ever gave any warning or understanding of the actions and the control of the antiChrist. The phony oil shortage, which disrupted many small businesses, bankrupted thousands, and put millions of Americans out of work, is but one example of economic control; where just a handful of people — perhaps numbering in the thousands — can plan and carry out a program to force millions of citizens of scores of countries to pay them double for one product in a matter of months. This total, collected in excess prices on oil, will reach over one hundred billion dollars per year

by the end of this year. That is the equivalent of ten percent of the production of America!

If an enemy or an enemy ruler sent us an ultimatum and told us they wanted ten percent of the earnings of every working man in America, we would rise up and fight. But powerful and secret economic manipulations can take ten percent of the earnings of every worker in America. The workers, by and large, know they have lost that much, that somehow hundreds of dollars have been taken from them, but they do not know who did it, they don't know how it was done, and they do not know what to do about it. No wonder the angel called this secret world power, "Mystery"; for that is what it is to most of the world.

However, as spiritual, political, and economic conditions continue to worsen on the world's stage, the informed Christian can take great hope, since he recognizes the signs pointing to the collapse and eventual destruction of Mystery Babylon. The heartbreaking sufferings and injustices she has inflicted upon God's people will be redressed and Israel will go free at last, ever to be with her God. Faithful obedience to His commandments qualifies us to overcome the deceptions and oppressions of Mystery Babylon and live in God's Kingdom forever! Are you ready? Israel's turn is coming — don't miss it!