

UNRAVELLING THE BOOK OF REVELATION | SESSION 46 (PART 2)

THE PRIMARY PREMISES OF THE HARLOT-BABYLON



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In the last session, we shared with you what the Harlot-Babylon is, and went through in detail Revelation 17:1–4,6. Today we will talk about the primary premises of the Harlot-Babylon.

There are six primary premises of the Harlot-Babylon:

THE HARLOT IS PRIMARILY A RELIGIOUS SYSTEM

The word “*harlot*” in the Bible is often used in the context of religion. It speaks of Israel’s unfaithfulness to Yahweh God when she goes after idols. All the verses in the Old Testament about **national or spiritual harlotry refer to idolatry and false religion**. In those times, it involves demon worship, immorality and human sacrifice (1 Chron. 5:25; Ezek. 23:37; Hosea 4:11–12).

Hence, the Harlot-Babylon is **primarily a religious system**. Believers who take a stand against the Harlot-Babylon will be martyred. They will be killed for saying that Jesus is the only true God and that the Harlot-Babylon is demonic (Rev. 17:6).



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THE HARLOT-BABYLON IS ABOUT THE EMERGENCE OF ONE-WORLD RELIGION

Most war and conflicts in history were linked to religious differences. Therefore, many believe that world peace can only be achieved through a religious solution.

The Harlot-Babylon is about the emergence of One-world Religion. The term “*Mother of Harlots*” tells us that it will be a **system that will be able to pull the religions of the world together** (Rev. 17:5). It will be a One-world Religion that is based on tolerance and syncretism. The different religions will likely have to compromise in their beliefs to achieve unity.



As believers, we seek peace and harmony. But it should never be at the expense of compromising our fundamental beliefs, e.g., that Jesus is the only way to God and there is no other way to salvation except through Christ (Jn. 14:6).

On the outside, the Harlot-Babylon will appear to be good. But we have to discern the spirit operating behind her. Inwardly, she is full of abominations and filthiness, and is totally evil and demonic (Rev. 17:4).

The “*peace*” that the Harlot-Babylon brings, in conjunction with the Antichrist, is not true peace. Instead, it will lead to a **period of false peace and safety**, which in turn, is the precursor to the reign of the Antichrist in the final 3½ years of human history (1 Thes. 5:2–6).

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IT IS LIKELY THAT ISRAEL AND THE HARLOT CHURCH WILL BE AT THE CORE OF THE HARLOT-BABYLON

By definition, the term “*Harlot*” must refer to **one who was formerly in covenant with God**. It refers to the people of God who are now involved in idolatry.

More and more as we approach the End of the Age, there will be a **True Church** and a **Harlot Church**.

The True Church of Jesus is grounded in the truth, and is a prophetic Church who has the spirit of understanding and discernment. She is one who preaches the true gospel, the whole counsel of God and she will ultimately become the mature, equally-yoked Bride.



On the other hand, **the Harlot Church is the counterfeit bride** that Satan is raising up. She is a Church that has compromised and allowed secular narrative and the world's values to creep in.

She will preach the humanistic gospel that exalts the good, dignity and rights of man on man's terms (blessings, prosperity and happiness, etc.), **without the need for genuine repentance and relationship with Jesus.** It will be a “*gospel*” which is not based on sound doctrine (2 Tim. 4:3–5).

The Harlot Church will partake with the sins of the Harlot-Babylon and will ultimately be judged by the Lord.



F O U R

THE HARLOT- BABYLON WILL BE THE COMPOSITE OF TWO GLOBAL SYSTEMS OR NETWORKS WORKING IN SYNERGY –

the Harlot religious system and the Babylon economic system. Their synergy will bring about unprecedented power and influence for the highest evil to be brought forth.



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THE HARLOT- BABYLON WILL LIKELY INVOLVE TWO DIFFERENT CITIES THAT WILL WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER

Most likely, the Harlot religious network will be established in Jerusalem and the Babylon economic network will be based in the rebuilt literal city of Babylon in Iraq.

There are a few scriptures in the Book of Revelation referring to both Jerusalem and Babylon as “the great city”, and in some of the verses, these two cities appear to be linked (Rev. 11:8; 14:8,19–20; 16:19; 17:18; 18:10–21).

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THERE WILL BE TWO DESTRUCTIONS OF THE HARLOT-BABYLON

There are two falls of the Harlot-Babylon (Rev. 18:2).

The Harlot religious network will be destroyed by the Antichrist at the beginning of the final 3 ½ years to make way for the Antichrist worldwide religious system.

During this period, the **Babylon economic network will be replaced by the Mark-of-the-Beast economic system.** This system, together with the literal city of Babylon, will be destroyed at the **Seventh Bowl** (Rev. 16:19)!



WHY IS THERE A NEED FOR THE HARLOT-BABYLON?

The Harlot-Babylon plays a **significant role** in Satan's End-Time plan for the Antichrist and himself to be worshipped by all nations. Satan has a **two-stage plan** to lead the nations fully into Antichrist worship. He knows that **it will be too far a gap to breach** for those with a religious heritage to suddenly become devout Satan and Antichrist worshippers.

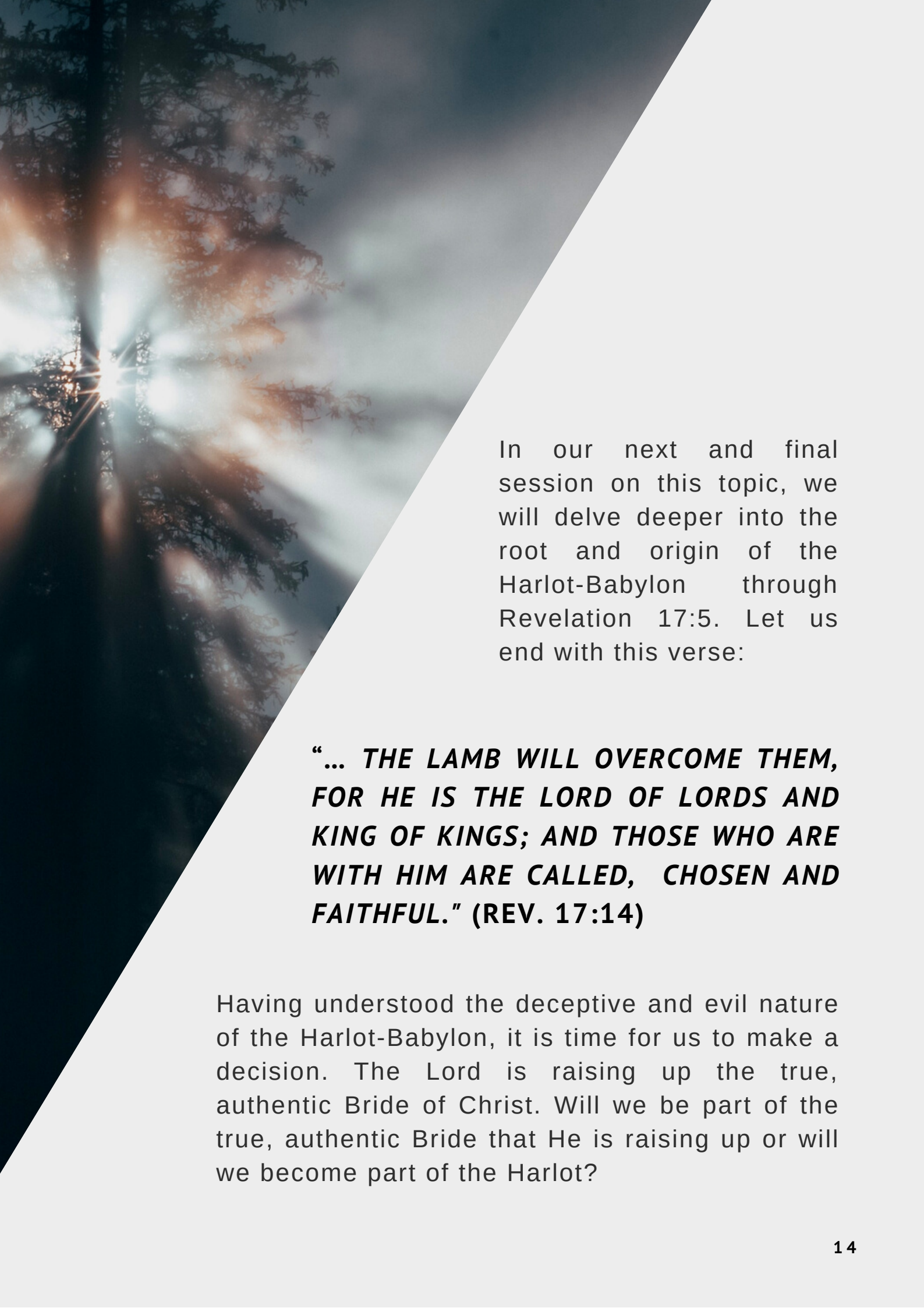
Hence, for the first stage, Satan will raise up a **worldwide religion that preaches tolerance and affirmation without absolutes**. It will teach that **all religions lead to the same God**. It will be a religious movement that appears to be filled with "compassion and mercy". They will feed the poor and be involved in global humanitarian projects.

Through the Harlot religion, Satan will weaken and dull the conscience, conviction and resolve of the people who believe in God, thus preparing the way for them to become Antichrist worshippers. By joining the Harlot religion which is demonically empowered, their conscience will be greatly defiled. This will, in turn, make it easy for them to break their affiliation and allegiance to their religious heritage.

Hence, the first stage of a **voluntary, tolerant and humanistic worldwide Harlot religion** will eventually lead to the second stage of a **totally involuntary and mandatory Antichrist worship movement**, where resisters will be martyred. The Antichrist worship movement will be further empowered by the economic monopoly of the mandatory Mark-of-the-Beast system.



What the enemy has meant for evil, the Lord has meant for good (Gen. 50:20). Through the persecutions of the Harlot-Babylon, the Lord is refining and purifying the saints to emerge as the mature, equally-yoked Bride (Rev. 17:6; Dan. 11:33–35; 12:10). Indeed, His plan is perfect and sovereign, and will certainly come to pass.



In our next and final session on this topic, we will delve deeper into the root and origin of the Harlot-Babylon through Revelation 17:5. Let us end with this verse:

“... THE LAMB WILL OVERCOME THEM, FOR HE IS THE LORD OF LORDS AND KING OF KINGS; AND THOSE WHO ARE WITH HIM ARE CALLED, CHOSEN AND FAITHFUL.” (REV. 17:14)

Having understood the deceptive and evil nature of the Harlot-Babylon, it is time for us to make a decision. The Lord is raising up the true, authentic Bride of Christ. Will we be part of the true, authentic Bride that He is raising up or will we become part of the Harlot?

All we need to do is to say yes to Jesus to be His Bride. Let us pledge ourselves to be with Him, to be loyal to Him, and to faithfully stand with Him until the end, without bending or giving in to compromise.

If we do so, the Lamb is the One who will fight for us. He will empower us to overcome our enemies and strengthen us to stand. He will refine and purify us, so that we will emerge fully as His victorious and glorious mature Bride!

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