

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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| Thurs. Oct. 14 | NO SEMINAR |
| Fri. Oct. 15 | In Search of the Church |
| Sat. am Oct. 16 | Movement of Destiny |
| Sat. pm Oct. 16 | God's Message, Our Mission |

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.” ~ Acts 2:42

W MORE Answers in Prophecy: Join us the next three Wednesdays, 7pm as we dig deeper into the Rapture, the Mark of the Beast, and the US in Bible Prophecy. Wednesdays, 7pm in the Fellowship Hall (Oct 20, 27, Nov. 3).

Th House of Prayer: Songs, testimonies, and united prayer. Thursdays, 7pm in the Conference Rm (starting Oct. 28).

Sa Grounded: a Sabbath School class for those new to faith or wanting a new start. These weekly studies will focus on growing a deeply rooted relationship with Jesus. Sabbaths, 9:30am in Adult Classroom 1 (starting Oct. 23).



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ANSWERS IN PROPHECY

Why So Many Denominations

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Jesus and His Church...es?

- Matthew 16:13-18—Jesus makes it very clear that He would build _____ church upon the immovable foundation of Himself, the chief cornerstone (cf. Matt. 21:42-44; 1 Cor. 3:11; 10:4; 1 Pet. 2:4-7).
- Ephesians 5:22-27—Paul paints the picture of Jesus loving and caring for His _____ church just as a husband gives himself to one wife.

The Bible is clear: there is “one Lord, one faith, one baptism” (Eph. 4:5). We have seen that Jesus established a single church, yet there are thousands of separate denominations within Christianity. What has happened? As we shall see, the book of Revelation gives us the answer.

- Rev. 12:1—There are _____ women depicted in the book of Revelation. The first is a pure woman who represents God's _____ church. (cf. Jer. 6:2; 2 Cor. 11:2) *More on this Friday.*
- Rev. 17:1-5—Here, an adulterous woman is described as a harlot having numerous _____ who are also adulterous. In this way, John sees in vision the presence of an unfaithful church named _____ who has spawned the existence of other unfaithful churches.

Babylonian Background

- Genesis 11:1-9—Babylon originated from the Tower of _____, which was:
 - ▶ a _____ system
 - ▶ based on _____ of God and His promises
 - ▶ a system that led to _____
 - ▶ eventually going to _____

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- ❑ Daniel 4:30—Babylon was also a great _____ and empire that was:
 - ▶ a _____ power (cf. Dan. 4:22)
 - ▶ extremely _____
 - ▶ known to command the entire world to _____ (cf. Dan. 3:4-6)
 - ▶ eventually going to _____ (cf. Jer. 51:6-9)
- ❑ Summary: Babylon was a system of **c**ontempt, **c**onfusion, **c**oercion, **c**aptivity, **c**ollapse.

Who is this Woman?

- ❑ Revelation 17:1-5—Identify the characteristics of this false church below.
 - ▶ “harlot”: _____ to the “vows” or covenant law of God
 - ▶ “sits on many waters”: rises out of a _____ area
 - ▶ sitting on a beast: relies upon _____ authority
 - ▶ names of blasphemy: claims the power and prerogatives of _____ (cf. Mark 2:7; John 10:33)
 - ▶ drunk with blood: is a _____ church
 - ▶ precious stones and pearls: is a _____ church
 - ▶ purple, scarlet, and gold: poses as Christ’s _____ ministry but is missing the blue which represents the _____ (cf. Ex. 28:5-6, 13-15; Num. 15:37)
 - ▶ cup of abominations and fornications: intoxicates the world with _____ (cf. Prov. 12:22) that mar the character of God and with unfaithfulness to God’s covenant _____ that destroys our relationship with Him
- ❑ Note the striking prophetic parallels: The above description combines in an unmistakable way the dual nature of the Antichrist (*Presentation #4*): violent opposition against Jesus (little horn of Dan. 7) and subtle substitution for Jesus (sea beast of Rev. 13). Therefore, to identify end-time Babylon is to identify the Antichrist power foretold in Daniel 7 that would resurge at the end of time as foretold in Revelation 13.
- ❑ In view of these characteristics, this is undoubtedly the _____.

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- ❑ Revelation 17:5—If she is the mother of _____, her daughters are those churches that still maintain _____ Babylonianism and themselves are unfaithful to the covenant _____ of God.

The Restoration of Faith

- ❑ Jude 3—In the face of the abuses of the Roman Church-State, God raised up _____ to contend for the faith, known as Protestant reformers.
- ❑ Proverbs 4:18—The journey of God’s people is depicted as a gradual, _____ process of coming to see more and more of the light of God’s truth.
- ❑ Why are there so many denominations? These reformers broke away from the mother church in _____ degrees. The followers of these individual reformers were content to simply _____ the teachings of their forefathers, but truth would keep marching on.

God’s Final Appeal

- ❑ Revelation 18:2, 4—God’s final appeal is not that Babylon would be converted, but that all of His people in Babylon would _____.
- ❑ John 4:23-24—God is looking for those who worship Him in spirit and in truth.
- ❑ 2 Corinthians 6:17-18—God promises to _____ us when we answer His end-time call to come _____ and be separate.
- ❑ Revelation 14:4—God invites us to respond to the truth of His Word by following the Lamb wherever He leads.