

Revelation 17-19:4: Escaping The Judgment Of the Great Whore: The United States of America

American Woman

In the New Testament book of Acts, chapter 17, verse 28, it's written that the apostle Paul reminded the 1st century Athenians that one of their secular poets had truthful insight that they should consider.

Canadian singer Burton Cummings of Bachman-Cummings and The Guess Who penned the lyrics and sang the original version of the rock song entitled, "American Woman." Surprisingly, however, the insightful lyrics of this song weren't directed at woman. Cummings was speaking figuratively concerning Canada's neighbor, America, as a corrupt socio-political-military force. In fact, when the White House learned of this, they accused the band of communist ties and cancelled an earlier invitation that had been extended to the band to perform there.

As the Athenian's would have been wise to listen to the insight of Epimedes, their poet, so Americans would be wise to listen to the insight of Mr. Cummings on this point and keep the whorish ways of the "American Woman" away from them.

As it is written in Revelation 18:4:

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

Cummings recognized nearly 40 years ago that the United States of America is a seductive nation so powerful that it has a dangerous global effect on people.

Rather than being called a great whore, which has moral implications, the "America Woman" today is more often labeled an imperial power, a hyper-power, a super-power, Colossus, hegemon, or the New Rome in reference to America as the world's preeminent nation-state. Many have said that no nation in history has ever possessed the global military, economic and cultural power and influence of the United States of America. She simultaneously dominates globally in the areas of military, technology, economic and popular culture.

Paul Kennedy, Professor of History at Yale University, is quoted as saying that

“nothing has ever existed like this disparity of power concerning U.S. military power. The U.S. has accumulated more power than Charlemagne, the Roman Empire, and Britain at it’s imperial height.” ⁸

The Dominance of the American Woman

According to the Helsinki-based *World Institute for Development Economics Research of the United Nations University (UNU-WIDER)*, North America’s 6 percent of the world adult population accounts for 34 percent of world household wealth. (<http://www.globalpolicy.org/socecon/inequal/indexinq.htm>)

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is a United Nations (UN) agency headquartered in Washington, D.C. The IMF is the central institution of the international monetary system designed to promote the balanced expansion of world trade and a healthy world economy. In 1969 the IMF introduced the special drawing right (SDR) as an international supplementary reserve asset. SDR’ s are “paper gold” book-keeping entries. Each of the current 184 member countries is assigned a quota of SDR’ s based upon their relative size in the world economy. The following SDR statistics reveal the overwhelming world-wide economic superiority of the U.S.:

10 nations, the U.S., Japan, Germany, France, United Kingdom, Italy, Saudi Arabia, Canada, China and Russia hold 52.7% of the total world SDR quotas. The contribution of the U.S. is the highest at 17.6%. Japan is the next largest at 6.5%. This means that the U.S. economy is almost 3 times the size of it’s closest competitor, Japan.

With only about 6% of the world’s population, America consumes about half of the world’s goods and services. It’s \$18 billion plus spent on pet food and cosmetics alone are estimated by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Human Development Reports to be \$6 billion more than the total estimated needed amount to provide everyone in the world with basic health, nutrition and educational needs. ⁵

2002 American gross domestic product (GDP) accounted for 21.4% of the total world output-more than Japan, Britain and Germany combined and more than double the output of China and Japan combined. ¹ Britain, Russia, France and China combined have less than half the GDP of America. ²

In one year, America spends more than the next 15 nations combined on her military. (Michael Parenti, *Against Empire: A Brilliant Expose Of The Brutal Realities of U.S. Global Domination*, City Light Books, San Francisco, 1995. pg. 63)

The U.S. had \$466 billion in military expenditures in 2004. The rest of the world combined had \$500 billion.

(http://usmilitary.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?zi=1/XJ/Ya&sdn=usmilitary&cdn=careers&tm=7&gps=72_2_788_431&f=00&tt=14&bt=0&bts=1&zu=http%3A/www.)

As of 2002, the U.S. had the most nuclear delivery systems and warheads; 8593. This total surpassed Russia's 8034. (SOURCES: DoD; Natural Resources Defense Council; The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists; Arms Control Association (U.S. and Russian strategicwarhead count).

The United States is the only country to station land-based nuclear weapons outside its borders. (<http://www.globalpolicy.org/empire/tables/2006/0626wartheatre.htm>)

The U.S currently has about 650 military bases globally protecting it's commerce and interests. ³ American military bases are found on every continent except Antarctica. She dominates the world's seas with 13 super carriers forming carrier task forces. (Hijacking 911, pg. 133)

According to the DoD Base Structure Report 2006 Baseline found at http://www.acq.osd.mil/ie/irm/irm_library/BSR2006Baseline.pdf , the Department of Defense (DoD) has a world-wide footprint which occupies 344,950 buildings on 3,731 sites in 7 U.S. territories, 40 foreign countries including 293 in Germany, 111 in Japan and 105 in S. Korea.

S. R. Shearer points out in his January 5, 2007 article entitled "The American Empire" that the March/April 2006 edition of the Council On Foreign Relations publication *Foreign Affairs* entitled, "The Rise of U.S. Nuclear Primacy" states that the U.S. can now:

"... destroy the long-range nuclear arsenals of (both) Russia and China with a first strike."

"This finding is not based on best-case assumptions or an unrealistic scenario in which U.S. missiles perform perfectly and the warheads hit their targets without fail ... our model indicates that all of Russia's strategic nuclear arsenal would still be destroyed even if U.S. weapons were 20 percent less accurate than we assumed, or if U.S. weapons were only 70 percent reliable, or if Russian ICBM silos were 50 percent 'harder' than we expected."

"China's nuclear arsenal is even more vulnerable to a U.S. attack. A U.S. first-strike could succeed whether it was launched as a surprise first strike or in the midst of a crisis during a Chinese alert."

"It is doubtful that a Chinese second-strike force will materialize anytime soon. The United States has a first-strike capability against China today and should be able to maintain it for decades to come."

Jim Garrison, President of the State of the World Forum, writes:

"Through it's own sheer force and through mediating institutions such as the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, along with numerous other bilateral and multilateral institutions, the United States now controls more nations than any nation in history."⁴

Henry Kissinger has said:

“ At the dawn of the new millenium, the U.S. is enjoying a preeminence unrivaled by even the greatest empires of the past.” (Henry Kissinger, *Does America Need A Foreign Policy*, New York: Simon &Schuster, 2001, p.17.)

Hatred of the American Woman

Throughout scripture, God speaks of the evils and injustices committed by the rich. He explains that war is a work of Satan preying upon man’s sinful nature to inspire envy, selfishness, love of pleasure, insincere faith, and a love of the world system. (James 3:13-4:10) He tells us that the prideful, godless elite of the last days just before his return to them accumulate their wealth through injustice, deceit, fraud, and selfish manipulation of others. (James 4:13 -5:6) This divine truth flies in the face of the American war hawk propaganda justifying war for economic gain by the nation falsely labeled as the world’s most generous.

Although America enjoys it’s preeminence; paradoxically, she is nation hated by many because they feel she has manipulated them in selfish greed and accumulated her wealth at their expense. Like the great whore of Revelation 18:7, the U.S. lives deliciously like a queen proudly glorifying herself. The WTO, IMF and World Bank have become the foreign policy tools she employs to secure the benefits of the global economy to herself and the U.S. led G-7 countries.

The international best seller, *Why Do People Hate America*, lists the following 8 ways in which America has manipulated poorer nations and subsidized her wealthy lifestyle upon their efforts⁶:

- Through control of interest rates and the issue of currency; the U.S. is able to finance her economic growth by acquiring the savings of other nations she forces into her debt trap. Through IMF loan conditions, she is able to gain control of the financial institutions, businesses and technology of lesser, developing nations.
- Through the WTO Agreement on Agriculture (AoA), she fraudulently forces developing countries to change their policies to open their economies to cheap food imports. This increases rural poverty and destroys the financial livelihood of the local farmer.
- IMF and WTO promotion of “free trade” and “economic freedom” globalization policies allow American businesses to enter and capture poorer, developing countries by barring their exports from U.S markets and inhibiting the development of new products and exports by these poorer nations.
- The U.S. imposes large tariffs on key agricultural items of poorer nations undermining the ability of these nations to feed themselves. Through the

Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) of October 2001 signed by President G.W. Bush, America is able to defraud the least developed countries of profit in the areas of agriculture and textiles. The Act was supposed to allow duty and quota free access to the American market in exchange for concessions to U.S. businesses. The U.S., however, only allows African countries to market products to the U.S. which won't hurt U.S. producers and which use American raw material. Because this policy favors America, textiles made in Africa from African materials; as well as coffee, sugar and other African grown products, are subject to severe constraints. The AGOA eliminates all barriers to U.S. trade and business investment in Africa while undermining African raw material and textile industries. These African industries eventually buckle under the cost of producing their products using imported American raw materials.

- IMF and WTO policies allow the U.S. to bring down the prices of imported commodities from poorer nations and feed the U.S. economy off the cheap food of the poorest.
- The U.S. regularly imposes one-sided sanctions on about half of the world in her own favor which benefit the American consumer. The Organization of Economic Cooperation (OECD) lists the U.S. as the least generous or stingiest nation based upon the .1% of gross domestic product (GDP) the U.S. devoted to foreign aid from 1995-1999. In addition, 80% of U.S. Agency For International Development (USAID) contracts go directly to U.S. firms and programs to create new markets for American products and American jobs at home .
- The U.S. subordinates the environmental dangers of the planet to the desires of the American consumer in ignoring the need to reduce poisonous carbon dioxide emissions.

Economist Hermann Kahn is quoted by Michael Hudson, author of *Super Imperialism, The Origin and Fundamentals of U.S. World Dominance*, explaining that America has pulled off history's greatest mafia protection type rip-off of other nations in building it's global empire.

Michael Parenti, political science Ph. D. Yale University 1962, explains that American wealth is the result of our plunder of the abundant natural and human resources of previously self-sufficient Third World nations. Elites have expropriated natural resources, imposed ruinous taxes and land rents, forced the import of goods at inflated prices, denied trade freedom and development rights regarding natural resources, markets and industrial capacity and forced depressed wage labor upon Third World nations. Previously farmed Third World land is now controlled by agribusiness corporations who use it to mine or export coffee, sugar and beef instead of the beans, corn and rice that the farmers used

to live on. As a result, the ranks of those in “absolute poverty” are skyrocketing. Countries that try to break from the system are punished economically and or militarily by the U.S. (Michael Parenti, *Against Empire: A Brilliant Expose of The Brutal Realities of U.S. Global Domination*, City Light Books, San Francisco, pg. 11-17.)

In addition, *Why Do People Hate America*, lists the following examples of hypocritical, American double standards⁷:

- Despite having the most powerful military in history which is 2.5 times larger than the militaries of the nine largest potential enemies combined, the U.S. feels constantly threatened-so much so that it’s even colonizing outer space militarily and feeling threatened even there as the following links reveal.

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,3-2556823,00.html>

<http://www.iht.com/articles/2007/01/19/news/china.php>

- The U.S. has the world’s largest stockpile of nuclear weapons. She is the only nation to have ever used them in war; has contingency plans to strike seven nations with them, and continues to develop the m. U.S. foreign policy, however, demonizes, sanctions, and censors other countries seeking nuclear weapons.
- The U.S. has the world’s largest stockpile of biological and chemical weapons and demonizes, sanctions, and censors other countries developing or holding them.
- The U.S. says it doesn’t kill or target civilians yet she targets civilian infrastructures and has carpet bombed nations while demanding consistency and discipline from other nations.

Another reason the U.S. is a hated nation is it’s prideful attitude which communicates that the “American Way” is the best and only way that matters. The American Dream promises luxurious freedom, affluence and pleasure. It’s globally displayed in demonically inspired films, television, music, celebrities, fashions, style products, youth and fast food culture. It seduces foreign nations to copy it. Those copying it, however, don’t experience the freedom democracy promises. Individuals and families falling captive to the sorcery of the “American Woman” are finding themselves; like many Americans: spiritually empty, relationally isolated, indebted, enslaved, and dependent upon the elusive promises and immoral pleasures of the American-led world system.

Families aren’t what’s wrong with America

Families aren’t what’s wrong with America. What’s wrong with America manifests itself in American individuals and their families. And since the overwhelming

majority of American pastors have been silent concerning the daily evils of the American system, America has infiltrated the church. "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." (1 Timothy 6:10)

If you doubt the truth of what I'm saying take an inside look at America's schools. The following link includes statistics related to *behavior extremes*. The statistics at this site don't include "minor issues" such as non-violent classroom disruption due to willful disobedience which impede learning and are a direct reflection of student character.

<http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2003/schoolcrime/index.asp>
<http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2003/schoolcrime/2.asp?nav=1>
<http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2003/schoolcrime/5.asp?nav=1>
<http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2003/schoolcrime/19.asp?nav=4>
http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2003/schoolcrime/figures/16_1.asp?popup=1
<http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2003/schoolcrime/15.asp?nav=4>

Any impartial person having spent any significant amount of time recently in America's schools would agree that, *in general*, today's children; molded by American role models, are difficult prototypes of the last day postmodern human beings described in 2 Timothy 3:1-5: selfish, greedy, boastful, arrogant, slanderous, irreverent, disrespectful, stubborn, ungrateful, wicked, hard-headed, intentional liars, lacking self-control, hostile to virtue, untrustworthy, rash; an egotistical generation with a hypocritical religious pretense which loves pleasure more than God.

It's an extremely rare child today that willingly and joyfully displays a humble respect and obedient submission to classroom/ school rules. Where such godly obedience and submission do exist today, in most cases the internal motivation isn't a sincere love for God, a desire to please and glorify him, and loving respect for others. Instead it's a selfish pursuit of success, enhancement of self-image, the right to play and enjoy pleasurable privileges, etc.

This is the type of selfish, immoral democracy that America is birthing through violent bloodshed in Iraq and elsewhere globally. To a hypocritical nation such as this, the obscure, 6th century B.C. biblical prophet Habakkuk's voice exclaims today:

"Woe to him that coveteth an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil! (Habakkuk 2:9)

"Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and establisheth a city by iniquity!" (Habakkuk 2:15)

"Mother of Harlots and Abominations"

In Revelation 17:1 it's written that an angel told the Apostle John that there will someday exist a nation he personifies as a woman. He labels that woman a **great whore** and states that Almighty God will judge her.

The word **whore** used to describe this great nation is the greek word porne. It refers to an idolator which has corrupted herself and others for the sake of financial gain. In her fallen state of moral corruption, this nation became so adept at her trade and so imitated by the world that God gives her the title, "*The Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth.*" (Revelation 17:5)

This woman is not just any whore. The adjective **great** used to describe her is the greek word megas. This is a mega whore; the mother of all whores. It's a nation of great power and wealth.

The word **abomination** used to describe this whorish nation in Revelation 17:5 is the greek word bdelugma meaning detestable idolatry. This great nation consumes non-essential luxurious items and was known for it's luxurious world-class construction and fashion. (Revelation 18:12-16)

As the global "*Mother of Harlots and Abominations*", her idolatry isn't necessarily detestable to the nations she births in her idolatrous image, however. They desire the wealth she offers them and they prostitute themselves with her. (Revelation 18:3)

Global Economic Engine

Revelation 17:18 tells us that this woman is that great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth. This nation is the preeminent global power at the time of her judgment. She is the economic engine of the global economy. She consumes such a great percentage of the world's goods that global traders benefiting from free trade with her deeply mourn her sudden destruction. (Revelation 18:11-19)

In spite of her economic prosperity, this nation is a nation that has fallen morally in becoming the "idolator of idolaters" in God's eyes. (Revelation 18:2)

Covetous Military Enforcer of Global Trade

God says that "all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication" (Revelation 18:3) "and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication." (Revelation 17:2) By this God means that her free trade is a source of much global bloodshed and murder. Her military force backs her passionate lust for more wealth. Her military prowess forces the world to connect with her economically. She births and mothers to maturity, through her deceptive and seductive magical power, other full blown idolaters made in her

image. (Revelation 18:23)

The desire for more wealth is idolatry

God says that covetousness, the discontented desire for more wealth is idolatry. (Colossians 3:5)

The global seductiveness of the idols of the American woman is a testimony to the truth of Jesus' words to the Pharisaical powers of his day recorded in Luke 16:13-15:

No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

This great nation's abominable idolatry, its covetousness; led to policies that justified the murder of those that would not integrate with her and chose to remain disconnected from her economic rule sets. (Revelation 17:2, 18:3) Eventually, her mass murder of God's people, the followers of Jesus Christ, will tip God's scales of justice and His wrath will be poured out upon her. (Revelation 17:6, 18:20,24)

Professing Christians support idolatry of the whore

Jesus teaches that "*the leaven of the Pharisees*"; typified today in antichristian attitudes within His professing church, is the cause of the martyrdom of the righteous. Like the Pharisees of Jesus' day, this fallen, apostate professing Christian nation had used God's name to hide manipulative, deceitful, prideful displays of religion for the purpose of financial gain (Matthew 23:5,14,23-28); usurped powerful, prestigious positions of authoritative control over others (Matthew 23:6-11); enslaved others mercilessly to their system (Matthew 23:4-12); neglected merciful socio-economic justice because of their self-absorbed focus on spreading their system in order to benefit their egos, finances and careers (Matthew 23:23-30); acted in roles designed for God alone (Matthew 23:8-12); valued outward appearance over inward righteousness for the sake of financial gain (Revelation 23:25-28); deceitfully manipulated minds in order to justify mistreating God's people (Matthew 23:29-36); and spread antichristian values. (Matthew 23:13-22) Professing christian leaders within her government, military and religious system failed to expose the covetous idolatry of her system.

Jesus had said to the Pharisees before he destroyed their temple system:

Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and

crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: ***That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth***, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Similarly, Jesus says of Babylon the Great before her coming destruction:

“And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.” (Revelation 18:24)

God’s Revenge on the Whore

Through the agreement of the leaders of 10 nations, God’s revenge will be suddenly dispensed upon the great whore, totally consuming her with fire. (Revelation 17:16-17;18:8,20;19:2)

This nation had experienced a love-hate relationship with world governments. Although world government leaders loved the financial benefits their nations enjoyed as a result of free trade with her; at the same time these 10 government leaders hated her enough to destroy her and mourned the divine justice they witnessed in her sudden combustion. (Revelation 17:16-17;18:9-10) Her global trading partners mourned the fact that they had suddenly lost their biggest customer; the greatest consumer nation on earth. (Revelation 18:11)

Conclusion

According to the prophecies of the book of Revelation chapters 17 and 18 and their Old Testament prophetic corollary passages Jeremiah chapters 50 and 51; this nation will be suddenly destroyed by a host of nations led by Iran.

Jeremiah Chapter 51 verses 11 and 28 teach that the invading coalition of nations is to be led by *Iran* (Kings of the Medes) and includes troops from the modern day regions of modern day *Turkey* (Ararat), and former *Russian territories* of Armenia (Minni), and *Old Yugoslavia/Bosnia/Serbia* (Ashchenaz). In 2004 I first wrote that the war rhetoric between Iran and the U.S.; as well as Russian threats concerning U.S. meddling in Iran, is a grave matter worthy of much intercessory prayer. This warning is increasingly relevant today in light of the escalation of the conflict between Iran and the U.S.

<http://www.mosnews.com/news/2007/01/15/admiral.shtml>

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=viewArticle&code=GAR20070116&articleId=4483>

<http://www.iranfocus.com/modules/news/article.php?storyid=3964>

<http://www.iranfocus.com/modules/news/article.php?storyid=3668>
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<http://www.haaretzdaily.com/hasen/pages/ShArt.jhtml?itemNo=302498&sw=Sharon+Likud+speech+6%2F8>
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http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/printer-friendly.asp?ARTICLE_ID=47501

Hopefully, at this point in U.S. history, this news is nothing more than a rumor of war. But, when this war brings devastating judgment upon America of which you become a statistic; do you know what's next for you?

The apostle Peter wrote in 2 Peter Chapter 3 that there is a day of world judgment planned on God's calendar. Peter wrote that this day will come suddenly and unexpectedly upon the lives of people living in rebellion toward God. He explains that God is longsuffering toward people he recognizes need to turn the evil axis of their lives 180 degrees away from self-centered sin and reorient their lives with his truth by trusting in the gospel: the death, burial and resurrection of God's only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. This gospel has the supernatural power to deliver anyone from the penalty and mind controlling power of sin; as well as the evils of this present evil world system led by the U.S.

The Answer

The apostle John wrote as recorded in the third chapter of the biblical book of John verse 16 that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life .

Who is this Son of God and why should we trust that he is the promised Messiah and true God? The study found at the link on this site entitled , offers proof from fulfilled Old Testament prophecy that Jesus Christ is God and Savior of the world.

Everlasting life is a result of faith in the everlasting gospel. What is the everlasting gospel and how does it save us? For an in depth look at this message from the Messiah, Jesus Christ, please click on the link:

Come out of Babylon the Great

Globalization has spread the whorish ways of the U.S. world-wide. As a result, it's now virtually impossible to obey the exhortation of Revelation Chapter 18 verse 4 to "come out of her" if this command means that followers of Christ should physically evacuate the U.S. in order to escape the potentially corruptive influence of the U.S. upon their lives.

It's debatable whether or not Revelation 18:4 is a command to take the church out of America by heavenly rapture or by physical relocation to another region of the earth. It isn't doubtful, however, that this is a call to take "America" out of the church. The exhortation to "come out of her" is clearly an exhortation for God's people to unyoke themselves from the world system led by the U.S. based upon the spiritual principles of holiness and spiritual separation from the world system taught in the following places within the New Testament:

- 2 Corinthians Chapter 6 verse 14 through Chapter 7, verse 1
- First John Chapter 2 verses 15 through 17
- John Chapter 17 verses 15 through 17
- Hebrews Chapter 12 verse 14
- 1 Peter Chapter 1 verses 15 through 16
- Titus Chapter 2 verses 11 through 14
- James Chapter 4 verse 4

Couched within God's standard call to personal holiness by denying human lusts and living under the control of God's Spirit, Revelation 18:4 is a call to restore the Lordship of Christ to his church by abandoning 501-c3 incorporation status under government authority; for professing Christians to stop supporting war for the sake of American financial interests overseas (Luke 3:14); for professing Christians to stop the greedy gambling we call financial investment in corporations exploiting the poor, harming God's creation and spreading antichristian values and or products and services; to stop affirming the U. S. as currently being a Christian nation; to stop voting for evil; to stop whitewashing the evils of this nation; to stop prideful boasting that we're the best; to stop unconditional support of the public policy of both the U.S. and Israel and to speak the truth in love as watchman concerning the same; to stop parroting the brainwashing mind control rhetoric and propaganda of the corporately controlled media; to believe in and trust the power of the Lord Jesus Christ, rather than the power of the U.S. military and government, to save and transform human lives around the globe.

Jesus said to one of his people, as recorded in Matthew Chapter 26 verse 52, that all they that take the sword shall perish by the sword. Professing American Christians have come to believe that it is by might and by power and not by His Spirit. The church has chosen to take up the sword along with President Bush and rid the world of evil by military might. The word of the Lord Jesus Christ, however, says to “come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins and that ye receive not of her plagues.” The professing Christian that continues to support American war for the sake of financial gain and preemptive war to rid the world of evil will die by the sword! Come out of her my people and accept the invitation of the Lord Jesus Christ to escape Babylon before his judgment comes upon the U.S.

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. (Jude 1:24-25)

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