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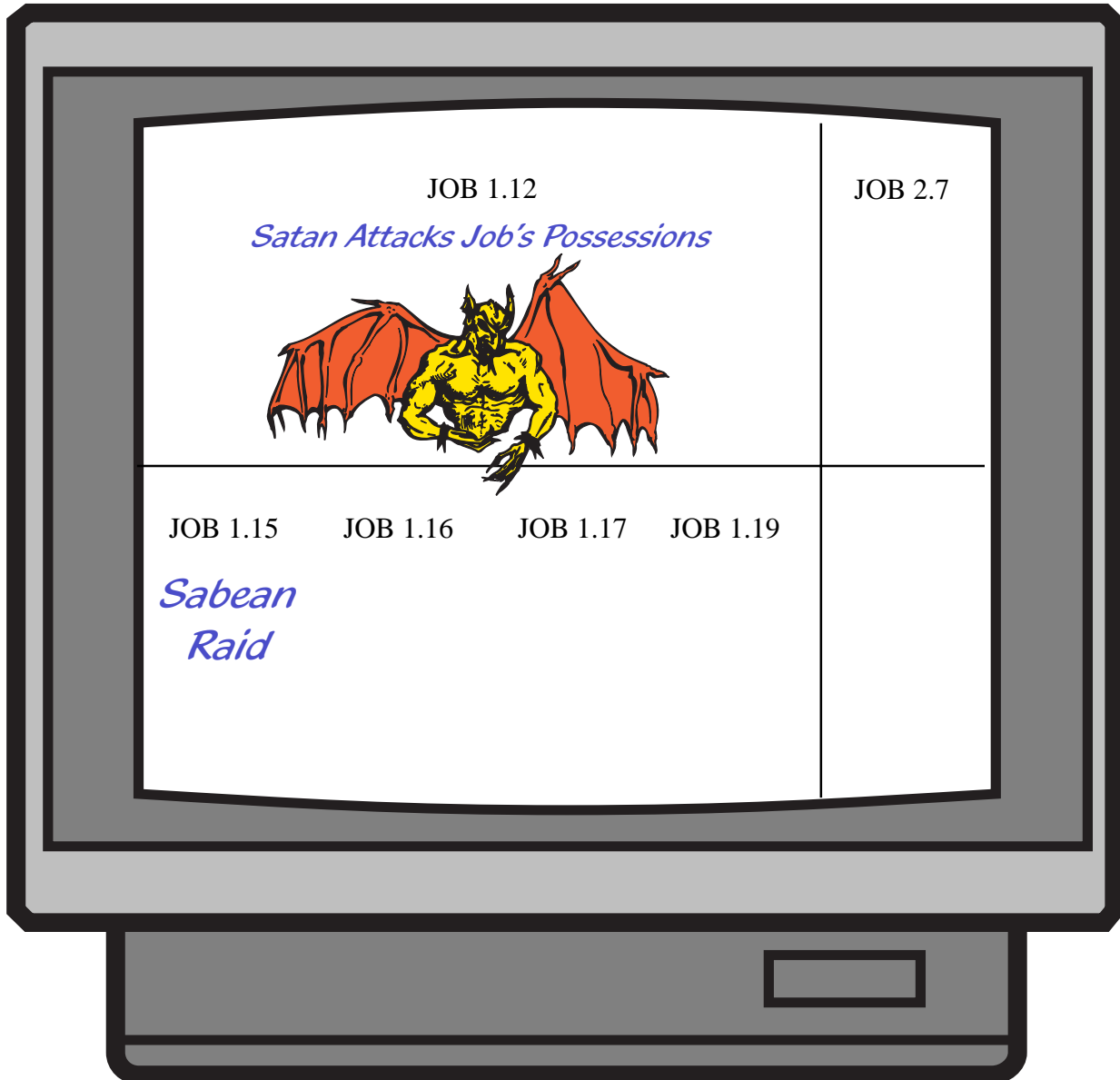
The Split-Screen Phenomenon
in the Holy Bible

KEY QUESTION:

Should we include warnings of judgment in our evangelism?

By divine revelation, the Bible often tells us the heavenly reasons for events on earth. Sometimes, the Bible even allows us to glimpse *the connection* between events in the heavens and the events they cause on earth. In effect the Bible allows us to view some events on a split screen: in the top window we see an event or situation in the heavenly/spiritual realm, and in the bottom window we see its effect in the earthly/material realm. In 2 Kings 6.15-18, for example, we get to glimpse the fiery chariots of God in the heavens (top window) and the blinding of the Aramean army (bottom window). The soldiers of Aram had no idea how the blindness had come upon them; perhaps they suspected a disease, or something in the water. Thanks to Elisha's prayer for his servant, however, we get the split-screen view and see the connection between the heavenly host and the earthly blindness.

One of the most dramatic split-screen views in the Bible is in Job, chs. 1 and 2. Complete the diagram below that shows the connection between heavenly (spiritual, demonic) events and earthly (material, human) events:



HOMEWORK

Please color *The Woman Clothed in the Sun* on p. D-25.

1. Read Revelation chapters 8, 9 and 11.15-19.
2. Where do angels come from? (Rev. 1.1; 12.7)
3. What does the angel king of Rev. 9.11 imply?
4. Will people see these horrible locusts?
5. What is the significance of the Euphrates location of Rev. 9.14?
6. Will 200 million troops really invade the Mediterranean world?
7. What is the fallen star of Rev. 9.1,2?
8. If John is writing about demons, why doesn't he call them demons?
9. What is the *character* of the demonic forces from the Euphrates?
10. Who or what is the talking eagle of Rev. 8.13?

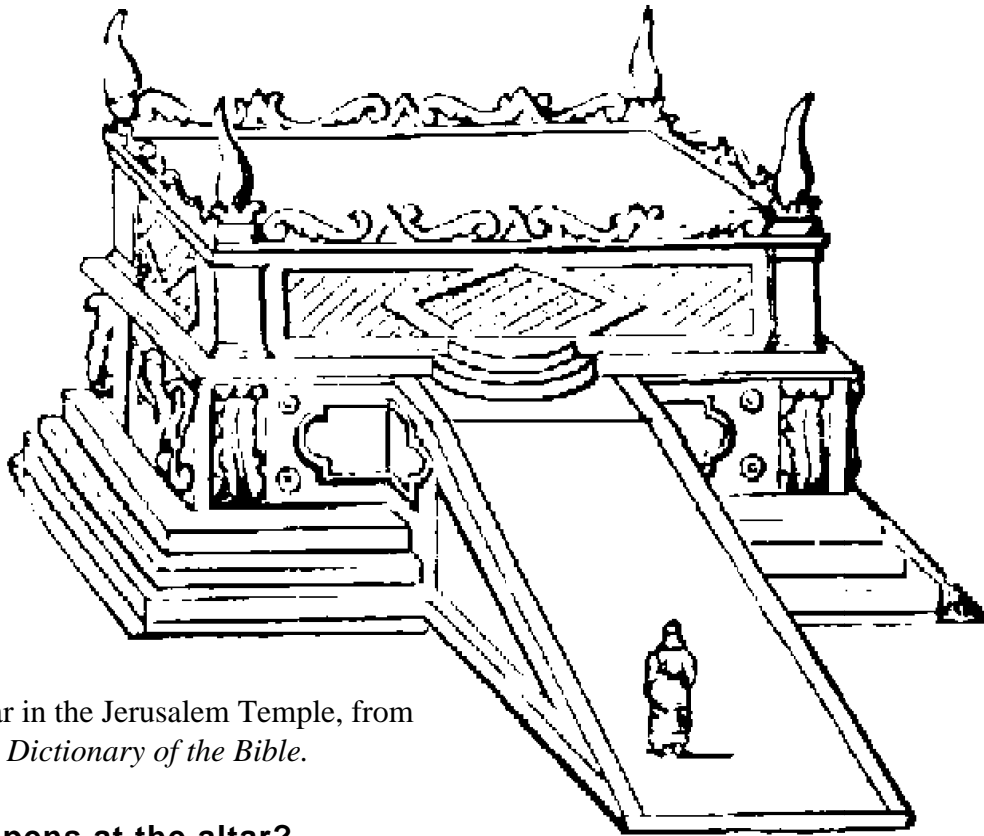


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The Golden Altar

FAMILY PROJECT

Construct a horned altar using using p. D-21 or other materials.



The altar in the Jerusalem Temple, from Smith's *Dictionary of the Bible*.

What happens at the altar?

It all points to Messiah!

Isaiah 6.7

Exodus 29.21

1 Cor 9.13,14

1 Cor 10.18

Rev 8.3

Exo 21.12-14

1Ki 1.50; 2.28

Leviticus 3.16

John 1.29

Rev 1.5,6

John 6.35

1 Cor 10.16,17

Ro 8.34; Heb 7.25

John 6.39

Mt 19.21; He 12.1,2

1. Why do the martyrs crowd under the altar (Rev. 6.9-11)?
2. What is unusual about the altar in Revelation?
3. What then does the altar represent?
4. What is the significance of the angel hurling altar fire down upon the earth (Rev. 8.3-5)?

The judgments that follow:

a.

b.

c.

5. Joel said, “The sun will be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes (Joel 2.31).” How does Revelation explain this darkening?
6. What happens at the blowing of the 7th trumpet (Rev. 11.15-19)?

Responses to the Key Question:

The Mighty Angel



KEY QUESTION:

When should we exhort people who don't wish to hear our message?

1. Read Revelation, ch. 10 and ch. 11.1-14.
2. Who is the mighty angel of Rev. 10?

HOMEWORK

Please color *Michael & the Dragon* on p. D-19.

3. What is the significance of the clouds associated with Christ's coming?
4. What is the "little scroll" of Rev. 10.2?
5. What is the little scroll's significance?
6. Why does the scroll turn bitter in John's stomach?
7. What is the "mystery of God" previously shown to the prophets (10.7)?

Temple Courts

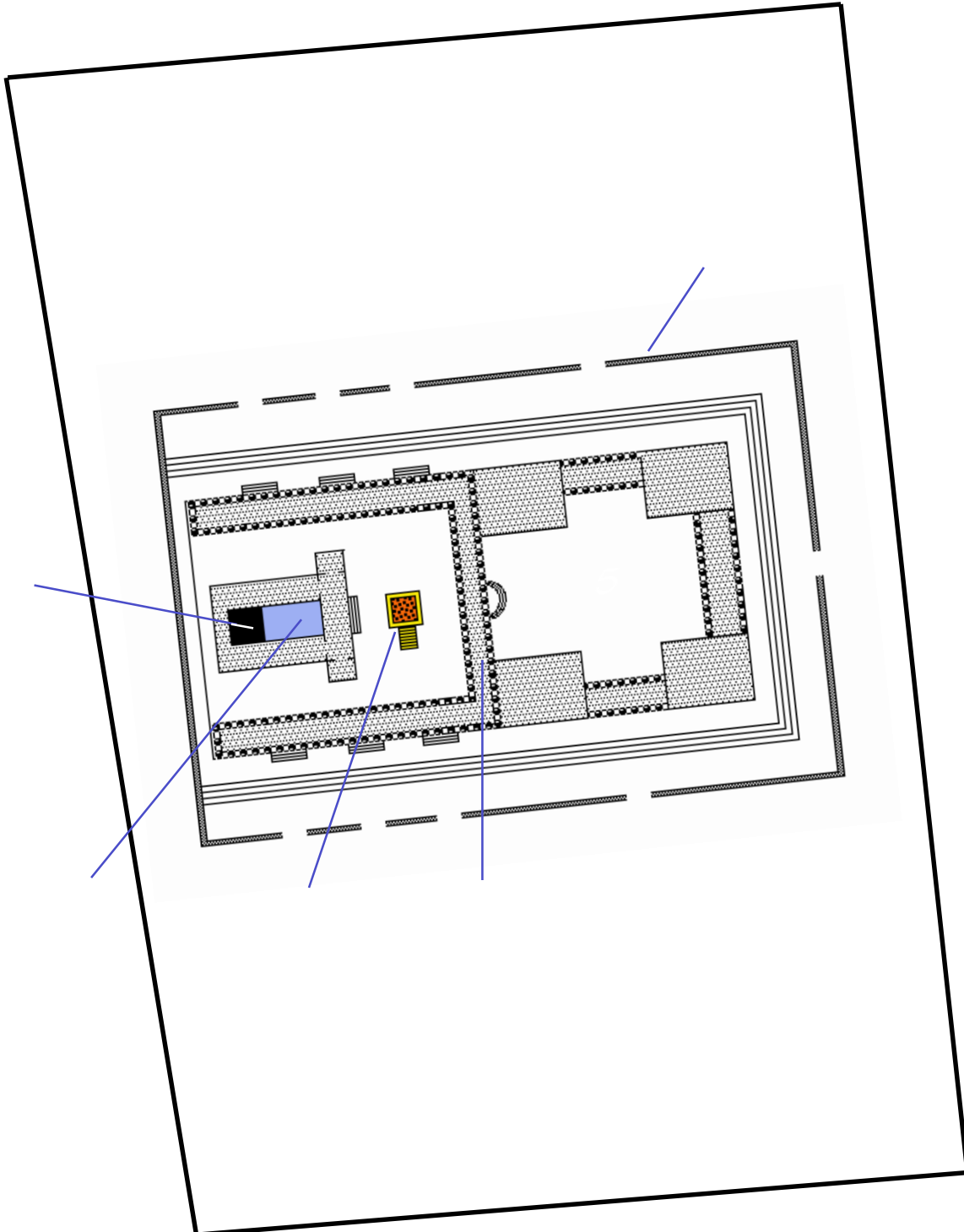


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INSTRUCTIONS:

Label the diagram below to review the arrangement of temple courts.

Please label: (1) Holy of Holies, (2) Holy Place, (3) Altar, (4) Men's Court, (5) Women's Court, (6) the Wall of Partition, and (7) Court of the Gentiles.



INSTRUCTIONS:

When to Exhort...

Complete the diagram below in response to the key question.

Effective exhortation requires the exercise of discernment. The following diagram can help us know when to speak and when to keep our mouths shut:

	Recipient Willing to Hear	Recipient Unwilling to Hear
Issue of Eternal Importance	<i>Fruitful Exhortation</i>	<i>The Prophetic Reproof</i>
Issue of Secondary Importance	<i>Good Teamwork</i>	<i>The Exhorter becomes known as judgmental & arrogant.</i>

Measuring the Temple



What do we need to discern?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



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Beauty & The Beasts

KEY QUESTION:

What helps the saints endure tribulation?

1. Read Revelation, chs. 12, 13 and ch. 14.6-12.
2. Who is the Dragon of Rev. 12?
3. Who is the Man-Child of Rev. 12?
4. Who is the Woman clothed with the sun of Rev. 12?
5. Who are the “stars of heaven,” a third of which are cast down to the earth by the dragon? (See Daniel 8.10-12, 24 and Rev. 12.1.)
6. Place the time of the woman’s “nourishment” on the Olivet Outline on p. B-17.
7. The Greek of the final clause of Rev. 12.6 is in the active voice and reads: “so that there *they may* nourish her [for] 1,260 days.” Who are the “they” that nourish the woman?
8. What is the water the Dragon spews out at the woman (Rev. 12.15,16)?
9. Whom does the Dragon persecute once the woman is beyond his grasp?

- 1. What do the seven heads of the Beast represent (Rev. 13.1; 17.9,10)?**

- 2. So is the Beast an individual or a federation of nations?**

- 3. Why would people worship Satan (13.4)?**

- 4. Place the time of the Beast's reign on the Olivet Outline on p. B-17.**
- 5. Were the names of the elect "written...from the foundation of the world" or was the Lamb "slain from the creation of the world"? (Rev. 13.8.)**

- 6. Who is the second Beast of Rev. 13?**

- 7. So what does 666 stand for?**

Responses to the Key Question:



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Harvest of the Earth

KEY QUESTION:

What investments in this age will pay dividends in the next?

- A. Read Revelation, chapter 14 and chapter 19.11-21.
- B. Who are the 144,000 of Rev. 14?
- C. In what sense are the 144,000 “virgins” (Rev. 14.4, Gk. text)?
- D. In what sense are the 144,000 “firstfruits”?
- E. Aren’t all non-Christians destroyed when Christ comes?

1.		1Th 4.13-18
2.		1Co 15.51,52
3.		Mat 13.24-30,36-43
4.		Rev 19.20
5.		Rev 14.11; 19.21
6.		Zec 12.10-13.1
7.		Isa 66.19; Zec 14.16-19
8.		Isa 66.20,21; Zec 8.20-23
9.		Rev 20.2
10.		Joh 3.36

F. Do the 144,000 in Rev. 14 stand on the heavenly Zion (Hebrews 12.22) or on the earthly Zion (Isaiah 31.4,5)?

G. What do we learn from the gospel being called “eternal” (Rev. 14.6)?

H. Whom does the “son of man” (of Dan. 7.13,14) harvest in Rev. 14.16?

I. Who then does the other angel of Rev. 14.17 gather?

J. Who is the rider on the white horse of Rev. 19?

K. Why is His robe “dipped in blood” (Rev. 19.13)?

L. What will be the character of Messiah’s future reign?

Responses to the Key Question:



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KEY QUESTION:

How does Armageddon mirror our own souls?



Bowl in use in Greek vase painting

1. Read Revelation, chapters 15 and 16.
2. On pages C-42 to C-45 circle matching elements between the 7 trumpets and the 7 bowls. Connect those matching elements with a line as in the example.
3. Do the bowls describe the same events as the trumpets?
4. How do the bowl judgments differ from the trumpet judgments?

5. What is the chronological relationship between the bowls and the trumpets?
6. The trumpet and bowl judgments remind us of what previous divine intervention?
7. Read Joel, ch. 3, verses 1-3 and 9-16.
8. Joel prophesied around 800 BC, long before Judah's exile in 586. How do we know Joel is looking to a later time than the restoration of Israel under Ezra and Nehemiah?

9. Where is Joel's "Valley of Jehoshaphat"?

10. Where then is Armageddon (Rev. 16.16)?

11. What did Napoleon say about the Plain of Esdraelon?

12. Is the apocalyptic battle actually fought at Armageddon then?

13. Compare Psalm 2 to Rev. 19.19. How is the apocalyptic battle like the parting of the Red Sea?

14. Why does man attack God and His Messiah?

15. How can demonic spirits mobilize armies?

Responses to the Key Question:



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Mystery Babylon

KEY QUESTION:

What does “Come out of Babylon” mean for us today?

1. Read Revelation 16.17 to 19.10.
2. In this passage, the “great prostitute” contrasts with what?
3. What is the “great prostitute” that John saw as a woman on a beast?
4. What city ruled in that way in the apostle John’s day?
5. Why then is the prostitute city called *Babylon the Great*?
6. What is the nature of this Mystery Babylon’s idolatry; that is, what is the great idolatry of the last days?
7. Revelation 9.20 describes the idols of the last days as “idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood.” How are these last-days idols described in connection with Mystery Babylon?
8. Circle these five idols in Rev. 18.12.
9. What is meant by the woman sitting on the Beast (& on “many waters”)?
10. Why do the Beast and the ten kings hate the Prostitute?

HOMEWORK

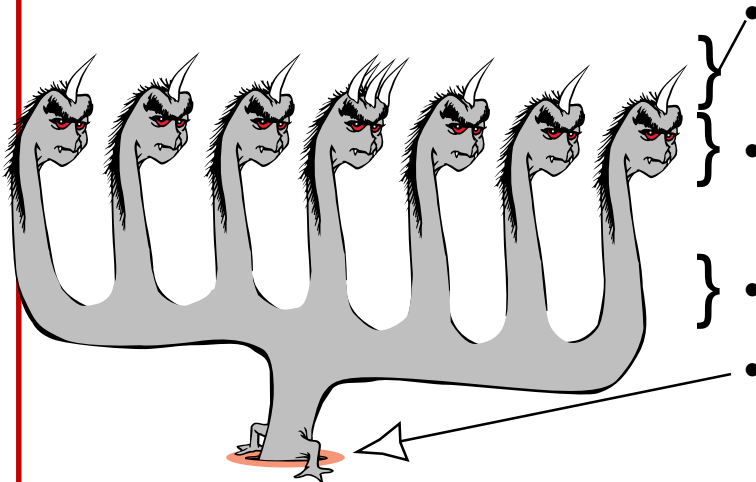
Please color *The New Jerusalem* on p. D-15.

11. Is it possible, as some expositors say, that two different Babylons (a spiritual and a literal) are in view in Rev. 17 and 18 respectively? To answer this question, compare the Babylons of chapters 17 and 18:

<i>17.5:</i>	<i>18.2:</i>
<i>17.2:</i>	<i>18.3:</i>
<i>17.16:</i>	<i>18.8:</i>
<i>17.6:</i>	<i>18.24:</i>

12. But doesn't Mystery Babylon represent the Roman Catholic or apostate Christian church?

13. Label the parts of the Beast:



Mystery Babylon, cont.



14. What does the 7-branched neck of the Beast remind you of?

15. Please summarize what this complex vision of Mystery Babylon means!

A.

B.

C.

16. Are there any current signs of Rome's economic rise?

Here Comes the Euro

By Anna Kuchment

Newsweek, Jan. 11, 1999 [washingtonpost.com]

Last week the euro became the official common currency of 11 European countries: Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain. (Britain, which has always seen itself as separate from Europe, is staying on the sidelines for now.) One euro is worth about \$1.28; its symbol looks like this:



...For now, the euro exists only electronically....Euro notes and coins will go into circulation on Jan. 1, 2002. Francs, lire, Deutsche marks and other member states' local currencies will be museum relics by July 1, 2002.

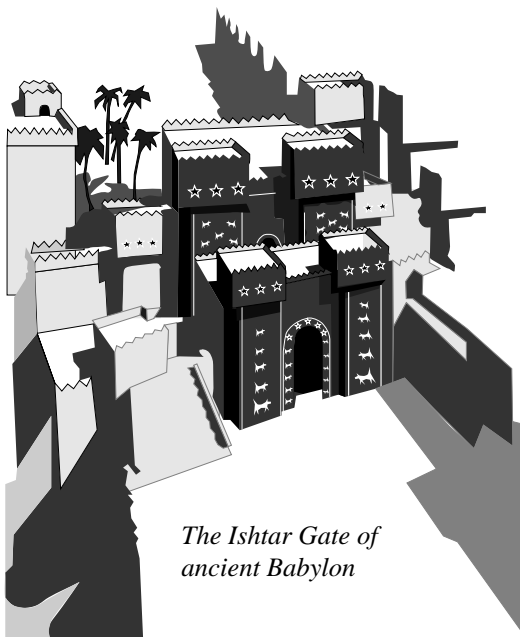
Why is Europe doing this?

...Euroland's champions also hope that monetary union will lead to new geopolitical and economic clout. The region is already the world's second largest economy—after the United States—and **the largest trading power**, accounting for 20 percent of the world's exports and 16 percent of imports....

17. What makes us think this vision of Mystery Babylon is yet to be fulfilled?

18. Speaking of ancient Babylon, are you sure Revelation 18 isn't talking about Nebuchadnezzar's city?

19. But isn't Iraq presently rebuilding the actual city of Babylon?



The Ishtar Gate of ancient Babylon

20. How can a merchant carry a cargo of human *souls* (Rev. 18.13)?

Responses to the Key Question:

How can we tell if we're already living in the spirit of Mystery Babylon?

How can we guard against "sharing in her sins"?



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KEY QUESTION:

Why will God release Satan having once bound him?

- 1. Read Revelation 19.11 to 20.15.
- 2. Why do some doubt that there will be a literal thousand-year reign of Christ on earth?
- 3. Does little mention mean an idea should be taken metaphorically?
- 4. True there's only one mention of that specific detail of Christ's birth, but there are *many* predictions of *the greater idea* of His advent, right?

Psalm 149.5-9

Luke 19.11-19

Isaiah 31.4-32.5

1 Corinthians 6.2,3

Daniel 7.9-27

2 Timothy 2.12

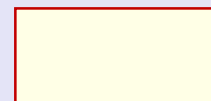
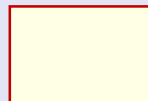
Matthew 19.28

Rev. 2.26,27; 4.4; 11.16

- 5. What's the point?

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

EARTHLY
REIGN OF CHRIST
WITH HIS ELECT



6. What is the “first resurrection”?

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7. Whom will the saints rule over?

8. If we are destined to become ruler-priests, how should that impact our lives now?

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9. How do we know the binding of Satan (Rev. 20.2) is yet future and not just a metaphor for Christ’s victory over the devil at Golgotha?

10. What does the “Gog and Magog” invasion prove?

11. Who will sit on the Great White Throne and what will be written in the books opened on Judgment Day?

Responses to the Key Question:



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KEY QUESTIONS:
Who is Jesus?
Who are you?
What will you do?

1. Read Revelation 21 and 22.
2. How does Rev. 21.1 connect to the preceding context?
3. Review the symbolism of the “sea” on page B-5/6. What is the significance of there being no more sea on the new earth?
4. The NAB correctly translates the plural pronoun at the beginning of Rev. 21.6: “*They* are accomplished,” but still misses the perfect tense of the verb: “*have come to pass.*” *What* has “come to pass,” and what earlier event does the perfect tense point to?
5. List the ingredients of your ideal Heaven:

Theology
Tennis
Teasing
T-Bone

Now cross out those that would get boring after a thousand years.

6. What do we learn from Augustine’s thought experiment about man’s deepest desires? (p. E-7)

7. Who is the Bride of Christ?

8. Fill in the dimensions relating to the New Jerusalem on page D-17.

9. What is implied about New Jerusalem by the fact that “the nations will walk by its light” (Rev. 21.24)?

10. Whom will God’s servants rule over in the New Earth? (See Rev. 22.5.)

11. Why does the scripture say, “Let him who does wrong continue to do wrong...” (Rev. 22.11)?

12. Why is it significant that the “Spirit and the bride” *together* invite the thirsty to come (Rev. 22.17)?

(cf. John 16.7,8 and Romans 10.13,14).

13. Having read a little about God’s plans for eternity, can you summarize His “top priority” in one word?

Responses to the Key Question (Refer to pages B-3, B-4 and B-14):