REVELATION FOR THE REVOLUTION (Part 2)

• Fall of Babylon—materialistic world (Re 18:1-3; Is 21, 47; Je 50-51)

1. Desolate & demon possessed (2; Is 13:19-22; 34:10-15; Je 50:39; 51:37; Zp 2:13-15)

2. Deceiver of nations, kings, & merchants (3)

• God's message about Babylon (Re 18:4-8)

1. To Church--escape (4; Ge 19:15; Is 48:20; 52:11; Je 50:8, 16; 51:6, 9, 45; 2 Co 6:17)

*- Her sins & punishment (Lk 21:34-36; 2 Ti 2:22; 1 Th 5:9)*

2. For her--pay back (6-8; Je 16:17-18; 50:15, 29)

*- In full (6; Is 40:2)*

*- Unexpected (7; Is 47:7-8)*

*- With fire (8; 2 Pe 3:7, 10-13)*

• Reaction to Babylon's fall (Re 18:9-24; Ez 27)

1. Kings (9-10); Merchants (11-17); Sea captains (17-19)

*- Weep & mourn (9; 11, 15, 19)*

*- Stand far off in terror (10, 15, 17)*

*- "Woe in 1 hour" (10, 16-17, 19)*

2. Angel says no more music, work, light, marriage (21-24; Je 51:59-64)

• Serving God or Money

1. Matthew 6:24

“‘No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.’”

2. 1 John 2:15-17

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the

Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of

God abides forever.”

3. Mark 10:17-31

And as he [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’  And Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.  You know the commandments: “Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.”’  And he said to him, ‘Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.’  And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, ‘You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.’  Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’ And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God!  It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.’ And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him,‘Then who can be saved?’  Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.’ Peter began to say to him, ‘See, we have left everything and followed you.’ Jesus said, ‘Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.  But many who are first will be last, and the last first.’”

4. Matthew 16:24-27

“Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and

follow me.  For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.  For

what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for

his soul?  For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay

each person according to what he has done.’”

5. Luke 17:32

“’Remember Lot’s wife.’”

6. Matthew 6:33

“’But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.’”

ESG SCORES (ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL & GOVERNANCE STANDARDS)

• **Paris Climate Accords (2015)**

1. Started financial aspect of TGR

*- “Make financial flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and*

*climate resilient development”*

<https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/raising-ambition/climate-finance>

2. UN and World Bank <https://www.unepfi.org/>

*- Developed UN Environment Program Finance Initiative (to bend people to their initiatives)*

3. Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF)

*- Your company’s grade on purchases, energy use, commuting, vehicles, investing…*

*- Also personal mortgages, car loans, listed equity…* <https://carbonaccountingfinancials.com/>

4. CITI, Morgan Stanley, BOA, Comerica now using this

*- Citibank: “Achieving net-zero emissions will require a whole economy transition—every*

*company, bank, insurer, and investor will have to adjust their business models”*

• **US Federal Reserve (Not gov’t. agency; private organization)**

1. Financial Stability Climate Committee

2. Supervision Climate Committee

<https://buckleyfirm.com/blog/2021-03-26/fed-establishes-financial-stability-climate-committee>

• **ESG Standards**

1. Evaluation of business and investments

*- Not just on quality of goods/services, profits; commitment to social justice and environment*

<http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF_IBC_Measuring_Stakeholder_Capitalism_Report_2020.pdf>

• **ESG Score Examples**

1. WEF’s International Business Council partly ranks businesses

*- Carbon footprint - Size of facilities - % of employees by age, gender, ethnicity*

<http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF_IBC_Measuring_Stakeholder_Capitalism_Report_2020.pdf>

2. World's largest banks (including 6 in US)

*- Deny capital for companies not in compliance with ESG mandates*

<https://fortune.com/2021/03/09/wells-fargo-climate-carbon-neutral-net-zero>

• **ESG Score Example for Individuals**

1. Merrill Lynch gives ESG scores to individual investors based on companies in portfolios

2. IMF Working Paper: Financial Intermediation and Technology

*- Use people’s digital footprint to ascertain credit-worthiness (online purchases, search history)*

3. Unemployment, loan denial for being against “human rights”

[https://townhall.com/columnists/justinhaskins/2021/03/30/how-big-banks-are-planning-to-force- americans-into-the-great-reset-trap-n2587085](https://townhall.com/columnists/justinhaskins/2021/03/30/how-big-banks-are-planning-to-force-%20americans-into-the-great-reset-trap-n2587085)

• **Government and Corporations (Public/private partnerships)**

1. Corporations’ ESG scores operate apart from government; circumvent Bill of Rights

• **Social Credit System**

1. Incentivize behavior by penalties & rewards in China

*- Not paying individual taxes or fines, spreading false information, taking drugs*

*- Uses cameras & cell phone data*

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/mar/01/china-bans-23m-discredited-citizens-from-buying-travel-tickets-social-credit-system>

2. Smart Citizen Wallet app in Italy

*- Rewards for recycling, using public transport, managing energy well*

*- Discounts & free cultural activities*

<https://europeanconservative.com/articles/news/bologna-introduces-social-credit-app-to-promote-virtuous-behavior/>

• **CBDC (Central Bank Digital Currency) or digital dollar**

1. Centralized banking through Federal Reserve—record of all transactions; no privacy; no auditing of Fed

2. Enforcement mechanism of Great Reset through ESG scores

3. Bank of England asked Parliament to decide if CBDC is programmable—restrict certain purchases or time limit