

Discussion 19

The Fall of Babylon

(The Judgement of Whore of all the Earth)

Primary Reading:

- 1st Nephi 3:238-250 (RAV) / 14:18-26 (OPV)
- Revelation Chapters 17 & 18

Passages for Comparison:

- Revelation 17 => Zenos 3:1-20 :: Judgment of The Great Whore
- Revelation 18 => Nothing? :: The Collapse of the Luxurious Things of the World

Objectives:

- See Babylon for what she is.
- Understand what to expect from Babylon.

Reading:

Nephi :: John, The Apostle of the Lamb	
1 Nephi	Discussion Ideas
3:238a [14:18]. ¶ And it came to pass that the angel spake unto me, saying: Look!	
3:238b [14:19]. And I looked and beheld a man, and he was dressed in a white robe.	
3:239 [14:20]. And the angel said unto me: Behold one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb!	
3:240 [14:21a]. Behold, he shall see and write the remainder of these things;	
3:241 [14:21b]. Yea, and also many things which have been;	
3:242 [14:22]. And he shall also write concerning the end of the world;	
3:243 [14:23a]. Wherefore, the things which he shall write are just and true;	
3:244 [14:23b]. And behold, they are written in the book which thou beheld proceeding out of the mouth of the Jew;	
3:245 [14:23c]. And at the time they proceeded out of the mouth of the Jew, or at the time the book proceeded out of the mouth of the Jew, the things which were written were plain, and pure, and most precious, and easy to the understanding of all men.	
3:246 [14:24a]. And behold, the things which this apostle of the Lamb shall write	

<p>are many things which thou hast seen;</p> <p>3:247 [14:24b]. And behold, the remainder shalt thou see;</p> <p>3:248 [14:25]. But the things which thou shalt see hereafter, thou shalt not write; for the Lord God hath ordained the apostle of the Lamb of God that he should write them.</p>	
<p>3:249 [14:26a]. And also others who have been, to them hath he shown all things, and they have written them;</p> <p>3:250 [14:26b]. And they are sealed up, to come forth in their purity according to the truth which is in the Lamb, in the own due time of the Lord, unto the house of Israel.</p>	<p>It looks like Zenos was one of those others. Do we know of anyone else who has seen the vision of “all things” and recorded them?</p> <p>Have other things come forth yet that reveal these things?</p>

Rev 17(all) :: Judgment of The Great Whore

Revelation	Zenos	Discussion Ideas
<p>17:1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:</p> <p>17:2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.</p>	<p>3:1. And there came Michael, one of the seven angels of the seven dispensations, with a vile.</p> <p>3:2. And he spoke unto me, saying: Come I will show unto thee the judgment of she who prostituteth herself upon the many waters, with whom the nations of the earth have committed fornication;</p> <p>3:3. Yea, and the whole earth hath she made drunk with the wine of her fornication.</p>	
<p>17:3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.</p>	<p>3:4. And it came to pass that I was carried away in spirit into the wilderness, and there I saw as it were a woman who sat upon a red serpent, yea even that leviathan;</p> <p>3:5. And written upon the leviathan were the names of blasphemy unto Elohim Khayyim;</p> <p>3:6. And the leviathan had, as it were, seven heads and ten horns, and this to mock the seven and ten flames.</p>	
<p>17:4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her</p>	<p>3:7. And though she was naked, the woman appeared to be adorned in scarlet, red, and purple, and wearing gold, and precious stones, and pearls;</p>	

<p>hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:</p> <p>17:5 And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon The Great, The Mother Of Harlots And Abominations Of The Earth.</p> <p>17:6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.</p>	<p>3:8. And in her right hand she held as it were a golden chalice which was full of abominations and her fornication, and in her hair and her fingers were filthiness;</p> <p>3:9. And her name is Lilith, and she is the mother of idolaters, and she and Cain walk the earth teaching mankind the abominations written upon that leviathan.</p> <p>3:10. And it came to pass that I saw as it were the woman lying with Cain, intoxicated by their sins, drunk as it were with the blood of kaddish, and in the blood of all those that have been slain.</p>	
<p>17:7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.</p> <p>17:8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.</p>	<p>3:11. And it came to pass that the angel of YHVH spoke unto me, saying: I shall tell thee the mystery of Lilith, and of the leviathan and his seven heads and his ten horns;</p> <p>3:12. And the serpent that thou sawest shall ascend out of the abyss, being perdition.</p>	
<p>17:9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.</p>	<p>3:13. And here is wisdom: The seven heads are seven lying tongues on which the woman sitteth that shall oppose the seven angels of the seven dispensations, each one in their turn;</p>	<p>Can we speculate on who each of the 7 lying tongues are who have opposed the seven dispensations?</p>
<p>17:10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.</p> <p>17:11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.</p> <p>17:12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with</p>	<p>3:14. And they are seven rulers of man: five are fallen, and two are yet to come;</p> <p>3:15. And the ten horns are ten rulers with no power, but they receive power as kings upon the earth for one hour as they join with the leviathan;</p> <p>3:16. And these being perdition are as one mind, giving their strength and their power unto Lilith and her leviathan,</p>	<p>Do you think the 10 horns are all going to have their one hour of fame at the same time? Or do you think they were spread out throughout time?</p>

<p>the beast.</p> <p>17:13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.</p>		
<p>17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.</p> <p>17:15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.</p> <p>17:16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.</p>	<p>3:17. For these have made war with Yah, and YHVH shall overcome them, for he is Mashiach HaMashiach, Yachad Yachid Echad, the Great High Priest after the order of Melchizedek.</p> <p>3:18. And the waters where upon Lilith rested are peoples and nations of the earth;</p> <p>3:19. And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the leviathan, these shall hate Lilith, and shall make her desolate, stripping her naked, and burning her with fire,</p>	
<p>17:17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.</p> <p>17:18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.</p>	<p>3:20. And this because YHVH shall put in their hearts to fulfil His will, even unto their own detriment should they not return in teshuvah, for the Word of YHVH shall be fulfilled.</p>	

Rev 18(all) :: The Collapse of the Luxurious Things of the World

Revelation	Discussion Ideas
<p>18:1 And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.</p> <p>18:2 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.</p> <p>18:3 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.</p>	
<p>18:4 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.</p>	<p>Has this voice yet spoken? If so, when? If not, what should we do between now and then?</p>

<p>18:5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.</p> <p>18:6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.</p> <p>18:7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.</p> <p>18:8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.</p> <p>18:9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,</p> <p>18:10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.</p>	<p>Is preparation for this event something physical we need to do? Or something spiritual? Or something metaphorical?</p>
<p>18:11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:</p> <p>18:12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,</p> <p>18:13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.</p> <p>18:14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.</p>	<p>This lists out various industries that are tied into Babylon. Some of them are Luxurious, others are simply goods that exist in a booming economy.</p> <p>Are these things all things we should be avoiding? Is it bad to have these luxurious things? If they are OK, why are they listed here? If they are not OK, is it even possible to avoid things like wine, oil, flour, wheat, ... cars?</p>
<p>18:15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,</p> <p>18:16 And saying, Alas, alas that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!</p> <p>18:17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,</p> <p>18:18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!</p> <p>18:19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.</p>	

18:20 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

18:21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

18:22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;

18:23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

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

Discussion:

There are at least two ways to view the chronology of chapter 17. It could be that it is chronologically after chapter 16. In this case the vials get poured out on “her” church, and then YHVH goes in to take care of the great whore herself. In the second, it is a complete reset of the chronology. Chapter 16 happens at the “end”, and chapter 17 starts the story over from a new angle. In 17, he explains the whole story of the Whore of Babylon so that in chapter 18, he can bring justice against her. Which of those do you feel is the intended interpretation for these visions, and why? (or do you have another way to view it?)