

THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT ... 12/07/2014

Romans 1:18-32 ... the continued, progressive downward spiral of the increase of sin, rebellion, arrogance, pride, and hardness of heart toward God... to the point at which God must bring judgment and wrath against that “society” or those “societies” that are characterized by this. Romans 1:18-32 is mostly about societies, cultures, people groups, etc. that have been caught in the **Babylonian Drift away from God**. It is focused mostly on those societies that are drifting toward Polytheism (worship of many gods/goddesses), Pantheism (everything is “god” or divine), animism [a form of pantheism] and Atheism [no god – just an accident]. But, because mankind is “religious” in his nature, he/she will worship something (no matter how much they try not to) ... people end up become idolatrous even if they are atheistic/agnostic, etc. Romans 1:18-32 is not talking about a society drifting toward Islam or some sort of organized religion like Islam (a monotheistic, structured religious belief system, which has “laws” somewhat point toward outward “righteous” behaviors, etc.). This passage is focusing on a society that drifts away from God toward rampant ungodliness, unrighteousness, and even away from any kind of religion ... fully licentious, sinful, arrogant, prideful and **tyrannical**.

There are commonalities between Romans 1:18-32 and Islam, only in this ... each denies the Real God, the God of the Bible, and the Bible and “invented” a new god (or set of gods and goddesses) to follow. Because of their rejection and re-invention they will follow a certain “path” of life that leads to a certain end, of some sort.

1. **Romans 1:18-32** ends with the full implosion of that society because of its sinful rebellious behaviors. **Tyranny and Pride** are a part of the end of that society.
2. **Islam** progresses toward **Tyranny and Pride**, with lots of bloodshed and terror (based on the Qur’an) Islam is **more** in line with the **deification of Moralism** (similar to the Pharisees) which Paul teaches about in Romans chapter 2 (**outwardly** Islam “hates” immoral behaviors, again this is **outward** “hate”, but inward, **behind closed doors**, many are almost just as sinful as those in Romans 1:18-32)

Full, rampant, rebellious immorality, sinful behaviors, unrestrained sinful activities is what is described in **Romans 1:28-32** ... it is sin moving all the way to the Top of the Tower of Babylon to Pridefully Display its full sinfulness and force others to AGREE with their choices and behaviors (TYRRANY) ... and that is the LAST STAGE of that Society ... it will either implode, be destroyed by natural disasters, or taken over by a foreign power, or the combination thereof. God’s Wrath will be poured out on that society, people group, and/or culture... that will be the end of it.

Today, societies like that in the WEST, are now being progressively taken over by ISLAM via Soft Jihad (through votes and politics) slowly but surely ... through soft implementation, step-by-step with a little Shariah here and little Shariah law there ... until full bowing of the body to Islam takes place ... **without the sword of Islam being unsheathed**. This is **SATAN’s final strategy before the coming of the anti-christ** ... preparing the world for the anti-christ’s coming.

Thus, in Romans 1:18-32, God Explains His justification for why His Wrath is “seen” in the HEAVENS (which is another sermon entirely → the “**Gospel in the Stars**”, which also shows God’s Judgment against sin and Satan in those same “constellations” (the story that is seen there, starting with a Virgin giving birth to a Son (the Seed of the Woman) who will rule the Universe... ending with that Son (seen as a LION) crushing the head of the Serpent while the Son is bitten on His foot (Genesis 3:15) -- this is why the **original sphinx** was the Head of a Woman – with the body and “tail” of a Lion – that was a **KEY** to help us know where we must start in the Circle of the Constellations → we start with the Virgin (virgo with **seed** in her hand) ...

Psalms 19:1-4

The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament shows His handiwork.

² Day unto day utters speech,
And night unto night reveals knowledge.

³ **There is no speech nor language
Where their voice is not heard.**

⁴ Their line has gone out through all the earth,
And **their words to the end of the world.**

So, this means that the ancient, original star names, the original constellation names (48, not just 12 → 12 main, with 3 supporting “sub-constellations” per each “Main” constellation = 48) **tell a Prophetic Story**

Thus, God has been DISPLAYING His Wrath from the Heavens since the time Adam and Eve sinned and Genesis 3:15 was announced. That **common knowledge “written” in the Heavens** about a coming redeemer (virgin born) **and** the judgment of sin and of Satan, went out to all people groups, **before the flood**.

After the Flood we begin **THE TALE OF TWO CITIES** ... this concept unlocks the entire Bible from that point:

The first City we are introduced to is BABEL [“house of BEL”] or Babylon (e.g.: the Tower of Babel) introduced in Genesis 10 & 11, with her king/emperor Nimrod (king over vast territories and many cities) ... Nimrod was the first king after the flood.

BABEL → “house of BEL” (BEL is another name for “BAAL” or “BA’AL”, husband of Ashtoreth, father of Tammuz (a virgin born son, counterfeit “redeemer” story invented by Satan).

[In Egypt they were known as Osiris, Isis, and Horus]

This is the Babylonian Corruption of the Original Prophecy found in Genesis 3:15. But, that sinful, selfish, self-centered corruption led Nimrod to lead the people into building the Tower of Babel, the ultimate Monument to SELF (deification of SELF). God brought an end to that with endowing us with at least 70 different (root) languages (all languages today trace their roots to these “root” languages).

Babylon represents sinful mankind, unredeemed, natural, rebellious, **organized mankind exalting himself** in prideful arrogance **AGAINST God. The Exaltation of Self, the Deification of SELF.** Mankind wanting to Progress himself to the Next Level, by his own devices. Babylon is the root of all false religions (polytheistic, pantheistic, animistic, and false monotheism [such as Islam]), the corruption of “real religion” of the real God, and the root of atheistic humanism. **It is also the ROOT of Islam, as well.**

The **Second City** is **JERUSALEM** (Salem) seen in **Genesis 14:18-20** – whose first king was Melchizedek (see also Psalm 110:4 and Hebrews 5:6-10; 6:20; 7:1-21). Instead of being led by a rebellious, power hungry, sinful king ... **Jerusalem was led by a Priest-King of the Living and True God, the Most High God** ... the same God that Abram/Abraham followed, obeyed, and worshipped. Yes, there were other people who worshipped the True God, other than Abraham. Melchizedek, is a Title (similar to Pharaoh, Abimelech, Agag, etc... – those were all titles of their respective cultures that related to our understanding of “king”) **Melchizedek means King of Righteousness.** Melchizedek was the King of Salem ... thus he was the **King of Peace** or Prince of Peace ... another title. Jesus Christ, the Messiah of Israel, also has those titles. The Melchizedek Abram met, was a real human being, a contemporary of Abram, and was **NOT** an emanation of the Pre-Incarnate Christ. The **Title and Office of “Melchizedek”** is what the rest of the passages in Psalm and in Hebrews **focuses** on, **not** the physical, human being that Abram/Abraham met. Jerusalem → means **“Heritage of Peace”** not just “the city of peace”. But a “Heritage of Peace”. Thus, Jerusalem’s beginnings are firmly **ROOTED** in God, the Service of God, and the Worship of the Real, Living and True God.

Jerusalem represents the people of God, those whom God redeems. **Redemption** is represented. God’s People, God’s Way of Life, People who follow God. Although Jerusalem may seem lost and nothing can ever save her ... God will some day fully redeem Jerusalem. Ultimately → The Heavenly, New Jerusalem ... think about it ... God’s “Melchizedek” → Jesus Christ, the Messiah of Israel, the Savior of the World will rule over Jerusalem forever.

In the book of Revelation the final battle is God destroying the last vestiges of “spiritual” Babylon (Revelation 16-19) as seen in the anti-christ and his “empire” being fully destroyed by God (by Jesus Christ and His “Armies”) ... and then God Redeems earthly Israel and earthly Jerusalem (Revelation 20 – 1000 years).

The ultimate vision of God’s Full Redemption, Love and Glory is seen in the New Jerusalem, as recorded in Revelation chapters 21 & 22.

Seeing that **all of the Bible**, from Genesis 10 thru to the end of the Book of Revelation is a **Tale of Two Cities** (Babylon and Jerusalem) puts all we are reading in the Bible into perspective.

Romans 1:18-32 – is the sad state of affairs of mankind left to himself, to become the fully sinful monster he can fully be, if sin is allow to take its full course. Step-by-Step, stage by stage in any society, people group and/or culture ... this progressing downward spiral of ever increasing sinfulness and hardness of heart is inevitable and predictable ... **IT ALWAYS FOLLOWS THIS PREDICTIVE PATTERN.**

1st Stage → IDOLATRY → worshipping anything other than the Creator God, the True and Living God.
God is replaced with _____ (fill in the blank) **because of the Suppression of TRUTH**
God is no longer honored as God in that society, people group, culture
God is no longer thanked for all He has done for all of mankind, etc. (**Romans 1:18-23**)

2nd Stage → IMMORALITY (beginning stages of immorality → **Romans 1:24-25**)
God gives them up to the lusts of their hearts (sinful lusts and desires)
They dishonor their bodies (if we don't honor God as God, we will end up dishonoring ourselves)
They exchanged the Truth about God for the LIE (it easier to go along with the crowd then stand up for the truth ... they fear being rejected, not being a part of the "in crowd", they fear the repercussions and persecution that might come because of standing up for the truth ... so they turn a blind eye, capitulate, placate, compromise ... so that they can fit in)
Breaking of the 7th Commandment → "You shall not commit adultery."
Breaking of the 10th Commandment → "... you shall not 'covet' your neighbor's wife..."
Basically → Adultery and Fornication [sex before marriage, living together, etc... shacking-up, etc.]

3rd Stage → SEXUAL PERVERSION (immorality to its fullest, upside-down, twisted, and UNNATURAL)
Romans 1:26-27 → it is plain reading → men with men, females with females – **abomination**
It is against God's original plan of male and female, God's definition of Marriage (Genesis 2:24, etc.)
It is against nature → unnatural (ref.: Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; 1 Timothy 1:8-11)

4th Stage → SIN TO ITS FULLEST – UNRESTRAINED – PRIDEFUL ARROGANCE – TYRANNY
– **Seeking Approval of All SIN - THE END OF THAT SOCIETY** –

Romans 1:28-32.

²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God **GAVE THEM OVER** to A **DEBASED MIND**, to do those things which are **not fitting**; ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, **sexual immorality**, wickedness, **covetousness**, maliciousness; full of **envy**, **murder**, **strife**, **deceit**, **evil-mindedness**; they are whisperers, ³⁰ **backbiters**, **haters of God**, violent, **PROUD**, **boasters**, **inventors of evil things**, **disobedient to parents**, ³¹ **undiscerning**, **untrustworthy**, **unloving**, **unforgiving**, **unmerciful**; ³² **who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, NOT ONLY DO THE SAME BUT ALSO APPROVE OF THOSE WHO PRACTICE THEM.** (*that is when Tyranny starts*)

2 Timothy 3:1-5 →

But know this, that in the **last days** perilous times will come: ² For men will be **lovers of themselves**, **lovers of money**, **boasters**, **PROUD**, **blasphemers**, **disobedient to parents**, **unthankful**, **unholy**, ³ **unloving**, **unforgiving**, **slanderers**, **without self-control**, **brutal**, **despisers of good**, ⁴ **traitors**, **headstrong**, **haughty**, **lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God**, ⁵ **having a form of godliness but denying its power.** And from such people turn away!

Throwing God & His Word out of Everything - "did not like to retain God in their knowledge"

"**despisers of good**" better translated as "**despisers of those that do good**"

It is irrational bitterness & hatred of "those that do good" → **this is the ROOT of persecution.**

The **4th Stage** is when that Society, as a whole, is rapidly **moving toward Massive Approval** of every kind of sinful behavior and belief → **FORCING** (i.e. Tyranny) everyone to go along with it, **or else** they will suffer the full weight of the "law". **Romans 1:32** → **knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, NOT ONLY DO THE SAME BUT ALSO APPROVE OF THOSE WHO PRACTICE THEM.** → **this always, always leads to Tyranny, Despotism, and to their total destruction.**

This **4th and Final Stage**, is the **Stage of Tyranny** → of forcing the approval of all kinds of godless, sinful, ungodly, unrighteous behaviors and beliefs upon the society and making sure everyone approves of this, with no one allowed to object to it, otherwise there will be consequences. **Rampant, Increasing Persecution occurs here. Persecution NEVER happens when Christians stay silent and turn a blind eye. It ONLY occurs when Christians Speak Out, Expose Evil, and Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. FEAR keeps us SILENT. I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST** (Rom. 1:16-17; Matt. 10:11-33 / Mark 8:34-38) The **FEAR** of Persecution causes "good people" to be silent. The Goal is to shut us up. We are almost here in the USA ... now. (Think of ancient Greece, Rome, Hitler's Germany, Sodom & Gomorrah ...)

GOD is Calling us to BOLDNESS and to Much PRAYER ...

Mark 8:34-38 →

³⁴ When Jesus had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after (i.e.: to follow) Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ³⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? ³⁷ Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is **ashamed of Me AND My Words in this adulterous and sinful generation**, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

Matthew 10:27-28, 32-33 (in the greater context of Matthew 10:11-42)

²⁷ “Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. ²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. ... ³² “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. ³³ But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.”

We must pray for those around us... standing in the GAP ... otherwise God will most certainly have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah and will have to Judge the USA and the Western World with His Wrath ... either by Judging us with invading armies to overtake us, financial ruin which will lead to bondage to other nations (like the UN), massive natural disasters ... or a combination of all these (this is how God has done it in the past to other cultures, societies and people groups who ended in this 4th Stage)

God said in Ezekiel 22:30-31: “So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and **stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.** ³¹ Therefore I have poured out My indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; and I have recompensed their deeds on their own heads,” says the Lord God.