

Bodies and Souls As Commodities

Commentary for December 1, 2021 — Told In The Book of Revelation

I return to a topic I wrote about in my August 15, 2021 Commentary, "[Human Savagery Reaches a New Level](#)." In Revelation chapter 18 God mocks merchants of a future rebuilt Babylon. A list of luxury goods is presented. Each item has great value. The goods listed are for sale just before Babylon is destroyed by God's wrath. The Merchants mourn the loss of their profits.¹ No such destruction of Babylon has ever happened in history. I quote in part:

"And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her [Babylon]; for no man buys their merchandise [cargo] anymore:

The merchandise [cargo] of

gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of

... all manner [of] vessels [containers] of ivory, and

all manner [of] vessels [containers] of most precious wood, and of

brass, and iron, and marble, and

... sheep, and horses, and chariots, and

→ SLAVES [bodies], AND SOULS OF MEN. And

• the fruits that your soul lusted after are departed from you, and

• all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from you, and

you shall find them no more at all."

• Revelation 18:11-14

"Slaves and Souls of Men" in Revelation 18:13

The translators of the King James Version chose the word "slaves" (indicated by the arrow). The Greek word for "slaves" is *δοῦλον*, used 127 times in the New Testament but not in Revelation 18:13. The Greek word is *σωμάτων*, plural, which means "bodies" in English.

"Bodies and souls of men" are last of all the commodities bought and sold in Babylon. Just before Babylon's destruction there will be a lucrative market for those two items. Remember, all the goods in Revelation 18:11-14 are highly profitable luxury goods for the merchants.

Dead "bodies" are meant, because the term "bodies" contrasts with the phrase "**souls of men.**"² That phrase can only mean "living" human beings, because souls only exist when a human body is combined with, and energized by a spirit of man given by an act from God (Genesis 2:7; 1 Corinthians 15:45; and Revelation 16:3). Bodies without the human spirit are dead. Revelation 8:13 says dead bodies and living souls will have immense value, and

¹ F.E. Marsh, 1922, "[Will Babylon Be Rebuilt?](#)" and Dr. Ernest Martin, 1975, "[The Rebirth of Babylon](#)."

² The Greek words for the phrase "souls of men" are *ψυχὰς ἀνθρώπων*. The word *ψυχὰς* is the very common New Testament Greek word "soul"; *ἀνθρώπων* is the common Greek term for "human being" (the Greek basis for "anthropology," English for the study of human societies and culture).

will be bought and sold as commodities in future Babylonian markets.

Dead Bodies as a Commodity, Not Since Adam ... Not Until Now

Since kidney transplants began in 1954 (see "[History of Transplantation](#)"), many kinds of organs have been transplanted successfully. Only modern medicine has done such procedures and successfully dealt with the recipient's organ rejection. More breakthroughs will likely occur. But the evil of organs taken from non-voluntary living "donors" (called murder) will increase until God destroys Babylon. Read the rest of Revelation 18:15–24.

In our current world, slavery does not occur just to provide cheap labor. With 7.5+ billion people in the world, cheap labor is readily available. Slavery today is used to suppress certain populations of people for a variety of reasons, and to use them in every way, now including taking body parts from the young and strong within subjected populations.

China, the country with the largest population in the world, is currently suppressing three groups, two religious: the Buddhist religious group called the Falun Gong, and suppression of Christians is also beginning in China. The Muslim Uighurs, a Turkish steppe people living mostly in northwest China are suffering both ethnic and religious persecution, and even genocide.

A Clear Biblical Milestone

In my opinion Revelation 8:13 is a clear indicator of a process that could have occurred only after the 1990s. We are getting closer to the End Times, as I show in my article, "[The End Time? Not Yet!](#)" We are still several decades away from Christ's return. Horrific evils will increase, particularly **(1)** slavery (which has been in all societies since the flood of Noah), **(2)** human trafficking, and **(3)** "harvesting" living human organs. In ancient times, dead bodies were needed to be buried or burned soon after death for the health of society.

So, for the past two decades bodies have become a commodity. Mostly young healthy people are sought for "on demand" body parts. Revelation 18:13 inform us that "**bodies and souls**" are bought and sold now. For more information, see "[Inside China's 'thought transformation' camps – BBC News](#)" (12 minutes), then search for these words: "[Uighur organ harvesting](#)," terms that will yield several videos. Remember, Babylon itself must be rebuilt. (**Note:** the United States is not "hidden Babylon," but it does operate on the Babylonian system.)

Modern Technology Is Necessary for Transplant Infrastructure

For Revelation 18:13 to occur and for bodies to continue to be a valued commodity in the future, a massive modern technological infrastructure will continue to exist before Christ returns. Drugs to control organ rejection will be produced and remain available.

The world will seem to be in a golden age under the antichrist and his minions before God destroys Babylon. Buying and selling will continue to expand around the world except where wars and disasters will increasingly occur, but the majority of humanity will experience great prosperity until God's judgments begin.

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