

Drugs In Prophecy

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Introduction

The newspapers a few days ago (late-1981) said two more Med flies had been found in southern California; so they would now spray the poison, malathion, over a heavily-populated area around that site. Other large population areas of California have already been sprayed with the poison, malathion. This is the same kind of aerial spraying that was done in Vietnam and other Southeast Asian countries by the U.S. Armed Forces in the 60's and 70's.

The Holy Bible warns us that the populations of the world would be poisoned with drugs by the end of this age. While we know that this probably refers to such things as marijuana, opium and heroin, can it, also, include poisoned chemicals, supposedly used to kill insects or to cure diseases, but which poison or drug humans at the same time? I certainly think it can.

What The Bible Prophesies

One of the best known Bible passages which warn that the world would be in a drugged state, at the end of this age, is found in Revelation 18:23. This is at the end of the passage which describes the destruction of something called, "Mystery Babylon The Great, mother of harlots and abominations of the earth," and verse 8 of Revelation 18 gives Mystery Babylon's death sentence:

"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."

Revelation 18:8

The next 14 verses describe "her," and include the sorrow of those who have been made rich by "her" merchandise because, now, they will have lost their riches and their power over people. Then comes verse 23, which states:

"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."

Revelation 18:23

As most Bible scholars know, the English word "sorceries" is translated from the Greek word "pharmakia" from which we get our word "pharmacy" or "drugs." A literal rendering of that passage would be this charge against Mystery Babylon: "For by thy drugs were all nations deceived" or "by thy drugs were all nations drugged."

One hundred years ago, and even 25 years ago, most students of prophecy were saying: "Well, this has to be off in the future because drugs are not being used in the manner in which the passage would indicate; for this passage seems to say that all nations, meaning most of the peo-

ple of the world, would be deceived by the drugs distributed by Mystery Babylon." We have known for years that there has been widespread use of drugs in Asian countries, and limited use on other continents. However, among the Christian nations of the West, until recently, drug use affected only a tiny percentage of the population.

Since World War I all of that changed, and that's what we are going to be talking about in this book; for I believe the increase in the drugging of the populations of Christendom is not just a happenstance. I believe it is the result of a deliberate plan by the antichrists who want to destroy Christians and Christianity. They want to set up their one-world dictatorship without Christianity under the Red banner of Communism. We will be comparing both the realities of the widespread druggings of millions of people and what the Bible has to say about it.

Much of what I will be saying on this subject will be bad news. As the drugging of our people is increasing so rapidly, let us get a perspective on this with some good news from the Bible first.

Regarding the statement by God Almighty in Rev. 18, that all nations were drugged with the drugs of Mystery Babylon; if you read the whole chapter, you will see it is describing the END of Mystery Babylon — not its beginning. It would appear from that, by the time the widespread drugging of the people of the earth is revealed, it will be time for Babylon's destruction.

Looking at the accelerating rate of drug use in Christendom, we may soon be nearing that time when God will bring an end to this great anti-Christian conspiracy, which is trying to destroy Christendom with drugs.

In case you didn't already realize it, entire governments are under the control of those organizations whose main purpose is to sell drugs and destroy Christendom.

Columbia, in South America, is only one small example. For many years the main export of communist China has been opium and heroin, which is sent primarily to the United States. Recently, some news reports have indicated that in the state of Florida, the largest business — at least money-wise — is the business of narcotics. Some authorities have stated that the money for drugs is now so great in America that the dealers are bribing local politicians, police, and judges. If they won't take the bribes, they send strong-armed men to tell them they had BETTER take the bribe or they will injure or kill family members. One drug dealer was recently arrested in Florida and it was revealed that he had been depositing over 30 million dollars every month in bank accounts — not \$30 million a year, mind you, \$30 million a month! With that kind of money, a few million for the bribing of government officials is cheap insurance. And he was only ONE among hundreds still loose who are bringing drugs from Asia and South America into the United States.

Who or What Is Ephraim?

One specific prophecy which would give us the approximate time all of this would end, and the antichrist be destroyed, is in the Prophet Hosea. It has to do, specifically, with America and Christendom. However, the prophet uses, as do several other prophets, the name Ephraim. And because so many of our churchgoers are quite ignorant of WHO or WHAT Ephraim is, we will go back and study the book of Genesis first, in order to

establish who Ephraim is and why he is mentioned in end-time prophecies affecting Christendom.

In Genesis 48, Jacob and his sons and their sons are still in Egypt. Jacob, now called "Israel" by God, is old and dying and he calls Joseph to his bedside and asks Joseph to bring his two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. So, first you will know that Ephraim is Joseph's son born in Egypt, as of course was Manasseh. In verse 5, Jacob-Israel says to Joseph:

"And now thy two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine."

Genesis 48:5

This verse actually-records a legal adoption. Reuben and Simeon were Jacob's first two sons of the twelve sons that he had. Now, here in Egypt, Jacob is replacing those first two sons with Ephraim and Manasseh, now to be considered the first-born of Jacob-Israel. Then in verse 14, Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it upon Ephraim's head (who was the younger) and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hand wittingly, for Manasseh was the first-born.

Israel, by placing his right hand on Ephraim (who was Joseph's second-born son), chose Ephraim as his (Jacob-Israel's) first-born son, making him preeminent not only over Reuben and Simeon, but placing Ephraim AHEAD of Manasseh. Joseph protested in verse 17 and 18, trying to make Jacob-Israel put his right hand on Manasseh, who was the older, but Israel refused. And if you will read verse 13, you will see that Israel had to cross his

arms in order to get his right hand on Ephraim and his left hand on Manasseh; thereby, making the sign of the cross with his arms as he adopted those two sons of Joseph.

Later, we will show further why this whole adoption process has a direct connection with Christianity and with Christians, and has no connection at all with what is commonly-called Judaism or the Jews. So by the sign of the cross, the sign of Christianity, Ephraim and Manasseh were adopted, blessed and prophesied upon. You should read the whole chapter, for it gives us the key to many end-time prophecies which are ordinarily not understood by the churches and ministers today when they read about Ephraim in Isaiah and in Jeremiah, Hosea, Obadiah or Zachariah. They do not understand those prophecies because they do not know that the name Ephraim stands for the name of Israel in many of these prophecies. In fact, in verse 16 of Gen 48, Israel said as part of the adoption procedure: "Let my name be named on them and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac." Again, by this act of adoption Ephraim and Manasseh replaced Reuben and Simeon as the first and second in line of inheritance from Jacob-Israel. The next chapter gives us the reason why Reuben was rejected as Israel's first-born:

"And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days."

Genesis. 49:1

Please keep in mind that this is an end-time prophecy — not THEIR last days. Continuing, Genesis 49 further states:

“Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father.”

Genesis 49:2

Having gathered them together, Jacob-Israel then speaks to them in order of their birth, beginning of course with Reuben.

“Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:”

Genesis 49:3

Now there is some speculation as to what Reuben did. However, for our purposes here, what Reuben actually did is not important. Here, Ephraim was put in his place as the first-born inheritor of the promise to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. This is verified in the book of the Chronicles as they list all of the tribes and their descendants.

“Now, the sons of Reuben, the first born of Israel (for he was the first born but for as much as he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright.”

1 Chronicles 5:1

And then to explain another part of prophecy, here's verse 2:

“For Judah prevailed above his brethren and of him came the chief ruler; but the birthright was Joseph's:”

1 Chronicles 5:2

Remember, David and the Davidic line and Jesus Christ, the King of Israel were born through the Judah line, but verse 2

concludes: "But the birthright was Joseph's."

A book, entitled, Judah's Septre and Joseph's Birthright, which is about 300 pages long, explains how these two prophecies or promises were fulfilled — one in the House of Judah and one in the House of Joseph. Many of the Bible prophecies cannot be understood, unless you understand those two things; and especially, that the first born in Israel is now Joseph's two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh.

Now, I hope I am not boring some of you because you thought you were going to hear some world-shaking news or statistics about drugs or the drug problem. I will get to that issue later. However, with the drug problem growing, as it is all over the world, it is easy to see that all stable governments and societies in the Christian West could soon be destroyed by this one thing alone. Therefore, I must first show you that we are not going to be destroyed by drugs. The Bible itself gives us both prophecies and promises of the deliverance of Christendom. It also gives us a general timetable of that deliverance. But you won't find that deliverance in the Bible, unless you know the story of Ephraim becoming the end-time inheritor of the Israel promises and the name used symbolically for the Christian West.

That is why I have to go through all of this, because I know many churchgoers have never even heard the name Ephraim. In fact, I've run across ministers who are ignorant of this truth and yet the name, Ephraim, is probably the most important name in the Bible for understanding the end-time prophecies about Christendom outside of the name of Jesus Christ, Himself.

Ephraim In End Time Prophecy

So, please bear with me as I discuss the worldwide drug problem. I am of necessity discussing end-time events, and the name Ephraim figures very greatly in the end-time Bible prophecy.

Israel said of Ephraim and Manasseh in Genesis 48:

"The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

Genesis 48:16

Those words alone should tell us that BOTH Ephraim and Manasseh would have a great part to play in the future of Israel. How great that part would be is further-indicated in the words of Israel, in verses 19 & 20 of Genesis 48, where he answers Joseph at the time when Joseph wanted Jacob-Israel's right hand to be placed on Manasseh. Israel refused but said of Manasseh:

"He also shall become a people and he also shall be great..."

Genesis 48:19

Then Jacob-Israel goes on and talks about Ephraim:

"...But truly his younger brother (meaning Ephraim) shall be greater than he (Manasseh), and his seed (meaning the seed of descendants of Ephraim) shall become a multitude of nations."

Genesis 48:19

Right away, we can see that any fulfillment of the prophecy about Ephraim cannot possibly fit what has taken place or is happening in and among the Jewish nation of modern times. Here, we have two sons of Joseph, blessed and prophesied upon under the sign of the cross, and both seemed destined, if we can believe the Bible, to be a great number of people. However, the people who follow Judaism are not only a very tiny number of people, but do not now have the sign of the cross — the sign by which Ephraim and Manasseh were blessed; nor do they have blessings directly-attributable to God Almighty, as does Christendom.

Anyway, look at the phrase again in verse 19, which states that Ephraim's seed shall become a multitude of nations. The Hebrew word is "millo" (Strong's 4393) and here in Genesis 48, and once in Isaiah, are the ONLY times it is translated as "multitude" by the King James translators. Strong says it could have been translated fullness and "millo" is translated as "full" or "fullness" the majority of the time. Then this verse would read: "His seed shall become a FULLNESS of nations." However its Hebrew root word (Strong's 4407) stands for a citadel. Ephraim's fullness, since he was to inherit what Abraham was promised, would be "the city whose builder and maker was God" that we read of in Hebrews chapter 11, verse 10. In Hebrews, chapter 11, verse 16, whatever Abraham believed his seed were to inherit was called "An heavenly country."

Continuing on in Genesis, in the next chapter, where Israel blessed each of his sons, we can read the blessing for Joseph (which would be the blessing, of course, for BOTH Ephraim and Manasseh, Joseph's two sons), and perhaps we'll get a better idea of what that fullness of

nations would be which Ephraim's seed would become.

“Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall:

The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him:

But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)”

Genesis 49:22-24

The shepherd of Israel is Jesus Christ, as is the stone or the corner stone of Israel. Jesus Christ, Himself, testified that He was the Stone which the builders rejected in Matthew, chapter 21, verse 42. We could say from this that Joseph's descendants were promised their blessing from our Lord and Saviour — Jesus Christ.

There is much more about Joseph (and, of course, that means more about Ephraim and Manasseh, also) as we go to the prophecies which will show the connection between the drugs now upon the earth and the end of Mystery Babylon, which is the power and the entity behind drugs.

You must first understand that America and Christendom are called by the names of Ephraim and Manasseh in Bible prophecy. We are that part of Israel coming through Joseph in direct inheritance of the great promises to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob/Israel, which were by Israel to Ephraim and Manasseh in Genesis 48.

Later, I'll be covering some of the end-time prophecies about Ephraim and Manasseh and show how this drug war against

Christendom (that's what this is — a war against Christendom) fits in the picture.

The Witchcraft Connection

The U.S. News and World Report of October 12, 1981, had a two-page article titled "Marijuana, a U.S. Farm Crop that's Booming." The article stated that the California marijuana crop will sell for one billion dollars in 1981. In Kentucky, Lieutenant Lewis Stiles says marijuana is Kentucky's biggest cash crop. In Oklahoma, it is estimated only the wheat crop will sell for more than the marijuana grown in that state. In the U.S. News and World Report article, a dozen other states are listed as having thousands of people growing marijuana for sale.

Just recently, a U.S. government investigation disclosed that the pilots of the planes which crashed on U.S. Navy carriers within the last few months, destroying hundreds of millions of dollars worth of equipment and killing a number of Navy men, were under the influence of drugs. Some military people estimate one-half of all U.S. military personnel are frequent users of mind-affecting drugs. Are these signs of the drug age? Remember, the Holy Bible warns us that the whole world would be influenced by drugs at the end of this age.

Galatians, chapter 5, verses 19-21, provide us with a list of the works of the flesh. They are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred and so on, including a dozen or more terms. The word "witchcraft" in Galatians, chapter 5, is translated from the Greek word "pharmakia," which means drugs or druggery, and is the same word that is translated "sorceries" in Revelation 18; where we read in verse 23, that all the nations of the world were

deceived by Mystery Babylon's sorceries or druggeries. Almost any good Bible dictionary or source of information on witchcraft will tell you that its practitioners use drugs both on themselves and on those they intend to deceive.

The news on crime in America today shows that a very high percentage of murders, robberies, rapes, fornication, drunkenness and so on are connected with the use of drugs such as marijuana, which enters the human brain and deranges the mind. The connection between drugs and witchcraft is made plain in Webster's New World Dictionary. The word "pharmaceutical" is defined as:

"To practice witchcraft: use medicine (the word comes from pharmakon) a poison, medicine."

And of course, Webster goes on to say it is, also, used for our modern pharmacy or pharmacist, which under our present law, of course, are legal dispensers of drugs. We have been taught to accept the pharmacist as the kindly neighborhood druggist, who, dispenses cures for every known disease of man and animal. However, in recent years, we are finding that literally millions and millions of Americans are actually-addicted to drugs dispensed over pharmacy counters.

This is especially true of the so-called tranquilizers, some people being under their influence almost 24 hours a day, often obtaining them from more than one doctor or more than one druggist — so the dispensers really do not know the person is taking as many of them as they are. The ignorance of the doctor or the druggist as to what is happening doesn't change the truth that the addict is functioning with a deranged mind, and making decisions and acting in a manner contrary to his own

best interest, simply because he cannot think right.

In a booklet entitled, "What Does the Bible Say About Drugs?" it explains why the word "pharmakia" has such sinister connotations in the Holy Bible:

"Historically it seems that the people who used drugs were, as a rule, idol worshippers, enchanters or temple magicians who were for that reason abhorred by the religious Hebrew community."

The Britannica, describing the history of pharmacy, states:

"The physician priests of Egypt were divided into two classes — those who visited the sick and those who remained in the temple and prepared the remedies for the patients."

So we see that the pharmacists or the druggists of ancient Egypt were actually the priests of a false religion, and they prepared their potions as part of the rituals of that religion. They worshipped the sun, moon and stars, they worshipped a personification of the god Baal. They worshipped the Nile River. They had snake gods, cattle gods, frog gods and on and on. Every perversion of religion known to man or God was in Egypt. And the priests of that religion used drugs on the populace of Egypt.

Previously, I stated that although the Bible predicted a great drug epidemic that would sweep all nations, the Bible, also, prophesied a deliverance from this, when the world system of the antichrists were destroyed by the direct intervention of God Almighty in the affairs of the world. Remember, in Matthew 24, Jesus told of a time of tribulation such as never was upon

the earth; and that the days of that tribulation would have to be shortened or no flesh would be saved alive.

The Destructiveness of Drugs

A tiny glimpse of the destruction of human life which will come in the future through this increase in the use of drugs is the state of Florida, where authorities now estimate that 90% of all murders in that state are related to drug use. The totalitarian liberals, of course, want to register and outlaw your guns, but it is not your guns which cause the killings. It is drugs.

I mentioned earlier in this book that the Navy pilots who crash-landed on those U.S. aircraft carriers were found to have had high doses of drugs in their bloodstreams. Some authorities estimate that as many as one-half of all military personnel are regular users of mind-disturbing drugs. These are the people who are handling the armaments of war — from rifles to artillery, from airplanes to atomic weapons. And many of them have minds deranged from the drugs or the "pharmakia," mentioned in Revelation 18.

Some say of the possibility of atomic war, "Oh, man is too sensible to ever start an atomic war. He knows that millions would be killed." However, men under the influence of drugs are not sensible. They are not in control of their normal brain functions and they can do things they would not normally do. The increasing use of mind-deranging drugs in all nations could very well be part of the reason that God Almighty will have to intervene directly in the earth at the end of this age, in order to save mankind from extinction, by his own hand. I could talk for hours on the drug problem itself. However, I want to show you the Bible prophecies of our deliverance.

God's Intervention

In chapter 6 of the Prophet Hosea, there is a prophetic time given for the saving of God's people, which would show that we will be saved by God's intervention in the not too distant future. This entire book of prophecy is directed to God's Israel people. It records their casting off when God divorced Israel and sent her into the Assyrian captivity. Then, the rest of the book is prophetic of Israel's future history. Here is the time prophecy:

"After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight."

Hosea 6:2

Now, in 2 Peter 3:8 it says that one day with the Lord is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day. Other passages indicate that the word "day," when used in prophecy, often meant a thousand years. So, after 2,000 years, God's people would be revived, raised up and will live in God's sight. To live in God's sight would require that they live obediently; so this must refer to that time at the end, when God will turn His people and when every knee will bow and every tongue confess.

The question, then, if we want to know when this will happen, is: when did the 2,000-year period begin? Hosea continues:

"Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up."

Hosea 6:1

Those words are used in Ezekiel and also in the New Testament in relation to what Jesus Christ would do for the House of Israel.

In Luke, chapter 4, Jesus Christ read from the Prophet Isaiah the following words:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

Luke 4:18

In verse 21, Jesus, then tells the Israelites in the synagogue at Nazareth: *"This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears."*

All four of the Gospels testify that Jesus came to redeem Israel, to bind up Israel's wounds, to heal Israel's backsliding, to seek and to save that which was lost; as it was only the nation of Israel which was bruised. If we are correct in our understanding that Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross of Calvary and His resurrection, then paved the way for that healing and deliverance of lost Israel, then that was accomplished almost 2,000 years ago. So when we read in Hosea, chapter 6, "After two days will he revive us," and we read in 2 Peter, chapter 3, verse 8, that *"one day with the Lord is as a thousand years,"* then we can probably say with assurance that God's people Israel will be revived and delivered from their afflictions two thousand years, or thereabouts, after the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ would be the beginning of that time period of two days or 2,000 years. Two thousand years after Jesus' sacrifice on the cross would be around the year 2030. However, we have the statement in Matthew, chapter 24, which I referred to

earlier, that those very last days would be so terrible that God would have to shorten them — in other words, God would have to reduce the time — else NO flesh would be saved. Therefore, we can again assume that the final deliverance of Israel would come some years before the year 2030. In any case, knowing what the current drug situation is in Christendom and in the rest of the world, and knowing the further deranging of the minds of hundreds of millions of mankind, we can then assume that the final deliverance would come some years before the year 2030.

In any case, knowing what the current drug situation is in Christendom and in the rest of the world, and knowing the further deranging of the minds of hundreds of millions of mankind with these poisoned drugs could bring the end of mankind upon the earth; it is almost certain that God Almighty will have to intervene soon -- else no flesh would be saved.

Who Will Be Delivered?

Now this prophecy of deliverance in Hosea, chapter 6, also, carries the names of the people to be delivered. In verse 4 they are given as Ephraim and, also, Judah, rather than just the name Israel. That this will come after some period in which these people have been afflicted with drugs is shown in Chapter 4 of Hosea where they are said to:

"...sacrifice upon the tops of mountains and burn incense upon the hills unto the oaks and poplars and elms because the shadow thereof is good."

Hosea 4: 13

The phrase, "the shadow," means the illusion or the hallucination they get from the burning of the incense. That incense is a drug and here Israel is accused of burn-

ing drugs for the purpose of the hallucinations which come from it.

There is no word in this passage which could be translated marijuana, heroin, LSD, or any other name used for modern drugs. However, the description fits marijuana, heroin and possibly others. The last part of the verse, after it says "they burned this for the shadow" (or hallucination) says this:

"Therefore your daughters shall commit whoredoms and your spouses shall commit adultery."

Hosea 4:13

Police officers, and others involved in the vain attempts to stop the use of drugs in America, tell us that sexual fornication and adultery are the immediate and major activities resulting from the smoking of marijuana. They call it "loose morals" and they say that almost every person who uses marijuana loses any concept of morality as it is given in the Holy Bible. This is followed by an increase in sexual perversions, rape, homosexuality, torture of sex partners and so on. All of this is becoming commonplace in America and in Christendom today as the use of these mindderanging drugs increases. Now let us go back to our identification of the people who will be corrupted with drugs, and who will, then, be delivered after or near the end of this "two days" or this 2,000-year period.

If you will read from Hosea, chapter 4: verse 13, and on to the promise of deliverance, you will find that God uses that name Ephraim several times indicating that this is more directly concerned with someone called "Ephraim" than with any other people:

- Ephraim is joined to idols. Let him alone. (**Hos 4:17**)

- Ephraim, thou committest whoredoms and Israel is defiled. (**Hosea 5:3**)

- Israel and Ephraim shall fall in their iniquity. Judah also shall fall with them. (**Hos 5:5**)

- Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke. (**Hos 5:9**)

- Ephraim is oppressed and broken in judgment. (**Hos 5:11**)

- When Ephraim saw his sickness... (**Hos 5:13**)

God also says of Ephraim:

"For I will be unto Ephraim as a lion and as a young lion to the house of Judah. I, even I, will tear and go away. I will take away and none shall rescue him."

Hosea 5:14

So it appears that it is God Almighty who brings this destruction on this entity here called, "Ephraim." Then comes that promise of reviving after two days and again that promise is directed in Chapter 6 to Ephraim and to Judah.

Identifying Ephraim

In order to understand all of this, we must know WHO in the world is Ephraim. I've had long-time Christians and even ministers, when confronted with the name Ephraim, ask, "Who is Ephraim?" Not having studied the Old Testament to any extent, they simply did not know. And yet, here in Hosea is a prophecy that seems to indicate God's people, Israel, would be involved in hallucinatory drugs and that they would fall into adultery and iniquity. They would be made desolate or put into poverty by God, who would bring great

judgment upon them and then He would finally deliver them. And the name "Ephraim" plays a major part in the whole sequence of events.

In order to find WHO Ephraim is, earlier, we went back to the book of Genesis, chapter 48, and we found that Joseph, the favorite son of Jacob-Israel, had two children born to him in the land of Egypt before his father and brothers came to Egypt and their names were Ephraim and Manasseh. In Genesis 48, Jacob/Israel adopted those two sons as his first-born and said in verse 16:

"The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

Genesis 48:16

In verse 5,, Israel said of the two boys:

"And now thy two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine."

Genesis 48:5

Reuben and Simeon were Jacob-Israel's first-born sons. Then in verse 20, he set Ephraim before Manasseh. Therefore, we see that Joseph's son, Ephraim, is now considered the first-born of Israel. To Ephraim would be given the greater blessing. To Ephraim and his descendants would be given the fulfillment of the promises that God had made to Abraham, Isaac, and to Jacob.

Therefore, it is logical that when we read of Ephraim in end-time prophecies, we are reading of a prophecy of the major part of the descendants of Israel.

Today, because so many ministers use the name Jew or Jews, when they are talking about end-time Israel, very few Christians know the truth — that the Bible does not use the word Jew for end-time prophecies pertaining to Israel. Instead, the Bible prophecies apply to us in the name "Ephraim." We saw that in Hosea and it is true in all the other books of the prophets also. Actually, if you were to look up the name Ephraim in your concordance and read the Bible passages in the books of the prophets about Ephraim, you would have a good idea of what God Almighty has said would come to pass in end-time Israel; including that she was to be almost-destroyed with the use of drugs before God delivered her from her oppressors. I said earlier that we could see that the prophecies of Ephraim are those which are coming upon the nations of Christendom much more so than upon the people who are called Jews. That is because, we in the Christian nations, are the descendants of Ephraim and that section of lost Israel.

America, itself, can be rather easily discerned in the reading of the passages about Ephraim in the books of the prophets. We will be covering that in more detail later.

We have already seen from chapters 4 and 5 of the Prophet Hosea, that God's people would turn to worship other gods and would be burning some sort of incense; and one of the results of that drug use would be a manifold increase in premarital sex and adultery. Verse 13 says:

"Therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom and your spouses shall commit adultery."

Hos 4:13

Another sin of God's people in that time is prophesied in verse 18:

"...her rulers with shame do love, Give ye."

Hos 4:18

That, translated into modern English, would have the rulers saying, "Give me bribes." People who have studied the drugs in America tell us widespread use of drugs in any city or country is immediately followed by loose sexual morals and corrupt government. God told us exactly that 2,500 years ago by the Prophet Hosea and other prophets.

Until the 1960's most Americans had little contact with drugs or with dope addicts, except through what is called "legalized medicine." The present explosion of marijuana smoking, heroin use, distribution of cocaine and the use of amphetamines, LSD and other mind-damaging drugs was practically-unknown among the general populace until this century. All of this has changed in one generation. Those who still have undamaged minds can see that if the present trend continues, in another generation, the America of our fathers will have ceased to exist. It will either dissolve into an anarchial society where the dope users, because of their propensity for violence, have taken over and destroyed our civilization; or we will have been conquered by an alien force, which we are no longer able to resist.

(ED NOTE: It should be noted that over 200,000 babies were born in the United States in 1989, who were addicted to drugs.)

In Arizona's Maricopa County, drug tests are only done on newborns where medical officials suspect drug use by the mother. On December 17, 1989, an article appeared in The Arizona Republic on the subject of drugged babies stating:

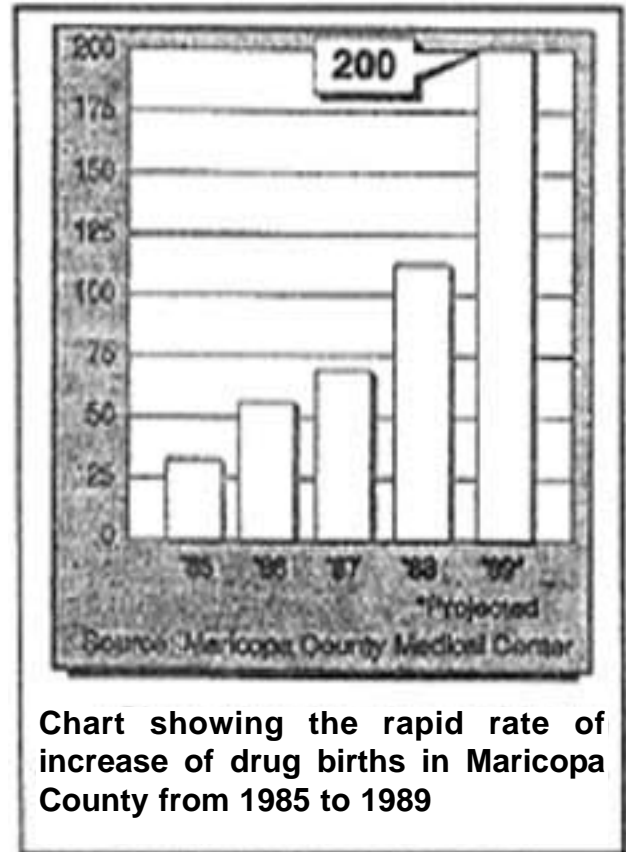


Chart showing the rapid rate of increase of drug births in Maricopa County from 1985 to 1989

"At the Maricopa County Medical Center, where the majority of Arizona's drug-dependent babies are born, the special ward is getting started.

"In 1985, 33 newborns, or 0.6 percent, tested positive for drugs. Through October of this year (1989), 158 newborns, more than 4 percent, have tested positive,..." "It's alarming," she said. "The numbers are going up — and fast.

"More than 200 babies with drugs in their system are expected to be born at the county center by year's end..."

"About half of all positive drug tests show cocaine in the system; with the other half revealing heroin, methadone, a substitute for heroin and methamphetamines, or speed,..."

The Arizona Republic for December 22, 1989, reported that:

"A drug used to combat influenza may increase the likelihood of spreading drug-resistant strains of certain flu viruses,..."
"The researchers said that using the antiviral drug on a patient reduced non-resistant strains, but allowed drug-resistant strains to proliferate, which then affected others."

The Arizona Republic for July 26, 1989, reported that "Heart drugs killed 3,000, expert fears." The article stated:

"As many as 3,000 patients may have died prematurely before a nationwide drug trial discovered that two medicines intended to prevent irregular heartbeats actually could cause heart attacks among certain types of patients, according to a survey of cardiac specialists."

A headline in the Arizona Republic for July 11, 1989, reads "Woman in Young falls ill after nearby insecticide spraying." A partial quote from the article states:

"A 59 year-old woman went into convulsions in Young early Monday, hours after the insecticide malathion was sprayed on a neighbor's property to combat a grasshopper infestation."

The Rapture Fraud

Since it is obvious that we cannot stem the tide with human strength or with human wisdom, we really have no hope for the saving of America from this plague

unless there is some help or promise from God Almighty Himself that our nation will be saved. Some of you will say, "Well this does not matter for we Christians will soon be raptured off the earth; and if the drug dispensers and the drug addicts take over, well, it won't affect me anyway." I won't take time to puncture that balloon here for I have done that in some detail at other times.

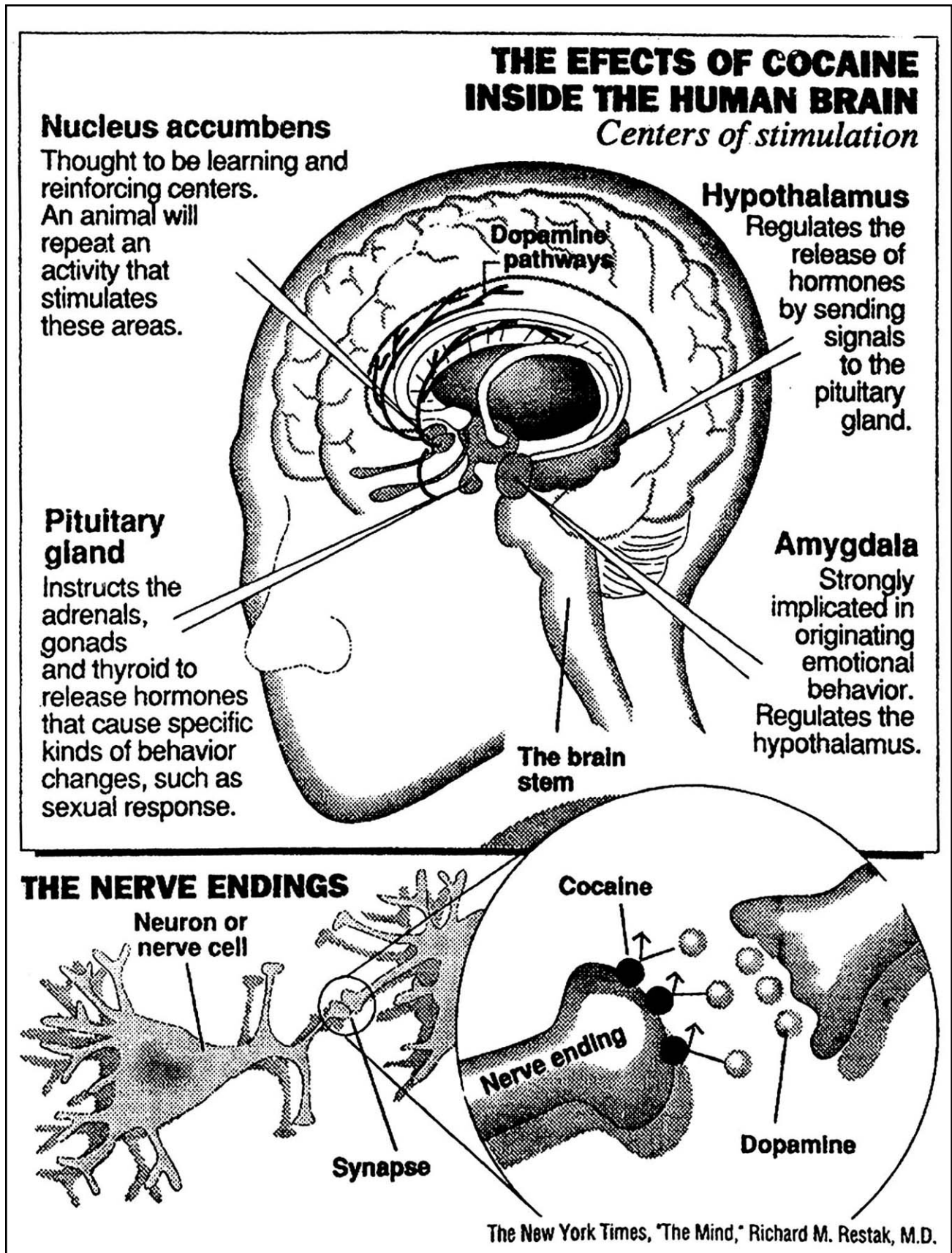
But there is no such thing as a pre-tribulation rapture taught in the Holy Bible. That doctrine is false and if you would but open your eyes to the realism of the modern world before you, you would know it is false. Possibly, as many as 100 million Christians have already been put to death by the enemies of Christ since 1917. According to some sources, it's even possible that more genuine Christians have been killed in the last 65 years than now remain alive upon the earth. Yet some of you still believe the foolish doctrine. No, my friends, the fantastic increase in drug use and the refusal to effectively-prevent it by those who rule over us is only one of the scores of evidence that we are already in the days of tribulation, spoken of by Jesus and by the prophets. The great tribulation is upon us and we have not been removed nor shall we be, for it is not God's plan to carry out such a removal of His people.

The Vaccination Threat

There is literature available that exposes vaccines and vaccinations as substances which also are alien to the human body, and are being increasingly recognized by health-minded people as a major CAUSE of disease. Yes, that is what I said — rather than controlling diseases, vaccinations are a major cause of disease. And vaccinations are injected into almost all of our Christian people. You may insist you

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do not use drugs. However, you DO use vaccines, and you DO use the doctor's drugs. All of the children in my family and the local church, here, refuse vaccination on religious and conscience grounds because we KNOW they defile the body, and the body is the abode of the Holy Spirit.

An article in the "Consumers' Bulletin" of July, 1981, shows that doctors, even those who give vaccinations, KNOW that vaccines injure healthy bodies. In New Jersey they passed a law requiring all school children to have Rubella shots — that is the name for what used to be called "German Measles." The reason given was that although Rubella causes little problem with the children, it is a risk to pregnant mothers and, therefore, the way to keep pregnant mothers from getting Rubella was to vaccinate all the school children. That foolish reasoning led to a rather logical addition to the law: that all doctors and nurses should be vaccinated since, after all, it is the doctors and nurses who, also, come into contact with the pregnant mothers.

However, that part of the law was ignored by the doctors and nurses. When questioned about the doctors and nurses refusing to be vaccinated, it was revealed that the New Jersey Medical Society did NOT encourage doctors and nurses to be vaccinated because (and this is a direct quote):

"A widespread immunization program for medical personnel is not worth the risk of exposing large numbers of employees to potentially adverse reactions or side effects from the vaccine."

To put it another way, the medical personnel KNEW the adverse reactions and

side effects were SO BAD they don't want to have them, so they don't take the vaccines. However, these same people will go right ahead and shoot those vaccines into your children, even applauding the law which requires it.

It is, apparently, all right to expose large numbers of children to adverse reactions or side effects from the vaccines. The medical personnel know that vaccines cause paralysis, brain seizures, multiple sclerosis, herpes, syphilis and all sorts of degenerative conditions in the human body. They don't want that for themselves so they don't get vaccinated even though the law-makers wrote it into the law. You folks who get the flu vaccines every year, if you ask, you will find your doctor and his nurse do not take the flu vaccines themselves. THEY KNOW BETTER.

Cancer Cure Worse Than The Disease

I didn't mention cancer in relation to drugs. However the "Washington Post" recently-reported on a study of cancer patients. They reported that unknown hundreds, perhaps thousands of patients die every year, not from the cancer, but from the experimental drugs used on them by doctors. The study documented 620 deaths from the so-called chemotherapy, and they amounted to merely a fraction of the thousands of people who in recent years died or suffered terribly from cancer experiments — let me repeat the word "experiments" — conducted in the nation's hospitals.

Further on in the same report comes the following:

"In the vast majority of drug experiments it is not uncommon for none, or only one or two out of hundreds of patients, to benefit from the drugs."

In simple terms, the doctors are KILLING the cancer patients with chemotherapy — not CURING them.

I pointed out earlier that in the passage in Hosea on drug use, and the resulting increase in sexual sins, there was one name repeated over and over which identified the people among whom this would happen. That name was Ephraim. It is found more than a half-dozen times in Chapters 4 and 5 of Hosea, not only in spelling out the drug epidemic, but in promising deliverance from it. I will cover more on this study of both the drugs and this strange name "Ephraim."

Conditions For God's Intervention

Again, we read in Hosea of the hallucinatory drugs and of Ephraim. We have discussed chapters 4 and 5, where Ephraim was mentioned so many times. At the end of chapter 5, God speaks of Ephraim:

"I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early."

Hosea 5:15

Here both conditions are laid down for God's intervention — Ephraim must repent and acknowledge his sin, and seek God's face, and the promise from God is that this is exactly what Ephraim will do: "...in their affliction they will seek me early."

It is a shame, perhaps, but it is a truth that God's people have always had to be chastised to force them to turn to God. When we were a poor and struggling people in our early years in the colonizing of America, many, if not most, of our people sought God and His Word and tried to

obey His Commandments. They honored Jesus Christ as the Redeemer of Israel and the majority taught of Him as the Saviour of mankind.

However, as prosperity and abundance overtook our people, we paid less and less attention to God and turned to sin and even to other gods -- other religions -- right here in the new Promised Land where God had blessed us above all other nations. Now chastisement is here. Now, we are in trouble. But God says, "...in their affliction they will seek me early."

Then chapter 6 of Hosea begins:

"Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up."

Hosea 6:1

Now, even at this point of our calamity, most Christians STILL do not understand that whatever chastisement, whatever afflictions are coming upon us, are coming from God Almighty. I know they want to blame the communists or satan. Some ministers build great works by blaming everyone, but the Christians, for the plight of America. But the New Testament tells us in Hebrews 12:

"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth."

"If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?"

Hebrews 12:6-7

Proverbs tells us:

"He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes."

Proverbs 13:24

Would we dare teach that God Almighty is a loving father, and then, ALSO, teach that this same God will NOT chasten us when we go astray from His word? The writer of Hebrews goes on:

"But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons."

Hebrews 12:8

I don't know whether you ever thought of that or not, but if your minister claims that God is NOT chastening America, then he is saying that the Christians in America are not sons of God; and God is treating us as bastards or illegitimate offspring and ignoring our sin and iniquity. God said to his people in Amos, chapter 3:

"You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore [I will punish you for all your iniquities."

Amos 3:2

That is as much a promise to God's people as Hosea, chapter 5, verse 15, where it states: "...in their affliction they will seek me early,"

There is no promise here that God, when Israel sins, will punish the non-Israelites. God's chastisement of his people, like the loving chastisement of a loving earthly father, is always done for the GOOD of those being chastised.

Going on in Hebrews we read:

"Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness."

Hebrews 12:9-10

God is chastening Christian America to correct her that she might turn to Him and to His commandments.

Think about this for a moment: If all of the calamities, which are coming upon America, whether it be from the drug epidemic or from economic bondage and possibly economic disaster, to pollution of our air, land, and water; to riots and destruction from within or even to war against us, by enemies from without. If all of that is just happenstance, or if it is all by the wisdom and cunning of our enemies and God has NO hand in it or NO CONTROL over it, then two things are true: **1)** the enemies at America are more powerful than God and have overcome Him, and **2)** America has no hope of ever being delivered.

However, if our calamities, our tribulation is being brought upon us by the hand of an all-powerful God, Himself, then we have the greatest hope for our future deliverance because this same God who is bringing that chastisement upon us has promised us deliverance from it when we turn to Him. Read that passage in Hosea, chapter 6, verse 1:

"Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up."

Hosea 6:1

The antichrists are not going to heal us or bind us up — only God Almighty will do that.

Almost every patriotic Christian knows 2 Chronicles, chapter 7, verse 14:

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear

from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14

We are named after the very name of the God of the Bible, Jesus Christ. What was it God said Ephraim would have to do in Hosea chapter 5, verse 15? *"Acknowledge their offense and seek my face."* I thought God was always calling the non-Christians and the antichrists to turn from THEIR wicked ways! No, the antichrists are God's rod in His hand to chastise His sons, the Christians. It is GOD'S people, not the people of the antichrist, who are called to turn from THEIR wicked ways. "Then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will take them to heaven in the rapture." Oh, it doesn't say that? No, it says, *"I will forgive their sin and will HEAL THEIR LAND."*

How many Christians know that God has a sure promise to heal their land? Not many. At least not many YET. But thank God, more and more Christian Americans are beginning to open their eyes to the truth that the Bible is about THEM, and the world events hinge on Christ and Christendom -- not on the people of antichrist. No, the prophecies in Hosea of Ephraim, as many of the other prophecies about Ephraim, can be seen to fit the nations of Christendom. Not only are we doing what Ephraim was prophesied to do, but the calamities which were to be visited upon Ephraim by a righteous God to correct Ephraim are coming upon America and the Christian West.

Even this strange and terrible calamity called drugs or dope is predicted in the Holy Bible. The next verse in Hosea, covered earlier as an end-time prophecy, indicates we are near that time when Christian Israel will be delivered from

their own sins, turn to Jesus Christ, and be saved from the hand of those who hate them.

Our Enemy's Plans

As we read on in the Book of Hosea, we can further recognize these are prophecies of America and of Christendom. We will, also, read other parts of both the Old and New Testaments about drugs or those sorceries and witchcraft by which our enemies think they will overthrow and destroy America.

In 1977 the New York Times wrote on drugs:

"Americans swallow nearly 40 billion doses of tablets, capsules, elixirs and other medical potions each year. The average doctor writes nearly 8,000 prescriptions a year, choosing from among 1,200 prescription drugs, with 2,500 different brand names. Seven prescriptions a year filled for every man, woman, and child. On top of that, Americans dose themselves with various combinations of 250,000 to 500,000 over-the-counter remedies that are part of the American attempt to solve every problem with a pill."

And remember, this is not about the so-called illegal or "hard" drugs. This is about prescription and over-the-counter drugs from pharmacies and hospitals. A little further on in the same article we read:

"Each year some 300,000 Americans suffer such severe adverse drug reactions that they have to be hospitalized and 18,000 patients, while IN the hospital, die from the side effects of their medication."

This is from a very, very long article in the NY Times several years ago. Add to

that the mushrooming increase in HARD drugs and one can believe the doctor who said, "America is becoming a drugged nation." Is there an answer? Only in God's Holy Word. For not only does the Bible prophesy, in Revelation 18 and in other passages, that the WHOLE WORLD would become drugged, but the Bible gives the deliverance.

Sorcery = Drugs

The Greek word for drugs or druggery is used in several passages in the Book of Revelation. Unfortunately it is translated into several different English words, which in the 1600's at the time of the translation, were associated with drugs, but which are not today. So the modern reader of the Book of Revelation, unless it is pointed out to him, does not know this last book of the Holy Bible has as much to say about drugs as it has.

Perhaps you can mark the following passages in your Bible; and in future studies, perhaps you can point this out to your minister and ask him about it. One is in Revelation, chapter 9 — this is the chapter about the bottomless pit, and the locusts like unto horses, prepared unto battle with hair like women and tails like unto scorpions. These, of course, are symbolic descriptions of a great plague or war which would come upon the inhabitants of the earth. From verse 15 through 18, it indicates that these powers cause a third part of the men to be killed. Now, some think this is some future time of seven years tribulation under a so-called antichrist. However, no specific time period is given and I am inclined to believe it is already being fulfilled, and I'll show you why. In any case, it is a great plague and a great destruction upon men and it does involve drugs, for we read this in the last verses as the whole story is summed up.

"And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:"

Revelation 9:20

So we see this involves false religions and worship of idols or false gods, and then it goes on:

"Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts."

Revelation 9:21

The word translated as "sorceries," in verse 21, is the Greek word "pharmacon" which is another form of the Greek word "pharmakia" found in Revelation, chapter 18, verse 23, and it means, in a literal sense, a drug — a spell-giving potion. A better English word for it today would be druggery. However in the 1600's when the King James Bible was translated, the English word "sorcery" was used to describe the effect of drugs. In those days, they did not have 500,000 different drugs sold over store counters that we have today; and they had not been subjected to generations of propaganda that we have been subjected to about how this drug can cure this, and that drug can cure that, and another drug can alleviate this and that, and so on. In short, they had not been brainwashed into taking drugs as we have been. To them drugs were simply chemicals used by evil people for evil purposes; for affecting the minds of individuals in order to place them under the control of the drug dispenser, so they called the drug dispenser a sorcerer.

Three hundred and fifty years later here in America, our people are almost

totally ignorant of this ancient use of drugs, this deliberate damaging of a person's mind in order to control his actions.

The Four "Big Ones"

In the last verse, Revelation 9:21, the wicked are accused of four crimes: murder, sorcery or druggery, fornication (which is sexual deviation) and theft. Many authorities agree that America is suffering from a tremendous increase in all four of these crimes and the liberals and the left-wingers have all sorts of answers for them — all of which involve the expenditure of vast sums of money with no alleviation for the crime. However, police authorities estimate that 75% to 90% of all of these crimes of whatever nature, whether it is murder, theft, rape, or other sex crimes, involves the use of drugs. In other words, "druggery," called in the King James Bible "sorcery," is the major cause of crime and the breakdown of what we call Christian civilization.

In Revelation, chapter 9, by implication, druggery could be involved in the death of one-third of all men. And someone says: "Oh, Pastor Emry, that is ridiculous to imply that drugs will eventually kill one-third of all men." Well, it didn't say it would kill them in conventional warfare. How about adding up a few facts such as:

1) Drugs are behind almost all violent crimes which end in the death of participants;

2) Drugs are admitted now to be a major cause of deaths in hospitals;

3) Drugs are admitted to cause deterioration of both mind and body, leading to an early and untimely death.

The Fluoride Threat

One drug alone, sodium fluoride, put in many cities' water supplies, is now charged by some as being a major cause of cancer in those cities. Dean Bark, former chairman of the National Cancer Society, in his research on cancer, resigned from that society years ago in disgust when they would not publicize their findings that cancer increased by 30% in cities which fluoridated their water supplies. By this figure alone, anywhere from 10% to 15% of the population will die from cancer or from other disease caused by the fluoride in drinking water. Plus, of course, that same fluoride is now in tooth paste, plus they are now using it as a mouth rinse for little children in the public schools. God alone knows how many of them will accidentally swallow some of that poison. Add to that the unknown millions who have been injured with pesticides in the air or in their food or water, or chemicals dumped by corporations which pollute air, soil, and water. Add to that the acknowledged shortening of lives of the users of marijuana, heroin, cocaine, LSD and other so-called illegal drugs, and how much more would you need before you could show that one-third of all deaths in the United States are already caused by drugs or druggery, or as Revelation, chapter 9 says, by "sorcery."

The Threat OF Early Death

That passage in Revelation 9 doesn't say they will die violent deaths or that they will all die young and in war. The person who dies at 30, 40 or even 50 years of age, because of his body having been injured and weakened by chemical drugs and poisons, instead of having lived his normal span of 70 or 80 years, was killed by drugs — was he not? And he would

have fulfilled the prophecy in Revelation 9. It is obvious God Almighty knew about the proliferation of drugs and chemicals which would come upon these foolish people, as they turn away from His truth and turn to sorcerers or the druggers of His people.

A newspaper article from several years ago about boys and girls whose minds have been destroyed by drugs reveals the following:

"Each case is a tragedy. An 18-year-old girl, turned into a living vegetable because of brain damage from drug abuse, may spend her remaining Christmases in the Arizona State Hospital. Two women, 23 and 24, and two teenage boys, 18 and 19, were also committed to the State Mental Hospital because of drug abuse. Superior Court Judge Edwin Thurston knows the extent of the tragedies, for he committed all five of the young people to the Arizona State Hospital in just one day, last week. The 18-year-old girl is in the mental hospital because she took 20 amphetamine capsules over a weekend, just to experiment with drugs. All five are from respectable, well-to-do homes, Judge Thurston said. Thurston, who conducts mental health hearings every Monday and Thursday at the hospital, is concerned because the 50-plus cases he has heard since July all involve young people with drug damaged minds."

Did you notice what that judge said about those committed to the Arizona State Mental Hospital? Every one of the last fifty commitments, EVERY ONE OF THEM was a drug case. These were not victims of accidents which damage their brains, nor who were born imbeciles. Every person entering the Arizona Hospital for the Insane during that period, who has come before that judge was

committed there as a result of taking drugs — no other reason given.

In the same article the judge tells of some of those he releases because they are not totally gone, but, perhaps, can hold some menial job under supervision. He turns them loose, even as he admits:

"In their present state of mind they'll probably go right back to drugs. You just don't know if treatment has helped because you can't communicate with them."

And then near the end of the article comes the following:

"Some of the more severe young drug abuse victims, he said, sit looking like vegetables or else just sit and constantly mumble incoherently. Others, he said, animate hopelessly in a fog of drowsiness. Sometimes the parents come and sometimes they don't. And I see them with tears rolling down their faces because they don't know what to do with their children or how to do it, and nobody has an answer for them."

Is God's Word coming to pass in America? I am afraid that it is!

The War With Mystery Babylon

In Revelation, chapter 18, we also find the Greek word "pharmakia," which means druggery, used in God's description of that strange entity called "Mystery Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth." Revelation, chapters 17 and 18 describe a war against Christians with the anti-Christians (all the governments and trade of the world). And then, when Mystery Babylon is destroyed, the people of the world will learn that this antichrist power

used drugs in that war against the Christians. Verse 23 of Revelation, chapter 18 says: *"For by thy sorceries (and the Greek word is 'pharmakia' or by thy drugs) were all nations deceived."*

In 1953 in Korea, an American officer involved in the negotiations with the Red Chinese near the end of the Korean War, was told by a communist officer:

"We will conquer America in another generation. "

The American officer looked at him and replied: "How can you be so confident?"

The communist answered:

"We will destroy one generation of your young people with drugs. When they take over your nation, we will walk in and conquer them and you."

In 1968, just 15 years after that Red Chinese communist had made that statement, the head of the United States Drug Enforcement Agency testified before a congressional committee in Washington DC that the major source of heroin and related drugs coming into America was Red China.

During the Vietnam War, heroin, opium, marijuana and other Asian drugs were readily-available to all U.S. soldiers in South Vietnam, moved in there and sold cheaply by communist agents. Some have estimated that over 50% of those soldiers — possibly as many as two million young American men — came back to America as drug addicts from Vietnam. Each one, of course, a potential drug pusher to infect others and to sell to them in order to support their own drug habit.

God said in Revelation, chapter 18, that this scarlet woman was the source of pharmakia (drugs) by which all nations were deceived. That scarlet woman, "Mystery Babylon," is said in Revelation, chapter 17, verse 3, to: *"...sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns."*

In other materials I have shown how that red beast, and that woman dressed in red, matched perfectly — what we know today as "Red Bolshevism" or "Red Communism." Surely God Almighty's Word of prophecy is true and marvelous, altogether. His words are coming to pass before our very eyes, if we would but read them.

However, all of Mystery Babylon's power, even her drugs, will come to an end. Her end is described in Revelation, chapter 18. Then in Revelation, chapters 19, 20, and 21 is the setting up of Christ's Kingdom upon the earth. In Revelation, chapter 21, we again find this Greek word "pharmakia" where we read of the lake of fire and brimstone:

"He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

Revelation 21:7-8

And then follows the description of the Bride of Christ in Revelation, chapter 22, of the perfected kingdom wherein is:

"...the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit

every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse..."

Revelation 22:2-3

Obviously, the sorcery or druggery described in Rev. 9 and in Revelation, chapter 18, is a curse on America and on Christendom. It is one of the curses which must be ended before Christ's people and the rest of mankind can come out from under the control of the wicked antichrist system, which now rules all nations, and which allows drugs and chemicals of all sorts — over half a million different kinds — to be distributed-freely to our people.

Our own government does little or nothing to prevent the pestilence of druggery. Here is a recent news article demonstrating how the U.S. government is retreating from its war against drugs instead of expanding it. This is from October 15, 1981, Associated Press, date-line Washington:

"Admiral John Hayes, the Commandant of the Coast Guard, said Wednesday that his services would have to halt its drive against drug smugglers if hit by the full 12% budget. cut President Reagan is seeking for all agencies except the Defense Department."

And then he goes on a little further to explain why:

"Of all the Coast Guard's missions, only search and rescue, navigational aids and arctic and antarctic operations would be left intact, he said. Virtually-eliminated would be the service's drive against drug smuggling enforcement, of marine environmental protection laws and fishing treaties, maintenance projects and new construction," he said."

And then it gives a little more detail:

"Since the major route for drugs into southern and eastern United States is from Panama, Cuba, and South America, this reduction of the Coast Guard's capabilities would give the drug runner carte blanche (full sway) to bring their drugs in by ship to Florida and the eastern and southern coasts of America. With no surveillance on the high seas or in the coastal waters by the Coast Guard, the state police and local law enforcement authorities would totally-loose the battle on land to stop drugs from coming into the eastern and southern United States, courtesy of actions by the Federal Government."

Is it possible that the drug dispenser prophesied in the Holy Bible and named "Mystery Babylon, the mother of harlots," has enough power to prevent the enforcement of law against drugs and drug smuggling in America?

The Threat Of Prescription Drugs

We have been reading Bible passages which warn of a worldwide epidemic of drug use at the closing of this age, and considering some statistics about just such an epidemic now coming to pass in America and in other nations of the world, seemingly-almost to verify what we have been saying. Ted Koppel, on his November 6th NBC Television show Nightline, after the evening news, used his whole program to talk about drugs, both legal and illegal. Here are a few things brought out on Ted Koppel's program: 13,000 people apparently-die every month in the United States from the effect of PRESCRIPTION drugs — NOT ILLEGAL drugs. That would be 156,000 deaths a year, or to put it another way, every year in America three times as many people die of legal

prescribed drugs than died in the entire Vietnam War.

Thousands of young Americans marched in the streets of America over several years, protesting the Vietnam war. How many have you ever seen a march in protest to 156,000 deaths every year from prescription drugs?

Ted Koppel and his guest discussed Elvis Presley and his doctor, who was found innocent of wrongdoing. During that doctor's trial, it was admitted that he had prescribed a total of 19,000 pills in the previous 30 months. From that one doctor alone, Presley got over 20 pills a day, and, apparently, he was getting other thousands of pills from other doctors. Not vitamins, but chemical pills, most of them addictive in nature. Elvis Presley was only one of several million Americans who are addicted to prescription drugs.

Ted Koppel interviewed a former prescription-drug addict, who told of being able to walk into many different doctors' offices, tell the doctor he had such and such a pain, and the doctor would write out a prescription for as many as 1,000 of those pain killing addictive pills; which the addict would obtain at any pharmacy, no questions asked.

One investigator found that in one case, a druggist had filled prescriptions three times in one month for one person; for 1,000 pills each time, of a drug called "deriline," which the investigators said was as strong as heroin and could be sold on the street for \$35 per pill. Could it be possible that all of the publicity about the so-called illegal drugs had hidden the greater problem of over-prescribed legal or authorized drugs? That may be far more devastating to the American citizens. Yet legal drugs are seldom discussed

in ANY manner as Ted Koppel discussed them on NBC Nightline.

By the way, to give you some indication of the almost unbelievable proportions of this so-called "legal" drug epidemic, Ted Koppel had on his program an ex-addict who had been addicted, not to illegal drugs, but to prescription drugs. Mr. Koppel asked him to tell some of his experiences and the man did; such as how he could go into almost any doctor's office (and he had apparently done this scores of times, in many different American cities), tell the doctor he had such and such a terrible pain, and the doctor would look him over for a few minutes, then write out a prescription for very powerful drugs; sometimes for up to 1,000 pills, charge him for the office call and prescription, and he would be on his way to a pharmacy in a matter of minutes to get the pills.

This former prescription addict said these prescriptions were *"easy to get from doctors in any town I was ever in."* When he was asked if doctors would give these prescriptions, only after knowing he really NEEDED them, (in other words, were these doctors who KNEW you, and knew you really well?), the man answered:

"No, I could get them on my first visit. I often walked out of a doctor's office after a few minutes, the first time that doctor had ever seen me, with prescriptions for up to 1,000 pills; maybe four different kinds."

He said that when his family was trying to get him off his drug addiction that members of his family would call the doctors who had prescribed the drugs and explain to them that this man was addicted, and ask them to please not give him any more prescriptions. The man said it did no good. He could go right back to those SAME doctors and obtain more prescriptions for the drugs, as long as he paid the doctor for the office call.

A doctor, Lawrence Hatterer, who was, also, a guest on Ted Koppel's program, and who was opposed to this easy prescribing by doctors, more or less verified what the ex-addict had said — that it is **EXTREMELY EASY** for people to get prescriptions for an addictive drug from doctors.

As proof of this, he pointed out that there are currently over two million Americans addicted to the drug Valium; and they get all of their Valium drugs legally from doctors. All they do is ask for the prescription. They get it. They go to the pharmacist or the druggery (and that is the correct translation) and get Valium, and their addiction continues.

One of the things brought out in the trial of Elvis Presley's doctor, and repeated on the Ted Koppel TV show, was that persons, once addicted to these prescription drugs, are addicted for **LIFE**. In fact, that was one of Elvis Presley's doctor's defenses: that he was prescribing these drugs only in trying to **CUT DOWN** Elvis Presley's intake of drugs; that he was trying to **REDUCE** them — not to make Elvis an addict, because Elvis was **ALREADY** an addict. It was, also, testified at that trial that Elvis died of a total malfunction of his digestive system. His stomach, liver, pancreas, bladder, kidney and intestines were no longer able to digest the food and excrete the waste material. His bloodstream became totally polluted with the toxic waste from his own body, and he died. One doctor testified that the autopsy on Elvis revealed that his intestines were almost totally solidified. There was no way he could have lived, even if he had discontinued the drugs which destroyed him.

A doctor, Forrest Tennant, who was also on Ted Koppel's program, verified

this effect of many of these drugs: that they destroyed the functions of the body's glands and digestive systems, and would often lead to death in ten or twenty years; long before the normal life span of modern man.

The Threat Of Nonconventional Warfare

As previously discussed, the passage in Revelation, chapter 9, speaks of a vision which John the Revelator saw of a great holocaust, which would come upon the earth, in which one-third of the people would die. Verse 15 says: *"For to slay the third part of men,"*

And in verse 18, it says: "By these three were the third part of men killed; by fire and by the smoke and by the brimstone which issued out of their mouths."

Ministers often read Revelation, chapter 9, and say, "Well this is a prophecy of a great military conflict in which one-third of the men of the earth will be killed," and they will say, "Oh, that is going to come to pass in the seven years of tribulation off into the future under the antichrist" However, since the book of Revelation is a book of symbols, and the entities and the visions in it are not literal, but symbolic, it is probable that a description of war and battle is not necessarily conventional warfare as we might at first think.

We are conditioned by our war experiences to think of war as a conflict involving rifles and grenades, battleships and submarines and airplanes and bombs. However, warfare against any people can now be conducted by different weapons, by chemical and biological weapons which kill as certainly as a bullet. But they do not need conventional firearms for their delivery. The military even has a term for the new weapons of warfare. They call it "Nonconventional Warfare." Is it possible

that such warfare is already being conducted against America, by biological poison against us in such a manner that we do not know it is warfare?

Revelation, chapter 9, verses 20 and 21 lists four things — four sins or iniquities which men would be committing during this time, when one-third of the men would die. They are: murder, sorceries, fornication, and theft. We've already seen that the Greek word translated "sorceries," actually means druggery, or the dispensing of drugs. Law enforcement authorities and researchers into the causes of crime in America, now tell us that over 90% of all murder, fornication and theft involves the use of drugs, either illegal or legal drugs — one of which is alcohol, which is now finally being recognized by medical experts as an addictive drug. From those statistics it is obvious that a high percentage of deaths related to the crimes of murder, fornication or theft are actually caused by the second sin listed — the sin of druggery.

Add to that some of the statistics which came out in that Ted Koppel NBC Nightline program of November 6th I mentioned earlier, that 150,000 deaths a year in America are attributed directly to prescription drugs; and another statement on that program, made either by Ted Koppel or by one of the guests on the show, that seven out of ten deaths reported by hospitals or coroners were associated with prescription drugs. Then, we can see that drugs are a major cause of death in America.

The Threat Of Abortion

Something else that was overlooked, or at least it was not mentioned on the Ted Koppel show, is that several hundred thousand unborn babies are killed each

year by chemically-induced abortions. Since the killing of the unborn is murder in the sight of God, these deaths, too, would fit in with the fulfillment of that Bible prophecy. God Almighty, through an angel, gave the Apostle John a vision almost 1900 years ago, "that a time would come when one-third of the men on earth would die in a time of great sorcery (translate that to read great druggery).

Considering the astounding facts already revealed about the extent of this druggery in America today, is it possible that prophecy is already upon us? Is this so rather than this prophecy being off in the future in some so-called seven years of tribulation? I personally think it is possible.

Conclusion

What can be the conclusion of all of this? Exactly what I stated earlier: Unknown millions of Americans are dying prematurely every year as a direct result of the chemical drugs ingested into their bodies. Many of these drugs are obtained by what are now LEGAL methods, prescribed by doctors and sold to them by druggists. The death by so-called illegal drugs is probably only a small percentage of the total deaths which could be directly ascribed to chemical poisons if we only understood the evidence before our very eyes!

Thanks to Ted Koppel and his program on NBC Television, millions of Americans perhaps, caught at least a small glimpse of this massive drug problem and the probability that large numbers of Americans are suffering early deaths due to drugs.

By the way, just a few days before I prepared this message, I was reading the September, 1981, issue of Prevention Magazine and on page 24 appeared a

short article titled, "Senile or Drugged?" This is a quote from the Harvard Medical School Health Letter of May, 1981. Here are the first two paragraphs:

"Two types of senility are usually considered irreversible. The first is alzheimer disease, which some physicians believe to be caused by an accumulation of aluminum in the brain. The second involves progressive brain damage resulting from many small strokes.

However, a sizeable number of elderly patients with mental deterioration owe their trouble to reversible causes. Among these are the side effects of prescribed drugs and overdoses that result from the inability of the aged to remember what they've taken and when. Another cause is a bad mix of drugs which can occur when an elderly patient is treated by several physicians, simultaneously, with none of the doctors aware of the other prescriptions."

The article then goes on to give some of the other problems. In that issue and in others, there have been a number of letters to the editors in which people have written in to the magazine to tell how one or both of their parents in their 60's or 70's suddenly became senile and were placed in a nursing home. Because the senility came on suddenly, they suspected it was not due to old age, and it might be' caused by the drugs the parents were getting through their doctors. So they stopped the parent from taking the drugs and in a matter of days or in a few weeks the parent returned to normal. The memory came back and they were able to leave the nursing home and live by themselves.

God alone knows how many men and women in their 60's and 70's are in nursing homes today because their mental faculties have been gravely-damaged by prescription drugs. And we see God warned

us all about this in His Holy Bible, a copy of which is in almost every home in America, and we have ignored it.

Much of what I have said in this booklet on the Bible and drugs is negative and somewhat-terrifying. It seems only to point to destruction for our nation and for our people. If we depended only on ourselves for deliverance, I would agree that we are doomed. For the powers which distribute and are in favor of the drugs have much more money and more influence than the people who oppose them. The arm of flesh will not prevail against them. However, the very prophecies in God's Holy Word which reveal this druggery and warn of it, also, predict its end.

In the next chapters of the Book of Revelation, as John is given further visions of this wickedness which would envelop the earth, we see this wicked time moving towards its end. Revelation, chapter 13 and 14, of course, are the familiar chapters about the number 666, often called "the mark of the beast," and the time in which no man can buy or sell except he have that mark. By the time we come to Revelation, chapter 15, God begins to predict its end by the pouring out of the wrath of God upon the earth.

"And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God."

Revelation 15:1

An alternate translation would read: "For in those seven plagues God's wrath will be completed."

"And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark,

and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God."

Revelation 15:2

Victory Over The Beast

So here is a vision of victory over the beast system with all its murder, sorcery or druggery, its fornication and its theft.

"And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints."

Revelation 15:3

Those two songs indicate the welding together of the two great principles of the Holy Scripture: The righteous law of God as given through Moses, and the wonderful Grace of God through Jesus Christ. Actually it is a prophecy of the victory of Christendom over all its enemies.

"Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest."

Revelation 15:4

The word "judgments" means punishments. Why will the world come to worship before the God of the Bible? Because they will feel God's punishments upon them for their wickedness. This is said the same way in Isaiah 26:9, where the prophet writes of God:

"With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness."

Isaiah 26:9

The seven last plagues of Revelation, chapter 15, will be the pouring out of God's righteous wrath upon the wicked of the earth, turning all mankind to accept and worship the Holy One of Israel, the creator and Redeemer of mankind, the Lord Jesus Christ. Then Revelation, chapter 16, tells of the seven angels, each pouring out one vial of God's wrath until the seventh angel pours out the 7th vial in verse 18, at which time we read in verse 19:

"And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath."

Revelation 16:19

That is the "Mystery Babylon" whose end is then described in the next two chapters. For at the very end, in verse 23 of Revelation, chapter 18, it is revealed that it was Babylon's sorceries, Babylon's drugs by which all nations were deceived. This worldwide drug epidemic was prophesied by the living God over 2,500 years ago.

It has come to pass as prophesied. Over 2,000 years ago this same ever-living God prophesied its end and the deliverance of the people of the earth. That too shall come to pass, praise His Holy Name.

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"...for by thy sorceries were all the nations deceived." Rev 18:23



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