###### Questions: Wednesday, May 14th, 2025 7:00 pm Meeting Time (Seattle-PDT GMT-7) —7:00 pm-8:15 pm

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**THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON (SitS volume 4)**

**STUDY VI**

**BABYLON BEFORE THE GREAT COURT**

**HER CONFUSION-- ECCLESIASTICAL**

***The brethren are expected to read the quotes at home as they will not be read during the study.*** Although single paragraph quotes of less than a half a page may be read as they won’t take appreciable time. You may find sections of a quote are relevant to a comment you wish to make, and such may be referenced or selectively read. All of Bro Russell’s comments will be read though.

Review Questions 11 thru 13

D164:1 -D168:2 The Charges Preferred Against Ecclesiasticism

DBQ11 What is the first charge in our text leveled against the nominal church? And how is it being met by the clergy? Page 164, par. 2, to Page 166, par. 3

DBQ12 What is the second grave charge against the nominal church? Page 166, par. 4

DBQ13 What third charge is preferred against Babylon's system? What were many recognizing as taking place and what was their outlook for the 20th century? Page 167, par. 1, to Page 168, par. 2

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D168:3 – D170:1
Ecclesiasticism Takes the Stand and Indirectly Renders Up Her Account

DBQ14 -What has been the claim of the churches mission for eighteen centuries, and the manifest results of those claims?

DBQ15 What is her defense when confronted with the failure of her purported mission? What is the actual **"real purpose of this Gospel age"**?

DBQ16 - What are the specific challenges and inconsistencies mentioned regarding church creeds, and what various methods are being employed by the clergy to address these issues?

DBQ17- Beyond dealing with creeds, what other theological approach is mentioned that aims for a very **"liberal"** and **"brief"** theology and what is its stated objective?

DBQ18- While the church boasts of **"many wonderful works,"** what critical **lack** is observed that causes these boastings to **"avail very little,"** ? How does this reflect on the **"deplorable condition of the fallen church"**?

D170:2 – D173:2

DBQ19 What is the **primary motivation** driving the movement in the Pastor’s day towards Christian Union among the various sects? How would you describe the spirit of this movement? D170:2

DBQ20 Despite the desire for union among the sects, what is highlighted as the **perplexing problem** that prevents its accomplishment? What are some of the **methods suggested** to overcome this problem and achieve union? D171:1

DBQ21 What is the **understanding of doctrine** among the class of young people who largely represent the "union" sentiment, and what key doctrines are they described as still holding onto?D171:2

DBQ22 What do these young people plan to accomplish with their efforts, described as a "social uplift of the world," and why are their plans **doomed to failure** despite their potentially benevolent nature? D172:1

DBQ23 The proposed union is said to be dangerous because it ignores certain things and holds firmly to others. What are these things that are **ignored** or **relied upon and** that make the proposed union dangerous? D172:2 through D173:1

DBQ24 What new ideas are progressive clergymen and others reportedly setting afloat regarding the **future character and mission of the church**, and what aspects of these ideas might be shocking to a "true Christian"? D173:1