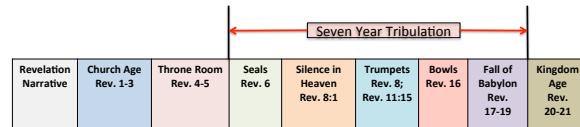


Revelation

Chapters 17 & 18

Outline Of Revelation



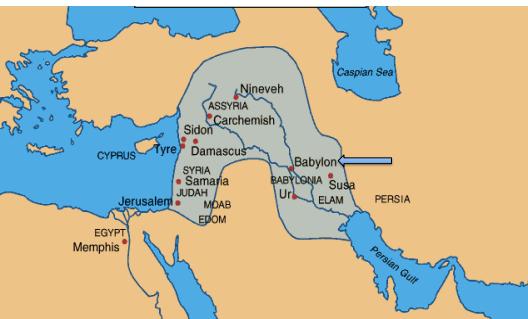
Importance Of These Chapters

- Chapters 17 and 18, of the book of Revelation gives us the possible Identity of the Harlot of Babylon.
- The identity of the Harlot must be very important to God or He wouldn't have dedicated 2 entire chapters to it.
- The fall of Babylon was declared in Revelation 14:8 and 16:19. In Revelation 17 and 18, the fall of Babylon is carefully detailed for complete ruin.

Babylon

- Babylon is mentioned in Scripture more than any other city other than Jerusalem.
- Babylon is not only a city on the Euphrates River but it was the capital city of a great empire led by Nebuchadnezzar which destroyed Jerusalem in 586 B.C..
- Babylon is the head of gold on the statue representing the times of the gentiles.

Babylonian Empire



Times Of The Gentiles



"The history of the Bible can be viewed as a Tale of Two Cities: Babylon as the City of Man; Jerusalem as the City of God. Both of them have their beginning in Genesis and both of them are prominent in the climax of the book of Revelation. They represent ideas, not just locales." --Author Unknown

Revelation 17:1-2

"Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication."

The Symbolism Of Chapters 17 and 18

- The symbolism in these two chapters is not meant to confuse or hide some elusive truth that is shrouded for a secret interpretation.
- The Bible uses symbolism to actually convey truth.
- “At that time Jesus answered and said, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.”-**Matthew 11:25**
- It is obvious in these two chapters that the Great Harlot is not a literal woman prostitute but is a symbol of something greater yet have a literal meaning.

- Since the symbolism of John’s vision in these two chapters were given by God to John then the meaning of the symbolism will be found in the Word of God as well.
- “We have before observed, that when symbols are used in this book they are generally explained by the Holy Spirit Himself. When this is not the case, we must, of course, use our best judgment and compare other Scriptures, so as to see, as far as we can, what the symbol means. But, when He does tell us what the symbols mean, we are not left in any doubt or uncertainty. We cannot go wrong if we keep to the interpretation which the Spirit Himself gives.”- Bullinger

Spiritual Harlotry

- The Old Testament is filled with examples that explain spiritual harlotry. The phrase “playing the harlot” is used several times by the prophets in the Old Testament and is always symbolically referred to the idea of religious system of idolatry contrary to God.
- “Harlotry, wine, and new wine enslave the heart. My people ask counsel from their wooden idols, and their staff informs them. For the spirit of harlotry has caused them to stray, and they have played the harlot against their God.”-Hosea 4:12

- “The LORD said also to me in the days of Josiah the king: “Have you seen what backsliding Israel has done? She has gone up on every high mountain and under every green tree, and there played the harlot. And I said, after she had done all these things, ‘Return to Me.’ But she did not return. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. Then I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but went and played the harlot also. So it came to pass, through her casual harlotry, that she defiled the land and committed adultery with stones and trees.”-Jeremiah 3:6-9
- Both Israel and Judah were called harlots by God for turning their hearts from Him to religious harlotry.
- Since the symbolism in the Old Testament represented harlotry as a religious system contrary to God. We can interpret the Great Harlot in Revelation 17 as a false organized religious system influencing the minds and hearts of the nations of the world contrary to God.

The Influence Of The Harlot

- The emphasis on the Great Harlot is not based entirely what she is doing but what she is influencing others to do.
- She is called the Great Harlot because, "...the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication."
- Since we know that spiritual harlotry, based on Scripture, is a false religious system against God the Great Harlot is influencing governments and the people under those governments to buy into this false religious system.

- The Great Harlot is not one of the kings but she controls the hearts of the kings through her false doctrine.
- Today in the western world there is an aggressive agenda to keep church and state separated but through the influence of the harlot there will be a determined effort to make the doctrine of the Great Harlot the doctrine of the government that rules the people.
- The law of the land will be their religion, and religion will be the law of the land, i.e. sharia law.

- "Sharia law is the body of Islamic law. The term means "way" or "path"; it is the legal framework within which the public and some private aspects of life are regulated for those living in a legal system based on Islam." -Wikipedia



- "The thing that is so dangerous about false religion is that its followers believe they are being led in the right direction, but ultimately, because of this great whore, millions will be led down the road that leads to destruction. Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it (Matthew 7:13)." -Wiertzema

Babylon A Place For Wickedness And A Religious Center

- Some view this woman in Revelation 17, as Rome, but to Rome is too small she affects all the earth with her harlotry.
- Rome was simply a product of the original false religious system that started before Rome.
- The Roman church was certainly affected by the original religious system but was not the source.
- The original false system entered the church at Rome but not the fountain head.
- This woman/Babylon is the fountain-head of all idolatry (Rev. 17:5)

- Idolatry is a mighty system by which Satan intends to use to lead people to worship him
- Gen. 10: Nimrod was the original founder of this scheme of Satan; Located in Babylon.
- Babylon was founded in rebellion against God.
- Rome is not responsible for all idolatries Babylon as a false system of belief is the source.
- Babylon as a city and empire were affected by the original scheme of Satan.
- The Harlot in Revelation 17, symbolizes a false religious system that influences the kings of the earth.



Stele of Nabonidus



Star and Crescent of Harran coin

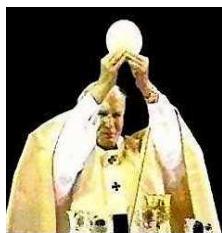


Ancient Persian Moon-goddess

King Josiah's Reforms

"Then he removed the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense on the high places in the cities of Judah and in the places all around Jerusalem, and those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun, to the moon, to the constellations, and to all the host of heaven." -2 Kings 23:5

A Canaanite Pillar and The Pope



Stele of Ur-Nammu and the Catholic Monstrance



- Many monstrances use this crescent, which is officially called a "lunette" or "luna" (moon), to hold the round wafer host. The sun disk in the crescent moon is a quite common symbol for pagan religions, to include Babylon, Syria, and India.

The Crescent Mount For The Wafer



Sun Worship



Babylonian sun-god Shamash 9th century B.C.



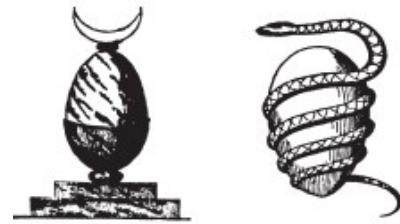
Pope John Paul II 1996

The Hat



- The Pergamum altar in the Museum in Berlin has a depiction of Dagon the fish god of Babylon and the Philistines mentioned in Judges 16:23, 1 Samuel 5:2-7 and 1 Chronicles 1:10

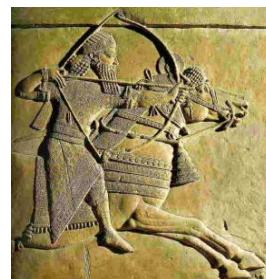
The Ishtar Eggs



Job 31:26-28

"If I have observed the sun when it shines, or the moon moving in brightness, so that my heart has been secretly enticed, and my mouth has kissed my hand; this also would be an iniquity deserving of judgment, for I would have denied God who is above.

Origin Of The Babylonian Religions



| ORIGIN OF THE MYSTERY RELIGIONS OF BABYLON | | |
|--|-------|-----------------------|
| SEMIRAMIS | | NIMROD |
| Queen of Heaven | | Husband |
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| TAMMUZ | | |
| Son | | |
| <hr/> | | |
| Mother | | |
| Isis | | Osiris |
| Ishtar | | Bacchus |
| Isi | | Iswara |
| Cybele | | Asia |
| Aphrodite | | Deius |
| Venus | | Eros |
| Rhea | | Rome |
| Ashtoreth | | Zero-ashta (the seed) |
| | | Babylon |
| | | Phoenicia |
| | | Ninus (Son/Husband) |
| | | Lamented One (Son) |

Mother-Child False Religion



The Queen of Heaven

- The “Queen of Heaven” is a Babylonian ritual
- ”The children gather wood, the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes for the queen of heaven; and *they* pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke Me to anger. Do they provoke Me to anger?” says the Lord. “*Do they not provoke themselves, to the shame of their own faces?*”-**Jeremiah. 7:18-19**

- “As for the word that you have spoken to us in the name of the Lord, we will not listen to you! But we will certainly do whatever has gone out of our own mouth, to burn incense to the queen of heaven and pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings and our princes, in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. For *then* we had plenty of food, were well-off, and saw no trouble. But since we stopped burning incense to the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked everything and have been consumed by the sword and by famine.”-**Jeremiah. 44:16-18**

Ezekiel 8:13-14

”And He said to me, “Turn again, and you will see greater abominations that they are doing.” So He brought me to the door of the north gate of the LORD’s house; and to my dismay, women were sitting there weeping for Tammuz.”

- Queen of Heaven was a title given to a number of ancient sky goddesses in the ancient Mediterranean and Near East, in particular Anat, Isis, Innana, Astarte, Hera. Elsewhere, Nordic Frigg also bore this title. In Greco-Roman times Hera, and her Roman aspect Juno bore this title. Forms and content of worship varied. The title Queen of Heaven is used by Catholics and Orthodox Christians for Mary.



Isis and son

The Crowned Queen and Baby



Revelation 18:4-8

And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her."

In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, 'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.' Therefore her plagues will come in one day — death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her.

Islam And The Queen Of Heaven

- "How could "Mary" have any influence on the millions of Muslims who follow Allah? Those who have studied the Muslim's holy book, known as the Koran, may be aware of the answer. First, the Koran portrays Jesus Christ as a prophet, unique in His pre-incarnate nature, miraculous birth, miracles and moral stature. Muslims revere Jesus Christ. As the Koran states:

- "The angels said to Mary: "God [Allah] bids you rejoice in a Word from Him. His name is the Messiah, Jesus son of Mary. He shall be noble in this world and in the world to come, and shall be one of those who are favored. He shall preach to men in his cradle and in the prime of manhood, and shall lead a righteous life."

- It is interesting to note that in the Koran, Jesus is almost exclusively referred to as "Jesus son of Mary," rather than "Son of God." The Koran vehemently denies that Jesus is the Son of God, yet it holds both Jesus and Mary in high esteem. More important to our context, is the fact that Mary is arguably more highly honored than Jesus in the Koran and in the Muslim world. [The Muslims, like the Catholics, refer to her as "Our Lady." She is also venerated as a pure and holy saint in the Islamic world.](#)

- Furthermore, Mary is mentioned no less than 34 times in the Koran. In addition, the 19th surah (chapter) of the Koran is named after Mary. Based on these facts alone, it is apparent that "Our Lady" is surely seen as blessed above all women by orthodox Muslims. In addition, consider the following three quotes taken directly from the Koran: And remember the angels' words to Mary. They said: "God has chosen you. He has made you pure and exalted you above womankind." [The Messiah, the son of Mary, was no more than an apostle: other apostles passed away before him. His mother was a saintly woman.](#)

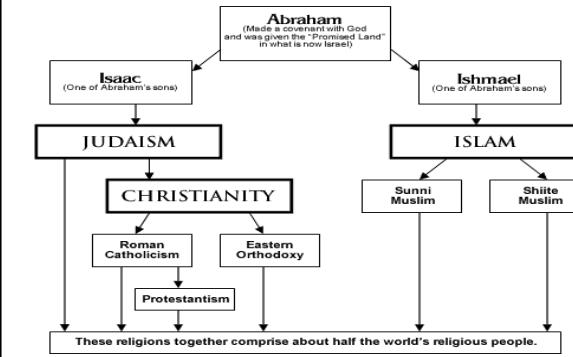
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God And Allah

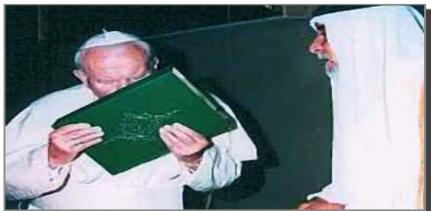
- "The Church's relationship with the Muslims. "The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator, in the first place amongst whom are the Muslims; these profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with us they adore the one, merciful God, mankind's judge on the last day"

Catholic Catechism, Paragraph 841

The Semitic Religions



Kissing the Koran



Pope John Paul II kissing the Koran, May 14, 1999.

Review Of The Great Harlot

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| She is not a literal Harlot | The symbol of the Great Harlot has a literal meaning |
| The symbolic meaning of the harlot is found in the Word of God | The O.T. describes spiritual harlotry as a religious system contrary to God |
| The Great Harlot's importance is not what she does but who she influences | The Great Harlot is influencing governments and the people under those governments to buy into her false religious system. |
| The Great Harlot controls the kings with her false doctrine | The doctrine of the Great Harlot is the doctrine of the government that rules the people, i.e. Sharia Law |
| Sharia Law | The legal framework that regulates the private and public life of people through religious doctrine |
| The Great Harlot is the fountain head of idolatry | The fountain head of idolatry is the worshipping of the sun, of the moon, and of the stars |
| The worship of the constellations began with Nimrod in Babylon | Moon worship today is known as Islam the false religious system of Satan |

- “THIS WINE[OF THE GREAT HARLOT] WAS ALREADY BOTTLED AND LABELLED BEFORE THE FIRST DISPERSION. IT WENT WITH THAT DISPERSION INTO EVERY COUNTRY AND NATION UNDER HEAVEN. AS A MATTER OF FACT WE FIND IT TO THIS DAY AMONG ALL NATIONS OF THE EARTH; AFFECTING, IF NOT CONTROLLING THEIR THINKING, THEIR POLITICS, THEIR FAITH, AND THEIR WORSHIP.”-Seiss



| <u>Is Allah Lucifer?</u> | |
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| <u>Lucifer</u> | <u>Allah</u> |
| Means “shining” one. (Isaiah14:12). | Also means “shining” one (Quran24:35) |
| Known as “morning” or “dawn” star (Isaiah 14:12) Angels & Demons frequently called “stars” in Bible. | Is called a star and Lord of the Dawn (morning) (Quran 24:35, 114:1-3). Also called “The Star of Sirius” (Quran 53:49). |
| Extremely P prideful (Isaiah 10:12 & Ezekiel 28:2). | Called “The Most Proud One” and “One Filled with Pride.” Al-Muqtadir |
| Called “prince of the power of the AIR” (Ephesians 2:2) and “ruler of darkness in high places” [the sky] (Ephesians 6:12). | Called “Lord of the wind.” |
| Called ruler & lord over demons (Matthew 12:24 & Rev 9:11). | Called “Lord of the Demons.” (51:56, 114:1) and is SERVED by demons (79:1). |
| Called “god of this world” [surface] (John 12:35, 2 Cor 4:4, & Revelation 11:4) and that of “the bottomless pit” [underworld] (Revelation 9:11). | Called “Lord of the worlds” (meaning both surface and underworlds). [Quran 69:43] |

| <u>Lucifer</u> | <u>Allah</u> |
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| Demons follow Lucifer and are his allies (Matthew 12:25-26 & Rev 9:11) | Demons follow Allah and are his allies (Quran 72:13). |
| Called Destroyer & Murderer (John 8:44, Malachi 3:11). Causer of disease and affliction (Luke 13:16, Acts 10:38). | Called “Al-Darr” which means “Afflicter & Causer of Harm.” |
| Creator of evil & darkness from whom we need to be delivered from (Matthew 6:13—“deliver us from the evil one.”) | Creator of evil and darkness but Muslims urged to seek refuge in the same one who creates the evil and darkness to escape evil and darkness (not a joke). [Quran 114:1-3] |

Satan's Symbol

Halal means: "Shining or Crescent Moon"
 Ben Shachar means "son of the morning star"



Name of Satan in Isaiah 14:12
Satan
Halal Ben Shachar
Lucifer

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;"-Isaiah 14:12-13

Revelation 17:3

"So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns."

We Have Hope

- Hope not in this world
- Hope not in the government
- Hope not in the economy
- But hope in the Savior Jesus Christ
- **We can keep our hearts secure knowing that God is in control of this world. It is not chaotic, but planned by the hand of a loving Father Who is faithful to walk with believers during turbulent days.**

The Woman And The Beast

- The woman is the Great Harlot and she is riding the beast.
- The beast is "scarlet" which is the color of sin.
- "Come now, and let us reason together, 'Says the LORD, though your sins are **like scarlet**, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool."-Isaiah 1:18
- "The fact that the woman is riding the beast and is not the beast itself signifies that **she represents ecclesiastical power** as distinct from **the beast which is political power**. Her position, that of riding the beast, indicates on the one hand that she is supported by the political power of the beast, and on the other that she is in a dominant role and at least outwardly controls and directs the beast."-Walvoord
- Eventually the Beast, the political power, will turn on the Woman, the religious power, and destroy her-Vs.16

Into The Wilderness

- John is carried in the Spirit.
- This experience is similar to Ezekiel's when he was taken "In the spirit" into a valley of dry bones (Ezk 37:1).
- It is in the wilderness where John sees the woman riding the Beast.
- The Heart of Islam is in Arabia.
- "ISIS member Abu Turab Al Mugaddasi said that they would destroy the Kaaba in Mecca: **"If Allah wills, we will kill those who worship stones in Mecca and destroy the Kaaba. People go to Mecca to touch the stones, not for Allah."**"-jihadwatch.org
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- "The government of Saudi Arabia—despite being Islamic—does NOT believe in the coming of the Mahdi nor do they want him to come. They're very much like the Pharisees in Jesus day, who did not want the Messiah to come. Why? Because they're rich and live lavish lifestyles, commanding lots of money and power throughout the globe. If Mahdi were to appear and start causing trouble, that would be the end for the prosperity and power of Saudi Arabia. They like things the way they are."-Preacher

Seven Heads And Ten Horns

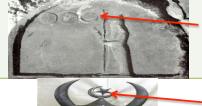
- The **seven heads represent world kingdoms** with kings under the control of Satan and the **ten horns represent ten end time world leaders** that Satan will control in the last Gentile world empire
- "There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time."-**Revelation 17:10**
- "The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; he shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings."-**Daniel 7:24**
- **"The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet**, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast."-**Revelation 17:12**

| | Kingdom | Attack Against The Woman |
|---|----------------|--|
| 1 | Egypt | Enslaved the Jews |
| 2 | Assyria | Exiled the 10 Northern Tribes 722 B.C. |
| 3 | Babylonia | Exiled Judah and destroyed Jerusalem 586 B.C. |
| 4 | Persia | Tried to destroy the Jews during the time of Esther |
| 5 | Greece | Antiochus Epiphanes slaughtered a pig in the Temple 164 B.C. |
| 6 | Rome | Destroyed Temple, killed over a million Jews, renamed Judea "Palestine" under Hadrian 132 A.D. |
| 7 | Ottoman Empire | Conquered Jerusalem and ruled from 1517-1917 |

Full Of Names Of Blasphemy

- In chapter 13, the Beast opens his mouth and speaks blasphemies against God, His Name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.
- The Great Harlot is "...full of the names of blasphemy..."
- Blasphemy according to Webster's 1828 Dictionary is: "To speak of the Supreme Being in terms of impious irreverence; to revile or speak reproachfully of God, or the Holy Spirit."
- The names of blasphemy are the worship of the moon god by the seven empires that have through their history had different names for their celestial gods.

Common Religious Thread

| Empire | Moon Worship |
|-----------------|--|
| Egypt-Khonsu |  A red arrow points to the head of the seated moon god Khonsu. |
| Assyria-Sin |  A red arrow points to the head of the seated moon god Sin. |
| Babylonia-Sin |  A red arrow points to the head of the seated moon god Sin. |
| Persian-Anahita |  A red arrow points to the head of the seated moon god Anahita. |

Empire

Moon Worship

Greek-Selene



Roman-Diana



Ottoman-Allah



The Beast From The Pit

- "And they (demonic army) had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon." -Revelation 9:11
- "The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is." -Revelation 17:8
- "The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition." -Revelation 17:11

- “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. “These are of one mind, and **they will give their power and authority to the beast.**”-Revelation 17:12-13
- “And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire.”- Revelation 17:16
- “The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And **another shall rise after them; he shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings.**”-Daniel 7:24

| Name In Psalm 83 | Nation today |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| Tents of Edom | Palestinians |
| Ishmaelites | Saudi Arabia |
| Moab | Palestinians Jordan, |
| Hagarites | Egyptians |
| Gebal | Hezbollah, Lebanon |
| Ammon | Palestinians , Jordan |
| Amalek | Southern Jordan |
| Philistia | Gaza |
| Tyre | Hezbollah, Lebanon |
| Assyria | Syria, Iraq, Iran |

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Revelation 17:4

“The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.”

The Woman Is Rich

- The elegant clothing and jewelry of the woman show her wealth and attractiveness, but her activities are filthy and abominable to God.
- The woman not only practices spiritual harlotry (idolatry), she is also consumed with materialism and wealth.
- “In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, ‘I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.’”- Revelation 18:7

- “For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and **the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury.**”- Revelation 18:3
- “The kings of the earth who committed fornication and **lived luxuriously** with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning,”- **Revelation 18:9**
- What do we have in history that all the nations get rich from, go to war over, and is controlled by Islamic nations?

Oil

- “He [the Antichrist] shall enter peaceably, even into the **richest** places of the province; and he shall do what his fathers have not done, nor his forefathers: he shall disperse among them the plunder, spoil, and riches; and he shall devise his plans against the strongholds, but only for a time.”- **Daniel 11:24**
- In the original language the word for “**richest**” is “mashman” meaning, “fertile place or oil”.
- “The Antichrist knows that if he controls the Oil in the Middle East, he controls the world, and every nation will have to bow down if they want to get it. The Bible says the Antichrist will divide his spoils amongst his followers, which is exactly what Muslims state the Madhi will do, divide the spoils with his followers, just as Muhammad did when he conquered.”- Preacher

- ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “On that day it shall come to pass that thoughts will arise in your [Beast] mind, and you will make an evil plan: “You will say, ‘I will go up against a land of unwalled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates’—**to take plunder and to take booty**, to stretch out your hand against the waste places that are again inhabited, and against a people gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land. Sheba, Dedan, [Saudi Arabia] the merchants of Tarshish, [historically southern Spain but it could refer to all of Europe] and all their young lions will say to you, **‘Have you come to take plunder? Have you gathered your army to take booty, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great plunder?’** Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “On that day when My people Israel dwell safely, will you not know it?”-**Ezekiel 38:10-14**
- What plunder or wealth could be in Israel worth invading?**

Oil In Israel

- It would definitely change the course of history if oil was discovered in Israel.
- Golda Meir said, “Moses dragged us for forty years through the desert to bring us to the one place in the Middle East where there was no oil”.-cited in Epicenter by Joel Rosenberg
- However, it does appear that black gold will be discovered in Israel in the near future that will unlock an enormous amount of wealth for Israel in the last days.

- “And Jacob called his sons and said, “Gather together, that **I may tell you what shall befall you in the last days:**”-Genesis 49:1
- “By the God of your father who will help you, And by the Almighty who will bless you With blessings of heaven above, **blessings of the deep that lies beneath....**”-Genesis 49:25
- “Blessed of the LORD is **his land**, with the precious things of heaven, with the dew, **and the deep lying beneath,.....**”-Deuteronomy 33:13
- “They shall call the peoples to the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness; **for they shall partake of the abundance of the seas and of treasures hidden in the sand.**”-Deuteronomy 33:19

- “And of Asher he said: “Asher is most blessed of sons; let him be favored by his brothers, **and let him dip his foot in oil.**”-Deuteronomy 33:24
- “For the LORD’s portion is His people; Jacob is the place of His inheritance. He found him in a desert land and in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye. He made him ride in the heights of the earth, that he might eat the produce of the fields; He made him draw honey from the rock, **and oil from the flinty rock,**”-Deuteronomy 32:9-10,13

Potentially Game-Changing Oil Reserves Discovered In Israel

- “After Israel complained for years that it was surrounded by oil-rich states but didn’t have a drop within its own borders, it appears there’s a big-time turnaround with the announcement Wednesday that massive oil reserves have been located in the Golan Heights, close to the country’s border with Syria.”-Foxnews.com/10-8-2015
- “Afeq [the oil drilling company] announced on October 7 that it had discovered “significant amounts” of oil during the exploratory stage. The company has so far drilled three exploratory wells, and will begin drilling at a fourth site in the coming weeks...”-TimesofIsrael.com

Bloodshed Over Oil

- “The Middle East is about to explode and drag the world into one of the most difficult and terrifying conflicts in world history....The bloodshed over oil and power has just begun. Deep-seated passions, religious fanaticism, and poverty fuel suicidal terrorism....Terrorism, instability, and the threat of a disruption in oil have created a greater need for peace than any international situation since the Cold War....The prophets of the Old Testament predicted just such a situation. From a biblical standpoint this is the most dramatic evidence that the world is now headed down the road to Armageddon.”-Walvoord

America's Problem

- “The problem is America’s continued dependence on light crude oil. Approximately 40 percent of the fuel the United States consumes is oil-used primarily for cars, trucks, trains, and airplanes. The nation consumes 43 percent of the world’s motor gasoline. Without it, the transportation system of the entire U.S. economy would collapse. Addiction to this specific form of energy means that the United States cannot dodge the bullet if anything suddenly disrupts the supply of light crude oil from the Middle East.” - Hitchcock

It All Goes Up In Smoke



“The kings of the earth who committed fornication and **lived luxuriously** with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning...”Revelation 18:9

Saudi Arabia Is In Iran's Crosshairs

- Iran's primary target is not Israel but Saudi Arabia.
- Right now the Saudi's are flooding the world oil market with oil driving the price per barrel to go down in order to hurt Iran's economy.
- “The main reason for thinking they might keep production high is that the primary target of the Saudi attempt to cut oil prices—or, maybe, more accurately, Riyadh's refusal to shore up those prices—isn't those pesky U.S. frackers; it is Iran. The Saudis figure that keeping Iran from making windfall profits on oil is the best way to keep the pressure up on the country.”-AMERICANINEREST.COM
- “U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf and Arab intelligence services have noted the establishment of Iranian missile launch sites aimed in the direction of Saudi Arabia...”- WND.com

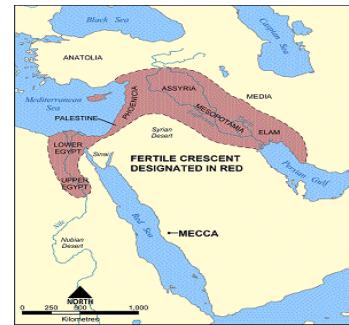
Shite Controlled Oil Fields In Saudi



The Fall Of Arabia

- “The burden against the Wilderness of the Sea. As whirlwinds in the South pass through, so it comes from the desert, from a terrible land. A distressing vision is declared to me; the treacherous dealer deals treacherously, and the plunderer plunders. Go up, O Elam! Besiege, O Media! (Iran) All its sighing I have made to cease.... The burden against Arabia. In the forest in Arabia you will lodge, O you traveling companies of Dedanites. O inhabitants of the land of Tema, bring water to him who is thirsty; with their bread they met him who fled. For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, from the bent bow, and from the distress of war. For thus the LORD has said to me: “Within a year, according to the year of a hired man, all the glory of Kedar will fail; and the remainder of the number of archers, the mighty men of the people of Kedar, will be diminished; for the LORD God of Israel has spoken it.””-Isaiah 21:1-2;13-17

The Fertile Crescent



Isaiah 21 Map



- “Furthermore, it is impossible to even consider that Isaiah 21 was regarding a historic battle between Persia and ancient Babylon since the multiple references throughout are not connected to ancient Iraq but to Kedar, Tema, Dedan and Dumah, which is in Saudi Arabia near Yathrib (Medina) and today is known as “Dumat el-Jandal.” Dumah, one of the sons of Ishmael, is also associated with Edom and Seir in Isaiah 21:11. It is believed by many that Kedar, Ishmael’s sons, is the line from which Muhammad descended. Even Muslims recognize this when they read Isaiah 21; they see Isaiah 21:14-15 as the story of Muhammad when the Muslims emigrated from Mecca to Medina (Tema) in which they were fed and rescued from the sword. No Westerner was able to interpret: “The inhabitants of the land of Tema brought water to him that was thirsty, they prevented with their bread him that fled. For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war.””-Wahlid Shobat

Revelation 17:5

“And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”

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The Forehead

- John sees the name of the woman and it is written on her forehead.
- Comparable to the sealed of Israel in **Revelation 7:3; 14:1**, and the Beast worshipers in **Revelation 13:16**, the woman in **Revelation 17:5** is also identified with a name on her forehead.
- The name on the woman's forehead is directly contrasted with the engraved golden plate on the turban of the high priest which reads, **“HOLINESS TO THE LORD”**.

- “You shall also make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it, like the engraving of a signet: **HOLINESS TO THE LORD**. And you shall put it on a blue cord, that it may be on the turban; it shall be on the front of the turban. So it shall be on Aaron's forehead....” -**Exodus 28:36-38**
- The High Priest is set apart to God by the inscription written on his forehead, the woman on the other hand by the writing on her forehead is set against God.

Babylon The Great

- Babylon was never destroyed but gradually faded from history as a major city after the fall of Babylon in 539 BC after the conquest of Cyrus the Great. (Daniel 5).
- In the book of Jeremiah and Isaiah we view the eternal destruction of the city.
- The defeat of Babylon in 539 was a foreshadowing of the future eternal destruction of Babylon.

- Babylon is the city built by Nimrod from which mankind was scattered throughout the Earth. (Gen 11:1-9).
- According to scripture Babylon as a capital city will be rebuilt.
- The rebuilt city will be the “Religious” and “Economic” and “political” capital of the world in the last days.
- Babylon was the first nation city-state from which the kingdom of the Earth was headquartered.
- Babylon will be the last city-state from which the kingdom of the Earth will be headquartered.
- In Zechariah 5:5-11, the woman, called “Wickedness” is flown to the valley of Shinar (Babylon) where a base will be built for her.

- The religious system of worshipping the sun, moon, and stars, was set in motion in Babylon and has continued to this very day in one form or another throughout the world.
- After tower of Babel the Lord scattered humanity by families throughout the earth.
- These family tribes took with them the religious system established in Babylon.
- The various religions of the earth have similarities because they have a similar origin: Babylon.

The City Of Babylon In Iraq



| Similarities Between the Mahdi and the Antichrist | |
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| Mahdi rules the world for seven years | Antichrist rules the world for seven years before Jesus comes (Daniel 9:27) |
| Mahdi persecutes the Jews | Antichrist befriends the Jews and then, in one of the great double-crosses of all time, breaks his treaty and mercilessly persecutes them |
| Mahdi rules the world from Kufa, Iraq (about 100 miles south of Baghdad) | Antichrist rules the world from Babylon, Iraq (50 miles south of Baghdad) Revelation 17-18 |
| The Apocalypse of Ahmadinejad, Mark Hitchcock | |

Mystery

- The word “mystery” in the Scriptures indicates something unknowable by man unless and until revealed by God.
- The solution for mystery is not investigation or discovery but revelation.
- In this case many have misinterpreted this word here as the mystery religions with secret rites and orders.
- The mystery relates to her identity and relationship to the seven-headed beast with ten horns.- **Revelation 17:7**
- For some reason the interpreters capitalized the word “mystery” as if it is part of the Harlot’s name but it is a description of her role in relationship to the seven-headed beast with ten horns.

- “But the angel said to me, “Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.” **Revelation 17:7**
- “We believe that the English translators have misled many by printing (on their own authority) the word ‘mystery’ in large capital letters, thus making it appear that this was a part of ‘the woman’s name.’ This we are assured is a mistake. That the ‘mystery’ is connected with the ‘Woman’ herself and not with her ‘name’ is clear from Rev. 17:7, where the angel says unto John, ‘I will tell thee the mystery of the Woman, and of the Beast which carrieth her.’” Pink
- The Book of Revelation is not a book of guess work.
- When symbolism is used an explanation is always given.

Revelation 17:6

“I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.”

Drunk With Blood

- Throughout the book of Revelation John is shown numerous martyrs of Jesus.
- "Being drunk with blood" would be particularly disturbing to John who, being a Jew, would know that God's Law did not allow the eating blood (Gen. 9:4; Lev. 3:17; 7:26; 17:10-13).
- The false ecclesiastical power and the political power will seek out and martyr Jews who are the saints and Christians who are the martyrs of Jesus.

- The idea of being drunk symbolizes that the followers of the Woman are influenced by her false doctrine and are deceived into committing murder in the name of their god against the people of the One True God.
- When false ideas have been promoted continually and from birth, individuals become indoctrinated to believe that what is false is true and have come to accept murder as the norm.
- The people who fall prey to this false religious system will commit unspeakable acts in obedience to and for the reward they seek.
- The wrath of the Woman is terrorism.
- There is not a better way to understand the blood lust of the Woman than to remember the countless acts of terrorism that have been promoted and carried out by religious fanatical followers in the name of the mood god.

Revelation 17:8

"The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is."

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Four Aspects Of The Beast

1. The Beast was.
2. The Beast is not.
3. The Beast ascends out of bottomless pit.
4. The will go into perdition.

- The grammatical sequence of Revelation 17:8, reflects the Beast's history. It implies that the beast comes into existence, receives a deadly wound, ascends from the Abyss, and is finally destroyed.
- The context of other verses in Scripture is that the future kingdom of the Beast will be unified under Satan's power and will be the final gentile kingdom on the earth before the reign of Jesus and Israel as the ruling nation for a 1000 years.

- "And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast." -Revelation 13:3
- Woe to the worthless shepherd, who leaves the flock! A sword shall be against his arm and against his right eye; his arm shall completely wither, and his right eye shall be totally blinded. -Zechariah 11:17
- "And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived." -Revelation 13:14
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The Beast

- The word used in the original language is "therion" which is a wild beast that tramples, devours, and kills.
- The beast is both a man, i.e. the Antichrist and a system or empire of the Antichrist.
- The Antichrist is different from the "pseudo" or "false Christ". The false Christ does not deny the existence of Christ but builds falsely upon what Christ has already taught and misleads people astray.
- The antichrist denies the existence of the true God and attempts to replace Him.

The Antichrist

- There are three distinct characteristics of the Antichrist that John elaborates to in his letter:
 1. He will deny the deity of Jesus (1 John 2:22).
 2. He will deny that Jesus is the Son of God (1 John 2:22).
 3. He will deny the unique relationship between the Father and the Son (1 John 2:22)
- "Only Islam fills the role of a religion that exists to deny core Christian beliefs. And of course, following the lead of the Qur'an, the three doctrines most severely and most often attacked and mocked by Muslims are the doctrines of the Trinity, the divine incarnation, and the atoning sacrifice/crucifixion of Jesus." -Richardson

The Beast Empire

- The empire of the beast in Revelation thirteen will be **a combination of the three previous kingdoms before it.**
- "Now the beast which I saw was **like a leopard**, his feet were like the feet of **a bear**, and his mouth like the mouth of **a lion.**"-Revelation 13:2
- ""The first was **like a lion**, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it. And suddenly another beast, a second, **like a bear**. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: 'Arise, devour much flesh!' After this I looked, and there was another, **like a leopard**, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it."-Daniel 7:4-6

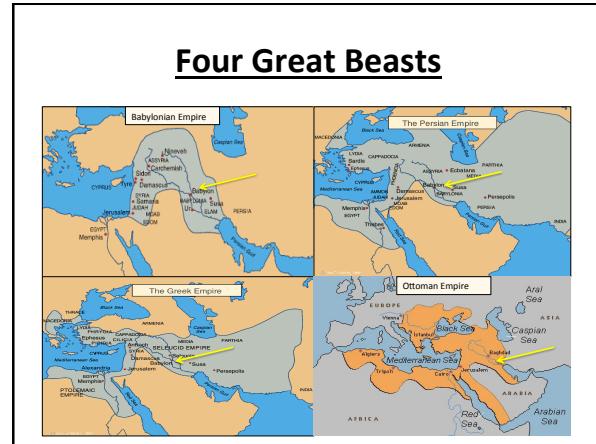
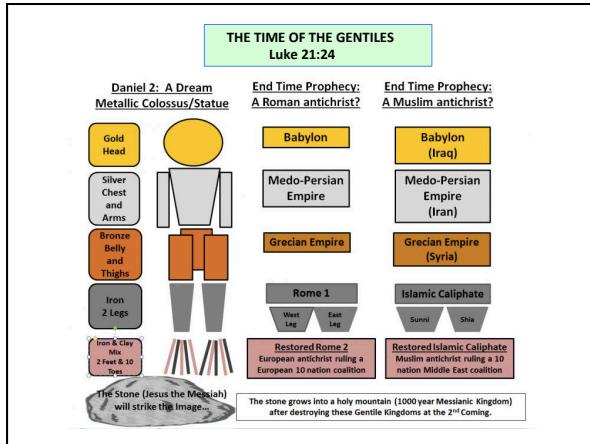
The Beast Rising Out Of the Sea

- "Daniel spoke, saying, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. **And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other.**"-Daniel 7:2-3
- "Thus he said: 'The fourth beast shall be **a fourth kingdom on earth**, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, **and shall devour the whole earth, trample it and break it in pieces.**"-Daniel 7:23
- "I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who **sits on many waters**...."Then he said to me, **'The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits**, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues."-Revelation 17:1,15

The Fourth And Final Beast

- "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, **a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet.** It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns."-Daniel 7:7

- "Indeed, the iron teeth closely match Islam. Ever since the religion of Islam appeared in the world, the espousers of it....have been as wolves and tigers to all other nations, rending and tearing all that fell into their merciless paws, and grinding them with their iron teeth; that numberless cities are raised from the foundation, and only their name remains; that many countries, which were once the garden of God, are now desolate wilderness; and that so many once numerous and powerful nations are vanished from the earth! Such was, and is at this day, the rage, the fury, the revenge, of these destroyers of human kind."-John Wesley, quoted in God's War on Terror, Wahild Shobat



The Iron Kingdom

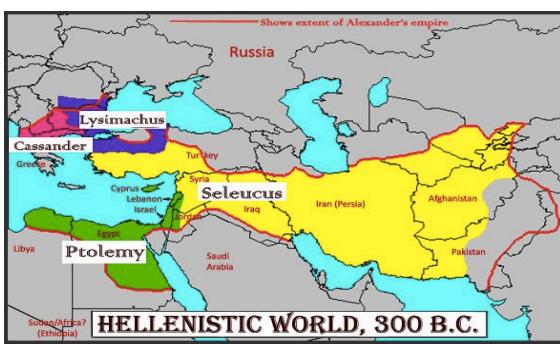
- **The kingdom represented by the iron was supposed to crush or conquer the other three kingdoms, Babylon, Medo-Persian, and Greek, something which Rome never accomplished.** Rome conquered the Greek and Syrian portions of the Grecian Empire, only reached Babylon for a few months in 116-117 AD and was forced to retreat from Mesopotamia after the death of Emperor Trajan. Rome was never able to conquer the heart of Persia during countless battles against the Parthian and Sasanid Empires.

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The Eighth Kingdom Of The Antichrist

- “Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.” - Daniel 7:19-20
- The reference in this passage of “...its nails of bronze....” link the **fourth beast** back to the Grecian Empire which is accepted by all Biblical scholars and Scripture testimony to be represented by the bronze belly and thighs of the statue.
- Based on Scripture the Antichrist will **be from the area** of the historical Grecian Empire which was primarily Middle Eastern not European.
- Out of this final and fourth beast will come ten kings of which one will be the Antichrist

The Four Divisions



The Little Horn

- “Therefore the male goat grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn was broken (Alexander the Great), and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven (Alexander's Generals). And out of one of them came a little horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land.” -Daniel 8:8-9
- Most point to Antiochus Epiphanes IV, of the Seleucid division of the Greek Empire, as the person the little horn represents but he was only a type of the coming Antichrist.
- For the angel Gabriel said to Daniel, “Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end shall be.” - Daniel 8:19

- The little horn pictured in Daniel 8, is speaking of the leader of the fourth beast empire during the time of Israel's indignation or Jacob's trouble.
- Also at no time in history did any man grow up with "host of heaven" or "...cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trample them." The little horn of Daniel 8, is a reference to the Antichrist ruled by the Dragon.
- "And it (little horn) grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them. He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host; and by him the daily sacrifices were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down."-**Daniel 8:10-11**
- "So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."-**Revelation 12:9**

The Four Divisions Of The Greek Empire

| The General | The Region | Present Area |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Seleucus-Northern | Assyria and Babylon | Central Turkey, Syria, Iran, Iraq, Jordan |
| Ptolemy-Southern | Egypt and Northern Africa | Egypt, and Northern Africa |
| Cassander-Western | Greece and Macedonia | Greece, Albania, Serbia |
| Lysimachus-Eastern | Turkey | Western Turkey, Southern Russia |

- "And the male goat is the kingdom of Greece. The large horn that is between its eyes is the first king. As for the broken horn and the four that stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall arise out of that nation, but not with its power. And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their fullness, a king shall arise, having fierce features, who understands sinister schemes. His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power."-**Daniel 8:21-24**

- He shall destroy fearfully, and shall prosper and thrive; He shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people. Through his cunning he shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; and he shall exalt himself in his heart. He shall destroy many in their prosperity. He shall even rise against the Prince of princes; but he shall be †broken without human means."-**Daniel 8:21-25**
- The little horns of Daniel 7 & 8 point to the Antichrist. Daniel 7, pictures the Antichrist coming out of the fourth beast, and Daniel 8, has the Antichrist coming from one of the four areas of the divided Greek Empire.
- Daniel 11, and other Scriptures focus on the King of the North as the Antichrist.

The People Follow The Beast

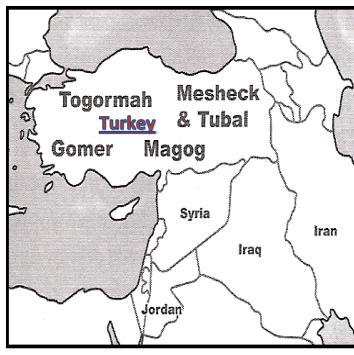
- The people of the world Marvel over the Beast and his system after his resurrection.
- This is the next step towards Satan's end goal of being worshipped and exalted above God.
- The world turns to the Beast not only as a political leader but also as "god on earth".
- Satan's pride was his undoing, in Heaven he sought to be god; he will seek to be god on earth too.
- "He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all."-**Daniel 11:37**

The Heads Are Earthly Kingdoms

- One of the Beasts heads is mortally wounded.
- The heads represent the succession of kingdoms throughout history opposed to God's redemption through Israel's Messiah.
- The Seventh head represents the Ottoman Empire.
- "The Ottoman Empire was wounded in the 1800s but the fatal blow was during WW1. The nation of Turkey was formed from what was left of the Ottoman Empire. It will rise to become the final head of the beast."-Fortner
- This Eighth head is the kingdom lead by the Antichrist which has recovered from being mortally wounded.
- "The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition" (Rev. 17:11)

Turkey The Antichrist Nation

- Ezekiel 38, identifies Turkey as the main leading nation of the united force against Israel.
- Revelation 17, Identifies the eighth kingdom of the beast as being resurrected from the seventh which was the Ottoman Empire.
- Revelation 2:13, identifies the Church of Pergamum located in Turkey as being the location of Satan's throne
- Daniel 9, identifies "the people of the prince to come" that destroyed the Jewish Temple were primarily Syrians and Arabs that made up the Legion X of the Roman army stationed in Antioch which is in Turkey.
- Daniel 11, identifies the King of the North as Antiochus Epiphanes the IV ruler of the Seleucid Empire which covered a large portion of modern Turkey. Antiochus is a prefigure of the Antichrist to come.

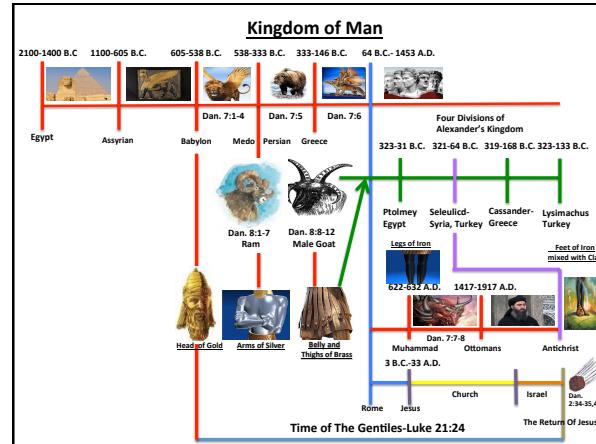


Map 1: Magog, Meshech, Tubal, Gomer and Togormah all within the boundaries of modern Turkey.

- "Yusuf al-Qaradawi, one of the most influential clerics in Sunni Islam and spiritual leader of the Muslim Brotherhood, has said that Istanbul, Turkey is the capital of the coming caliphate and has suggested that Erdogan is blessed by Allah and could be the one to lead the Islamic world order."- www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org



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Who Is Gog?

- Gog is the leader of a coalition of nations that come against Israel in the last days.
- “You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes. ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Are you he [Gog] of whom I have spoken in former days by My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied for years in those days that I would bring you against them?’”- **Ezekiel 38:16-17**

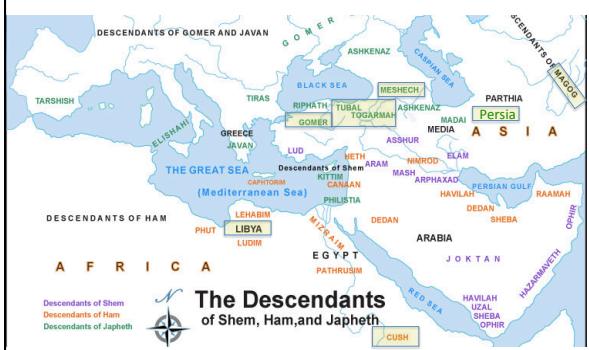
- “Those who see you will gaze at you, and consider you, saying: ‘**Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms**, Who made the world as a wilderness and destroyed its cities, Who did not open the house of his prisoners?’”-**Isaiah 14:16-17**
- “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; **I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, that they might gaze at you.** ‘You defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trading; therefore I brought fire from your midst; it devoured you, and **I turned you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all who saw you.** All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; you have become a horror, and shall be no more forever.’”-**Ezekiel 28:17-19**

Gog And Antichrist

- Gog and the Antichrist are one and the same individual.
- According to Ezekiel 38:17, Gog is spoken about by the prophets of Israel.
- Scripture Comparisons:
- **Gog**: “Call out to every kind of bird and all the wild animals: ‘Assemble and come together from all around to the sacrifice I am preparing for you, the great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel. There you will eat flesh and drink blood. You will eat the flesh of mighty men and drink the blood of the princes of the earth...At my table you will eat your fill of horses and riders, mighty men and soldiers of every kind,’ declares Jehovah the Sovereign,” (Ezekiel 39:17-20).

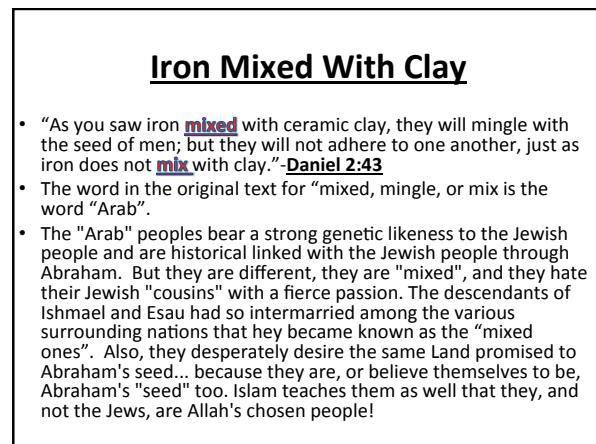
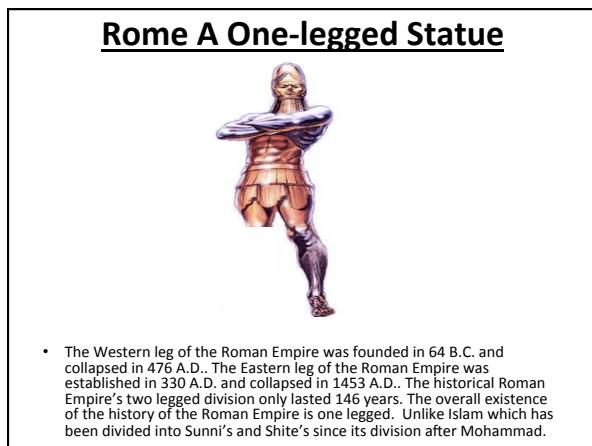
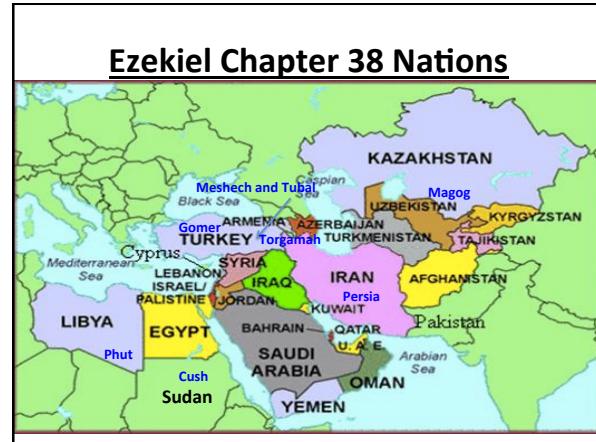
- **Antichrist**: “And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, ‘Come, gather together for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great,’” (Revelation 19:17).
- **Gog**: “I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone,” (Ezekiel 38:22).
- **Antichrist**: “Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon... Then there came... From the sky huge hailstones of about a hundred pounds each fell upon men. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible,” (Revelation 16:16-21).

Genesis 10 Nations



| The Nations In Ezekiel 38 | The Nations Today |
|----------------------------|--|
| Magog | The republics in southern Russia and north of Israel, compromised of Azerbaijan, Afghanistan, Turkistan, Chechnya, and Iran |
| Rosh “The chief prince” | Used over 500 times in the Bible and each time it is interpreted as: “head, chief, top, best”. Modern interpreters say it means “Russia” because of the similar sound to Rosh |
| Meshech and Tubal | Modern interpreters say it is Moscow and Tobolsk because again the similarity of sound. Ezekiel 27:13 describes Meshech and Tubal trading with ancient Tyre. It is highly unlikely that ancient Tyre was trading with Moscow and Tobolsk. They are located in modern Turkey |
| Persia | Iran |
| Ethiopia | Cush in the original language. Ezekiel 29:9-10, associates Cush with the border of Egypt. Sudan borders Egypt's southern border. |

| The Nations In Ezekiel 38 | <u>The Nations Today</u> |
|---------------------------|---|
| Libya | Phut is Libya |
| Gomer | Central Turkey |
| House of Togarmah | Ryrie says, "the southeastern part of Turkey near the Syria border. This identification is consistent with all Interpreters. Turkey and Armenia |

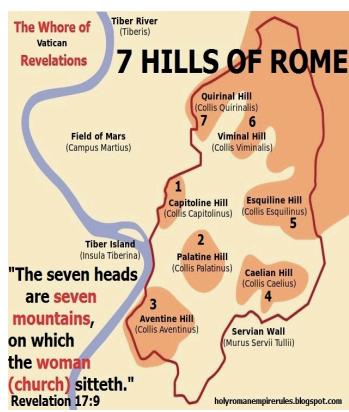


Revelation 17:9

"Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits."

The Seven Heads

- This is an explanation of Revelation 17:3, "...I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, **having seven heads** and ten horns."
- Wisdom is not a secret deep understanding of some mystery but is the using of Scripture to understand what is being communicated.
- The seven mountains of this passage of Scripture have caused some to suggest that since the city of Rome is built on seven mountains, she is the one designated here as the beast with seven heads.



- Some assert that the seven heads are Popes.



- Some assert the seven heads are the Caesars.

| Caesar | Revelation 13 | Rev 17:8a | Rev 17:8b | Revelation 17:10-11 | Interpretation |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) Julius Caesar | | Was | Was | Five are Fallen | Reign From 49BC - 54AD |
| 2) Augustus | | | | | |
| 3) Tiberius | | | | | |
| 4) Gaius | | | | | |
| 5) Claudius | | | | | |
| 6) Nero | Head Wounded | Is Not | Is Not | | Army Defeated late 66AD |
| (8) "Resurrected Nero" | Deadly Wound Healed | Shall Ascend from the Pit | Yet Is | Is | Army Returns in 67AD |
| | | Goes into Perdition | | Goes into Perdition | Dies in 68 AD |
| 7) Vespasian | | | | Not Yet Come | Made Emperor 69 AD |
| (Nero & Vespasian) | To Continue 42 months | | | Continues a Short Space | War Ends 70AD |
| | | | | | Roman-Jewish War 67-70AD |

Major Problems With These Theories

- If the seven mountains are the city of Rome then when did five of them fall down?
- The problem with the Pope theory is that the order of them starting in 1922, is hard to fit into the Scripture context of Revelation 17:10-11. When John had his vision five had already fallen and one existed in John's day.
- The problem with the Caesar theory is the dates range from 49-70 A.D.. The vision of John was written around 90 A.D. based on historical documentation of his imprisonment on the Island of Patmos. John was exiled on the Island of Patmos from A.D. 86 to 96.

Seven Mountains

- Mountain when used in Scripture is often a metaphor for a kingdom.
- "Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. **And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.**"-Daniel 2:35
- This verse is referring to the Kingdom reign of Jesus upon the earth.

- "But in looking for them (Heads) we must note four very great and important governing principles which will be a sure and certain guide in our understanding of this matter. They are these:

1. Israel and Israel's Messiah: in other words, God's Anointed, God's Land, God's City, God's People, form the great centre around which all prophecy circles.
2. Jerusalem is also the centre of the points of the compass. East and west, North and South, are to be reckoned from Jerusalem, or from the standpoint of the writer: and not from that of the reader; or from any other astronomical or geographical arbitrary position.

3. The "Heads" denote headship over the People, the City, and the Land of Israel.

4. **The world-powers or kingdoms of prophecy are reckoned only as they come into connection with, or into possession of, Israel's Land, and City.** In these four simple propositions we shall find the key to the understanding of the Vision and its interpretation."-Bullinger

| | Kingdom | Attack Against Israel |
|---|----------------|--|
| 1 | Egypt | Enslaved the Jews |
| 2 | Assyria | Exiled the 10 Northern Tribes 722 B.C. |
| 3 | Babylonia | Exiled Judah and destroyed Jerusalem 586 B.C. Destroyed Temple |
| 4 | Persia | Tried to destroy the Jews during the time of Esther |
| 5 | Greece | Antiochus Epiphanes slaughtered a pig in the Temple 164 B.C. |
| 6 | Rome | Destroyed Temple, killed over a million Jews, renamed Judea "Palestine" under Hadrian 132 A.D. |
| 7 | Ottoman Empire | Conquered Jerusalem and ruled from 1517-1917 |

Revelation 17:12-13

"The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast."

The Ten Horns

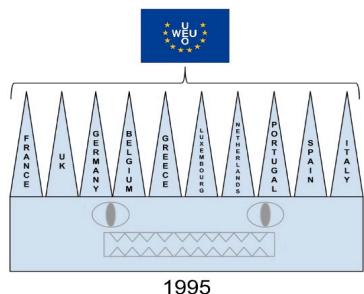
- These ten horns (Kings) are all on the Eighth head (Kingdom) which corresponds to the final historic stage of the fourth beast which Daniel saw (Daniel. 7:7, 19-20).
- Like the ten toes, mixed with iron and clay, of Nebuchadnezzar's image which extend forth from the feet during the final kingdom, these ten horns extending from the seventh head do not arise until the last days.
- The ten kings will only have authority for a short period of time and then only to give their authority back toward the Beast (antichrist) when he rises in ultimate prominence.
- The Beast (the antichrist) rises up as an eleventh horn (Dan. 7:20) and eventually overthrows three kings leaving eight kings remaining with the political beast in power.

- “Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; (the statues feet of iron and clay) and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows. I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.”-Daniel 7:19-22

Ten Horns Theory Of The Medina Mosque



Ten Horns Theory Of The European Union



The Ten Horns Theory Of Islamic Nations

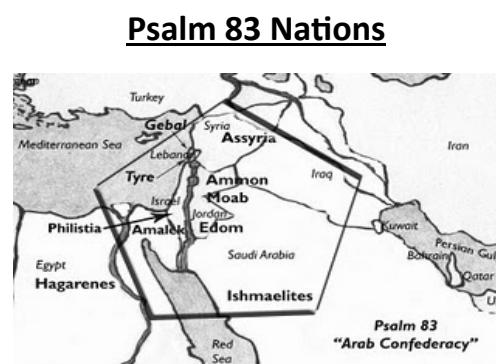
| Horns | Countries |
|-------|-----------|
| 1 | Turkey |
| 2 | Iran |
| 3 | Iraq |
| 4 | Syria |
| 5 | Lebanon |
| 6 | Arabia |
| 7 | Jordan |
| 8 | Egypt |
| 9 | Sudan |
| 10 | Libya |

- “For they have consulted together with one consent; **they form a confederacy** against You: The tents of **Edom** and the **Ishmaelites**; **Moab** and the **Hagrites**; **Gebal**, **Ammon**, and **Amalek**; **Philistia** with the inhabitants of **Tyre**; **Assyria** also has joined with them; they have helped the children of Lot. Selah”-**Psalm 83:5-8**

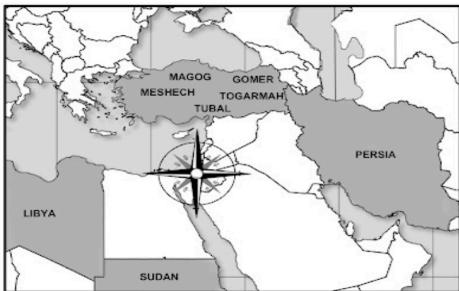
| Psalm 83 People | Modern Day Nation |
|-----------------|--|
| 1 Edom | Settled in Southeast Israel-Palestinians |
| 2 Ishmaelites | Arabia |
| 3 Moab | Jordan |
| 4 Hagarites | Egypt and Northern Africa |
| 5 Gebal | Lebanon, Syria |
| 6 Ammon | Jordan |
| 7 Amalek | Arabs of the Sinai Area |
| 8 Philistia | Gaza Strip |
| 9 Tyre | Lebanon |
| 10 Assyria | Syria, Turkey, Iran, Iraq |

| Ezekiel 38-39 Nations | Psalm 83 Nations |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Magog-Turkey | Turkey |
| Syria | Syria |
| Libya | Libya-Hagarites |
| Northern Sudan | Sudan-Hagarites |
| Iran | Iran |
| “....And many nations with you” | Jordan |
| | Lebanon |
| | Iraq |
| | Gaza Strip |
| | Arabia |

There is a distinction between Ezekiel's account and that of Psalm 83. Psalm 83, gives a list of nations that are in close proximity and surround Israel. Meanwhile, Ezekiel gives the account of the leader of the end time invasion of Israel representing nations from the four corners of the compass. In addition to the nations listed by Ezekiel many more nations will be led by Gog (Antichrist).

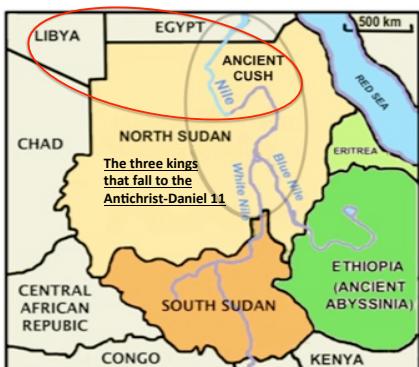


Ezekiel Chapter 38-39 Nations



The Three Kings That Are Conquered

- We are told in Daniel 11, that the three kingdoms that will be conquered by the Antichrist are Egypt, Libya and Cush which is Northern Sudan.
- “He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of **Egypt**; also the **Libyans and Ethiopians** shall follow at his heels.”- Daniel 11:42-43



They Are Of One Mind

- They are of one mind and purpose because “...God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, **to be of one mind**, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.”- **Revelation 17:17**
- These ten kings have one mind, i.e. “the same view or intent” to accomplish a goal united together alongside the Antichrist.
- God is sending a delusion into the hearts and minds of the ten kings in order to fulfill His Word and fulfill His purpose.
- “This will be something very different from a so-called “concert” of Europe. Never were any ten kings found of one accord. It is [a] powerful spirit-influence that brings about this [harmony].”-Bullinger

The Ten Nations Of Psalm 83

- O God, do not remain silent; do not turn a deaf ear, do not stand aloof, O God. See how your enemies growl, how your foes rear their heads. With cunning they conspire against your people; they plot against those you cherish. "Come," they say, "let us destroy them as a nation, so that Israel's name is remembered no more." With one mind they plot together; they form an alliance against you".

The Singleness Of Purpose

- What is the singleness of purpose of the ten kings?
- In **Revelation 17:14** it says, "These will make war with the Lamb....."
- "I was watching; and the same horn (Antichrist) was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them..."-**Daniel 7:22**
- "Thus he (Antichrist) shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain."-**Daniel 11:39**

- "He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown...."-**Daniel 11:41**
- "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem."-**Zechariah 12:2**
- ""Thus says the Lord GOD: "On that day it shall come to pass that thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will make an evil plan: "You will say, 'I will go up against a land of unwalled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates'"-**Ezekiel 38:10-11**
- The Antichrist and the ten kings are in agreement to attack Israel and lay siege to Jerusalem killing Jews and Christians with a "foreign god". No other system has hated, persecuted, and killed Christians and Jews like Islam.

No one Is Able To Make War

- "So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"-**Revelation 13:4**
- The Kingdom of the Beast will have military superiority over the nations surrounding Israel and will seem invincible in the eyes of the world.
- This of course will affect all the nations of the world as have all wars in the last century.
- He will eventually invade Israel and conquer the Jews who will turn their hearts to Jesus during this time.

Daniel 11:41-44

- **He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown;** but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. **He shall stretch out his hand against the countries,** and the land of Egypt shall not escape. He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also **the Libyans** and **Ethiopians** ("Cushi" is in the original text which is probably Sudan not Ethiopia) shall follow at his heels. But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore **he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many.**

Revelation 17:14

"These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful."

The Lamb Will Overcome Them

- "Through his cunning He shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; And he shall exalt himself in his heart. He shall destroy many in their prosperity. **He shall even rise against the Prince of princes;** But he shall be broken without human means." -**Daniel 8:25**
- "So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast...." -**Revelation 13:4**
- "It was granted to him (Antichrist) to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation." -**Revelation 13:7**

- "And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their fullness, a king shall arise, having fierce features, who understands sinister schemes. His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; He shall destroy fearfully, and shall prosper and thrive; He shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people." -**Daniel 8:23-25**
- "The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath. He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries." -**Psalm 110:5-6**
- The Antichrist received his authority from Satan but Satan's authority was given to him by God. When God calls the nations into the valley of Armageddon He will execute them in a slaughter because "He is Lord of lords and King of kings".

Revelation 17:18

“And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.”

The Great City

- The Great Harlot is identified as the “great city” Babylon like the Lamb’s wife is identified as the “holy Jerusalem” in Revelation 21:9-10.
- Just as Jerusalem is the city of God from where Jesus will reign during the Millennial Kingdom spreading the true belief system. The city of Babylon is the city of man, representing the false religious system, identified also as the Great harlot who reigns over the kings of the earth.

- Babylon is the city built by Nimrod from which mankind was scattered throughout the Earth. (Gen 11:1-9).
- According to scripture Babylon as a capital city will be rebuilt.
- The rebuilt city will be the “Religious” and “Economic” and “political” capital of the world in the last days.
- Babylon was the first nation city-state from which the kingdom of the Earth was headquartered.
- Babylon will be the last city-state from which the kingdom of the Earth will be headquartered.
- In Zechariah 5:5-11, the woman, called “Wickedness” is flown to the valley of Shinar (Babylon) where a base will be built for her.

- The religious system of worshipping the sun, moon, and stars, was set in motion in Babylon and has continued to this very day in one form or another throughout the world.
- After tower of Babel the Lord scattered humanity by families throughout the earth.
- These family tribes took with them the religious system established in Babylon.
- The various religions of the earth have similarities because they have a similar origin: Babylon.

- “Some may object that it is difficult to see how literal Babylon could be considered as reigning over the kings of the earth when she is so insignificant in our time. Yet, as we have seen, the woman is identified with a specific historical city of prominence in the past, and we believe will be of prominence again in the future. Between her initial rebellion as Babel and her final flowering of godless humanism as the rebuilt Babylon, the site of her former splendour lies largely forgotten. But her influence, as the mother of harlotry and abomination, is as active today upon the *peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues* as ever. Her humanism, idolatry, and fornication are alive and well, having been disseminated among the kingdoms of the earth.”-Garland
- The Bible clearly predicts the restoration of Babylon in the last days just as clearly as it predicted the restoration of the Jewish people to their homeland and the rebuilding of Israel as a nation.

Revived Babylonian Empire

- **The Babylonian Empire is revived so that God can pour out His vengeance upon her.**
- The first Babylonian empire was used by God to discipline Judah for its disobedience to God.
- The Jews of Judah were held captive for seventy years for their disobedience.
- “Do not go after other gods to serve them and worship them, and do not provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands; and I will not harm you.” Yet you have not listened to Me,” says the LORD, that you might provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt. **And this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.**”-Jeremiah 25:6-7,11

Present Day City Of Babylon



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Identity Of Babylon

- “Five prominent approaches for identifying Babylon in Revelation 17-18 [include] the world, Jerusalem, Rome, an end time religious system, and futuristic, literal, rebuilt Babylon. Other interpretive options exists, such as viewing Babylon as the Roman Catholic Church or as a varied mixture of two or more of these views.”- Woods
- The question of Babylon doesn’t come about through Scripture but from unbelief in the literacy of God’s Word and a creative imagination which people enjoy rather than the Word of God.

- “Yet, the divergence between what history records and Scripture predicts concerning this city has caused many to question whether “Babylon” is really to be understood in its literal sense or whether it might not be symbolic, denoting some other physical location or even an abstract spiritual or political movement—not a city at all.”-Garland
- 1. Babylon is the world: This view believes that Babylon is a world wide system that is against God.
- “Babylon stands for all that is the world, as over against the call of the heart of God....”-Barnhouse

2. Babylon is an end time religious system: This is a popular view that believes that Babylon is a religious system and requires people to receive the mark of the beast which allows a person to buy or sell which means that Babylon is also a commercial entity.
3. Babylon is Rome: This view believes that Babylon is a mystical name for Rome.
 - “This interpretation goes back at least to the time of Tertullian. It was adopted by Jerome and Augustine and has been commonly accepted by the Church.”- Fortune
 - This view also believes the Roman catholic church is the Great Harlot in Revelation 17.

- It uses three historical events to support its view:
 - I. The fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.
 - II. The Christian persecution by the Romans.
 - III. The Reformation.
- 4. Babylon is Jerusalem: This view believes that Babylon is a code word for Jerusalem.
- “The primary thrust of the prophecy has been directed against Jerusalem . . . John gives us no indication that the subject has been changed. As we shall see in Chapters 17 and 18, the evidence that the prophetic Babylon was Jerusalem is nothing short of overwhelming.”-Chilton

5. Babylon is Babylon: This is a view that believes a literal Babylon will be rebuilt for an end time judgment by God. This view holds to a literal interpretation of Scripture and is supported by many O.T. verses.
- Babylon will become the commercial center of the world.
- “The kings of the earth....[are] standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.’ And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore”-Revelation 18:9-11
- Islam has a similar view of Babylon’s role at the end of time.
- “The Mahdi’s far-sightedness and firmness in the face of mischievous elements will strike awe. After his uprising from Mecca, all of Arabia will....submit to him and then other parts of the world as he marches on Iraq and establishes his seat of global government in the city of Kufa.”-Iranian public radio quoted in The Apocalypse of Ahmadinejad, Mark Hitchcock

| Babylon | Jerusalem |
|---|--|
| Built by Man (Gen. 10:10; 11:4; Rev. 17:18; 18:23). | Built by God (Ps. 46:4; Ps. 87:3; Isa. 60:14; Gal. 4:26; Heb. 11:10; 12:22; 13:14; Rev. 3:12; 21:2, 10). |
| Shown by Angel with Bowl (Rev. 17:1). | Shown by Angel with Bowl (Rev. 21:9). |
| Seen from wilderness (Rev. 17:3). | Seen from high mountain (Rev. 21:10). |
| Great City (Rev. 17:1). | Great City (Rev. 21:10). |
| Fornicator (Rev. 17:2). | Holy (Rev. 21:2, 10). |
| A harlot (Rev. 17:1). | A bride, wife (Rev. 21:2, 9). |
| Adorned with precious stones (Rev. 17:4). | Adorned with precious stones (Rev. 21:18-20). |
| Adorned with pearls (Rev. 17:4). | Adorned with pearls (Rev. 21:21). |
| Clothed with purple and scarlet (Rev. 17:4; 18:16). | Clothed with light (Rev. 21:11, 18, 23-24). |
| Believer's blood in her (Rev. 17:6; 18:24; 19:2). | Believers in her (Rev. 3:12; 14:2; 21:24, 27). |
| Demons in her (Rev. 18:2). | Saints in her (Rev. 3:12; 14:2; 21:24, 27). |
| Foundation has names of blasphemy (Rev. 17:3). | Foundation has names of apostles (Rev. 21:14). |
| Contains abominations (Rev. 17:4; 18:2). | Contains no abomination (Rev. 21:27). |
| King's fornicate with her (Rev. 17:2; 18:3). | King's honor her (Rev. 18:3). |
| Destroyed (Rev. 14:8; 16:19; 17:16; 18:17, 19). | Eternal (Heb. 13:14; Rev. 22:5). |

Jerusalem Is The Key

- "If they [Jews] all gather in Israel, it will save us the trouble of going after them worldwide."--Hezbollah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah on October 23, 2002, alluding to Shia Muslims' end times belief that it is God's will to create Israel briefly so that it can be destroyed"
- "Significantly, its [Jerusalem] conquest is also the necessary pre-condition for a full-fledged, worldwide campaign of Islam, led by the messianic Mahdi, to militarily vanquish the rest of the world. Jerusalem, in short, ignites a new and final global jihad.--Dore Gold, *Fight For Jerusalem*, pg 239

Zechariah 12:1-3

- "The burden of the word of the LORD against Israel. Thus says the LORD, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him: "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the "earth are gathered against it."

Revelation 18:1-2

"After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!"

- The idea of being drunk symbolizes that the followers of the Woman are influenced by her false doctrine and are deceived into committing murder in the name of their god against the people of the One True God.
- When false ideas have been promoted continually and from birth, individuals become indoctrinated to believe that what is false is true and have come to accept murder as the norm.
- The people who fall prey to this false religious system will commit unspeakable acts in obedience to and for the reward they seek.
- The wrath of the Woman is terrorism.
- There is not a better way to understand the blood lust of the Woman than to remember the countless acts of terrorism that have been promoted and carried out by religious fanatical followers in the name of the moon god.

Babylon's Fall

- The fall of Babylon was spoken about in Revelation 14:8, and Revelation 16:19.
- “And another angel followed, saying, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”-**Revelation 14:8**
- “Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.”-**Revelation 16:19**
- Here in chapter 18, the revelation given to John goes into great detail about the fall of Babylon.

| Jeremiah 51 | Revelation 17-18 |
|---|--|
| “Babylon was <u>a golden cup</u> in the LORD’s hand, That made all the earth drunk.”-vs. 7 | “The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand <u>a golden cup</u> full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.”-17:4 |
| “ <u>O you who dwell by many waters</u> , Abundant in treasures, Your end has come, The measure of your covetousness.”-vs. 13 | “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot <u>who sits on many waters</u> ...”-17:1 |
| “ <u>The nations drank her wine</u> ; Therefore the nations are deranged.”-vs. 7 | “For all <u>the nations have drunk of the wine</u> of the wrath of her fornication,...”-18:3 |
| “Babylon has <u>suddenly fallen</u> and been destroyed. Wail for her!”-vs. 8 | “Therefore <u>her plagues will come in one day</u> — death and mourning and famine.”-18:8 |
| “Now it shall be, when you have finished reading this book, that <u>you shall tie a stone to it and throw it out into the Euphrates</u> . Then you shall say, ‘Thus Babylon shall sink and not rise from the catastrophe that I will bring upon her. And they shall be weary.’”-Vs. 63-64 | “ <u>Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea</u> , saying, ‘Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore.’”-18:21 |
| “ <u>Flies from the midst of Babylon</u> , And every one save his life! Do not be cut off in her iniquity, For this is the time of the LORD’s vengeance; He shall recompense her.”-vs. 6 | “And I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘ <u>Come out of her, my people</u> , lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.’”-18:4 |

| Jeremiah 50-51 | Revelation 17-18 |
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| | “ <u>Rejoice over her, O heaven</u> , and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!”-18:20 |
| “ <u>Then the heavens and the earth and all that is in them</u> Shall sing joyously over Babylon: For the plunderers shall come to her from the north,” says the LORD.”-vs. 48 | “ <u>Rejoice over her, O heaven</u> , and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!”-18:20 |
| “As <u>Babylon has caused the slain of Israel to fall</u> , So at Babylon the slain of all the earth shall fall.”-vs. 49 | “And <u>In her was found the blood of prophets and saints</u> , and of all who were slain on the earth.”-18:24 |
| “Thus says the LORD of hosts: “The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly broken, And her high gates <u>shall be burned with fire</u> : The people will labor in vain, And the nations, because of the fire; And they shall be weary.”-vs. 58 | “and cried out when they <u>saw the smoke of her burning</u> , saying, ‘What is like this great city?’”-18:18 |
| “For it is the vengeance of the LORD. Take vengeance on her, <u>As she has done, so do to her</u> .”-50:15 | “ <u>Render to her just as she rendered to you</u> , and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her.”-18:6 |

- The parallels between these two accounts are fascinating to say the least dealing with Babylon in the books of Jeremiah and Revelation.
- This is not coincidence but is the reality of the final fall of Babylon.
- The question is Jeremiah and Revelation speaking about the city of Babylon or are they speaking about the countries that were inhabited by the Babylonian Empire.
- All of the countries that are within the borders of the Babylonian Empire are Islamic.



| | Old Babylon | Neo-Babylon | Last Day Babylon |
|-------------|---|--|---|
| Time period | 2300-800 B.C. | 629-539 B.C. | 2?? A.D. |
| Time | | Humbled for 7 years as an animal (Dan 4:25) | Rules for 7 years during Tribulation period. |
| Mankind | One people, one language Unified against God | Conquers and unifies many nations under Babylon. | One People, One language Unified against God |
| King | Nimrod is world ruler | Nebuchadnezzar is world ruler | Satan, through the Antichrist is world ruler |
| Jews | | Jew became captives of Babylon | Jews become captives of Antichrist |
| Jerusalem | Abraham called out of Ur (Babylon) to (Jerusalem) | Armies of Babylon destroy Temple and Jerusalem | Armies of Antichrist attack Jerusalem and the Temple (Zec.14:1-2) |
| Image | Tower of Babel built in rebellion | Image set up for all to worship | Image set up for all to worship |

Neo-Babylon Is A Type

- The Babylon of the past is a Type of the Babylon to come.
- The books of Jeremiah, Joel, Isaiah and Ezekiel have direct references to "Neo-Babylon's" judgment but their ultimate fulfillment will be seen in the last days with the last Babylon.
- In Daniel Chapter 3, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego refuse to bow to the Image set up in the plain of Dura by Nebuchadnezzar.
- They are then thrown into a fiery furnace and rescued by one who is like unto, "son of the god".
- This is a foreshadowing of Israel's future as the Antichrist sets up an image and demands Israel along with the rest of the world to worship the Image.
- Israel refuses to worship the image and is put into a fiery trial only to be rescued by the "Son of God" at the end of the seven years.

Total Destruction Of Babylon

- “And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldeans’ pride, will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. It will never be inhabited, nor will it be settled from generation to generation; nor will the Arabian pitch tents there, nor will the shepherds make their sheepfolds there.” -**Isaiah 13:19-20**
- This passage was never fulfilled, since the area of Babylon is inhabited even today.
- The passage specifically calls it the beauty of Chaldeans. The Chaldeans lived in Iraq.

- Those who think the passages about Babylon are describing the destruction of the United States or Europe ignore many passages like this one.
- The Arabians do not pitch tents in the United States or in Europe unless they are on a camping vacation.
- Babylon will never be inhabited again so we know that the future Babylon to come will be utterly destroyed by God.

Babylon becomes Inhabited By Evil

- After the fall of Babylon it becomes a dwelling place for demons, a for every foul spirit, and every foul and hated bird.
- It was in the vicinity of Babylon that the two hundred million formerly bound demons were released at the sound of the sixth trumpet (9:13-16).
- At the sounding of the fifth trumpet demons are released from the abyss (9:1-11).
- There is a possibility that this is also the area where Satan is bound for 1000 years (20:1-3).

Revelation 18:3-5

““For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury. And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.””

Come Out Of Her My People

- Due to the prosperity of commercial Babylon in the last days many people will converge there to do business including a number of God's people.
- There is a question concerning the timing of this event.
- Does the call to come out of Babylon immediately precede the pouring out of the **seventh bowl** in Revelation 16:19, which is the final blow of God's wrath.
- If it does then the requirement to take the mark of the Beast for commercial buying and selling has already been imposed.

- "So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon **the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image**." - **Revelation 16:2**
- God's people must be living underground since a person cannot receive the mark of the Beast and still be considered for salvation.
- The warning of Scripture is clear: "Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, **"If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God**, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." - **Revelation 14:9-11**

- If the call to come out of Babylon occurs **before the pouring forth of the first bowl** in Revelation 16:2, at the beginning of the last 3.5 years, then the mark of the Beast may not have been required yet and the saints in the Babylon have probably been drawn there to participate in the city's commercial prosperity.
- "The call to "come forth" from this great commercial Sodom of the last days—rebuilt Babylon, is evidently issued to those individuals living in or doing business in that capital of the Antichrist in the last days." - Newell

Her Sins

- The main reason God calls His people out of commercial Babylon is He doesn't want them to share in her sins.
- The word for "share" in the original Greek is a word that not only means to participate with an action but also to be sympathetic towards it.
- God's warning is clear to His people who are in Babylon at the time of His judgment that they have a great risk of taking part in or having sympathetic interest in her sins.
- We are beginning to see this in our own day a denial of Biblical teachings out of sympathy for the culture we live in.

Her Sins Have Reached To Heaven

- In Genesis, the people of Babel, defied God's instruction to scatter throughout the world and attempted to build a name for themselves by building a city with a tower which reached to heaven. (Genesis 11:4)
- Now here in the Book of Revelation God is judging the tower of sins that have reached to His throne in heaven.
- "We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed. Forsake her, and let us go everyone to his own country; For her judgment reaches to heaven and is lifted up to the skies."-Jeremiah 51:9

God Has Remembered Her Sins

- It is not that God forgot the sins of Babylon and then all of sudden had a flash of light and remembered their sins.
- "This "remembrance" implies a former rebellion: a rebellion which was repressed by dispersion, but is at the time of the end to find in re-union, another opportunity for outbreak. Thus, in the very same place and under the same circumstances, defiance of God meets with its final judgment."-Bullinger
- Isaiah's assessment of Babylon, "For you have trusted in your wickedness; you have said, 'No one sees me'; your wisdom and your knowledge have warped you; and you have said in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one else besides me.'"-Isaiah 47:10

- It is an arrogant heart to say, "I am, and there is no one else besides me." A title reserved for God alone.
- This was the heart of the original rebellion in the Garden, it was the heart of the rebellion in Babel, and it is the heart of the rebellion that will culminate at a future time in Babylon once again.
- God has intervened at various times in history when His righteousness demands it. However, it has never happened in the history of mankind since the Lord's death and resurrection where God has remembered the sins and brought the fierceness of His wrath upon a group of people.
- Today we are living during a time when, "...He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust."-Matthew 5:45

Revelation 18:6-8

"Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her. In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart,

'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.' Therefore her plagues will come in one day—death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her."

Her Works Are Paid In Double

- Babylon will be paid back double upon it for what she has done throughout history against God and His people.
- God is going to pay Babylon back fully for its self-glorification, pride, and self-indulgent conduct. (Revelation 18:3,7;Jeremiah 50:29)
- Babylon has persecuted and murdered the saints of God. (Revelation 13:7;Revelation 17:6)
- Demanded worship. (Revelation 13:8)
- Deceived people. (Revelation 13:14)

- Controlled the economy. (Revelation 13:17)
- Made nations fanatical zealots by her deception. (Revelation 14:8;17:2)
- Has a fanatical lust for killing God's people. (Revelation 17:6)
- Full of blasphemy. (Revelation 17:3)
- Lived in luxury. (Revelation 18:7)
- "This is not a prayer for personal vengeance by the persecuted saints, but a heavenly interpretation of the divine response to cruelty committed by wicked persons who have passed the point of no return in their moral choices. The last hour has now struck, and it is too late for repentance. This is a judicial pronouncement against a sinful civilization that has reached the ultimate limit of evil."-Thomas

Lived Luxuriously

- Luxurious living provides another reason for Babylon's judgment. Her claims of superiority and self-sufficiency are reminiscent of ancient Babylon.
- "Throughout history the petty kingdoms and empires built by proud, arrogant, God-rejecting rebels have come and gone. The spirit of humanism first expressed at Babel has permeated human history ever since. Unshakably optimistic despite centuries of war, slaughter, injustice, and cruelty, people still seek a utopia, to be brought about by humanity's upward scientific progress. Having taken control (so they think) of their own destiny through science, sinners have no use for God and haughtily replace Him as self-styled gods devoted to their own sovereignty."-MacArthur
- Today there are leaders of Islamic and godless countries who live in a utopian luxury while their people beg for scraps.

- “Hamas leaders have been often seen in recent days talking about the suffering of the residents of Gaza. But while most Palestinians are faced with shortages and restrictions on movement in the Gaza Strip, this is far from the case for officials from Hamas.....Hamas has millions in assets, and it seems that the wealth extends to day-to-day life as well as investments and fat bank accounts. For them, life is about private jets and luxury, not war planes and hunger.”-ynetnews.com

10 Luxurious Perks Of Saudi Kings

1. Private Jail for, “errant princes and spendthrift princesses who neglect to pay their bills.”
2. A yacht the size of a football field.
3. 30 million dollar one day vacation.
4. A private palace.
5. Numerous luxurious homes throughout the world.
6. An undisclosed fortune estimated at 1.4 trillion.
7. 100 body guards at any given time.
8. A lot of gold made into furniture and other accessories.
9. A school just for the children of royal blood.
10. A chunk of the Saudi media.

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The Heart Of The Queen

- We have seen previously that the Queen is the Great Harlot which symbolizes the religious system of moon worship throughout history since the Great Flood.
- The Queen is judged because of the pride that dwells in her heart.
- The false religious system of the Queen through it's followers believes it is immune to the judgment of God.
- False security is so dangerous!!!!!!

The Symbolism Of Babylon

The Woman is called the “Queen of Heaven” (Revelation 18:7;Jeremiah 44:16-18)

The Beast is the eighth and final empire that has subjugated Israel (Revelation 17:11)

The Beast symbolizes the political system governed by the Antichrist.

The city of Babylon symbolizes the commercial system of greed and self-indulgences.

“And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.”-Revelation 17:18



The Woman symbolizes the religious system of moon worship.

- Jezebel is associated with a religious system of false teaching (Revelation 2:20)
- The Great Harlot is associated with false religion (Revelation 17:2)

- “It is seen in all the great religions of the world. They are all alike in substituting another God for the God of the Bible: a God, made either with the hands or with the imagination; but equally made. And a religion consisting of human merit. These things are common to all systems of false Religion, and unite them in one. True, some of the rivers from this corrupt source are great and mighty; others are in smaller streams, but their waters are one.....”-Bullinger
- “**For the wrath of God is revealed** from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness..... because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God.... and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man..... who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator....”-Romans 1:18,21,23,25

The Humiliation Of The Queen

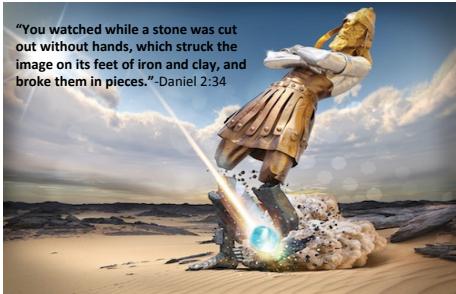
- “Come down and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; Sit on the ground without a throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans! For you shall no more be called Tender and delicate. Take the millstones and grind meal. Remove your veil, take off the skirt, uncover the thigh, pass through the rivers. Your nakedness shall be uncovered, yes, your shame will be seen; I will take vengeance, and I will not arbitrate with a man.” As for our Redeemer, the LORD of hosts is His name, the Holy One of Israel. Sit in silence, and go into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans; for you shall no longer be called the Lady of Kingdoms.”-Isaiah 47:1-5

Judged In One Day

- The judgment of the religious system symbolized by the Queen and the commercial system symbolized by the city of Babylon will not be drawn out over a long period of time but will be sudden and final.
- The Queen says in heart, “...I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.” (vs.7)
- **God says:** “Therefore hear this now, you who are given to pleasures, who dwell securely, who say in your heart, ‘I am, and there is no one else besides me; I shall not sit as a widow, nor shall I know the loss of children; But these two things shall come to you in a moment, in one day: the loss of children, and widowhood.”-Isaiah 47:8-9
- The “Day of the Lord” in judgment is during the last half of a seven-year period for Israel also known as the seventh week of Daniel. The plagues here do not last a literal day of 24 hours. The passage is possibly saying when these things come; they will all come together in a very short time period.

- “This suddenness and completeness of Babylon's judgment and disappearance from the face of the earth is the one prominent feature of this prophecy: and it effectually proves that it has not yet taken place. For Jehovah's prophecies are far too accurate and particular for this suddenness and completeness to be fulfilled by the gradual decay of old Babylon, the site and ruins and remains of which are still to be seen in the land of Shinar.”-Bullinger
- It is possible that it is a literal day because this is what happened to Babylon during Daniel's time. The city fell in one night after God wrote about their destruction on the wall.
- “That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain. And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.”-Daniel 5:30

The Lord Is Strong

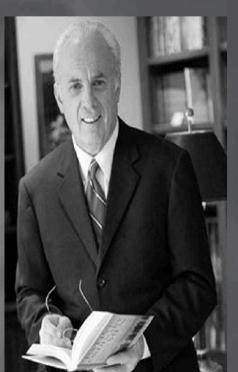


Who Is The King?

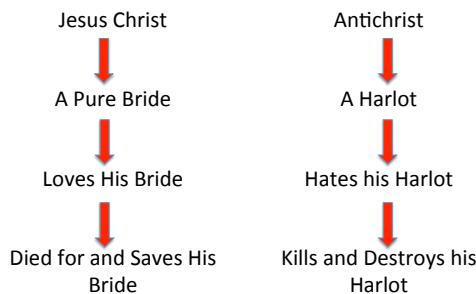
- The question is: If the woman in the Old Testament and in the Book of Revelation is the Queen of Babylon, then who is the King?
- "It shall come to pass in the day the LORD gives you rest from your sorrow, and from your fear and the hard bondage in which you were made to serve, that you will take up this proverb against **the king of Babylon**, and say: "How the oppressor has ceased, the golden city ceased!" -Isaiah 14:3-4

- Israel will take up a proverb against the king of Babylon.
- The proverb continues: "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'" -Isaiah 14:12-14
- "And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven." -Luke 10:18
- It is plausible that the King of Babylon is the father of lies, Satan.

"People ask me all the time 'Do you think there are a lot of Satanic religions around today?' and I say 'Yes, every religion that is not Christianity is Satanic.'"
- John MacArthur



Contrast Of The Bride And The Harlot



Revelation 18:9-11

“The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.’ And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore:”

The Lamentation For Babylon

- This is the destruction of commercial Babylon. Religious Babylon is destroyed by the political system of the Antichrist. (Revelation 17:16)
- The kings of the earth mourn over the destruction of commercial Babylon because it took away their life of extravagance and indulgence.
- These kings will not get near her when they see her judgment and see her burn with fire. This implies there is absolutely nothing at all they can do.
- The merchants of the earth mourn Babylon because they lose out on making profits from her merchandise.



- The destruction of commercial and religious Babylon signals the beginning of the end.
- Babylon had appeared to be so mighty and indestructible yet now she has been suddenly devastated and brought down to nothing.
- God's justice is demonstrated in the destruction of Babylon. He uses the evils of Babylon against itself and proves His sovereignty over everything, including evil.
- “For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.”-Revelation 17:17

Revelation 18:12-14

“merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble; and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil,

fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men. The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all.”

The Merchandise

| Money | Clothing | Furniture | Building Materials | Fragrance | Staples | Livestock | Transport | Man |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Gold | Fine Linen | Citron Wood | Wood | Cinnamon | Wine | Cattle | Chariots | Bodies |
| Silver | Purple | Ivory | Bronze | Incense | Oil | Sheep | | Souls of Men |
| Precious Stones | Silk | | Iron | Oil | Fine Flour | Horses | | |
| Pearls | Scarlet | | Marble | Frankincense | Wheat | | | |

Bodies and Souls Of Men

- This most certainly is speaking of slavery.
- This also could be speaking of prostitution.
- “The international traffic in forced prostitution, both of men and women, is a tragic but financially lucrative business of modern times and will undoubtedly become even bigger in the evil days ahead. These vice barons are particularly venomous “great men” of the earth, not only amassing great wealth for themselves, but destroying both the “bodies and souls” of the hapless girls and boys who come under their control.”-Morris

Slavery And Islam

- Besides being practiced more or less openly today in Sudan and Mauritania, there is evidence that slavery still continues beneath the surface in some majority-Muslim countries as well – notably Saudi Arabia, which only abolished slavery in 1962, Yemen and Oman, both of which ended legal slavery in 1970, and Niger, which didn't abolish slavery until 2004. In Niger, the ban is widely ignored, and as many as one million people remain in bondage. Slaves are bred, often raped, and generally treated like animals." -Robert Spencer, "The Persistence of Islamic Slavery"

The Fruit Of The Soul

- The mourning of the kings of the earth comes not from sin but lack of profit and loss.
- The fruit of these end time merchants is money and riches.
- World commerce will be an important part of the last days joining nations together through their economic impact upon each other.
- The kings of the earth, representing nations, will negotiate **deals** of trade and commerce that benefit the people within the borders of each nation.
- This global economy will only escalate in the last days. This will leave little room for those in the world who will need to choose between business and the Lord.
- **".....all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all."** (vs.14)

Revelation 18:15-16

"The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls!"

The Merchants

- The business merchants are mourning because, "...no one buys their merchandise anymore." (vs. 11)
- They had become rich through the commerce generated by Babylon's wealth during the last days.
- Now all they can do is sit back and watch as God destroys that which they had placed their hope.
- They stand at a distance and watch out of "fear".

Revelation 18:17-19

“For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.’ Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, ‘What is like this great city?’

They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.’”

The Shipmasters

- The governments represented by the kings, the businesses represented by the merchants and finally the shipping industry lose wealth generated by commercial Babylon.
- Their mourning is not for the city but because their wealth derived from trade in shipping is now at an end.
- “Thus shall the things be to you in which you have labored: those who have trafficked with you from your youth shall wander everyone to his quarter; there shall be none to save you.”-**Isaiah 47:15**

- “In contrast to the transitory wealth and glory of this world, which are here consumed by a great judgment from God, are the true riches of faith, devotion, and service for God laid up in heaven beyond the destructive hands of man and protected by the righteous power of God. The destruction of Babylon also ends the nefarious control of the souls of men mentioned last in the list of commodities in verse 13. No longer can ancient Babylon control the world religiously, politically, or economically.”-Walvoord

Revelation 18:20

“Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!”

Rejoicing In Heaven

- Revelation 19, goes into greater detail about this celebration taking place.
- The time for God's grace is over, for His patience has come to an end with His vengeance upon Babylon.
- The prayers of the martyrs have been answered when they prayed at the opening of the fifth seal : "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" -**Revelation 6:10**
- "Some commentators apologize for this rejoicing in vengeance; and endeavor to tone it down, as being inconsistent with the Gospel. Of course it is inconsistent with the Gospel; but this is because the dispensations are not the same. Once rightly divide the word of truth, and all difficulty is removed." -Bullinger

Revelation 18:21-22

"Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, 'Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore. The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you anymore. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore.'

The Finality Of Babylon

- Babylon is finally destroyed, "...and shall not be found anymore."
- "So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that would come upon Babylon, all these words that are written against Babylon. And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, "When you arrive in Babylon and see it, and read all these words, then you shall say, 'O LORD, You have spoken against this place to cut it off, so that none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but it shall be desolate forever. Now it shall be, when you have finished reading this book, that you shall tie a stone to it and throw it out into the Euphrates. Then you shall say, 'Thus Babylon shall sink and not rise from the catastrophe that I will bring upon her. And they shall be weary.' " Thus far are the words of Jeremiah." -**Jeremiah 51:60-64**

Revelation 18:23-24

"The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth."

No Bride Or Bridegroom In Babylon

- “But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.”-**Matthew 24:37-39**
- People will be going about their ordinary lives when all of sudden the Lord comes back upon Babylon and destroys it.

All Nations Deceived

- Through the sorceries of Babylon “all the nations were deceived”.
- After the fall of mankind the root of deception was planted in the heart of mankind at the Tower of babel. From that original root the tree of deception has grown into many different branches of false religious systems contrary to the truth driven by Satan the master of deception.
- Today we can see three major religions throughout the world mentioned in the Bible: Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. Of those three, Islam stands out as the deceptive delusion to the root of truth in Christianity and Judaism.

- “So far as this present world is concerned, the general verdict of mankind, sustained by the great current of human history for 6,000 years is against the faith and testimonies of the saints, apostles, and prophets of God. To the general population of the earth their profession stands branded as mere hallucination and lies. But at last their vindication comes. When the vaunted wisdom, and progress, and experiments of unregenerate man are consummated, and there is nothing to show from it but a valley of burning cinders and desolation, with the whole earth from highest kings to meanest subjects howling in helpless lamentations, terror, and despair, history will have added its seal to all that the saints, apostles, and prophets have said and maintained. Then will their judgment have been judged out of that world which despised and persecuted them, and spurned their hated *pessimism* for more flattering philosophies.”-Seiss