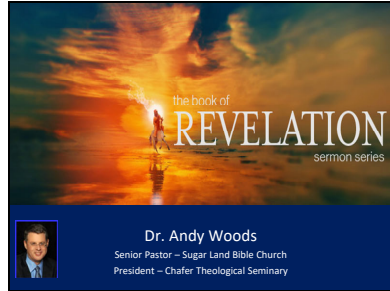


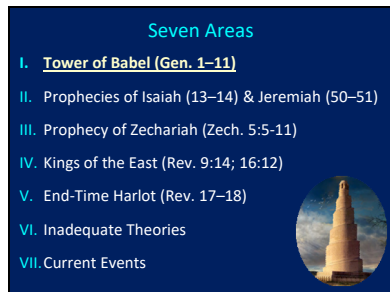
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Isaiah 13-14

- Day of the Lord (13:6-9)
- Cosmic disturbances (13:10-13)
- Global judgment (13:11-12)
- Sodom and Gomorrah (13:19)
- Complete and final desolation (13:20-22)
- Universal peace and rest (14:5-8)
- Israel's regeneration (14:1-4)

Morris, Revelation Record, 348.



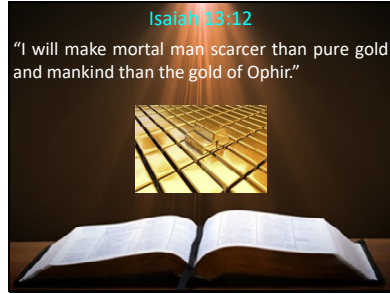
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Isaiah 13/Matthew 24 Connection

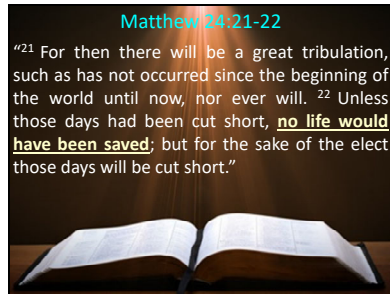
- Isaiah 13:10; Matthew 24:29
- Isaiah 13:12; Matthew 24:21-22



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<https://www.bibleprophecyswritten.com/2-arabs/>

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Isaiah's Oracles Against the Nations (Isa 13–23)

1. Babylon (13:1-14:23)	7. Egypt (19-20)
2. Assyria (14:24-27)	8. Babylon (21:1-10)
3. Philistia (14:28-32)	9. Edom (21:11-12)
4. Moab (15-16)	10. Arabia (21:13-17)
5. Damascus and Samaria (17)	11. Jerusalem (22)
6. Ethiopia (18)	12. Tyre (23)



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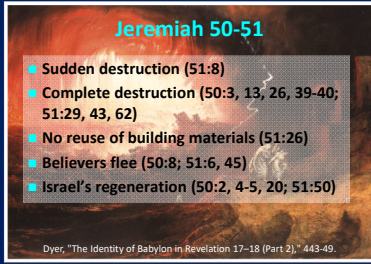


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Jeremiah 50-51

- Sudden destruction (51:8)
- Complete destruction (50:3, 13, 26, 39-40; 51:29, 43, 62)
- No reuse of building materials (51:26)
- Believers flee (50:8; 51:6, 45)
- Israel's regeneration (50:2, 4-5, 20; 51:50)

Dyer, "The Identity of Babylon in Revelation 17–18 (Part 2)," 443-49.



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Newton
Babylon: Its Future, History, and Doom, 1890, p. 64.

“That this event predicted in this remarkable passage remains still unaccomplished, is sufficiently evident from the fact of Zechariah’s having prophesied after Babylon had received that blow under which it has gradually waned. Zechariah lived after Babylon had passed into the hands of the Persians . . .”

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Revelation 9:14

“one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, ‘Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.’”



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Messiah must present Himself to Israel on March 30, A.D. 33

■ Daniel 9:25


March 5, 444 B.C. March 30, A.D. 33
 Nehemiah 2 decree Palm Sunday

← 483 years / 69 "sevens" →

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5 Non-Chronological Parenthetical Insertions

Seals (Rev 7) 144,000 J^{EW}S
 1 2 3 4 5 6 ↓ 7

Trumpets (Rev 10–11) No Delay; 2 Witnesses
 1 2 3 4 5 6 ↓ 7 (Rev 12–14) Israel's flight

Bowls (Rev 16:13–16) Armageddon
 1 2 3 4 5 6 ↓ 7 (Rev 17–19) Babylon falls

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Revelation 17:1

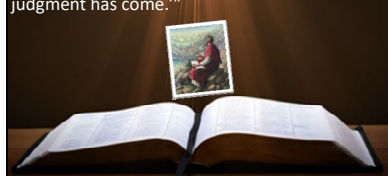
"Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters."



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Revelation 18:10

"standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come.'"




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Literal Geography in Revelation			
Asia	1:4	Philadelphia	3:7
Patmos	1:9	Laodicea	3:14
Ephesus	2:1	Euphrates	9:14;16:12
Smyrna	2:8	Jerusalem	11:8
Pergamum	2:12	Armageddon	16:16
Thyatira	2:18	Jerusalem	20:9
Sardis	3:1	New Jerusalem	21:2

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OT Descriptions of Babylon in Rev 17–18		
	Revelation 17–18	Old Testament
Waters	17:1	Psalm 137:1
Babylon the Great	17:5	Daniel 4:30
Mother harlots	17:5	Genesis 11:1-9
Fallen, fallen is Babylon	18:2	Isaiah 21:9
Will not see widowhood	18:7	Isaiah 47:7-9
Colorful attire	17:4; 18:16	Daniel 5:7, 16, 29
Sorcery	18:23	Isaiah 47:9-13

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**John F. Walvoord**
John F. Walvoord, *The Revelation of Jesus Christ: A Commentary* (Chicago: Moody, 1966), 227, 243.

"The city here according to verse 5 is a mystery, not a literal city...The ultimate decision depends upon the judgment of the expositor, but in many respects it is simpler to postulate a rebuilt Babylon as fulfilling literally the Old Testament prophecies as well as that embodied in this chapter."

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F. F. Bruce

"Revelation," in International Bible Commentary, 1986, p. 1621.



"This title was written on her forehead: Mystery: 'mystery' indicates that the name she bears...is not to be understood literally, but allegorically: Babylon the Great is read, but 'Rome' is meant (cf. verses 9, 19)."

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"MYSTERY" IN HARLOT'S TITLE? REV. 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.** (KJV, NIV)

... and upon her forehead a name was written, a mystery. "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." (NASB)

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"Mystery" Defined

"In the N.T, it [*mysterion*] denotes, not the mysterious (as with the Eng. word), but that which, being outside the range of unassisted natural apprehension, can be made known only by Divine revelation, and is made known in a manner and at a time appointed by God, and to those who are illumined by His Spirit."

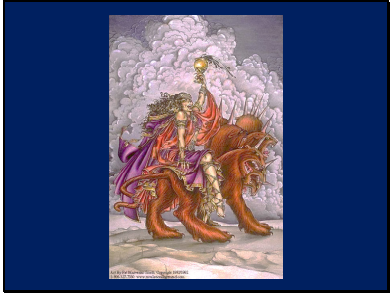
W. E. Vine, Merrill F. Unger, and William White, *Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of the Old and New Testament Words* (Nashville: Nelson, 1996), 424.

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Revelation 17:3

“And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns.”

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Revelation 17:5

"and on her forehead a name was written, a mystery, "**BABYLON** THE GREAT, THE **MOTHER** OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."



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2. Jerusalem?
3. Rome?
4. Revived Rome?
5. Two Babylons?



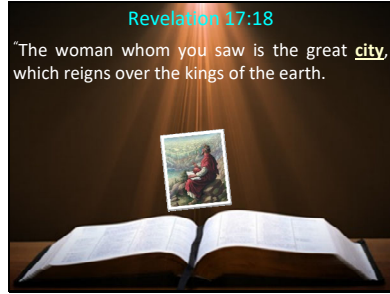
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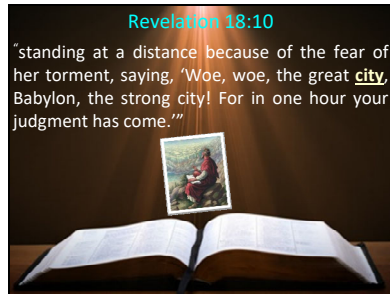
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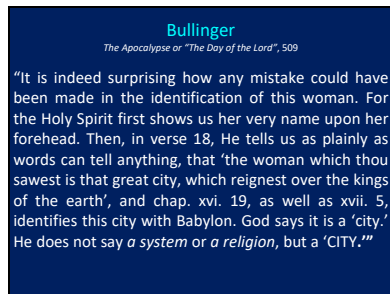
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Isaiah 23:17


"It will come about at the end of seventy years that the LORD will visit Tyre. Then she will go back to her harlot's wages and will play the harlot with all the kingdoms on the face of the earth."



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Nahum 3:4

"All because of the many harlotries of the harlot. The charming one, the mistress of sorceries, Who sells nations by her harlotries And families by her sorceries."



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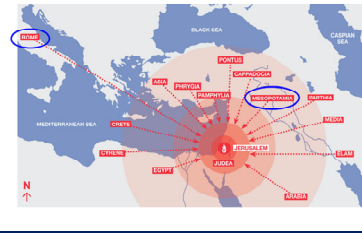
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THE NATIONS OF PENTECOST AC:18:29-11



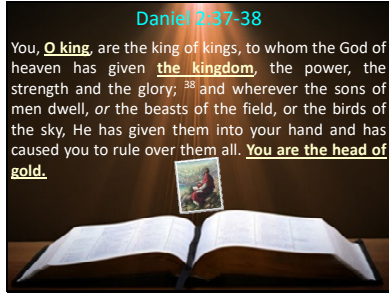
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Revelation 17:9-10

“Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits,¹⁰ and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while.”



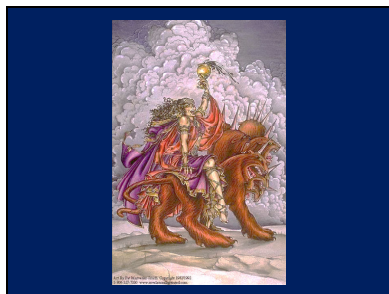
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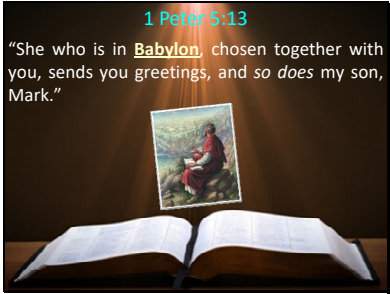
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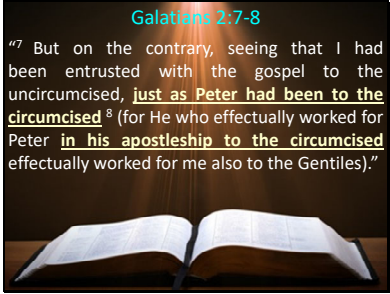
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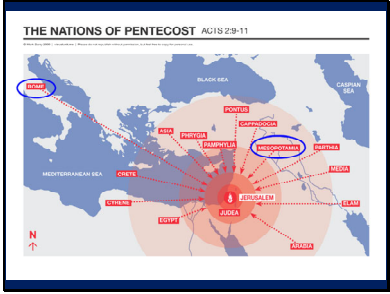
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Josephus, *Antiquities*, 15.2.2

“But when Hyrcanus was brought into Parthia the king Phraates treated him after a very gentle manner, as having already learned of what an illustrious family he was; on which account he set him free from his bonds, and gave him a habitation at Babylon, where there were Jews in great numbers. These Jews honored Hyrcanus as their high priest and king, as did all the Jewish nation that dwelt as far as Euphrates; which respect was very much to his satisfaction...”

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Strabo, *Geography*, 16.1.5?


“Strabo, who died in A.D. 25, is cited in proof that by this time no city was left. . . . This is an instance of how easily lax quotation or assertion may falsify both an author and an issue, which being once done, other writers too easily follow suit. What Strabo says is: ‘And now indeed [Selucia] has become greater than Babylon, which *for the most part* has become deserted’ (ή δ’ ἔρημος ή πολλή).”

G. H. Lang, *The Revelation of Jesus Christ: Select Studies* (London: Paternoster, 1948), 302.


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1 Peter 1:1

“To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen.”




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 **John Calvin**
Calvin, Institutes, IV, ii, 12.

"However, when we categorically deny to the papists the title of *the church*, we do not for this reason impugn the existence of churches among them. Rather, we are only contending about the true and lawful constitution of the church, required in the communion not only of the sacraments (which are the signs of profession) but also especially of doctrine. Daniel [Dan. 9:27] and Paul [2 Thess. 2:4] foretold that Antichrist would sit in the Temple of God. With us, it is the Roman pontiff we make the leader and standard bearer of that wicked and abominable kingdom. The fact that his seat is placed in the Temple of God signifies that his reign was not to be such as to wipe out either the name of Christ or of the...

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...church. From this it therefore is evident that we by no means deny that the churches under his tyranny remain churches. But these he has profaned by his sacrilegious impiety, afflicted by his inhuman domination, corrupted and well-nigh killed by his evil and deadly doctrines, which are like poisoned drinks. In them Christ lies hidden, half buried, the gospel overthrown, piety scattered, the worship of God nearly wiped out. In them, briefly, everything is so confused that there we see the face of Babylon, rather than that of the Holy City of God."

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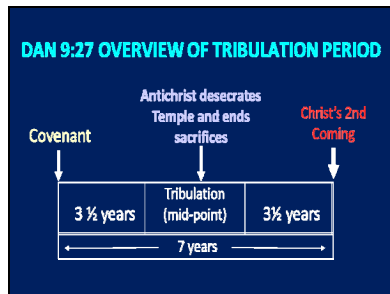
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John F. Walvoord
The Revelation of Jesus Christ: A Commentary
(Chicago: Moody, 1966), 267.

“Babylon, ecclesiastically symbolized by the woman in Revelation 17, proposes a common worship and a common religion through uniting in a world church. This is destroyed by the beast in Revelation 17:16 who thus fulfills the will of God (Rev. 17:17). Babylon, politically symbolized by the great city of Revelation 18, attempts to achieve its domination of the world by a world common market and a world government. These are destroyed by Christ at His second coming (Rev. 19:11–21).”

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ONE BABYLON		
	Rev. 17	Rev. 18
Same name	17:5	18:2
City	17:18	18:10
Same clothing	17:4	18:16
Holding a cup	17:4	18:6
Fornicating with Kings	17:2	18:3
Drunk with wine of immorality	17:2	18:3
Persecuting believers	17:6	18:20, 24
Destroyed by fire	17:16	18:8, 18
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Dyer, "The Identity of Babylon in Revelation 17-18 (Part 1)," 311-13.

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Early Babylon Interpreters	
Govett (1813–1901)	Pink (1923)
Newton (1853)	Jennings (1937)
Newell (1935)	Pember (1941)
Bullinger (1909)	Cooper (1942)
Seiss (1909)	Lang (1948)
Larkin (1919)	Dyer (1979)

Ice, "Babylon in Bible Prophecy," 5 . www.pre-trib.org.

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Morris
The Revelation Record, 349

"Computer studies of the Institute for Creation Research have shown, for example, that Babylon is very near the geographical center of all the earth's land masses. It is within navigable distances of the Persian Gulf and is at the crossroads of the three great continents of Europe, Asia and Africa. Thus there is no more ideal location anywhere for a world trade center, a world communication center, a world banking center, a world educational center, or especially, a world capital! The greatest historian of modern times, Arnold Toynbee, used to stress to all his readers and hearers that Babylon would be the best place in the world to build a future world cultural metropolis."

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Iraq Celebrates Naming Babylon a UNESCO World Heritage Site
QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA of Times of Israel - July 6, 2019

"The Babylonian exile of the Jews lasted from 605 BCE until the Persian King Cyrus the Great conquered Babylon and in 539 BCE allowed the Jews to return home and build the Second Temple...Dozens of Iraqis waving their national flag gathered at the Ishtar Gate at the site celebrating their city's new international status. Iraqi Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi described the vote as 'another victory for the Iraq of civilizations that was and will always be a lighthouse to the world.' President Barham Saleh tweeted that after Babylon, more ancient sites will be added to the list through which 'Iraq will restore that status that it deserves.'"

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"Want Middle East Stability? Move UN to Iraq"

"The idea of moving U.N. headquarters seems to resonate with many...Where should it go? Try Iraq...In order to maintain its fledgling democracy, Iraq needs international commitment, an inducement to stop factional violence, and a stable form of income not subject to the terrorists' reprisals...New York is an expensive city, and representation at the U.N. is currently a costly endeavor...The remaining big spenders should have a positive effect on the Iraqi job market and improve the overall economy of the entire region, which might in turn reduce the tendency to..."

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...engage in violence. With such a large and formidable presence, fundamental human rights issues ranging from honor killing and female infanticide to state-imposed death sentences for children, religious converts, and political dissidents...could be more effectively addressed, transforming the region developmentally in the process."

Cynthia E. Ayers and David W. Cammons, "Want Middle East Stability? Move UN to Iraq," Newsweek, April 9, 2007, posted at: http://newsweek.washingtonpost.com/postglobal/needtoknow/2007/04/want_middle_east_stability_mov.html

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How Could Babylon Be Built So Quickly?

- Imminency?
 - ◆ Chicago fire
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- Harbor?



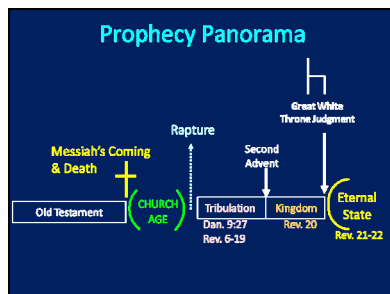
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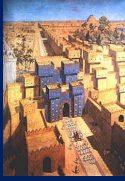
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Larkin (1919)
The Book of Revelation, 162

“The rapid growth of modern cities is one of the remarkable phenomena of the times. Since 1880 more than 500 cities have been built in America. Less than 100 years ago the site of the City of Chicago was but a swampy expanse at the mouth of the Chicago river. Now it has been transformed into a beautiful Metropolis, stretching 25 miles along the shore of Lake Michigan, with 5000 miles of streets, many of them beautiful boulevards 120 feet wide. In 1840 Chicago had only 4470 inhabitants, today the population is over 3,000,000. Once the Capitalists of the world are ready the revived City of Babylon will spring up in a few years.”

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