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"¹ In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.² The Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the vessels of the house of God; and he brought them to the land of <u>Shinar</u>, to the house of his god, and he brought the vessels into the treasury of his god."



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Spread of the Mother-Child Cult							
	Mother	Child					
Assyria	Ishtar	Tammuz					
Phoenicia	Astarte	Baal					
Egypt	Isis	Osirus/Horus					
Greece	Aphrodite	Eros					
Rome	Venus	Cupid					
Asia	Cybele	Desius					
India	Isi	Aswara					
Roman Catholicism	Mary	Jesus					
Israel	Queen of Heaven (Jer. 7:18; 44:17)	Tammuz (Ezek. 8:14-15)					
Ale	xander Hislop, Two Baby	lons					

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Larkin, The Book of Revelation, 151.

"The river Euphrates, on which the city of Babylon was built, was one of the four branches into which the river that flowed through the Garden of Eden was divided, and Satan doubtless chose the site of Babylon as his headquarters from which to sally forth to tempt Adam and Eve. It was doubtless here that the Antediluvian apostasy had its source that ended in the flood. To this centre the 'forces of Evil' gravitated after the Flood, and 'Babel' was the result. This was the origin of the nations, but the nations were not scattered abroad over the earth until Satan had implanted in them the "Virus" of a doctrine that has been the source of every false religion the world has ever known."

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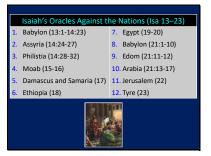




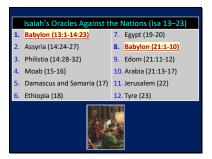
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Matthew 24:21-22 "21 For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. 22 Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short."





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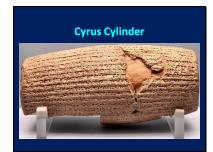




Herodotus, Histories, 1:191 (450 B.C.)

"...he conducted the river by a channel into the lake...and so he made the former course of the river passable by the sinking of the stream. When this had been done, the Persians who had been posted for this very purpose entered by the bed of the river Euphrates into Babylon, the stream having sunk so far that it reached about to the middle of a man's thigh...those Babylonians who dwelt in the middle did not know that they had been captured..."

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James Pritchard

Without any battle... sparing Babylon... any calamity....I am Cyrus...king of Babylon....When I entered Babylon...under jubilation and rejoicing...troops walked around Babylon...in peace, I did not allow anybody to terrorize (any place) of the [country of Sumer] and Akkad. I strove for peace in Babylon...and in all his (other) sacred cities....I returned to (these) sacred cities on the other side of the Tigris, the sanctuaries of which have been in ruins for a long time, the images which (used) to live therein and established for them permanent sanctuaries.

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Babylon's History After 539 B.C.

- Herodotus gives Babylon's measurements (450 B.C.)
- Alexander the Great visits and dies in Babylon (323 B.C.)
- Seleucus seizes Babylon (312 B.C.)
- Strabo pronounces Babylon's hanging gardens as one of "seven wonders of the world" (25 B.C)
- Babylonians present on Pentecost (Acts 2:9)
- Talmud promulgated from Babylon (A.D. 500)
- Haukal mentions Babylonian village (A.D. 917)
 Babylon known as "Two Mosques" and "Hilah" (A.D. 1100)

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Dr. John Walvoord The Nations in Prophecy, 63-64

"As far as the historic fulfillment is concerned, it is obvious from both Scripture and history that these verses have not been literally fulfilled. The city of Babylon continued to flourish after the Medes conquered it, and though its glory dwindled, especially after the control of the Medes and the Persians ended in 323 B.C., the city continued in some form or substance until A.D. 1000 and did not experience a sudden termination such as anticipated in this prophecy."

Parallels Between Jeremiah	50-51 & Rev	elation 17-18
	Jeremiah	Revelation
Associated with a Golden cup	51:7a	17:3-4; 18:6
Dwelling on many waters	51:13	17:1
Intoxicating the nations	51:7b	17:2
Same name	50:1	17:5
Stone sinking into Euphrates	51:63-64	18:21
Sudden destruction	51:8	18:8
Destroyed by fire	51:30	17:16
Final, uninhabitable	50:39	18:21
Deserved	50:29	18:6
God's people flee	51:6, 45	18:4
Heaven rejoices	51:48	18:20
Dver. "The Identity of Babylon in Re		rt 2)," 441-43,

Larkin The Book of Revelation 158

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"....and this is in exact harmony with the words of Isa. 13:19.

"And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah;" and the Prophet Jeremiah makes the same statement. Jer. 50:40. The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah was not protracted through many centuries, their glory disappeared in a few hours (Gen. 19:24–28), and as ancient Babylon was not thus destroyed, the prophecies of Isaiah and Jeremiah cannot be fulfilled unless there is to be a future Babylon that shall be thus destroyed. In Rev. 16:17–19, we are told that Babylon shall be destroyed by an Earthquake, attended with most vivid and incessant lightning and awful thunder."

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Zechariah 5:5-1

⁵Then the angel who was speaking with me went out and said to me, "Lift up now your eyes and see what this is going forth." ⁶I said, "What is it?" And he said, "This is the ephah going forth." Again he said, "This is their appearance in all the land ? (and behold, a lead cover was lifted up); and this is a <u>woman</u> sitting inside the <u>ephah.</u>" ⁸Then he said, "This is Wickedness!" And he threw her down into the middle of the ephah and cast the lead weight on its opening.

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⁹Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and there two women were coming out with the wind in their wings; and they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heavens. ¹⁰I said to the angel who was speaking with me, "Where are they taking the ephah?" ¹¹Then he said to me, "To build a <u>temple</u> for her in the land of <u>Shinar</u>; and when it is prepared, she will be set there on her own pedestal."

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Hitchcock The Second Coming of Babylon, 109.								
ZECHARIAH 5:5-11	REVELATION 17–18							
Woman sitting in a basket	Woman sitting on beast, seven mountains, many waters (17: 3, 9, 15)							
Emphasis on commerce (basket for measuring grain)	Emphasis on commerce (merchant of grain, 18:13)							
Woman's name is wickedness	Woman's name is Babylon the Great, Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth							
Focus on False worship (temple is built for the woman)	Focus on False worship (17:5)							
Woman taken to Babylon	Woman called Babylon							



"The vision or prophecy contains the germ which is afterward expanded and developed in such detail in Rev. 17 and 18." Pink, *The Antichrist*, 281.

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Zechanah 1:7 On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah the prophet, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, as follows:

Newton

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

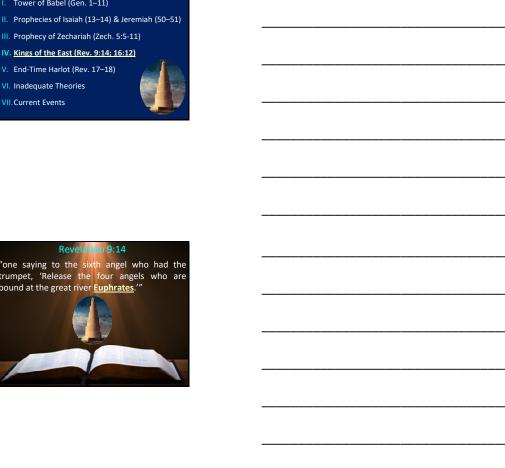
"That this event predicted in this remarkable passage remains still unaccomplished, is sufficiently evident from the fact of Zechariah's having prophesied after Babylon had received that blow under which it has gradually waned. Zechariah lived <u>after</u> Babylon had passed into the hands of the Persians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

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"one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, 'Release the four angels who are bound at the great river **Euphrates**.""



Revelation 16:12

"The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east."

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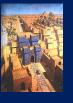
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Lite	ral Geogra	aphy in Revela	tion
Asia	1:4	Philadelphia	3:7
Patmos	1:9	Laodicea	3:14
Ephesus	2:1	Euphrates	9:14;16:12
Smyrna	2:8	Jerusalem	11:8
Pergamum	2:12	Armageddon	16:16
Thyatira	2:18	Jerusalem	20:9
Sardis	3:1	New Jerusalem	21:2

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OT Descriptions	s of Babylon in R	ev 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	1saiah 47:9-13

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	John F. Walvoord
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7	John F. Walvoord, The Revelotion of Jesus Christ: A
	Commentary (Chicago: Moody, 1966), 257, 263.

"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."

F. F. Bruce **Reveletors," in international Bible Commentury, 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)

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"Mystery" Defined

"In the N.T, it [mystērion] 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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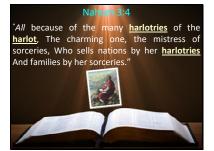
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Revelation 17:9-10 "Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits, ¹⁰ and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while."

You, O king, are the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the strength and the glory; and wherever the sons of men dwell, or the beasts of the field, or the birds of the sky, He has given them into your hand and has caused you to rule over them all. You are the head of gold.

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Revelation 17:3

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Galatians 2:7-8

"7 But on the contrary, seeing that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been to the circumcised 8 (for He who effectually worked for Peter in his apostleship to the circumcised effectually worked for me also to the Gentiles)."



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' (ἡ δ' ἔρημοs ἡ πολλή)."

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





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Morris

"At the very least, it would be confusing to John's first century readers, as well as to later generations, for him to write so much about Babylon when he really meant Rome (Paul was not afraid to speak directly against Rome in his writings, so why should John bey) or 'the false church' (all the apostles , including John, wrote plainly and scathingly about false teachers and false doctrines in the church and would not hide their teachings by symbols). It must be stressed that Revelation means "unveiling," not "veiling." In the absence of any statement in the text to the contrary, therefore, we must assume that the term Babylon applies to the real city of Babylon..."

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Martin Luther

gainst the Roman Papacy, an Institution of the Devil," in Luther's Works ed. Eric. W. Gritsch (Philadelphia, PA: Fortress Press, 1966), 273-74.

"No man can believe what an abomination the papacy is. A Christian does not have to be of low intelligence, either, to recognize it. God himself must deride him in the hellish fire, and our Lord Jesus Christ, St. Paul says in II Thessalonians 2 [.8] will slay him with the breath of his mouth and destroy him by his glorious coming." I only deride, with my own weak derision, so that those who now live and those who will come after us should know what I have thought of the pope, the damned antichrist, and so that whoever wishes to be a Christian may be warned against such an abomination."

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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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Calvin, Institutes, N. Wi, 12.

....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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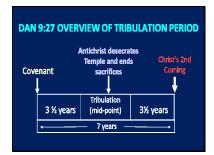


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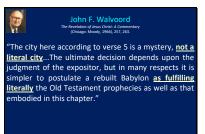
John F. Walvoord
The Revelation of Jesus Christ: A Commentary
(Chicago: Moody, 1966), 267.

"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)."



Two Babylons View					
	Ecclesiastical Babylon	Commercial Babylon			
Chapter in Revelation	Revelation 17	Revelation 18			
Literalness	Not literal	Literal			
Time of Destruction	1 st half of Tribulation	Second Advent			
Emphasis	Religion	Commercial & Political			

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5 Non-Chronological Parenthetical Insertions

Seals (Rev 7) 144,000 JEWS

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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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

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"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."

June 2007 Conventional Oil Reserves				
Rank	Country	Percentage of oil reserves		
1	Saudia Arabia	21.9 %		
2	Iran	11.4 %		
3	Iraq	9.5 %		
4	Kuwait	8.4 %		
5	United Arab Emirates	8.1 %		
6	Venezuela	6.6 %		
7	Russia	6.6 %		
8	Libya	3.4 %		
	David Jeremiah, What in the	e World is Going On, 207		

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Iraq Tries to Get Babylon on UNESCO World Heritage List Jan 20, 2015

"Iraqi Minister of Tourism and Antiquities on Monday said that his country is seeking to restore the ancient ruin city of Babylon onto the UNESCO world heritage list."

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2015-01/19/c_133930811.htm

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"BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq on Friday celebrated the UNESCO World Heritage Committee's decision to name the historic city of Babylon a World Heritage Site in a vote held in Azerbaijan's capital, years after Baghdad began campaigning for the site to be added to the list...The 4,300-year-old Babylon — now mainly an archaeological ruin and two important museums — is where dynasties have risen and fallen since the earliest days of settled human civilization. King Hammurabi wrote his famous code of laws in Babylon, while Nebuchadnezzar sent his vast army from the city to Jerusalem to put down an uprising and bring the Jews back as slaves."

A STATE OF	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 Iragis waving their national flag gathered at the Ishtar Gate at the site celebrating their city's new international status. Iragi Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi described the vote as 'another victory for the Irag 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 Irag

"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 by market and improve the overall economy of the entire region, which might in turn reduce the tendency to...

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"Want Middle East Stability? Move UN to Irag"

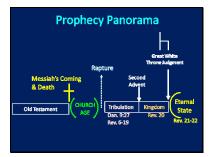
...engage in violence. With such a large and formidable presence, fundamental human rights issues ranging from honor killing and female infanticide to state-imposed death sentences for children, religious converts, and political dissidents...could be more effectively addressed, transforming the region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

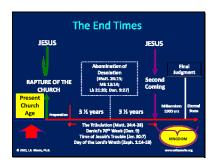
Cynthia E. Ayers and David W. Cammons, "Want Middle East Stability? Move UN to Iraq," Newsweek, April 9, 2007, posted at: Http://newsweek.washingtonpost.com/postglobal/needtoknow/2007 /04/want_middle_east_stability_mov.html

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Bullinger (1909)



"And Babylon, though fallen gradually, and very low, has never suffered such a destruction. There is only one conclusion, that in the interval of, say some 30 or more years between the removal of the church and the last "week "of Daniel's prophecy, it will be revived and exceed all its former magnificence."

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Larkin (1919)



"But I hear the protest, how can you say we be expecting Jesus to come at "any moment," if the city of Babylon must be rebuilt before He can come? There is not a word in Scripture that says that Jesus cannot come and take away His Church until Babylon is rebuilt. The Church may be taken out of the world 25 or even 50 years before that."

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Larkin (1919)

"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 120 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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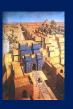




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A Prince's \$500 Billion Desert Dream: Flying Cars, Robot Dinosaurs and a Giant Artificial Moon

Dinosaurs and a Giant Artificial Moon

"Saudi Arabia's crown prince turned to U.S. consultants for help
imagining a massive new city-state in a barren section of his
kingdom. What emerged was a Jetsons-style world of automation.
SHARMA, Saudi Arabia—This seaside corner of northwest Saudi
Arabia is so barren that the only abundant resources a group of
consultants could identify were sunlight and 'unlimited access to
salt water' But Saudi crown prince Mohammed bin Salman didn't
see a wasteland when he landed in his helicopter here a few years
ago. He saw the future — and hathed a plan for a \$500 billion
ticy-state to cover 10,000 square miles of rocky desert and empty
coastline to attract the 'world's greatest minds and best talents' to
the world's best paying jobs in the world's most livable city."

Justin Scheck, Rory Jones, and Summer Sawww.wsj.comid, "A Prince \$500 Billion Dollar Desert Dream," online:, 25 July 2019.

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Babylon Needs a Harbor?

"It was unacceptable to Saddam [Hussein] that a country as great as Iraq did not have a long coastline. Over and over he talked about the necessity of building a Navy and becoming a seafaring power. Iraq's isolation from the sea was a cruel accident of history, he believed, and one that had to be rectified—a theme he continued to dwell on after his invasion of Kuwait."

Elaine Sciolino, The Outlaw State: Saddam Hussein's Quest for Power and the Gulf Crisis (New York: John Willey & Sons, Inc., 1991), 191-192

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"Actually, the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers converge in southern Iraq and enter the Persian Gulf in Iraqi territory. The problem has been that Iran and Kuwait squeeze Iraq into a bottleneck at the mouth of the rivers and Iraq's attempts to forge a harbor there have been thwarted by the hostile refusals of those two countries. But suppose international pressures were brought to bear upon Iran to allow Iraq access to the Shatt al-Arab waterway all the way to Basra and cooperation could be coerced from Kuwait to open up the area around its little island of Bubiyan and Warba."

Dan Hayden, Iraq: In the Crosshairs of Destiny: What the Bible Says About the Future of Iraq (Altamonte Springs, FL: Advantage Books, 2008), 115.

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Babylon Needs a Harbor?

"A commercial port and harbor for ships could become a reality for Babylon in a relatively short period of time. With modern dredging equipment, a deep channous waterway could be opened from the Persian Gulf all the way to Babylon. With its location on the Euphrates River, ships and sailors could indeed have access to this future queen of modern cities. The Antichrist ruler, with hip political and economic power and global influence, could easily make that happen. So, as you can see, a harbor in Babylon is not at all out of the question."

Dan Hayden, Iraq: In the Crosshairs of Destiny: What the Bible Says About th

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"That which has been is that which will be, And that which has been done is that which will be done. So there is nothing new under the sun."

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