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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

Rows (Rev 16:13-16) Armageddon
1 2 3 4 5 6 ↓ 7 (Rev 17-18) Babylon falls

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1. Rev 7 – 144,000 Jews
2. Rev 10:1-11:13 – Announcement of no more delay and the two witnesses
3. Rev 12-14 – Israel's flight, two beasts, six scenes of hope
4. Rev 16:13-16 – Gathering of the nations to Armageddon
5. Rev 17:1-19:6 – Babylon's fall

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The Woman Rides the Beast
Revelation 17


- I. The Vision Concerning Babylon (1-6a)
- II. The Interpretation Concerning Babylon (6b-18)



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The Great City of Babylon
Revelation 18


- I. The Prediction of Babylon's Fall (18:1-3)
- II. The Appeal to Separate From Babylon (18:4-8)
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I. The Prediction of Babylon's Fall
Revelation 18:1-3

- A. Proclamation (1-2a)
- B. Reasons (2b-3)
 - 1. Demonic Involvement (2b)
 - 2. Corruption of Nations (3a)
 - 3. Corruption of Kings (3b)
 - 4. Corruption of Merchants (3c)



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II. Appeal to Separate From Babylon
Revelation 18:4-8


- A. Appeal (4)
- B. Reasons (5-8)
 - 1. Her Sins (5)
 - 2. Her Retribution (6)
 - 3. Her Arrogance (7)
 - 4. Her Destruction (8)



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

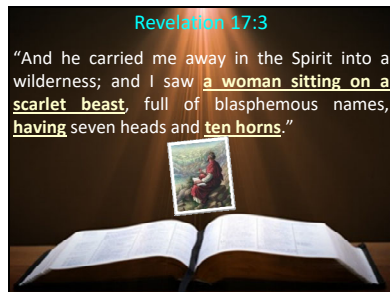
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Two Babylons View?		
	TWO BABYLON'S ARGUMENT	SINGLE BABYLON RESPONSE
1. Chapter division	Different prophetic subject	Non-inspired chapter divisions
2. "After these things" (18:1)	Takes place later chronologically (1:19; 4:1b; 9:12; 20:3)	Sequence in which visions were shown to John (4:1a; 7:1, 9; 15:5; 19:1)
3. "Another angel" (18:1)	A new vision (10:1; 14:6, 8, 9)	Same vision (7:2; 8:3; 14:15, 17, 18)

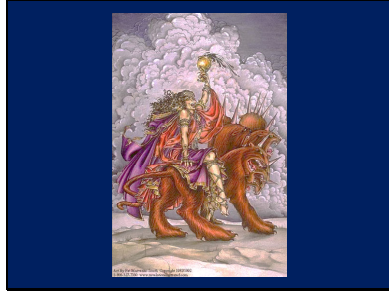
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4. Different Destructions	Destroyed by the kings (Rev. 17:16) vs. destroyed by God (18:9)	Destroyed by God (17:17; 18:9) and by fire (17:16; 18:8-9, 18)
5. Different reactions	Kings hate Babylon (17:16) vs. kings weep over Babylon (18:9)	Kings united with the Beast (17:16) vs. kings united with Babylon (Rev. 18:9)
6. Different symbols	Woman (17:3) vs. a city (18:10)	Woman called a city (17:18; 18:10)

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Parallels Between Jeremiah 50-51 & Revelation 17-18		
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Persecution of the saints	51:49	17:6; 18:24
Stone sinking into Euphrates	51:63-64	18:21
Sudden destruction	51:8	18:8
Destroyed by fire	51:30	17:16
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Deserved	50:29	18:6
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Heaven rejoices	51:48	18:20

Dyer, "The Identity of Babylon in Revelation 17-18 (Part 2)," 441-43.

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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
Destroyed by God	17:17	18:5, 8

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OT Descriptions of Babylon in Rev 17-18		
	Revelation 17-18	Old Testament
Waters	17:1	Psalms 137:1
Babylon the Great	17:5	Daniel 4:30
Mother harlots	17:5	Genesis 11:1-9
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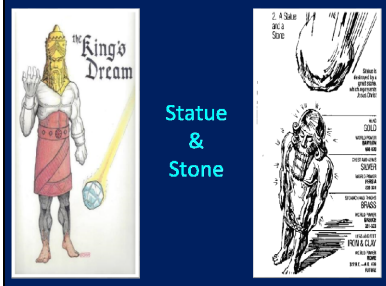
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Daniel 2:37-38

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; ³⁸ 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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II. The Description of Babylon's Fall
Revelation 18:21-24

- A. Description (21)
- B. Nine Affected Groups (22-23a)
- C. Cause (23b-24)
 - 1. Sorcery (23b)
 - 2. Martyrdoms (24)



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When Will the Rapture Take Place Relative to the Tribulation Period?

- Pre-tribulation rapture theory
- Mid-tribulation rapture theory
- Post-tribulation rapture theory
- Pre-wrath rapture theory
- Partial rapture theory



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Psalm 50:5 (NKJV)
"Gather My saints together to Me,
Those who have made a covenant with
Me by sacrifice."



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Psalm 149:1 (NKJV)
"Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
And His praise in the assembly of saints."



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Jas. 4:4- You **adulteresses**, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

1 Tim. 5:6-But she who gives herself to wanton pleasure is dead even while she lives.

Jer. 51:30-The mighty men of Babylon have ceased fighting, They stay in the strongholds; Their strength is exhausted, They are becoming *like* women; **Their dwelling places are set on fire**, The bars of her *gates* are broken.

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Matt. 2:11- After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, **frankincense**, and myrrh.

Jer. 51:13-O you who dwell by many waters, **Abundant in treasures**, Your end has come, The measure of your end.

Rev. 21:21-And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And **the street of the city was pure gold**, like transparent glass.

Gen. 9:6-Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man.

Jas. 3:9-With it we bless *our* Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God.

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1 Cor. 7:31- and those who use the world, as though they did not make full use of it; **for the form of this world is passing away**.

1 John 2:17-**The world is passing away, and also its lusts;** but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

Matt. 24:35-**Heaven and earth will pass away,** but My words will not pass away.

Eccles. 3:11- He has made everything appropriate in its time. **He has also set eternity in their heart,** yet so that man will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end.

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Rev. 19:8-It was given to her to clothe herself in **fine linen,** bright *and* clean; for the **fine linen** is the righteous acts of the saints.

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Job 2:12-When they lifted up their eyes at a distance and did not recognize him, they raised their voices and wept. And each of them tore his robe and **they threw dust over their heads toward the sky**.

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John 15:18-19-¹⁸ “If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before *it hated* you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.

1 John 2:15-17-¹⁵ Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. ¹⁷ The world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

Luke 4:5-7-⁵ And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶ And the devil said to Him, “I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has

been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. ⁷ Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours.”

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As also for Babylon the slain of all the earth have fallen.

Acts 1:21-22-²¹ Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us—²² beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us—one of these *must* become a witness with us of His resurrection.

Eph. 2:20-having been built on **the foundation of the apostles and prophets**, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*.

Acts 14:14- But when the apostles **Barnabas** and Paul heard of it, they tore their robes and rushed out into the crowd, crying out

2 Cor 8:23- As for **Titus**, *he is* my partner and fellow worker among you; as for our brethren, *they are* messengers of the churches, a glory to Christ.

Phil 2:25- But I thought it necessary to send to you **Epaphroditus**, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger and minister to my need.

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Jer. 51:63-64-⁶³ And as soon as you finish reading this scroll, you will tie a stone to it and throw it into the middle of the Euphrates, ⁶⁴ and say, ‘Just so shall Babylon sink down and not rise again because of the calamity that I am going to bring upon

her; and they will become exhausted.”” Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

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Matt. 18:6-but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy **millstone** hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

“Millstones in John's day often measured four or five feet in diameter, were one foot thick, and weighed thousands of pounds (cf. Mark 9:42).” Constable’s Notes

Isa. 13:20-22-**It will never be inhabited or lived in from generation to generation; Nor will the Arab pitch his tent there, Nor will shepherds make their flocks lie down there.**

²¹ But desert creatures will lie down there, And their houses will be full of owls; Ostriches also will live there, and shaggy goats will frolic there. ²² Hyenas will howl in their fortified towers And jackals in their luxurious palaces. Her *fateful* time also will soon come And her days will not be prolonged.

Jer. 50:3-For a nation has come up against her out of the north; it will make her land an object of horror, and **there will be no inhabitant in it. Both man and beast have wandered off, they have gone away!**

Jer. 50:13-Because of the indignation of the LORD **she will not be inhabited, But she will be completely desolate;** Everyone

who passes by Babylon will be horrified And will hiss because of all her wounds.

Jer. 50:26- Come to her from the farthest border; Open up her barns, Pile her up like heaps And utterly destroy her, **Let nothing be left to her.**

Jer. 50:39-40-“Therefore the desert creatures will live *there* along with the jackals; The ostriches also will live in it, And **it will never again be inhabited Or dwelt in from generation to generation.** ⁴⁰ **“As when God overthrew Sodom And Gomorrah with its neighbors,” declares the LORD, “No man will live there, Nor will *any* son of man reside in it.**

Jer. 51:29-So the land quakes and writhes, For the purposes of the LORD against Babylon stand, **To make the land of Babylon A desolation without inhabitants.**

Jer. 51:43- Her cities have become an object of horror, **A parched land and a desert, A land in which no man lives And through which no son of man passes.**

Jer. 51:62-and say, ‘You, O LORD, have promised concerning this place to cut it off, so that **there will be nothing dwelling in it, whether man or beast, but it will be a perpetual desolation.**’

Rev. 20:9-And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and **the beloved city**, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.

Luke 17:27-they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

Isa. 47:9-13- “But these two things will come on you suddenly in one day: Loss of children and widowhood. They will come on you in full measure In spite of your many **sorceries**, In spite of the great power of your **spells**. ¹⁰ “You felt secure in your wickedness and said, ‘No one sees me,’ Your wisdom and your knowledge, they have deluded you; For you have said in your heart, ‘I am, and there is no one besides me.’ ¹¹ “But evil will come on you Which you will not know how to **charm** away; And disaster will fall on you For which you cannot atone; And destruction about which you do not know Will come on you suddenly. ¹² “Stand *fast* now in your **spells** And in your many **sorceries** With which you have labored from your youth; Perhaps you will be able to profit, Perhaps you may cause trembling. ¹³ “You are wearied with your many counsels; Let now the **astrologers**, Those who **prophecy by the stars**, Those who predict by the new moons, Stand up and save you from what will come upon you.

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- Massachusetts
- Maine
- Vermont

- Alaska
- California
- Colorado
- Nevada
- Oregon
- Washington
- Michigan

Most of those states allow both growing marijuana at home and selling it commercially.

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Matt. 23:34-35-³⁴ “Therefore, behold, I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city,³⁵ so that upon you may fall *the guilt of* all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.

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Conclusion

Num. 6:24-26-The LORD bless you, and keep you;²⁵ The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious

to you; ²⁶ The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give
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