

End Times Babylon

Revelation 17-18, Jeremiah 50-51, Isaiah 18, 47

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If the return of Christ is near, shouldn't we find references to the United States as the only super power in Bible prophecy?

- Some have surmised that a great disaster must happen to the U.S. to explain why this country does not appear to be mentioned.
- Some even think the rapture of the church will so weaken the U.S. that it will not be a significant factor in the end times... but the real impact of that is probably not as great as we'd like to think.
- More likely, we are just not recognizing it...
"It is the glory of God to conceal a matter..." – Proverbs 25:2

How does God conceal things from all but those closest to Him?

One classic way God conceals matters from all but the discerning is in a parallel subject revelation or dual fulfillment. For example:

- Isaiah 14 refers to the King of Babylon in verse 4 but Isaiah 14:12 says, *"How you have fallen from heaven"*? The King of Babylon was under the control of Satan and effectively became his representative on earth and thus shared his characteristics. This was a dual fulfillment.
- Likewise, Ezekiel 28:11 speaks of the "king of Tyre," but the following verse moves into specific traits and characteristics of Satan: *"you were in the garden of God."*

Scripture has a lot to say about the characteristics of an end-time, latter-day nation. I'll challenge you to find another country, other than the United States, that fully fits this description!

When the Bible talks about Babylon in the last days, what nation is it?

- Some people take this literally thinking it is modern day Iraq but this just doesn't fit very well.
- We should certainly take Scripture literally where the plain sense makes sense but when it doesn't, we should look for a symbolic meaning... this is what we should do concerning references to Babylon in the end times.

The characteristics of Babylon in the end times are given in Jeremiah 50, 51, Isaiah 18, 47 and Revelation 17, 18.

- Jeremiah 50:42 uses the term "Daughter of Babylon" **indicating** that these passages do not refer to the original Babylon, but another country.
- Revelation calls this end times Babylon "Mystery Babylon" indicating that this term is symbolic of a system of rejecting God that is related the original Babylon (tower of Babel).
- These scriptures record a fascinating description of a nation that has much wisdom, wealth and knowledge, thinks it is secure and invincible, but is suddenly totally destroyed.

Why can't these characteristics of end times Babylon be modern day Iraq?

"O you who dwell by many waters," – Jeremiah 51:13

...Later we'll see that end times Babylon also imports primarily by ships. Babylon in Iraq has two relatively small ports on only one ocean. In comparison, the U.S. is virtually surrounded by water. It has no less than 15 major ports, on three oceans, 5 Great Lakes and the Mississippi River.

What nations best fit these description of end times Babylon?

"Your mother will be greatly ashamed, she who gave you birth will be humiliated. Behold, she will be the (youngest) of the nations" – Jeremiah 50:12

The U.S. had a mother nation, Great Britain. And this nation is the youngest of the world's superpowers at the end of the Church Age.

What nations best fit these descriptions of end times Babylon?

"How the hammer of the whole earth...has been cut off and broken!" – Jeremiah 50:23

He says, "You are My war-club, My weapon of war;"
– Jeremiah 51:20

The U.S. is the only remaining superpower and is the primary military hammer of NATO & the U.N; indeed, of the earth.

What characteristics of end times Babylon are described in these verses?

"Come to her from the farthest border; open up her barns,"
– Jeremiah 50:26

"And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargoes any more . . ." – Rev 18:11

This describes a large importing nation that consumes product from far away... can you think of a more apt description of China supplying the United States?

In one hour such great wealth has been brought to ruin!
– Rev 18:17

"...all who had ships at sea became rich by her wealth"
– Rev 18:19

This nation has great resources, is wealthy, has world-wide influence and conducts trade via the sea.

"Her images have been put to shame, her idols have been shattered." – Jeremiah 50:26

"it is the land of graven images, and they are mad upon their idols." – Jeremiah 50:38

Can you name a nation that has more idols than the United States? End Times Babylon has a lot of "images." How would Isaiah describe smartphones, TV, movies, or the Internet 3000 years ago?

"Though Babylon should ascend to the heavens."
– Jeremiah 51:53

If this is a reference to End Times Babylon taking space shots, it certainly narrows the field of prospective countries that could qualify!

"For she has become arrogant against the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel." – Jeremiah 50:29

"Behold, I am against you, O arrogant one," declares the Lord GOD of hosts, for your day has come, the time when I will punish you." – Jeremiah 50:31

- Since this nation "has become arrogant against the Lord," it must have at one time been humble to the Lord.
- Not just arrogant against God, but specifically arrogant against Jesus Christ, the "Holy One of Israel."

How has the United States become arrogant against Jesus?

- We have flaunted our liberties exporting pornography and corrupt culture worldwide.
- We have taken God out of the classroom and accommodated all the world's religions making them equal.

What characteristics of end times Babylon are described in these verses?

"And the sound of harpists and musicians and flute-players and trumpeters will not be heard in you any longer; and no craftsman of any craft will be found in you any longer; and the sound of a mill will not be heard in you any longer" – Revelation 18:22

God allowed this nation to develop luxury, culture and industry; exporting their blessing throughout the world. I was surprised when I first traveled overseas to Germany to hear on the radio not om-pah music but American music.

"Alas, oh land of whirring wings..." – Isaiah 18:1

This nation has a lot of "whirring" going on. Airplanes, helicopters, and other engines make a whirring sound.

"Which sends envoys by the sea, Even in papyrus vessels on the surface of the waters. Go, swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth, To a people feared far and wide, A powerful and oppressive nation whose land the rivers divide." – Isaiah 18:2

This end-time nation sends diplomats around the world, is considered "tall and smooth," is known worldwide and has plenty of water due to many rivers dividing the land.

"I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters" – Revelation 17:1

End Times Babylon is described as a harlot.

- The United States has certainly prostituted ourselves to the world seeking to be wealthy beyond our blessings from God.
- As we have prostituted ourselves, we have corrupted the world: *"the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication"* (Revelation 17:2).
- We have caused the world to buy into our culture of democratic capitalism apart from God as the critical enabler of the American Dream.

"I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus"

– Revelation 17:6

End Times Babylon will persecute the saints. During the Tribulation, it is likely that the U.S. will lead the world in embracing the Antichrist's campaign to eliminate those perceived to be holding society back.

- Since the Covid pandemic, it is apparent that this persecution could well begin even before the Tribulation.

Where do people get the idea that the Mystery Babylon of Revelation refers to Rome?

Revelation 17:9-10 – *"the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come."*

While Rome is known as a city on seven hills; in context, the reverence to mountains in this passage is talking about historical kingdoms. The five kingdoms that had fallen at the time Revelation was written were the Egyptians, Assyrians, Persians, and Greeks. Rome was the kingdom that "is" and the Turkish Ottoman Empire would be the seventh kingdom. The future kingdom of the Antichrist would be the eighth.

What is the problem with the idea that the Mystery Babylon of Revelation could just be another reference to the world in general?

Revelation 18:17-18 – *"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?'"*

End Times Babylon must be at least represented by a real place. Certainly the U.S. has led the world system but no place better represents the world system than New York City, a huge hub of world commerce and home of the United Nations.

How did End Times Babylon deceive the nations of the earth?

"For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived"
– Revelation 18:23

The word translated "sorcery" here is the Greek word, "pharmakeia" from whence we get the English words pharmacy and pharmaceutical.

- This word is also used in describing the Sixth Trumpet Judgment where a third of the population on earth die...

How is the stage being set today for pharmaceuticals from the United States to be involved in plagues of the Sixth Trumpet Judgment?

"By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed... And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts"
– Revelation 9:18, 21

While the Covid vaccines so urgently being forced on the worldwide population today may not be the actual agent that causes people to be susceptible to a future Tribulation plague, they are certainly conditioning people to trust the

government for their health. ...some future booster will seal the deal.

Why would the government cause people to be injected with a substance that could be harmful to them?

Most humans would not knowingly participate in such an evil exercise but they would trust the "experts" not believing that they could be so evil.

- In order for globalists to "Build Back Better" their "Great Reset" vision, they need to force a crisis. What better crisis than a pandemic where people must give up their freedoms for the greater good.
- There are globalist visionaries who are true believers in the religion of global warming who think our only salvation is in reducing the population of the earth.
- The first goal of the Georgia Guidestones is: Maintain humanity under 500,000,000 in perpetual balance with nature.

What do these verses have to say about the demise of End Times Babylon?

"A sword against . . . her wise men!" – Jeremiah 50:35
This nation is very educated; which does not keep them from being attacked.

"A sword against... all the foreigners who are in the midst of her," – Jeremiah 50:37
End times Babylon has great population diversity; the nation is full of immigrants, legal and/or illegal.

"A sword against her treasures" Jeremiah 50:37b
"Abundant in treasures" – Jeremiah 51:13
This nation had been blessed by God with natural resources and has leveraged it to amass great wealth that has driven the world economy: *"your merchants were the great men of the earth"* (Revelation 18:23).

- This nation has been emulated worldwide having many great merchants that reach the world.
- Our English language has become the default language of commerce.
- The petro-dollar is the reserve currency of the world.

"The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor when it is time to thresh her; yet a little while and the time of her harvest will come." – Jeremiah 51:33

This nation is compared to a "threshing floor" so it is made up of good grain and bad chaff. We know God comes for the good grain (at the Rapture) and the bad chaff is blown away.

"a nation has come up against her out of the north"

–Jeremiah 50:3

"For the destroyers will come to her from the north"

–Jeremiah 51:48

The nation is attacked from the north. It is unlikely Canada will rise up against us... But interestingly, Russia (Rosh) is aligned with Iran (Persia) and Turkey in the Ezekiel 38/39 post-Rapture invasion of Israel. If the U.S. did receive a nuclear attack from Russia, it would come over the North pole. The U.S. could be the "coastlands" (Ezek 39:6) who get attacked in the Gog invasion.

"Suddenly Babylon has fallen and been broken;"

– Jeremiah 51:8

"for in one hour such great wealth has been laid waste!" –

Revelation 18:17

"these things shall come on you suddenly in one day"

– Isaiah 47:9

"destruction about which you do not know will come on you suddenly." – Isaiah 47:11

"Suddenly" could be another reference to a post-Rapture nuclear attack.

"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." – Jeremiah 51:62

Nuclear weapons would so pollute the land that no one would ever live in the land that was attacked again. ...particularly those used by the Russians who prefer ground burst weapons that maximize the effects from fallout.

Why would God allow the United States, a nation He has greatly blessed to be utterly destroyed?

For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required – Luke 12:48

- We have failed to take full advantage of our blessings to advance the cause of Christ in the world. Indeed, we have promoted secular humanism as the savior of mankind; exporting our corrupt culture worldwide.
- The United States is an idol for human achievement apart from God that must be broken down during the Tribulation.

How should we respond to the revelation that the U.S. is likely headed for destruction?

The likely fate of the U.S. should drive us to Christ. As we may be in the world but not of it per John 17:11 and 16, we may be in Mystery Babylon but not of it.

"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." (Rev 18:4)

We should not allow ourselves to get caught up in the destructive ideology of the world.

"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:20)

We should also do what we can to help others see that they should put their hope in Christ as all citizens of heaven do and not in any worldly kingdom

What applications do we see from our discussion today?

- It is likely we are living in End Times Babylon... but our hope is in Christ and His plan to take us to be with Him!
- We are living in a country, and a world that will be destroyed... the best we can do is help others to be saved out of it as we will be.
- The Covid mandates are conditioning the population to yield to the collectivist mindset that will become the global government of the Antichrist... don't be deceived.
- The irrational craziness that is flooding the world is the result of God removing His restraint of evil... the Bible helps us understand what is really going on and assures us that God is in control.