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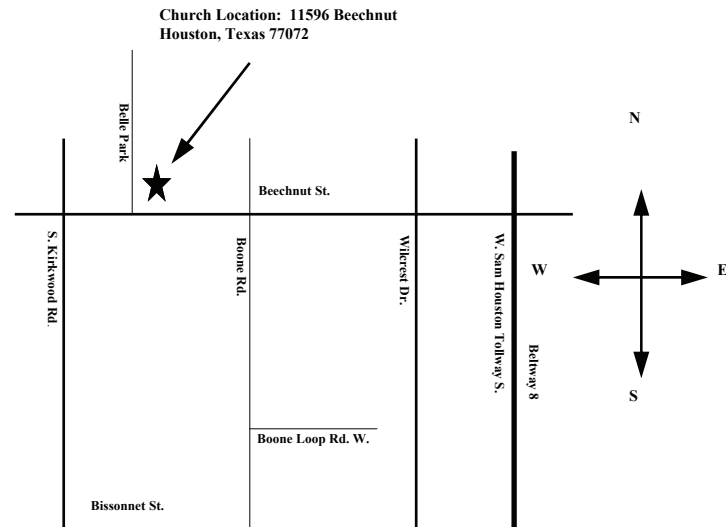
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Introduction

Throughout the Bible, one nation, the nation of Babylon, has come to represent all that God abhors about the ways and freewill of man. In the prophetic books of the Old Testament and in the final book of the New Testament, Babylon is said to be that nation that God will remove from the face of the Earth. The problem is that as a nation, Babylon has not existed for many thousands of years. How then, can Babylon be the subject of so much prophecy that has yet to be, fulfilled? The answer to this question will take considerable reading, but will be necessary if we are to understand who Babylon is in the time we now live in.

The key in determining who Babylon is in the end times is to first identify all the words used for Babylon in the Bible.

1. **Babel:** the first city of the first world kingdom, founded by Nimrod. The Lord used the name of Babel when He confounded the languages of all the people of earth. So Babel is used for “confusing” (Gen. 10:10 & 11:9). However, Babel also stands for unity, for it was at Babel that all the sons of Noah spoke one language and were one people.

2. **Land of Shinar:** The city of Babel as well as the Tower of Babel were both situated in the Land of Shinar, (Gen. 10:10). Daniel the prophet records of the captivity of Jerusalem and states that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon carried “*part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god*”. Thus, Shinar is forever identified as Babylon.

3. **Chaldeans :** **Jeremiah 22:25** And I will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life, and into the hand of them whose face thou fearest, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and **into the hand of the Chaldeans**. As recorded in Jeremiah, God calls the people of Babylon, the Chaldeans.

4. **“hindermost of the nations:”** In Jeremiah’s great prophecy, he refers to Babylon as the “hindermost” or last of the nations. Yet, Daniel’s prophecy of the great statue, refers to Babylon as the first of the nations.

5. **“daughter of Babylon”:** Five times in the Bible the Lord uses the

words “**daughter of Babylon**”. The last of these is found in Zechariah’s first prophecy. The significance of this prophecy is found in the fact that Zechariah wrote during the times of the Medes and the Persians. Some have assumed that Zechariah was talking about the Medes and Persians, but as we shall see, he spoke of the Babylon of the latter days.

The Principles of the Interpretation of Prophecy

All Biblical interpretation should be done literally based on the I.C.E. principle. I.C.E. stands for **Isagogically**: to interpret the Bible in historical context;

Categorically: comparing Scripture with Scripture; and **Exegetically**: to analyze Scripture in the original languages in order to determine the EXACT meaning of the words used. Further, it is important to determine if prophecy is fulfilled, unfulfilled, or conditional. By recognizing the harmony of prophecy, interpretation must also follow a dispensational view with a clear understanding of the difference between application and illustration of the prophecy. Finally, there must be recognition and understanding of the existence and use of figurative language, like idioms, similes, etc.

There are also rules of interpretation according **to the law of double reference**. Two events widely separated as to time of fulfillment are brought together in one prophecy. The following 6 points must be observed when isolating a double reference:

1. Near - the frame of reference for distant is the near. David is FOR Christ in many Messianic psalms.
2. Two are compared and contrasted.
3. Appreciate the minuteness of detail.
4. Recognize the novelty of combination, e.g. arrows and nuclear missiles, Christ as a human child and a divine child.
5. Note the mysteries of contradiction, for example: Historical Babylon (**BH**) prophecies did NOT get fulfilled in Political Babylon (**BP**) or Religious Babylon (**BR**).
6. Appreciate the nearness of fulfillment.

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CHAPTER ONE

Genesis and the Major Prophets

Major Passages Dealing With Babylon

(Gen. 11:1-9.; Isa.13; Isa 14:22-23; Isa.47; Jer.50,51).

We shall continue now by examining each of the above scriptural references and the highlighted section within each reference to get a clearer picture of the Babylon spoken of as the Babylon of the last days.

Genesis 11:1-9

KJV Genesis 11:1 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain **in the land of Shinar**; and they dwelt there.

3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top *may reach* unto heaven; and **let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.**

5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

This first of all nations has several characteristics; it was located in the **land of Shinar, all the inhabitants spoke one language** and it was ultimately called **Babel**. Also of noteworthiness is the fact that the land was **made up of all people**. All the children of the three sons of Noah, Shem, Ham and

Japheth, spoke one language and attempted to build a great nation which would have included all peoples **of all races**. When God confounded the languages of men, he did so within the families of Shem, Ham and Japheth. The children of each of the sons of Noah went in a different direction and populated a different section of the planet. These facts become significant in identifying the Babel of the last days, for within the last 200 years, all the sons of Noah have regathered into a new land and once again have adapted **one language** as the common language of all the inhabitants in the land that nation is the **United States of America**. But this is just the first of many proofs of our claim. Much more telling Scriptures will make the identity of "Political Babylon" certain. An important key is the use of the phrase, "**land of Shinar**", which identifies more than a locality ... more on this later.

Isaiah 13

KJV Isaiah 13:1 The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see.

2 Lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.

3 I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, *even* them that rejoice in my highness.

4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle.

5 **They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.**

6 Howl ye; **for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty (Natural Disaster).**

7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:

8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces *shall be as flames*.

9 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, **to lay the land desolate**: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

10 **For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.**

11 **And I will punish the world for *their* evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease,**

and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold (Isa. 4:1); even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

14 And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: **they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land.**

15 Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined *unto them* shall fall by the sword.

16 Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished.

17 Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it.

18 *Their* bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.

19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

20 **It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there;** neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.

21 But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.

22 **And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses,** and dragons in *their* pleasant palaces: and her time *is* near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

In Isaiah's first prophecy concerning Babylon, we must use the rule of **the law of double reference**. Two events widely separated as to time of fulfillment are brought together in one prophecy. In fact, this rule will be applied to all the remaining passages we shall consider.

Isaiah begins by identifying the target of his prophecy as a "**Burden**" the Lord has against Babylon. By verse 6, we finally see that this "**burden**" will manifest itself as a direct act of retribution from the Lord: **vs.6** Howl ye; **for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty (Natural Disaster).** The first Babylon was captured but not destroyed by the Medes and the Persians under the leadership of Cyrus, whom the Lord called before his birth **Isa. 45:1-6**. But the Babylon of this prophecy

will be destroyed by the Lord.

The other highlighted verses reveal several facts about the Babylon that will face the direct wrath of the Lord, and not by an agent of the Lord such as Cyrus. **Verses 9 and 10** reveal that **He will make the land completely desolate and that he will prevent the sun, stars and the moon from shining upon the land.** Of course this did not happen with Cyrus, who conquered Babylon in one night by entering the city through the sewers and water aqueducts. It will be important to keep verse 10 in view, because any event that would shield an entire land from the sun, stars and the moon, will have effects upon the entire earth. **Verse 11** informs us that this is exactly the Lord's intent. **His punishment of Babylon will also punish the entire earth for their wickedness.** The words of verse 12 further make it evident that the Lord's vengeance will cause a great war or a disease in the world that will make a man very rare:

12 "I will make a man more precious than fine gold (Isa. 4:1); even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

But again, this war will be from the Lord's direct hand, for in **vs. 13** He will cause the earth to "**remove out of her place**" (Note: Vs.13 may also apply to a celestial body hitting the planet). **Also, unlike the Babylon of old, this Babylon of the future will be a land made up of many people,** for the wrath of the Lord will cause the people of this Babylon to flee back to their own lands, back to their own people "they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land." Of particular interest, is verse 19:

19 "And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah."

Again, the first Babylon experienced no such destruction, and the land has continually been lived in since the days of the original kingdom. That this Babylon will become like Sodom and Gomorrah, destroyed by a direct act of God (**natural disaster**), makes this prophecy a future event, one that will happen in the time of God's wrath known as "**the day of the Lord.**" The rest of the chapter also describes a land that will become completely void of human presence, one dwelt by wild beasts.

20 It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.

The above verse declares that Babylon will never be dwelt in by man again. Obviously this never happened to the original Babylon, so this prophecy is for a yet future time.

Isaiah 14:22-23

Next we have 2 unique verses found in Isaiah chapter 14.

Isa 14:22 For I will rise up against them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith the LORD.

23 I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the LORD of hosts.

These 2 verses of chapter 14 are included in order to see a further picture of the complete destruction of Babylon, but our interest is in the words “**and pools of water.**” These words mean a marsh land or muddy swamp land. Neither of these conditions existed in the original Babylon, and as we shall see, these conditions are very important in our identifying the Babylon of the Lord’s wrath.

Isaiah 47

Isaiah 47:1 Come down, and sit in the dust, **O virgin daughter of Babylon**, sit on the ground: **there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans:** for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.

2 Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers.

3 Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: **I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man.**

4 As *for* our redeemer, the LORD of hosts *is* his name, the Holy One of Israel.

5 Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, **O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms.**

6 I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke.

7 And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever: so that thou didst not lay these *things* to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of

it.

8 Therefore hear now this, ***thou that art given to pleasures***, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I *am*, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children:

9 **But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood:** they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, *and* for the great abundance of thine enchantments.

10 For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I *am*, and none else beside me.

11 **Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou shalt not know.**

12 Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail.

13 Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. **Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee.**

14 Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: *there shall not be* a coal to warm at, *nor* fire to sit before it.

15 Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, *even* thy merchants, from thy youth: they shall wander every one to his quarter; none shall save thee.

Although many passages are highlighted in Isaiah chapter 47 and all of them should be read, only a few verses will be considered. In verses 1,3, 9 and 11, we read the following quotes: vs.1 “**O virgin daughter of Babylon**”, vs. 3 “**I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man.**” Vs. 9 “**But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood:**” vs. 11 “**Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth:**” Here again we see several facts about the Lord’s wrath against Babylon.

First, this wrath is not against Babylon, but the “**virgin daughter of Baby-**

lon". This is a Babylon of some future time, a time not in the days of Isaiah, but in a time of a distant future in which the world will witness the "day of the Lord". We call this time the "**time of Jacob's trouble**" or the "**tribulation**" of Revelation. **Second**, that the Lord said "**I will not meet thee as a man**" indicates He will not use a person like Cyrus or Alexander the Great, both of whom were called before their birth as agents to be used by God. Instead, He will meet them as The Lord of Host. Finally, He mentions two things that will happen Vs. 9 "**But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood:**", and the people will not know "**from whence it riseth.**" Again, we see that there will be a very quick destruction of the future Babylon, a destruction that will come directly from the hand of God.

Jeremiah 50

Jeremiah 50:1 The word that the LORD spake against Babylon and against the land of the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the prophet.

2 Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces.

3 For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, **and none shall dwell therein:** they shall remove, **they shall depart, both man and beast.**

4 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, **the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together,** going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God.

8 Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he goats before the flocks.

9 For, lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country: and they shall set themselves in array against her; from thence she shall be taken: their arrows shall be as of a mighty expert man; none shall return in vain.

12 Your mother shall be sore confounded; she that bare you shall be ashamed: behold, **the hindermost of the nations shall be a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.**

13 **Because of the wrath of the LORD it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate:** every one that goeth by Babylon

shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues.

14 Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about: all ye that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against the LORD.

15 Shout against her round about: she hath given her hand: her foundations are fallen, **her walls are thrown down: for it is the vengeance of the LORD: take vengeance upon her; as she hath done, do unto her.**

16 Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest: **for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land.**

19 And I will bring Israel again to his habitation, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon mount Ephraim and Gilead.

20 **In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found:** for I will pardon them whom I reserve.

25 **The LORD hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation: for this is the work of the Lord GOD** of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans.

37 A sword is upon their horses, and upon their chariots, **and upon all the mingled people that are in the midst of her;** and they shall become as women: a sword is upon her treasures; and they shall be robbed.

38 **A drought is upon her waters;** and they shall be dried up: for it is the land of graven images, and they are mad upon their idols.

39 Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell there, and the owls shall dwell therein: **and it shall be no more inhabited for ever; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation.**

40 **As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the LORD; so shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein.**

41 Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

46 **At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.**

All the highlighted verses above speak of the future destruction of Babylon. Not only will the Lord God cause devastating natural disasters, but He will call upon a vast array of nations out of the North to participate in His destruc-

tion. We begin with vs. 12.

12 Your mother shall be sore confounded; she that bare you shall be ashamed: **behold, the hindermost of the nations shall be a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.**

The last of the nations shall be a wilderness. By “hindermost” is meant last in succession, the last to hold sway over other nations. Of all the nations on earth today, only the United States meets all the biblical requirements to be this Babylon. Our recent history and world dominance leaves no room for any other interpretation. Yet, there are those that still persist in denying the prophetic future of America. To them I say read on. We are still at the beginning, and have much to cover. When we have finished, few there will be who will not agree.

13 **Because of the wrath of the LORD it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate:** every one that goeth by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues.

The first Babylon was not completely destroyed, and unless another nation rises before the return of our Lord, and becomes a world power, fulfilling all the requirements to be Babylon of Revelation 18, then the future of America is certain. After the tribulation, and for 1000 years during the reign of Christ, this land will remain “wholly desolate” as a testimony to the evils of man’s freewill.

16 Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest: **for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land.**

Again we have a feature that has not been met. The future Babylon, will be a nation dwelt in by all peoples. However, before its destruction after the rapture, many shall see the signs and “flee” back to “his own land”. This echo is repeated in verses 39 and 40.:

39.**and it shall be no more inhabited for ever; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation.**

40 As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the LORD; **so shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein.**

Jeremiah 51

Jeremiah 51: 6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the LORD'S vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence.

7 Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD'S hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.

8 Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.

13 O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness.

29 And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant.

35 The violence done to me and to my flesh *be* upon Babylon, shall the inhabitant of Zion say; and my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say.

42 The sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof.

43 Her cities are a desolation, a dry land, and a wilderness, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth any son of man pass thereby.

45 My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the LORD.

49 As Babylon *hath caused* the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth.

Because of the length of these 2 chapters, only those verses that have a direct bearing on our study are included. The verses included are used to prepare us for and even more revealing prophecy about Babylon, found in the book of Habakkuk. However, the reading of both these chapters of Jeremiah should be read if anyone wants a complete picture of the destruction of both Babylons.

First we must note **vs. 13, "O thou that dwellest upon many waters"**; obviously this isn't a reference to the first Babylon. The first Babylon was located in the middle of a desert. So there was going to be a Babylon that was situated between waters, or where water will surround much of its land mass. **The only world power that is surrounded by water and can also be called the "hindermost" of the nations is the United States.**

There are two more things we must take special note of in these 2 chapters. The first is found in chapter 50:1, the name of the "**Chaldeans**" is used to

describe the land, and in chapter 51:42, **“The sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof.”** As mentioned above, everyone knows Babylon is a desert country, no sea borders her capital, so this is an obvious reference to a future Babylon, that will be bordered by the seas. What kind of natural disaster will cause Babylon to be covered by the seas.

Actually the answer is simple. On the west coast of the United States, lie two major fault lines. One is in California, known as the San Andreas fault, the other is off the coast of Washington state. If either of these faults were to break, the resultant tidal waves would have devastating effects. It has been theorized, that if the San Andreas fault broke, much of California would drop off into the ocean, and the resultant inflow of water could jump the Rocky Mountains. Now take a moment and imagine what would happen if one fault broke and caused the other one to break simultaneously You get the picture. Most of the west coast would be under water.

Chapter Two

Minor Prophets

; **Hab. 1:1-2:8; Zec. 5:5-11;**

We now come to the most important of our opening references about Babylon. The first is found in **Habakkuk 1:1-2:8**. As we shall see, this Babylon can only be the end time Babylon that is talked about in the Book of Revelation.

Habakkuk 1:1-2:8

Habakkuk 1:1 The burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see.

2 O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! even cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save!

3 Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence are before me: and there are that raise up strife and contention.

4 Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth.

5 Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvelously: for **I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you.**

6 For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, **which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwellingplaces that are not theirs.**

7 They are terrible and dreadful: **their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves.**

8 Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle that hasteth to eat.

9 They shall come all for violence: **their faces shall sup up as the east wind**, and they shall gather the captivity as the sand.

10 And **they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them**: they shall deride every strong hold; for they shall heap dust, and take it.

11 Then shall his mind change, and he shall pass over, and offend, **imputing this his power unto his god. (remember God said "I raise up the Chaldeans")**

12 Art thou not from everlasting, O LORD my God, mine Holy One? we shall not die. O LORD, thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, **O mighty God, thou hast established them for correction.**

13 Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: **wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?**

14 And makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, that have no ruler over them?

15 They take up all of them with the angle, **they catch them in their net, and gather them in their drag; therefore they rejoice and are glad.**

16 Therefore **they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag;** because by them their portion is fat, and their meat plenteous.

17 Shall they therefore empty their net, **and not spare continually to slay the nations?**

Habakkuk 2:1 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.

2 And the LORD answered me, and said, **Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.**

3 **For the vision is yet for an appointed time,** but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

5 **Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, he is a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire as hell, and is as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people:**

6 Shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say, Woe to him that increaseth that which is not his! how long? and to him that ladeth himself with thick clay!

7 **Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee, and awake that shall vex thee, and thou shalt be for booties unto them?**

8 **Because thou hast spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall spoil thee;** because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.

As we have already stated, this passage of scripture is one of the two most important passages in the Old Testament identifying the Babylon of the future, the Babylon that will feel God's wrath in the time known as **"the times of Jacob's trouble"**.

Habakkuk 1:5-6 5) "Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for [I] will work a work in your days (the times of the Gentiles), [which] ye will not believe, though it be told [you]."

6) For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, [that] bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwellingplaces [that are] not theirs."

He opens up His prophecy about Babylon (Chaldeans) with a challenge to the reader. He says **"Behold"**, a word that demands we give attention to what is about to be said. In fact He goes on to state, that even though He is going to tell us something, we will not believe it when we understand what He is saying. He then states a most important phrase, **"I raise up the Chaldeans"**. America was founded as a God fearing nation. The very principles and ideals that our Constitution contains are for the most part Biblical truths. So, we were and are a nation founded by God. **(more on this later)**

Now, we must remember that in Habakkuk's day the Chaldeans were already raised up. They were already in Babylon conquering the world. But we find out that verse 6 is talking about another time. These Chaldeans will, **"march through the breadth of the land, possess the dwellingplaces [that are] not theirs."** The word "breadth" implies a lateral movement, in this case, **east to west**. Verse 9 verifies what direction they will march for it states **"their faces shall sup up as the east wind."** But as was mentioned in verse five, this conquest must happen during the days that God tells the Gentiles are **"your days."** So, during the days of **"times of the Gentiles"**, a nation will rise up, and march from east to west across a land to possess the homes of others.

Habakkuk 1:7-8 7) "They [are] terrible and dreadful: their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves. 8) Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall

come from far; they shall fly as the eagle [that] hasteth to eat."

Verse seven further describes this nation as a nation that has no history or authority during the time of their conquest: **"their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves."** At this point a nation can be identified, **one that had no history** prior to their conquest and one that fits the many other descriptions we have looked at as the Babylon of the latter days. The nation is the United States of America. We are the only nation that was not a nation when we began the take over of the land from east to west; a land that had been the home of many Indian nations.

Another verse that is very revealing is verse 10, **"And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them: they shall deride every strong hold; for they shall heap dust, and take it."** Once again, **America is the first nation to be founded without a royal family at its head.** From their earliest days, Americans have had a very contemptible attitude toward kings and princes. The government of America is not based on blood lines, but on the popularity of the ruler or elected official. The American motto of a government "of the people, by the people and for the people" struck at the very fabric of the monarchies of the early 1700's.

As we read these verses, it is extremely important that we keep in mind that all of these things talked about would happen in the **"latter days."** The only latter day nation that completely fits all that has been and will be said is America. History, however, records that as a nation, one of our founding principles was to allow religious freedom. Indeed, one of the main attractions for coming to America was the ability of its citizens to practice religion as they saw fit. We used Christianity as the basis for our ultimate conquest of the entire land. But in verse 11, scripture records

"Then shall his mind change, and he shall pass over, and offend, imputing this his power unto his god".

Isn't it sad that as a nation that began so its inhabitants could practice their Christian faith independent of governmental interference, Americans have now allowed that government to completely outlaw their faith from being taught in any public theater. No other nation has used the cry of freedom to destroy the foundational belief of its citizens. But as Habakkuk states, **"Then shall his mind change"** as have the minds of our now elected officials have changed. No longer do we believe divine providence was the reason for our ascendance. Today, we have a new god, our money, and to it do we pledge our allegiance.

The real irony of our present social condition is that God knew what we

would become. As man's last example of what our freewill would produce, he allowed America to rise to its present world status, as declared in vs 12., **O LORD, thou hast ordained them for judgment and, O mighty God, thou hast established them for correction.** Within the races that sprang from the sons of Noah, there has risen many empires that held dominant sway among what was known as the then world. But in the "**hindermost**" nation, all three sons make up the end day Babylon. God raised up the "**Chaldeans**" to allow what Nimrod tried to do in the land of "Shinar" to reach its ultimate conclusion. The only difference, is that the form of government in this last nation was going to be unique, it would not have a king, but would be run by the people,

Never before has an empire existed that was not founded with a ruling family at the helm. But the "Chaldeans" were "**ordained for judgment**", they were "**established for correction**". As we shall see, the punishment of the "**hindermost**" nation will be used to show mankind for a thousand years the depth of his potential evil when we choose to act without God.

In **Habakkuk 1:14-16** we find out why these people were so great.

Habakkuk 1: 14) "And makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, [that have] no ruler over them?"

15) They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their drag: therefore they rejoice and are glad.

16) Therefore they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag; because by them their portion [is] fat, and their meat plenteous."

14 "**And makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, [that have] no ruler over them"?**

Have you ever thought about how somebody fishes with a drag? You put bait on a drag and the bait is tempting, and when someone comes and bites the bait the hook sets in and then you pull them in. Well, the United States has not only captured everybody in this country, including the States and all of those on welfare with that same bait on a hook, but it's also captured most of the world with it, You bait a hook and then you throw it out, and once they get accustomed to it, guess what? You can start dictating to them what they have to do to keep getting it.

Isn't it shameful, we have a nation here that captures people without warfare! It takes over people with a drag and then they use a net. If we keep a perspective of how a fisherman uses a net, what happens? You see a school of fish going somewhere, you drop your net in the ocean and you pull

it up and there you got all these fishes of every variety, is that correct? Well we did that, we dropped our net in the ocean and we put it in the harbor at New York City,. And it still stands there today, she holds a golden torch, it's a big net and it's been catching fish for a long time. The hope of living in America and experiencing the American dream is the greatest fishing net ever created by man.

16) Therefore they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag; because by them their portion [is] fat, and their meat plenteous."

This nation of the Chaldeans eventually would eventually come to believe that they had the best form of government, the best economy and way of life. They justified their actions by believing they were offering their captives a gift. This gift of a government "**by and for the people**" would eventually become the standard by which they would offer trade relations with other nations. In fact, they would penalize nations that were still governed by dictators or some form of monarchical system. So they began to devote themselves to their "**net**" and placed all confidence, ie ... "**burn incense,**" to their "**drag.**" All their success and prosperity came from their wealth, and it became their god.

17 Shall they therefore empty their net, and not spare continually to slay the nations?

It wasn't enough for them to capture all the best people of the nations they raided with their promise of a better way of life, the "net". They also forced the nations to embrace their form of government by the promise of greater trade with them and a promise of financial assistance if they should become a democracy, the "drag" or "hook".

Why hasn't this prophecy been taught in our seminaries and preached in our churches? Mainly, because it was for a future time, and could not be understood until the time of its fulfillment was at hand. God wants to warn all men about the punishment that this nation of Chaldeans would face in a future that would become history. So we read in the second chapter of Habakkuk the following warning.

Habakkuk 2:1 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.

2 And the LORD answered me, and said, **Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.**

3 **For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it**

shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, **wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.**

In verse 2 God explains why He was giving the prophecy, “ **that he may run that readeth it.**” This prophecy began in chapter one with a statement of unbelief of what God was going to do. **It now progresses with a warning as to what He would also do to this nation that He had called,** who were now sacrificing to false gods. The fact that He also states “**Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables**” demonstrates His grace in allowing man to flee before they face the wrath that He would pour out against this nation. As to verse 3, we now know that this prophecy would not be fulfilled until the end, a time known as **Jacob’s trouble**, “**For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry**”. At that time as mentioned above, it would become “plain” as to whom He is speaking about. “**Plain**”, because what was prophesied as to how this nation would come to power, would now be history. “**Plain**”, because the reader is advised to “run” when he understands the meaning. Other prophecies come into play when attempting to understand why God advises people to run. This nation of Chaldeans is also the Political Babylon of Revelation 18 and Jeremiah 5, so a detailed study of both references is warranted in order to get a complete understanding..

Habakkuk 2:5 "Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, [he is] a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire as hell, and [is] as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people:"

In the words "**enlargeth his desire as hell,**" we see that we have no bounds to what we want. Do you know that one of the things about the American dream, is you never stop building on it. You get that big house, then you get a raise and you sell that house to get a bigger one, you never stop building. You see, in other countries, they buy something and it stays with their families for 500 years, "**My daddy owned this, my granddaddy owned this, my great granddaddy owned this.**" But in our country we say, "**my daddy owned a big one, I own a bigger one, my children will own an even bigger one,**" that's the way we are, keep building, keep lusting for more! However, this is not the intention of this particular verse of scripture. The nation is the subject, not the subjects of the nation. As a nation, we have a desire that has no bounds. As it becomes clearer and clearer that the present consumption of our natural resources will not be sufficient to meet our lustful desires, we as a nation will begin to strip other nations of

their resources in order to meet our needs.

Then it goes on to say, "**and [is] as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people.**" The capturing of the nations by its net and the enslavement of all people by its drag become part of the testimony against this Chaldean nation. And that very thing will be what kills him, because in **Habakkuk 2:8** it says:

Habakkuk 2:8 "Because thou hast spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall spoil thee; because of men's blood, and [for] the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein."

We could go on for hours, this nation Babylon is mentioned more than any other nation as the great nation of the latter days. There has been so much work done to identify this great nation that we live in as the Economic Babylon of the latter days that its identity can not be disputed. Now, there are three Babylons, there is a religious Babylon, there is a historical Babylon, and there is an political/economic Babylon. The United States is the political/economic Babylon, the great world power of the latter days. The very fact that we are a world power today, when Israel is back in the land tells you something. We are not going to get better; we are going to stay wealthy, we will remain the nation of great evil until the day we die. Evil is going to continue to rise here, personal freedom is going to continue to express itself in every form you can think of, but the rapture is not that far off!

Notwithstanding what has already been said, this last Old Testament introductory verse found in Zechariah is by far the most revealing and condemning as identifying the United States as Babylon. As you read verses 5-11, remember that the writer is looking forward, at things still to come. Our task is to determine if they have already happened and if not, to whom will they happen and when.?

Zechariah 5:5-11

Zechariah 5:5 Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth.

6 And I said, What is it? And he said, **This is an ephah that goeth forth.** He said moreover, This is their resemblance through all the earth.

7 And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: **and this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah.**

8 And he said, **This is wickedness.** And he cast it into the midst of

the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof.

9 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, **there came out two women, and the wind was in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork:** and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven.

10 Then said I to the angel that talked with me, **Whither do these bear the ephah?**

11 And he said unto me, **To build it an house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.**

The scene begins with a flying “**ephah**”, what today would be a large witches' kettle. The ephah or kettle had a large lead lid, weighing “**a talent of lead**”, which today would weigh roughly 125 pounds. When this lid was lifted up there was a woman sitting in the middle of the ephah. The angel immediately refers to something as “**wickedness**”, which he cast into the midst of the ephah. Whether it is the woman who is referred to as wicked, or something the angel has in his hands, the fact is it is cast into the middle of the ephah to mix with the woman. So dreadful was this wickedness, that the angel sealed it in the ephah by placing the heavy lead lid on top of it. This lid was considered heavy enough to keep the women and the wickedness from escaping. In speaking of the woman in the ephah, the writers of “The Bible Knowledge Commentary” wrote:

The material of which the measuring **basket** was made is not identified, but it had **a cover of lead** to assure the security of its contents. When the cover was lifted, **a woman** was observed inside and was identified as **wickedness**. **The woman** (probably because the Heb. word for wickedness is in the fem. gender) **was wickedness personified, a term denoting civil, ethical, and religious evil**. The interpreting angel had to keep the woman (wickedness) in confinement. Not only must the wicked in Israel be punished (the vision of the flying scroll, vv. 1-4) but also wickedness itself must be removed from the land.

An understanding of this word wickedness is revealing, so a quick look is necessary.

Wickedness (rišhâ)

The following is one of several quotes that were taken from: ***Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament (electronic ed.)***

This feminine noun appears fifteen times, mostly in the abstract

sense of wickedness or act of wickedness. Moses explained to his people that the wickedness of Canaan was the reason Israel could enter Canaan. **The conquest was to be a judgment, not a demonstration of Israel's greatness (Deut 9:4–5)**. Moses also told the civil judges to beat those who committed rišhâ. Twice the wise men contrasted rišhâ with righteousness (Prov 11:5; 13:6). In Mal 3:15 those who do wickedly are said to be arrogant enemies of God (cf. Ezk 5:6) with dire results (see Isa 9:18; Mal 1:4; 4:1).

Ezekiel 18, 30 also sets forth the alternatives facing man. A person may turn to rišhâ and die, or turn from it to God and live. Again, the verb is denominative from *reša*: “wrong, wickedness,” and seems to have two meanings,

- a) to act wickedly, and
- b) to condemn as guilty. The verb can describe a general breakdown of social relationships in which bad people mistreat good people.

That civil, ethical and religious wickedness is meant here will become evident when we understand the whole of this prophecy. The scene continues now with two more women:

“there came out two women, and the wind was in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven.”

The significance of this scene is found in two places, the words **“women”** and **“stork”**. We have a paradox of words here that need explaining. “Women” in the Bible has many meanings; however the primary meaning is evil, for she was the first to follow Satan in the garden. Obviously this is the meaning implied here because the angel has already stated that the woman in the ephah was wickedness or at the very least would become mixed with wickedness. Further, **these women were given wings of a stork**.

The word **“stork”** is where a potential conflict could arise as to the meaning of this prophecy. The word is (ḥāsîdâ), coming from the root word (ḥāsîd) {holy one, godly, saint. RSV faithful, godly one, loyal. niv, saint, godly}. The “stork” was known for her kindness to her young, thus the “a” was added to ḥāsîd, a word that meant a godly, saintly, faithful and loyal person. Yet the stork was also considered an unclean bird in **Lev.11:19**:

19 And the stork, the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat.

20 All fowls that creep, going upon all four, **shall be an abomination unto you.**

Thus a paradox exist, why would the Spirit use a word associated with all that is good, with “**women**” who are the carriers of what was total wickedness. Also, why did he choose a stork, a bird that scripturally meant it was an “**abomination**” but was culturally accepted as the perfect mother? Again, the reason will become obvious when we finish the prophecy. As Zechariah continued to watch, the storks lifted the woman up between heaven and earth, where she would remain until **she would be delivered in the land of “Shinar”**.

10 Then said I to the angel that talked with me, **Whither do these bear the ephah?**

11 And he said unto me, **To build it an house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.**

We finally arrive at the answer to our mystery. Verse 11 holds in it many cultural, historical and linguistic meanings, all of which are needed to completely understand the full meaning of this prophecy. First, we shall consider the cultural meaning. The words “**To build it an house**” establishes two things in our understanding. First, the woman is now referred to as “it”. She has now become an idea, not a person, for “it” erases the possibility of identifying the woman as some individual. So what the woman “represents” is more in view than the idea of some singularly evil woman.

Next we consider the whole phrase “**To build it an house**”. This statement reveals our cultural understanding. In the culture of Israel, based on both the times in which the prophet lived, as well as the teaching of scripture, a woman could never escape tutelage. As long as she remained unmarried, she was under the authority of her father while he was alive or the closest male blood relation if her father was dead. Likewise, a married woman came under her husband’s authority. She possessed no property apart from her own personal wardrobe; if she had a dowry, it went to her husband. Should she not satisfy him, she would be sent back to her own family or given to another man. Yet, as quoted from ‘**du Toit, A. 1998**’, and “The New Testament Milieu”:

Yet in the home the wife occupied a position of dignity: she could take part in discussions concerning family affairs, receive visitors, and appear in public.

The wickedness of the words “**To build it an house**” therefore lie in the fact that **the time would come when a woman would have her own home**

without the authority of a man. Sometime in the future, a woman, **who was no widow**, would live as her own authority. In ancient times a woman who lived this way was always called a harlot. Today, in our society, the first thing young women want to do when they reach 18 years of age is move out on their own. Yet, God put this kind of thinking in an “ephah” and sent it to the only land in human history where He would allow it to be unleashed.

As we shall see, the house is more than a house; it is also a temple, a place of worship. From within its walls every form of evil and wickedness will become the accepted norms of an entire age. We call it freedom, each person having the right to choose their own way, but this right was never given by God to the woman. Until the curse is lifted at the end of the millennial reign of Christ, she was to remain under the authority of a man. Obviously, we shall not return to God’s way, when so many of the clergy support the women’s movement in our country.

Even when Jesus met the woman at the well, she lived with a man who was not her husband, so he said to her:

John 4:17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:

18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

In our world society today that which God called wickedness is accepted as the norm. We live in a time in which that which was established by God must be re-interpreted so as not to offend the masses who accept the culture of this time as right in spite of the revealed Words of God. So, we can now see in this prophecy that the stork winged women took the ephah to a place where the wickedness within the ephah would be accepted as normal. *These words are not meant to offend any, but simply to further identify the land that this prophecy is talking about. This book simply speaks as a voice crying in the wilderness of human freedom gone wild, “make straight the way of the Lord”.*

Finally, we come to the final statement about this prophecy’s words, words that tie this prophecy to only one country.

“in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.”

The words **“in the land of Shinar”** speak of only one place. The following is quoted from (Harris, R. L., Harris, R. L., Archer, G. L., & Waltke, B. K. 1999, c1980. *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* (electronic ed.). Moody Press: Chicago)

Shinar is the old designation for southern Mesopotamia, the alluvial plain between the rivers Euphrates and Tigris. The area was known by the Sumerians as Sumer and Akkad. It later became known as Babylonia. **In two of the eight passages Shinar is called Babylonia in the LLX (Isa 11:11 and Zech 5:11).**

In Gen 10:10 we are told that the great tyrant and empire builder **Nimrod founded his kingdom in Babel**, Erech (Sumerian Uruk), Akkad (Agade) and Calneh **in the land of Shinar**. From here he pushed north into Assyria. **It was here also, in Shinar, that rebellious man built the well-known tower of Babel in direct defiance of God** (Gen 11:2). In Dan 1:2 it is the land of Shinar to which Nebuchadnezzar removes the vessels of the temple of God, and in Isa 11:11 **we are told that Shinar is one of the lands from which regathered Israel will return when the Millennial age is established. In Zech 5:11 the woman in the ephah, representing a concentration of evil (v. 8), is removed to the land of Shinar where a temple is built for her.**

All of this points to a sinister significance for Shinar as being the major center for the development of a culture and civilization built on counterfeit religion, rebelliousness against the true God and his revealed word, the cradle of imperial tyranny and the enemy of God's people, in short, the epitome of wickedness. (Cf. as well the many biblical references to Babylon.)

So Shinar is the Babylon of prophecy, that land which we are identifying as the Babylon of the Great Tribulation. Of particular interest are the words "established" and "base", both coming from the same ancient Hebrew root. Again, note the words of *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* (electronic ed.):

the word as used in Hebrew, rarely means simply to bring into being. So rare is it, in fact, the root meaning is "to be firm". However, evidence of the original etymology may be found in those occurrences where something is said simply to have been formed or fashioned (brought into existence) (Jud 12:6; Job 31:15 ; Ps 119:73 ; Ezk 16:7).

The wickedness of the ephah would come into existence; it would become the reality of a future age, **in the land of Shinar. *And so it has happened.*** **The women's movement** which has so shaped the last 75 years of world

history **found it's beginnings in the United States.** It was in the United States that women built the first political, economic and religious base **without being under the authority of a man.**

Again, no insult is intended by these words, only the stating of a Biblical truth. A great sign that we live in the last days and an even greater sign of who the Babylon of the last days is, was prophesied here in Zechariah chapter 5. **As to the identity of the two "stork" winged "women". They represent two abominable spirits that would nurture this movement in the land of Babylon as a mother "stork" would nurture her chicks.** They would protect "it" (the wickedness) and see to it that "it" (the woman in the ephah) would reach her full potential of evil **An so has it has happened.**

The National Organization for Women's 1966 Statement of Purpose: We organize to initiate or support action, nationally, or in any part of this nation, by individuals or organizations, **to break through the silken curtain of prejudice and discrimination against women in government, industry, the professions, the churches, the political parties, the judiciary, the labor unions, in education, science, medicine, law, religion and every other field of importance in American society.**

In the "Feminists Chronicles of 1972, they record the events that were of significance in furthering the feminist movement. Below is what it records about religion.

Religion

Women theologians called for the "castration of sexist religion" at the largest and most prestigious gathering of biblical scholars in history, the American Academy of Religion, meeting at the Century Plaza hotel in Los Angeles. Dr. Mary Daly, noted Catholic theologian of Boston College, told a seminar of women that **historic sexist religion had led to patriarchal institutions whose teachings had amounted to "a gang rape of our minds."** (09/02/72)

Biblical truth is not important to the women's movement, just the equality of women. Their goal to conquer the pulpit in spite of what the Bible teaches evidences the evil in God's eyes of this movement. **What they did not know was their plans had already been seen before the foundation of the earth, and would take root first in "the land of Shinar".**

Even Jude saw this wickedness when he wrote verse 11

"Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran

greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.”

Only one group of people qualify without debate to “perish in the gainsaying of Core (Korah)”, the women of the church. As was Korah, all members of the body of Christ are priests. **But as with Korah, not all members can be a priest or pastor before the Lord.** There were qualifications given to Moses as to who could serve in the temple as a direct representative between God and man. Korah ignored what God had said, for he lusted for the attention of the position.

So it is today, ignoring the biblical qualifications, women have lusted for the same thing as Korah did, and have used the exact same reasoning as he did. Needless to say, just as with Korah, who had the support of the people even after God judged and punished him, women today have been carefully guided by their “storked” winged protectors and are receiving greater and greater support for their drive to become pastor’s of the Body of Christ. And just as the people rejected God’s judgment and were ready to stone Moses in protest, Jude says that when Christ returns he will have “to convince (with vigor and thoroughness) all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.” It seems unbelievable that after the tribulation, Christ will have to **convince** those of the false Church that all they had done was evil.

Christ spoke of having to do this form of **convincing** when He spoke of His return in the Gospel of Matthew:

Mathew 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, **have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?**

23 And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you:** depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Again, no offense is intended by these words, just the stating of Biblical truth. Still, it must be considered a true blessing to humanity, that God did not allow the “**wickedness**” of the freewill of women to be released in any other land or at any other time than the “**latter days**” in the “**land of Shinar**”.

Chapter 3

Revelation 18

The Nail in the Coffin

We now come to the nail in the coffin, for the next section of scripture can have no other interpretation in light of all the evidence that has thus far been presented. This nail is found in Revelation chapter 18. As you read this chapter, no doubt you will recognize the truth before it is explained to you. But there are certain things that **could not** have been known prior to the last 40 years of US history.

Revelation 18:1 And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.**

3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and **the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.**

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.**

5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

7 **How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously,** so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

8 **Therefore shall her plagues come in one day,** death, and mourning, and famine; **and she shall be utterly burned with fire:** for strong *is* the Lord God who judgeth her.

9 **And the kings of the earth,** who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, **shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,**

10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! **for in one hour is thy judgment come.**

11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:

12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,

13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.

14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.

15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

16 And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!

17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,

18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What *city is* like unto this great city!

19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

20 Rejoice over her, *thou* heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft *he be*, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;

23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more

at all in thee: **for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.**

24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

Much of this chapter reads like Isaiah chapters 13 and 14 as well as Jeremiah chapters 50 and 51, however there is a difference. Only here in Revelation, does the Lord make a statement that has never before been made. He identifies the only country that could be the economic Babylon of Revelation;

“And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,”

Babylon of old is located deep in the desert; no ship master could see that far inland so as to witness her destruction. But the Babylon of the last days can only be reached **BY SHIP**. Jeremiah describes her as:

51:13 O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness

She is a country where all those who trade by sea have been made rich from trading with her:

Rev. 18:3& 11.the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

11. And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:

The nature of her destruction, as we have already seen, shall come from the hand of God. Some might ask exactly how a country so large can be destroyed in “**one hour**”. Is there any sign that such a thing is about to happen. Well yes there is and are signs that such an event is in our near future. From “**super volcanoes**” to major **earth quakes** on land and at sea, these major catastrophes have already been discussed in great detail on many major television stations. What has not been discussed is a cascading effect of 2 or 3 of them happening at the same time. The San Andreas fault earthquake could set off the super volcano and vice versa. One would destroy the West Coast and the other would destroy the Midwest. Lest we forget, there is a major fault off the coast of the state of Washington that would also be affected as well as a super volcano now found in Oregon. Bringing with it further death and destruction.

Can the creator of the universe make all 3 of these calamities happen at once if you are smiling you got the right answer, **YES**. Although it is not the intent of this book to speculate as to how the Babylon of revelation will be destroyed, it is fascinating to see so much development taking place before ones eyes.

Another point of interest is what scientist have said of such an aftermath of events. The destruction of the oceans, and of heat, lava and ash from the volcano, very little would be left alive in the affected area and very little would be able to live in such an area for many years to come.

19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

20 It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation:

The real question is why, what is so wrong with our way of life that God will make an example of it for 1000 years. He will not permit anyone to live here throughout the entire millennium. The answer is somewhat disturbing, for the very thing that we enjoy the most about this country is what God will punish, **Un-restrained human freewill**. It is our freewill that has allowed same sex marriage to become as important as learning math that must be taught in all our schools. It is our freewill that believes that an active pre-marital sexual life is as essential to a good health as eating. It is our freewill, that has removed the differences God made between man and woman so that woman can become man and man can become woman. It is our freewill that rejects the divinely established relationship between man and woman so that only here could the "wickedness" of the "ephah" be allowed to escape. It was our freewill, that developed the greatest human experiment of all times.

It is here, in the Babylon of Revelation, that the creation of a government, **of the people, by the people and for the people** began. **But that government began within the nobility of Christian ethics**, Yet it is the freewill of the people that has now forced God to say:

Rev. 18:4, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

The people spoken of here are the Jews; for they will be given time to leave after the rapture of the church, as will all men that heed the warning of Habbakkuk and Jeremiah and Isaiah:

Habk. 2:2 Write the vision, and make *it* plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

Isa 13:14 And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: **they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land.**

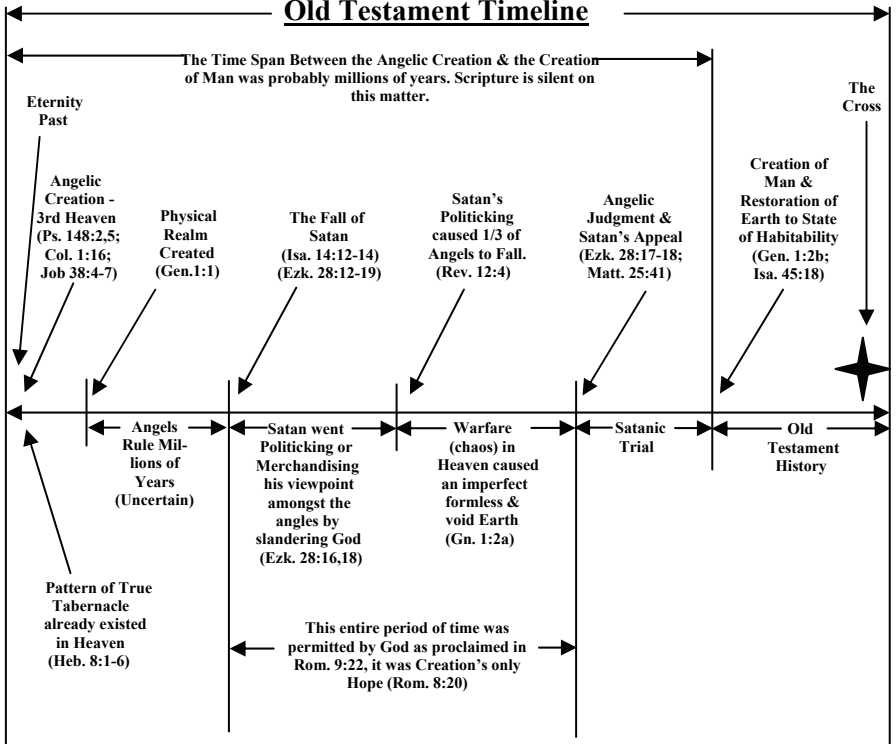
Jeremiah 51:6

Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the LORD'S vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence.

Further details in regard to the destruction of the U.S.

- 1.** It will occur AFTER the Rapture, in the third year of the Tribulation (Jer.51:45,46).
- 2.** It will be announced by a special angel, Christ; and also the 144,000 (Rev.18:1-20; 14:8; Jer.50:2).
- 3.** Americans will be given a gospel hearing (Rev.14:6).
- 4.** Americans will be given an opportunity to exodus (Jer.50:16; 51:9; Rev.18:4).
- 5.** At the time, Americans will be arrogant, prosperous, complacent, self-indulgent (Isa.47:8).
- 6.** Her leaders will be decadent. She will be completely surrounded by enemies' arrows (Jer.50:14,15,19).
- 7.** America's industrial and agriculture wealth will be completely destroyed (Jer.50:26; Rev.18:17).
- 8.** Her judgment will come suddenly, in one day, in one hour (Rev.18:8,10).
- 9.** By her own greed, she has constructed her own historical trap; namely, trade with her enemies (Jer.50:24).
- 10.** Her military establishment will be impotent and annihilated (Jer.50:30; 51:3,30,56).
- 11.** Her defensive system will be destroyed (Jer.51:58).
- 12.** Her discipline will be doubled because of her special blessing (Jer.50:29; cp. Lk.12:48; Rev.18:6).
- 13.** Her suffering is contrasted to her affluence (Rev.18:7).
- 14.** Every nation has suffered because of her policies (Jer.51:49; Rev.18:24).
- 15.** Her land, once the praise of mankind, will become an object of horror and fear (Jer.50:23; 51:41).
- 16.** Her cities and surroundings will be burned by Volcanic and thermo-nuclear war (Jer.50:32; 51:25; Rev.18:8).
- 17.** Her land will be rubble: a hot, radioactive desert without an inhabitant, with contaminated swamps, along with desert creatures living in the ruins, a land unapproachable by man (Rev.18).The U.S. will never be revived (Rev.18:21; Jer.51:26; Isa.13:22; Isa.47:5).

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