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Babylon

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Babylon.

BABYLON THE GREAT

Babylon the great is not the famous ancient world city, "Babylon," since that has disappeared, and according to biblical prophecies will never again be rebuilt, so Babylon must signify something future such as:

- A final world power in the latter days that has the same characteristics of the ancient city of Babylon.
- An empire of global world-power and worldliness, falsehood, and sin.

The name Babylon comes from the tower of Babel and carries the idea of confusion, which fittingly agrees with the governments of this world, and much of the erroneous teaching of the Papal Roman Church which is a confused mixture of Judaism, Paganism, superstition, and Christianity.

The title "Babylon" embraces:

- Worldliness in all its forms and a number of united powerful nations and their rulers and governments.
- The breath, width and depth of the whole world and conformity to it.
- Corrupt global governments, global commerce, and trade.
- The global stock market, and oppressive world system of banking, loans, credit, and interest.
- Worldly luxuries, pleasures, and wealth.
- An empire that is hostile to God.

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It, is by its banking, loans, credit and interest, and its worldly luxuries, pleasures, and wealth that the great Babylon draws the inhabitants of the earth into her ungodly system. The title, "Babylon," signifies, a world city that is founded upon the principals of all cities, especially violence, since it is one of the most common characters of all cities. In all generations cities have suffered wars and been filled with hostility, murders, and violence of all kinds.

Babylon in the latter days: Babylon symbolise a final world power in the latter days that has the same characteristics of the ancient city of Babylon. Following is a list of the general characteristics of Babylon:

- It was proud, haughty, oppressive, and abundantly wealthy.
- It invaded the Holy Land and reduced Jerusalem and the temple of God too ruin, and took God's people captive.
- Its central power was worldly riches, commerce, and trade.
- It was filled will those who were given over to the world, its luxuries, wealth indulgences and pleasures.
- It was full of idols and pagan gods, and destroyed the independence of God's people.
- It gave all nations to drink of deadly wine, signifying the nations of the world became partakers of all her sin.

- It caused the inhabitants of the world to partake of its fornication, signifying all the people of the earth became influenced and affected by its moral corruption of all kinds.

For these reasons, it became an emblem of all that is secular, worldly, prideful, and oppressive, especially to the people of God.

Sins of Babylon heaped up as high as heaven: the book of Revelation states, the sins of Babylon the great are heaped up as high as heaven, (Rev. 18:5). The expression, "sins are heaped up as high as heaven," carries the following idea, her sins continued from generation to generation, and have now reached a point where the collective sins of the world have formed a great tower of violence, ungodliness and wickedness that has reached up to heaven like the tower of Babel and attracted the attention of God, in the same way that Cain's murder of Abel came to God's attention:

- The LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. (Gen. 4:10).

NOTE: the words, "God has remembered her iniquities," does not mean that God forgets various sins at different times, but carries the idea that He is now ready to act accordingly. Following is a list of some of Babylon's sins:

- It caused nations to drink of its deadly wine and fornication, signifying moral corruption of every kind, and false and superstitious religious teachings.
- It killed the prophets, God's people and millions of innocent men and women in bloody massacres, wars, brutal violence, and murder, for its own gain and power.
- It was a dwelling place for demons, signifying false and deceptive rulers and teachers, and corruption of all kinds.
- By sorcery (i.e., drugs and idolatry), and by extension, lies and deceit, it brought to ruin merchants and powerful rulers of the earth. (Rev. 18:23).
- It was full of greed and was founded on a global oppressive financial system of loans and credit.
- It went to war to expand its territories and the power of the super-rich.

Judgement of Babylon: falls upon the nations and merchants of the earth for the following reasons:

- Governments gained power through lies, deceit, and war.
- Merchants gained their great wealth and global empires by oppressing workers and underpaying them, especially in third world countries.
- Selfish powerful mafia, cartels, corrupt organisations, and criminals made billions of dollars through selling hallucinating drugs destroying the lives of millions worldwide.

Repay her double for her deeds: carries the idea of such utter destruction and ruin that the corrupt oppressive global world system, symbolised by the title, Babylon the Great, will never be able to rise again.

The great prostitute woman full of abominations is said to be a city

- And the woman that you saw is the great city that has dominion over the kings of the earth.” (Revelation 17:18)

Though the woman and Babylon are two separate entities, they are intertwined together as one, evidenced by the fact the woman is pictured riding the ten-horned beast, which shows that they are separate individual entities, but, because they are so closely connected, they are sometimes referred to as one beast.

The woman riding the beast, signifies:

1. She has religious influence over the nations of the ten-horned beast.
2. She is being carried (i.e., supported) by the ten-horned beast.

Sits upon many waters: the following verses tell us the prostitute woman sits upon many waters and that all nations have drunk of the wine of her fornication:

- The great prostitute is seated on many waters. (Rev. 17:1).
- All nations and kings of the earth have committed immorality with her. (Rev. 18:3).
- The merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living. (Revelation 18:3).
- The great prostitute corrupted the earth with her immorality. (Rev. 19:2).

These verses show us that the great prostitute is seated on multitudes throughout the earth (signified by many waters) and all nations, kings and merchants of the earth have their part with the great prostitute who corrupted the earth. Rather than follow the Gospel this woman undermined the teachings and principles of Christ, and influenced those on earth to embrace a deceptive, false, and superstitious religion.

A cup of wine in her hand: signifies the corruptions and deceptions and false doctrines and teachings that appeal to the flesh, ego, and pride, by these she allures and intoxicates her lovers and victims to herself,

The mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations: in the language of prophecy spiritual apostasy is often referred to as adultery and carries the idea of unfaithfulness, lewdness, immorality, unwholesomeness and offensiveness, showing that, the title, "the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations," is a very fitting title for this corrupt religious system, especially since it will be totally devoid of the true God, and of His ways and His laws and full of all sorts of worldly and pagan religions.

The title: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations" (Rev. 17:5), refers to a corrupt antichristian empire, and embraces Rome with its central power being the Vatican, with its papal hierarchy' and its bishops, cardinals, and priests. The titles, Babylon and Rome are interchangeable for the following reasons:

- Babylon was magnificent, strong, proud, and powerful as Rome was.
- Babylon was the first great city, followed by Rome, and on the throne of Rome and Babylon were emperors that controlled a great part of the world.

- What Babylon was to Israel during the Old Testament, Rome has been to Israel and to the faithful church during the generations of the New Testament.
- When the ancient Babylonian empire was overthrown God's people Israel were set free from its authority and bondage, when Papal Rome is finally overthrown, the people of God will be set free from its deceptive and corrupt influence over them.
- Babylon was full of fornication idolatry, religious superstition, worship of angels, and images, and adhered to human traditions and ceremonies of outward pomp, as was Rome.
- Both Babylon and Rome were fierce in bloody zeal, to defend their gods, especially Papal Rome who aggressively killed faithful Christians who did not bow down to her man-made erroneous doctrines.
- Babylon like Rome was the seat of the empire and the head of the pagan world.
- Babylon was characterized by many of the same attributes as Rome, being arrogant, proud, oppressive.
- Babylon like Rome was distinguished for its conquests, and for the fact that it made all other nations subject to its control.
- Babylon had been, like Rome, a desolating power, having destroyed the capital of the Holy Land, and burnt its beautiful temple, and reduced the country to a province.
- Babylon of old, like Rome of old, was the most formidable power with which the church had to contend.
- Both Babylon and Rome perfectly represented the magnitude of the final world power since Babylon in its glory was the largest city of the world as was Rome at its peak.
- Since it would not have been wise or safe to proclaim the destruction of Rome openly and publicly during the time of John, it is possible, it is written symbolically under the name Babylon which was known to be the great idolatress of the earth, and enemy of the people of God during the era of her great glory over the earth.

The great prostitute woman and the ten-horned beast empires (the religious and the secular) are so closely linked that they are often symbolised as one beast power standing in direct opposition to those who proclaim Christ.

MYSTERY BABYLON

- **Revelation 17:5:** And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations."

The woman and Babylon are given the title, Mystery Babylon, for the following reasons:

- Together these two global empires embrace, a religious and ecclesiastical empire and a secular worldly and commercial empire.
- The Christian faith is called to be separated from the world, yet it has become intertwined with it, so much so that in the same way Israel, during the Old Testament era became a harlot, this title is now fitting for many apostate churches of which Papal Rome is the chief.

- In the same way that the great city Jerusalem was symbolically called Sodom and Egypt, (Rev. 11:1-19), likewise, in a spiritual and mystical sense the prostitute woman is called Babylon, because Babylon was not only full of worldliness and idolatry, but also brought about the ruin of Jerusalem and her inhabitants.

THE FINAL JUDGEMENT

- Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, “So will Babylon the great city be thrown down with violence, and will be found no more; (Revelation 18:21)

The words, “will be thrown down with great violence,” carries the idea, though there will be a succession of different judgments, bringing a different part of the empire to ruin at a time, once the final antichrist beast power, symbolised by the Great Babylon, reaches its peak, its collapse will not be by a gentle and natural decline, but by force, perhaps by natural disasters, or wars or a global financial money collapse and worldwide civil violence or a combination of them all, or some other major crisis, however it comes, it will be quick and unrelenting, much like the flood of Noah. Supporting this idea is the following verse:

- They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say, “Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, Babylon! For in a single hour your judgment has come.” (Rev. 18:10):

The words, “in a single hour,” clearly imply once the downfall of the latter-day Babylon begins, it will collapse very quickly.

Will be found no more: these words, signify the total ruin of the Great Babylon, to rise no more, which was also the fate of ancient Babylon, so we can be certain it will be the future fate of the latter-day Babylon.

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SNAPSHOT: both Babylon and Rome perfectly represent the magnitude of the final world power since Babylon in its glory was the largest city of the world as was Rome at its peak. The principles and teachings of Christ’s Gospel undermine the teachings and principles of the Babylonian world-power which have been accepted by the great majority of many nations, which is why God’s wrath will bring the great world power to utter ruin. The fall of the Babylon beast power and Pagan Rome prepares the way for Christ’s Kingdom.

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.
