

MIRACLE & DELIVERANCE

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BABYLON CITY OF THE GREAT WHORE



“And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, says the Lord, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual [*olam*, age lasting] desolations. And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah has prophesied against all the

nations,” • *Jeremiah 25:12–13*

Babylon is mentioned almost 300 times throughout the Bible. It is mentioned more than any other city except Jerusalem. It is the most important pagan city that has ever existed, for there is no city in the entire world that has not been influenced by the Babylonian culture, be it in religion, government or in commerce. All kinds of occulted practices seen today such as astrology, spiritism, reincarnation, the signs of the zodiac, witchcraft, sorcery, idolatry and other kinds of practices hated by God had their origins in Babylon.

"Many popular American magazines have been commenting recently on astrology and its important contemporary scene; most of these secular writers have done a good job of historical research into the subject. However, few touch upon the best history book of all in doing their reference work. In Genesis we find that astrology got its beginnings in Babylon, which is verified by secular writers in their historical accounts" ¹

These practices are recorded in some passages of the Bible. In Daniel chapter 2 Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, had a dream that made him worry. Then he called the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers and the Chaldeans of Babylon to interpret the dream for the king. (Daniel 2:1-2)

But God proves that these practices are of no effect, and He prepares Daniel, His servant to give the king the interpretation of the dream to prove to the king that only the God of heaven is capable of knowing the future.(Daniel 2:16-28).

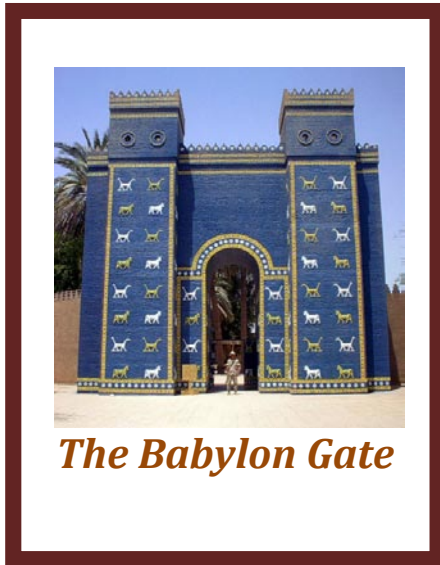
In Isaiah chapter 47, we find God's condemnation against these practices:

"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. Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers. Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man. As for our redeemer, the LORD of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel. Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called, The Lady of Kingdoms. 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. 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. 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: 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.

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. 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. 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. 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. 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. Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, even thy merchants, from thy youth:

they shall wander everyone to his quarter; none shall save thee," (Isa. 47:1-15).

Babylon, Iraq



Babylon, the legendary city, is indeed, **the most famous ancient city** in the whole World. It was the capital of ten Mesopotamian dynasties starting with the dynasty of **King Hammurabi** (1792-1750 BC); the 6th king of the 1st dynasty; reaching prominence as the capital city of the great kingdom of Babylonia. The last dynasty, at which Babylon achieved its zenith, is well known particularly of its 2nd king, **Nebuchadnezzar II** (605-563 BC), to whom most of Babylon's existing buildings belong.ⁱⁱ

President Saddam Hussein, one of the world's most legendary cities has begun to rise again. More than an archaeological venture, the New Babylon is self-consciously dedicated to the idea that Nabuchednezzar has a successor in Mr. Hussein, whose military prowess and vision will restore to Iraqis the glory their ancestors knew when all of what is now Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Kuwait ,and Israel were under Babylonian controlⁱⁱⁱ

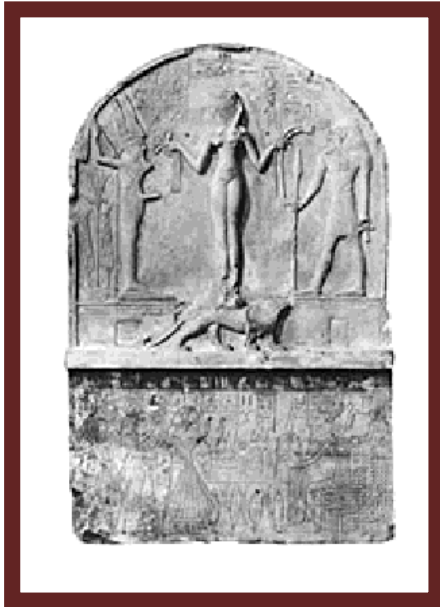
The above quotation is taken from the introduction of the book *The Rise Of Babylon* by Charles H. Dyer, 1991 edition. I highly recommend this work, specially the 2003 revised and updated edition for a more in-depth study on the subject of the city of Babylon.

Saddam Hussein thought that he was Nabuchednezzar 2 and would ascend the throne from Babylon to rule the world.

These prophetic words of Jeremiah about Babylon's punishment have not yet occurred. They are yet to happen in the future.

"O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger... I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge..." (Isa. 10:5-6, KJV)

MYSTERY OF BABYLON ~ MYSTICAL, UNIVERSAL RELIGION



Antichrist has a Jezebel wife that he uses to **bewitch** and pollute the souls of the masses. This coming world **demagogical** system must appeal to the spiritual wishes of the masses and the prophesied anti Christian leader that will bring his own **mystical, universal religion** which is a **Harlot Church** called **the Mystery of Babylon** complete with its **false prophet** and **false god** (Rev. 17:5), **“And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”** (Rev. 17:5) KJV

A MYSTERY OF INIQUITY

This woman is also called Babylon the Great; she is the exact antitype of the ancient Babylon in her idolatry and cruelty, but the ancient city called Babylon is only a drawing of her in miniature. This is indeed Babylon THE GREAT; she is, in truth, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth." ^{iv}

This demonic religious system will be a blood thirsty one that will feed off the salacious transgressions of spiritual prostitute. She rides into power upon the back of the depraved Beast who rules the world. She desires human sacrifice and draws her power from demons and the blood of God's Saints.^v

WICKED WITCH THAT DRINKS BLOOD

She is exposed as a great whore [in this passage] is one that is married, and has been false to her husband's bed and has forsaken the guide of her youth by breaking the covenant of God. She is a rebellious woman (backslidden Christian church) that once knew Jesus Christ now fallen, idolatrous worship under the character of a whore or whoredom.

The Bible prophesies the appearance of a global superpower that will precede the coming of a man known as the Antichrist. The name of this world power is given as "Babylon the Great" and so we see, from Babel in Genesis to Babylon in Revelation, that mankind's rebellion against God comes full circle. In this series of articles I will

show that the theme of "full circle" is applicable in more ways than one as we witness the fulfillment of prophetic events at the close of the Age.^{vi}

Dr. Pat Holliday says, "The identity of the Antichrist" will reach his destination from a new world empire that arises out of the ashes of the old world chaos. This will create a world government, new world economic system and a new universal religion. The Apostle John saw two powerful spiritual beings that will come from the sea and out of the Earth that he called them Beasts. Their authority will consist of Satan's anointing, giving his unassailable power to his son, a man who is united with a group of secretive, depraved, cabalistic men. This new order will join the iniquity of the masses and idol worship into a world witchcraft driven religion."

In parallel with the recent interest regarding "Babylon" in end-times studies there has also been renewed interest in the identity of the Antichrist himself. Bible scholars have usually contented themselves with the information that comes from the New Testament on this subject, yet lately it has been discovered that the *Old Testament* also offers detailed insight into this mystery. I am speaking primarily of numerous Old Testament references to a certain apocalyptic figure known as "**Asshur**," which is a name usually translated as "*the Assyrian*" in English Bibles. Just who is this "**Assyrian**" and how do we know for sure that he is related to the Antichrist? Furthermore, once this connection is proven can we then draw conclusions regarding the Antichrist's place of origin and national or racial identity?^{vii}

MESSIAHS, TRUE AND FALSE

If we look at several of the prophecies of *Asshur* we find that he is often mentioned in parallel with prophecies of Israel's *true* Messiah. Perhaps the most-quoted is from the fifth chapter of Micah. The passage begins with the prophecy that Bethlehem will bring forth the Messiah, and then it continues,^{viii}

"And this man (the Messiah) shall be the peace, when *the Assyrian* shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men. And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: thus shall he (the Messiah) deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders." (Micah 5:5-6, KJV)

Note that it is the Messiah who will deliver Israel from the Assyrian (Hebrew-*Asshur*), and then Israel will experience their Millennial blessings (v.7). Furthermore, while Asshur is oppressing Israel they will be defended by "seven



shepherds" and/or "eight principal men." Are these numbers intended to draw attention to the Antichrist who will be "an eighth," yet "one of the seven," as it says in Rev. 17:11? Concerning the context of Micah's prophecy, it is true that in the days of the prophets Israel was beset with the very real threat of the kingdom of Assyria (Asshur). The northern kingdom of Israel was destroyed by the Assyrian armies of King Shalmaneser V in 722 BC, and later in 701 the southern kingdom of Judah survived an Assyrian invasion under Sennacherib only through divine intervention. Yet this prophecy speaks of Asshur invading the land of Israel at a time *after* the appearance of the Messiah. It is hard to avoid this prophecy's end-times context.^{ix}

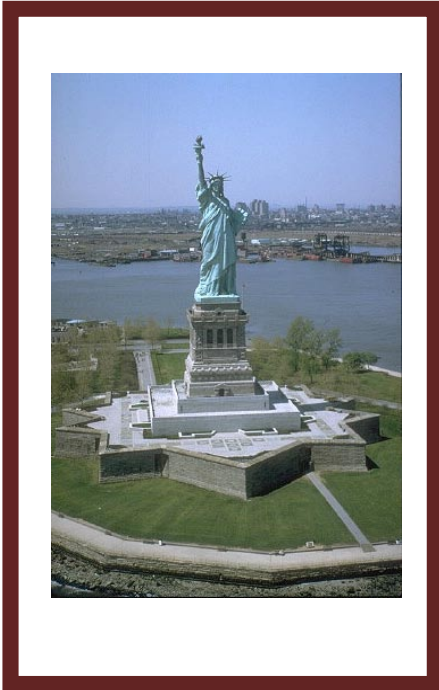
The earliest full-length commentary of the book of Revelation that remains in existence today was written by a Slovenian bishop by the name of Victorinus Poetovionensis around the year 260 AD. In his [commentary](#) Victorinus quotes this passage from Micah and then states very bluntly: "**Assur, that is, Antichrist.**"[3] Bible scholar Chuck Missler arrives at this very same conclusion in his study, "[Antichrist: An Alternate Ending.](#)"[4] Other Bible scholars who have recently commented on the "Assyrian" Antichrist include Walid Shoebat, Joseph Chambers, and David Busch.[5] ^x

Both Micah and the prophet Isaiah lived during the time when Assyria was a great threat to Israel yet their prophecies seem to speak on two levels. Firstly, as a warning to Israel at the time but, more importantly for us, they also look forward in time to the final appearance of **Asshur** as Israel's deceitful enemy and false Messiah when he will invade and occupy Israel and then finally be destroyed in the end by the true Messiah.^{xi}

Dr. Holliday explains, "In order to understand the working of the deceiver-prince of this power of the air and become acute to discern his tactics and his methods of deceiving men, such believers should search the Scriptures thoroughly to obtain knowledge of his character, and how spirits of evil are able to possess and use the bodies of men."

GREAT MAGICAL DECEPTION

Dr. Holliday goes on to describe how the Red Dragon known as Satan is setting the world's stage for his great magical deception for the spirit of the Abaddon to arise up out of the sea. Biblical scholars argue that a man that will be possessed by this



demonic principality that she calls the Angel in the Whirlwind that will arise from this same sea. The prophets, Daniel, Isaiah, Micah, etc. witnessed the future and **saw the son of Satan.**

BABYLON IS NOT AMERICA~ BABYLON IS BABYLON

Many books have been written in the past few years claiming that Babylon is America. I do not believe this hypothesis. Why would God reveal the city Babylon in the book of Genesis and make known the city and its history throughout the His Word; then in the last days, move the location of the city to another continent less than 200 years old?"

Peter Goodgame writes, following the successful American invasion of Iraq, and subsequent occupation, there are many Bible scholars who are looking at the end-times prophecies of this region with renewed interest. **Many believe that the Bible predicts the literal re-building of Babylon—the "great harlot" of (Revelation 17:1) —along the banks of the Euphrates River.** They follow along with the views of Arthur W. Pink who, in 1923 in his [comprehensive study](#) of the Antichrist [1], pointed to Zechariah 5:5-11 which speaks of the habitation of a wicked woman being established "in the land of Shinar." Will ancient Babylon be rebuilt in the last days and somehow emerge in control of the political and economic structures of the world in fulfillment of Revelation 17-18? ^{xii}

Mr. Goodgame goes on to say, "Of course now that the US Military controls Iraq we can be sure that the rebuilt Babylon that has emerged happened only through the support of the US Government! Despite the influence of the political Right within evangelical ranks the identity of "Babylon the Great" continues to be highly debated among prophecy scholars. For many years I have believed that this entity is none other than the US Government in general and New York City in particular. And yes, I will admit that my conclusion has been influenced by the female symbolism of Mystery Babylon (Lady Liberty), which also affects my personal expectation of who will be our next President! Having said that, lately my thinking has been influenced by my exposure to certain evidence that suggests that the

"great harlot" of Revelation 17-18 is closely associated with "apostate Israel," as opposed to "faithful Israel" described in Revelation 12. [2] From this perspective New York City may yet fulfill a prophetic role, seeing as it is the political and economic "capital of the world" while at the same time it is the city with the world's largest Jewish population. Could the US invasion of Iraq and the establishment of numerous military bases (established in Iraq) somehow be the fulfillment of Zechariah's prophecy which predicted the building of a base for a wicked woman (Babylon the Harlot) in the "land of Shinar"? Certainly our government's critics are quick to point out how the invasion of Iraq suited *Israel's* long-term agenda for the region. Whatever the case may be it does seem clear that the land of Shinar and the nation of Iraq has yet to experience the complete fulfillment of the Bible's prophetic statements.^{xiii}



Saddam Hussein

REBUILDING ANCIENT BABYLON

[History Channel Records the Brutality of a Regime](#)

July 7, 2003 - A trio of shocking documentaries about Saddam Hussein and his sons were shown yesterday on the History Channel. "The Horrors of Hussein," "Saddam Hussein: The Butcher of Baghdad," and "The Sons of Saddam," showed in graphic detail that "Saddam Hussein's worst weapon of mass destruction was himself."^{xiv}

Hussein's own mother tried to kill him in her womb, and would have nothing to do with him after his birth. A fan of Hitler and Stalin, Saddam Hussein became the most accomplished administrator of terror of his generation. There was apparently no limit to his inhuman methods, including... grisly anecdotes of torture to induce false confessions -- with husbands forced to watch the raping of their wives, parents the gouging out of their children's eyes, or the horrific image of a baby flung into a wall to shatter its skull.

Source:NewsMax

['Increasingly likely' Saddam is alive](#) - The Scotsman

It is quite interesting to observe that Saddam Hussein commenced the restoration and rebuilding of ancient Babylon several years ago in an attempt to recapture ancient empire glory while also discrediting biblical Christianity — supposedly because the Christian Bible allegedly predicts Babylon will never be rebuilt. Thus, on that basis, the recent rebuilding efforts in Babylon could represent the initial, literal fulfillment of a very sensational biblical prophecy that will achieve its complete and dramatic fulfillment under the ruler ship of Antichrist, the future “king” of Babylon. (Isa. 14:1-10). Therefore, we must conclude that this biblical prophecy concerning Babylon was never intended to symbolize a country or some other city as some would have us believe; instead, it is a literal city coming to life before our very eyes!^{xv}

IS NEW YORK ~ AMERICA BABYLON?

Babylon was renowned for its high, well-fortified walls and for the magnificence of its temples and palaces. Its famous [Hanging Gardens](#), built by King Nebuchadnezzar II for his wife Amytas, were one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Amytas was a Medes and her home was in mountainous country, so the King reputedly had the Hanging Gardens built to allay her homesickness.

Nowadays, its ruins covers about 30² km lying on the east bank of Euphrates 90 km south of [Baghdad](#) and about 10 km north of Hilla. The most important of the standing monuments of Babylon today are the Summer and Winter Palaces of King Nebuchadnezzar II, the Ziggurat attached to it, the Street of Processions, the Lion of Babylon, and the famous Ishtar Gate.^{xvi}

“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. 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. AND I WILL PUNISH THE WORLD FOR THEIR EVIL...” (Isa. 13: 11).

“And it shall come to pass, that the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, saith the Lord, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand. 9 Therefore hearken not ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto

you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon.¹⁰ For they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land; and that I should drive you out, and ye should perish. ¹¹ But the nations that bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, those will I let remain still in their own land, saith the Lord; and they shall till it, and dwell therein,” (Jer. 27:8-11).
KJV

UNITED NATIONS NEW HOME?



PALACE OF ANTICHRIST? NEW U.S. EMBASSY

But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things. Dan. 11:38 KJV

From Here to There ~ BABYLON

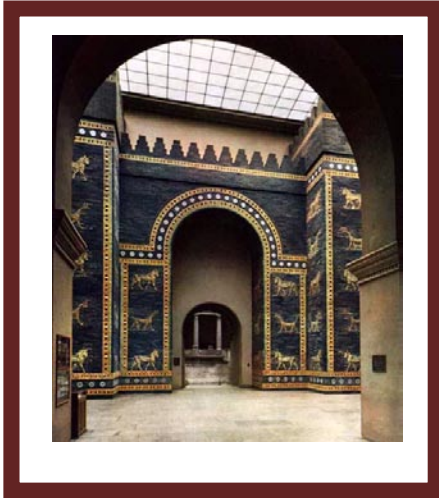
It only cost 700 trillion dollars to build and they call it the Bush Palace.

Jan. 2004 - Since the U.N. headquarters in New York is very crowded, and since the U.S. is not very happy with the organization, it is possible it could move to another location. According to this article, that location could conceivably be Babylon.

Triggered by the Iraq War, informed sources say that the international Quartet of world powers (the US, UN, European Union and Russia) has drafted a proposal to transfer the seat of the United Nations to Baghdad (ancient Babel or Babylon)!^{xvii}

At this time in February 2006, how do we get from the seemingly interminable and grinding urban combat of insurgency and potential civil war of present-day Iraq to the future glory of a rebuilt Babylon? I do not know the path of events that will lead us from the present to the prophesied future, but we can be assured it will happen. It may take decades. However, a resolution to the problems in Iraq should (in my view) begin to happen quickly because the rebuilding and prosperity of

Babylon and all of Iraq will be a lengthy process. The rise to power of the entire Middle East leading to blocs of nations led by two kings, a King of the South and a King of the North, all this will take time. The process will take decade's once relative peace and safety in Iraq has been achieved.^{xviii}



It is important to note that the military of Iraq, the future army of Babylon, is being trained by the most experienced, most advanced; best trained, and best led military force the world has ever seen, the United States military. Eventually (and this will also take a long time) the Iraqi armed forces should learn to be as efficient, as deadly, and as constrained in the application of military force as the United States military is today. Only such a trained force can be useful as an instrument of policy, something more than merely being an oppressive force upon its own people. This does not mean that Iraq or Babylon will have a large

military force, but it shall be powerful for its size. And this does not preclude the possibility that the nation of Iraq may break into 2 or 3 political parts. If such a breakup occurs, Iraq will still have a loose confederation and cooperation for economic reasons, much like nations in Europe today — economically unified in many ways, yet political divisions that continue even under the European Union. A breakup if Iraq is not prophetically impossible.^{xix}

My understanding is that the beginning of the resolution of conflicts in Iraq leading to relative peace and safety will occur soon, and likely it will occur swiftly. Merchants, bankers, investors, tradesmen, artists, and kings put their resources and investments where property, money, and people are safe. The wealthy do not live where it is not safe for themselves, their families, or their money. Corporations do not invest heavily where valuable assets are at risk of being destroyed. Wealth flows where there is safety and opportunity. (This is one reason the United States is a desirable safe haven for investment.) Safety in Iraq is an essential precondition for investment, trade, and wealth to take place for a future Babylon. The world wants to invest in Iraq. See my article “[World Bank Ready to Rebuild Iraq](#).” They will not do so unless there is a very positive potential reward for any risk they undertake.^{xx}

If Babylon and Iraq are to be rebuilt and become a major world-class economic, financial, and population center in the Middle East, then this will take a massive

amount of infrastructure construction. That infrastructure demands sewage and water treatment, energy supplies, an entirely new and huge electrical supply grid, importation of building materials into the area, food processing and distribution, communications networks, highways and city roads, shipping facilities to

accommodate millions of people. In other words, everything will be needed to make Babylon a great city.^{xxi}



592-Million Embassy in Iraq

The Bible also predicts that the final condition of Babylon will be similar to that of Sodom and Gomorrah, namely complete and utter desolation as a result of massive amounts of fire and brimstone. (Isa. 13:19) (Jer. 50:40). Obviously such destruction has never happened, yet. Moreover, according to various biblical scriptures, this final cataclysmic destruction must occur near the time of Armageddon, during the great and terrible Day of the Lord, when the entire world will be

punished for their evil: (Isa. 13:1, 4-6, 9-11, 13, 19).

The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see... “**The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of THE KINGDOMS OF NATIONS GATHERED TOGETHER** (i.e., Armageddon): the Lord of hosts mustereth the host of the battle. 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. Howl ye; for **THE DAY OF THE LORD** is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty...” (Isa. 13: 4-6).

PALACE FOR THE ANTICHRIST?

The United States formally dedicated its new \$592-million embassy in Iraq on Monday, the largest and most expensive American embassy in the world..^{xxii}

- [**An American Palace in Iraq and Four Permanent US Bases**](#)

... watch the massive **US Embassy** they call 'George W's **palace** ... **Bush** declared, "We're helping to rebuild **Iraq**, where the dictator ... **Iraq** Stats Dec 10, **2008**
President Barack Obama ..

U.S. Embassy: A Lavish American Palace

Against the Iraq backdrop of violence and misery, soaring unemployment and middle class flight, malnutrition and unprecedented illness for Iraqis... rises an American embassy-palace the likes of which the world has never before seen, and four plush, seemingly-permanent bases for US armed forces.

Here is info published by the world's leading news media sources about the new US Embassy in Baghdad's Green Zone. It is/has...

- the largest embassy in world history
- the only building project in Iraq on-time and on-budget
- a bomb-proof super-bunker with a 15-ft thick perimeter wall
- 21 buildings on 104 acres, the size of 80 football fields
- wired for state-of-the-art communications and surveillance
- "extraordinary" security measures
- Congress was told that the cost is \$592 million
- impressive residences for the Ambassador and his deputy, and six posh apartments for senior officials
- a water-treatment plant and power generator (to provide basic services not yet restored to pre-invasion levels for Iraqis)
- two huge blocks of offices for 8,000 US staff workers
- the biggest swimming pool in Iraq
- a well-equipped gym
- tennis courts
- movie theater
- restaurants serving US food chain favorites
- a "swish" American Club for evening social functions/ ^{xxiii}

“And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the Lord, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations. 13 And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations. 14 For many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of them also: and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own

hands,” (Jer. 25:12-14). KJV

“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,” (Isa. 13:18-19).KJV

If we read and interpret this passage of scripture literally, it states that when obvious signs of Christ’s Return are seen in the heavens, then the city of Babylon, which once was the “glory of kingdoms” and the “beauty of the Chaldees Excellency” during the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, “shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.”

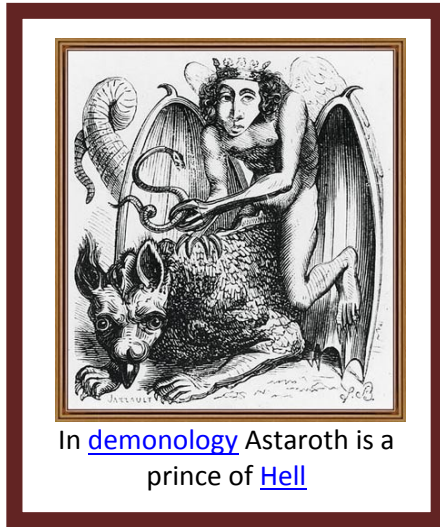
In spite of this very plain, explicit wording, however, some people insist on interpreting the word “Babylon” in a figurative or symbolic sense so that it can represent New York City or the United States in prophecy passages such as this one. They pursue this line of reasoning even though this scriptural passage states very clearly that the “Babylon” portrayed in this scripture is the Babylon that was ruled over by King Nebuchadnezzar and the Chaldeans in the ancient land of Babylon, now modern-day Iraq.

However, as we demonstrated earlier, there are basic, fundamental reasons why we should be interpreting biblical passages such as this one in a sensible, literal manner. Therefore, the Babylon portrayed in Isaiah 13 at the time of its destruction, just before the Battle of Armageddon commences, will be the Babylon that was geographically located in ancient Babylon, now modern-day Iraq, and was ruled over by Nebuchadnezzar and the Chaldeans.^{xxiv}

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“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.” (Zech. 5:5-11). KJV



Zech. 5:11

[To build it an house in the land of Shinar] The name of Shinar, though strictly Babylonia, carries back to an older power than the world-empire of Babylon; which now too was destroyed.

"In the land of Shinar," (Gen 11:2) was that first attempt to array a world-empire against God, ere mankind was ye dispersed. And so it is the *apter symbol* of the antitheist or anti-Christian world, which by violence, art, falsehood, sophistry, wars

against the truth. To this great world-empire it was to be removed; yet to live there, no longer cramped and confined as within an Ephah, but in pomp and splendor.^{xxv}

A house or temple was to be built for it, for its honor and glory; as *Dagon* (*half-man/ half-fish god*) {or god of the sea connected to the god of the earth} (1 Sam 5:2-5) or Ashtaroth {In demonology Astaroth (also **Ashtaroth**, Astarot, and Asteroth) is a Prince of Hell. (1 Sam 31:10), or Baal (2 Kings 10:23) had their houses or temples, a great idol temple, in which the god of this world should be worshiped.^{xxvi}

He/She is referred to in [The Lesser Key of Solomon](#) as a very powerful deity. His main assistants are four [demons](#) called [Aamon](#), [Pruslas](#), [Barbatos](#) and [Rashaverak](#). In art, in the [Dictionnaire Infernal](#), Astaroth is depicted as a nude man with [dragon](#)-like wings, hands and feet, a second pair of feathered wings after the main, wearing a crown, holding a [serpent](#) in one hand, and riding a [wolf](#) or [dog](#). Upon closer examination, however, it can be seen in the image (right) that the dragon-like wings actually belong to the dragon. According to [Sebastien Michaelis](#) he is a [demon](#) of the First Hierarchy, who seduces by means of laziness, vanity, and rationalized philosophies to see the world and his adversary is St. [Bartholomew](#), who can protect against him for he has resisted Astaroth's temptations. To others, he teaches [mathematical](#) sciences and handicrafts, can make men invisible and lead them to hidden treasures, and answers every question formulated to him. He was also said to give to mortal beings the power over serpents.^{xxvii}

According to [Francis Barrett](#), Astaroth is the prince of accusers and inquisitors. According to some [demonologists](#) of the 16th century, August is the month during

which this demon's attacks against man are stronger. He also goes by the name [‘Ashtart/Astarte](#) which was rendered in the [Latin Vulgate](#) translation of the [Bible](#) as Astharthe (singular) and Astharoth (plural), that last form rendered in the [King James Version of the Bible](#) as Ashtaroth. It seems this plural form was taken either from the [Latin](#) or from some translation or other by those who did not know it was a plural form.^{xxviii}

According to Lon Milo DuQuette and Christopher S. Hyatt, Astaroth is "a thinly disguised version of the goddess [Astarte](#)...."^{li}

Jeff Rovin's *The Fantasy Encyclopedia* (1979) depicted Astaroth with a likeness fitting the description of [Baal](#), including a newly-created illustration, and this error has been repeated in other places, such as with [Monster in My Pocket](#), in which a spidery, 3-headed Astaroth is #102.^{xxix}

[And it] - "The house," "shall be established" firmly on its base, like the house of God, and it, (wickedness) shall be tranquilly rested on its base, as an idol in its temple, until the end come. In the end, the belief of those of old was, that the Jews would have great share in the antagonism to Christ and His empire. At the first, they were the great enemies of the faith, and sent forth, Justin says, (NOTE: Justin Martyr, Dial. n. 17 (n. 91. *Oxford Translation*) and n. 108. p. 205. Eusebius quotes the first passage, H. E. 4:18 , and repeats the statement on Isa 18), those everywhere who should circulate the calumnies against Christians, which were made a ground of early persecutions. In the end, it was believed, that antichrist should be from them, that they would receive him as their Christ, the last fulfillment of our Lord's words, **"I am come in My Father's name and ye receive Me not; another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive"** (Jn. 5:43).^{xxx}

WICKED WOMEN ~ MYSTERY BABYLON ~ SATAN’S CHURCH

The Old Testament Prophet, Zechariah predicts that a representational **“wicked woman”** (i.e., **Mystery Babylon; Satan’s church**) will literally **FLY (by aircraft) to the “land of Shinar” or by a witchcraft system flying by two witchcraft systems to the land of Shinar (Babylon).** (i.e., ancient Babylon; Iraq) to establish its new religious headquarters (i.e., “to build it an house”). Obviously this extraordinary biblical prophecy has never been fulfilled, so it must represent a future fulfillment:^{xxxi}

These two wicked systems symbolized by two wicked women will supernaturally fly the world commerce to Babylon. The representation of the ephah flying flying to land of Shinar is the world’s financial system being relocated there. Therefore,

those who believe that New York and American relates to the scriptures concerning Babylon.

“Ephah.” The ephah basket measured at about one bushel and three pints. Accordingly, in this biblical prophecy, the basket symbolizes the economic and financial system that will support and undergird the empire of the Antichrist. Moreover, because it carries the wicked woman inside of it, the combination of these two symbols represents the close alliance and collaboration that will exist between the economic and religious systems within the empire of Antichrist. That is why we should not be surprised to see the rebuilt city of Babylon become the religious headquarters for the Antichrist while also functioning as a center of world trade and commerce during the “time of the end.” Evidently the melding of financial power and religious power and influence, combined with the miraculous abilities and prestige of the Antichrist, will simply overwhelm the sensibilities and intellectual honesty of most people. Thus, the rebuilt city of Babylon, the economic system, will coexist with Mystery Babylon, the religious system, at the same geographical location in modern-day Iraq.

The woman mentioned here is called a great whore, to denote her excessive depravity, and the awful nature of her idolatry. She is also represented as sitting upon many waters, to show the vast extent of her influence.^{xxxii}

“Wicked Woman.” represents the mysterious, ancient Babylonian cult beliefs and rituals that dominated, or will dominate, the seven biblical world empires that oppress Israel at various times throughout her history. Because Satan is super intelligent and quite devious in his methods, these vile pagan and occult beliefs and practices dominated the religious beliefs and activities that prevailed in the ancient biblical world empires. Since it is more difficult for people, generally to discern the true nature of false religious beliefs if they are blended in with significant amounts of perceived truth that is precisely the strategy which Satan frequently employed, and will employ, to deceive people spiritually.

“Talent of Lead.” A talent of lead weighed over 122 lbs., which was an extreme amount of weight for a lid covering the top of an ephah basket. Even so, despite the unusually heavy weight of the lid, that still did not hold the “woman of wickedness” down, thus illustrating the power of evil.

“Two Women.” It is possible that the “two women” who carry the “wicked

woman” to Babylon represent two major world religions, perhaps Islam and “professing” Christianity consisting of Roman Catholicism and mainline Protestant denominations.

“Wings.” The “wings” probably refer to the mode of travel employed when the “wicked woman” is transported to rebuild Babylon, i.e., air-travel by modern airplanes.

As further corroboration of our interpretation of Zechariah 5:5-11, a careful analytic comparison of both Revelation 17 and 18 establishes the singular fact that “Mystery Babylon” (i.e., Satan’s church) and the city of Babylon will be located geographically at the exact same place near the time of their final and complete destruction.

Here are excerpts:

Rev.17

“The judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication (spiritual unfaithfulness).... and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy.... And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus... And the woman which thou sawest is that great city....” (KJV)

Rev.18

“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... Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins...”

“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. 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, 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.

“And the MERCHANTS of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls... and SOULS OF MEN.... Alas, alas, that great CITY, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls....

“And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, what CITY is like unto this great CITY! ...for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; FOR BY THY SORCERIES WERE ALL NATIONS DECEIVED. And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.” (KJV)

Jer. 51:6-8

“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 recompense. 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. (KJV)

One final reason which proves the ancient city of Babylon must be rebuilt at its original geographical location in modern Iraq is the prophetic prediction that the final overthrow of Babylon will be followed by “blessings” upon the nation of Israel. Furthermore, Isaiah 14:1-10 very clearly indicates that these blessings will be bestowed upon the nation of Israel during the Millennium, which will commence immediately after the demise of Antichrist, the king of Babylon, and their oppressor. (Isa. 13:19-22) (Isa. 14:1-10) (Jer. 50:4-7, 20).

Isa. 14:1-10

1 For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.

2 And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over

their oppressors.

3 And it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve,

4 That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!

5 The LORD hath broken the staff of the wicked, and the sceptre of the rulers.

6 He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, and none hindereth.

7 The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing.

8 Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us.

9 Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

10 All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? (KJV)

We see that the ancient city of Babylon must be rebuilt at its original geographical location in modern-day Iraq. On the other hand, the following scriptural references in Revelation can be used to prove categorically that ancient Babylon will be totally destroyed forever, near the time of Armageddon.

Case in point the rebuilt city of Babylon must be destroyed “suddenly” and in “one hour” of time. (Isa. 13:19) (Jer. 50:40) (Jer. 51:8) (Rev. 18:8-10, 17-19) (Isa. 47). Furthermore, Babylon must be burned with fire, something which likewise has never happened, yet. (Rev. 17:16-18) (Rev. 18:8-10, 18) (Rev. 19:1-3). Moreover Babylon must be destroyed by an earthquake, which never has happened, and that earthquake must occur during the seventh plague, just before Armageddon and the Return of Christ. (Rev. 16:16-21). Finally, the soldiers of Antichrist must destroy Babylon with fire, very possibly even with a bomb. (Rev. 17:16-18) (Rev. 18:15-17, 21) (Jer. 51:59-64).

The awakened part of the Church of today has now no doubt of the real existence of the spirit beings of evil, and that there is an organized monarchy of supernatural powers set up in opposition to Christ, and His kingdom, bent upon the eternal ruin of every member of the human race. Believers know that God is calling them to seek the fullest equipment obtainable for withstanding, and resisting these enemies of Christ and His Church.

BABYLON HAS FALLEN



AMERICAN TRADE CENTER DESTROYED

Apostle John stood on the sands of the sea and saw a vision of the spirit of Abbadon, the beast arises from the sea.

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,” (Rev. 18:1-24). KJV

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