BOOK OF REVELATION – Part 7

The Second Angel of Revelation 14 8/14/24

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Rev. 14:8 another angel followed saying: "Babylon is fallen, is fallen (that great city), because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication"

· Hebrew – "babel" – (#894) – noun – "gate of god" – Babylon, 249 times – other, 13 times

"babel" – (#895) – noun – "gate of god" – Babylon, 25 times – (Ezra &

Daniel)

Greek – "Babylon" – (#897) – noun – "gate of god" – Babylon, 12 times – (6 in Rev.)

Excerpts – Holman Bible Dictionary (pages 141-144)

- "Babylon was a city-state in southern Mesopotamia during Old Testament times, which eventually became a large empire that absorbed the nation of Judah and destroyed Jerusalem. The city of Babylon was founded in unknown antiquity on the river Euphrates, about 50 miles south of modern Baghdad. The English names Babylon and Babel (Genesis 10:10 and Genesis 11:9) are translated from the same Hebrew word (*babel*).
- "During the period of the Assyrian Empire, Babylon was dominated by this warlike neighbor to the north... Assyrian domination died with [King] Ashurbanipal in 627 B.C... In 612, with the help of the Medes, the Babylonians sacked the Assyrian capital of Nineveh."
- "In 604 and 603 B.C., Nebuchadnezzar II (605-562 B.C.), king of Babylon, campaigned along the Palestinian coast. At this time Jehoiakim (king of Judah), became an unwilling vassal of Babylon. A Babylonian defeat at the border of Egypt in 601 probably encouraged Jehoiakim to rebel. For two years Judah was harassed by Babylonian vassals (2 Kings 24:1-2). Then, in December of 598 B.C., Nebuchadnezzar marched on Jerusalem. Jehoiakim died that same month, and his son Jehoiachin surrendered the city to the Babylonians on March 16, 597 B.C. . . . Nebuchadnezzar appointed Zedekiah over Judah. Against the protests of Jeremiah (but with promises of Egyptian aid), Zedekiah revolted against Babylon in 589 B.C. In the resultant Babylonian campaign, Judah was ravaged and Jerusalem besieged. . . . The city fell in August of 587 B.C. Zedekiah was captured, Jerusalem burned, and the Temple destroyed (Jeremiah 52:12-14). Many more Judeans were taken to their Exile in Babylonia (2 Kings 25:1-21 and Jeremiah 52:1-30)."

"In 539 B.C., the Persian Cyrus II (the Great) entered Babylon without a fight.

What should be our focus concerning Babylon?

"Babylon the metropolis (like the tower of Babel) became symbolic of man's decadence and God's judgment. . . Babylonian religion is the best known variant of a complex and highly polytheistic system of belief common throughout Mesopotamia. Of the thousands of recognized gods, only about 20 were important in actual practice."

Babylon's false gods

Isaiah 46:1 Bel (equivalent to the Canaanite term "Baal") bows down – Nebo (Babylonian god of speech, writing & water) stoops

Jer. 50:2 "Babylon is taken, Bel [equivalent to the Canaanite term Baal] is shamed

Merodach [sometimes spelled 'Marduk'] is broken in pieces, her

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2 Kings 20:12 Berodach-Baladan sent a letter to Hezekiah – (Berodach-Baladan means "god Marduk gave an heir")

Babylon's lusting – including the love of wealth

2 Kings 20:13-15 Isaiah asked: "What did the men from Babylon see in your house?" – Hezekiah answered: "they have seen all that is in my house" 16-18 "the days are coming when all that you have shall be carried into

Babylon"

Who are some of the wealthy merchants of the earth?

Roman empire – Rome, Italy

American politicians – Washington D.C.

United Nations – New York

NATO – Brussels, Belgium

BRICS – Shanghai, China

WEF – Davos, Switzerland

British monarchy – Buckingham Palace
Saudi monarchy – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Japanese monarchy – Tokyo, Japan
Chinese oligarchs – Beijing, China
European oligarchs – Moscow & Kyiv
Catholic hierarchy – Vatican

Babylon mentioned in book of Revelation

Rev. 14:8	Babylon is fallen – wrath of her fornication
Rev. 16:19	divided into 3 parts – the great Babylon was remembered before God
Rev. 17:5	Babylon the Great – mother of harlots – abominations of the earth
6	drunk with the blood of saints – blood of martyrs of Jesus
9	7 heads = 7 mountains on which the woman sits
12	10 kings – no kingdom yet – receive authority for one hour
Rev. 18:2-3	Babylon is fallen – fornication with her – merchants of the earth
9	kings of the earth have committed fornication with her
10	that great city has fallen – in one hour
11-21	merchants weep – Babylon will be thrown down
23	your merchants were the great men of the earth