THE FALL OF BABYLON

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In Scripture we see the mention of two primary cities, from the Old Testament right through to the New Testament. These two cities are **Jerusalem** and **Babylon**. In short, Babylon [Babel] was a powerful city state who ruled the then known world, they were the primary enemies of God's faithful people who eventually took them captive and led them into false worship, idolatry &

apostasy.

By having an understanding of literal, local Babylon, and their role in the oppression of the Children of Israel, we are then able to have a much better understanding of Spiritual Babylon, who is spoken of in the New Testament and its application to God's people living in the last days of earth's history.

Q. Where do we first see the mention of Babylon in Scripture? A. In the Book of Genesis.

At this time it was called Babel, and was a ruled by Nimrod, the great grandson of Noah.

Genesis 10:1,6,8-10

Q. What does the Bible tell us about Nimrod? A. Nimrod was a mighty hunter before the Lord. The name Nimrod actually means **Rebel** or **Rebellious one** and this is exactly what Nimrod was. He was a mighty man in the earth who was a rebel before the one true God. **Genesis 10:8-9**

Note: God had spoken to Noah and his sons & commanded them to repopulate the earth after the flood, however, the descendants of Noah, spurred on by Nimrod had other plans. **Genesis 9:7**

Q. What did <mark>the</mark> inhabitants of <mark>Ba</mark>bylon go on to do in defiance of God?

A. They constructed a great and mighty tower in the land of Babel (Shinar). As opposed to dispersing and repopulating the entire earth as God had commanded, they decided to stay in one place and build a city so that they won't be scattered across the earth. They lived in complete defiance to the word of God. I.e., they rebelled.

Genesis 11:1-4

Note: It should be noted that the word **Shinar** was used synonymously with the name Babel/Babylon in Scripture. See **Daniel 1:1** for more on this. As a result of Babylon's rebellion, (*remember Nimrod's name*), the Lord came down and confounded the languages of all the world and from thence the name Babel represented confusion. See **Genesis 11:9**

Q. In the days of the prophets, which kingdom overthrew the Kingdom of Judah and took them into captivity? A. The Kingdom of Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar. **2 Kings 24:1-4,8-15; 2 Kings 25:8-10; Daniel 1:1-2**

Q. What were the sins of the children of Israel that caused their demise?

A. The children of Israel became corrupt and apostate in the sight of God. Mingling true worship with false worship, i.e., confusion. **Ezekiel 8:6-18; Ezekiel 12:1,8; Ezekiel 13:1-9**

Note: This captivity continued for the next seventy years as prophesied by the prophet Jeremiah, **Jeremiah 25:11** and the sins continued under the influence of Babylon, but according to the word of God, Babylon would fall at the end of the seventy years.

Q. What were some of the sins practiced by the Babylonians? A. False worship, Idolatry, spiritualism, perverse appetite & drunkenness.

Daniel 3:1-6; Daniel 1:3-8; Daniel 2:1-2; Daniel 5:1-4

Q. What did God say concerning the fall of literal Babylon? A. She would fall, never to rise again.

Is<mark>aiah 47:1,5,7-10; Isaiah 13:19-20; Jerem</mark>iah 50:1-3, 8-9. 18,40-42,46 Jeremiah 51:6-9,13,47-49,52-56,63-64

Note: With this foundational understanding of literal Babylon, we are now able to understand the rise and fall of Spiritual Babylon as described in the Book of Revelation.

Note: Scripture teaches us that a woman represents a professed body of believers. See Jeremiah 6:2, Isaiah 51:16, Ephesians 5:25-32.

In the Book of Revelation we see that there are two primary women mentioned, one in **Revelation 12:1,** also called the Bride of Christ and one in **Revelation 17:1-6**, also called the Harlot. We have covered these two women in detail, in the Bible Study Guides called **The Bride** & **The Harlot**, respectively. I suggest you take a look at them for further insight.

Q. What do we notice about the Harlot, whom the Bible calls Babylon?

A. She is a persecuting power, who persecutes God's people at the end of time. She unites with the world leaders & businessmen and leads all the world astray by her false teachings. She sits upon or rules all the nations. She is the head of all the Spiritual confusion in the world today and throughout the ages. **Revelation 17:1-6, 15**

Note: Scripture tells us that the Harlot or Great Whore is the **Mother** of other **Harlots. Revelation 17:5.**

As we covered in the Study Guide, **The Harlot**, these daughters represent the fallen Protestant Churches, who have departed from Bible truth and have united with their 'Mother', The Roman Catholic Church also called the Papacy. In unison, they rebel against the word of God, and lead others into apostasy and false worship as did literal Babylon under Nimrod and Nebuchadnezzar.

Q. Babylon is headed by the Roman Catholic Church, but she is also comprised of other parties. Who are they? A. The kings of the world, the merchants or important businessmen of the world, the Apostate Protestant Churches. They all unite with the Papacy to execute her will and lead the world into apostasy and spiritual confusion as we saw in the days of literal Babylon.

Revelation 17:1-6; Revelation 18:3

Q. What does Christ say to us concerning Spiritual Babylon? A. We must come out of her, lest we receive of the 7 last plagues for she is fallen. As a Church, she was once part of Christ's Bride, but she has fallen and never shall she rise again. **Revelation 18:1-5; Revelation 14:8**

Q. What shall happen to Spiritual Babylon in these last days just before Christ comes back?

A. As literal Babylon fell in the days of Daniel, and the children of Israel were allowed to return unto the Promised Land, so shall Spiritual Babylon fall just before the Second Coming of Christ, with all it's inhabitants destroyed, and Christ shall return for all of His faithful children.

Daniel 5:1-2, 25-30; Ezra 1:1-3; Revelation 18:9-11, 15-16,20-21; Revelation 19:1-3

"Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them. The sins of Babylon will be laid open. The fearful results of enforcing the observances of the church by civil authority, the inroads of Spiritualism, the stealthy but rapid progress of the papal power,—all will be unmasked. By these solemn warnings the people will be stirred. Thousands upon thousands will listen who have never heard words like these. In amazement they hear the testimony that Babylon is the church, fallen because of her errors and sins, because of her rejection of the truth sent to her from heaven."

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"Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen....Come out of her My People" **Revelation 18:2,4**

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