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ENROUTE TO BABYLON

MANKIND'S FINAL STAND

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

Revelation 18:1-24

Revelation 18:1-8 Part 1

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A Couple of Years Ago, I had Told You

That While I was Walking to the gate to Catch my Flight Home From Frankfurt Germany, There was a Poster hanging that Depicted The Tower of Babel, at the Top of the Tower was The 12 Stars That Today Make up the National Flag of the European Union.

But Perhaps The Most Interesting Part was What That Poster Said at The Bottom. It Had Just Two Words -

"NEVER AGAIN"

(Building global communication - ATT)

The Significance, Concept, The Idea of What Babylon stood for is really no secret to us in our modern age!

The Name "Babylon"

Appears or is Alluded to 290 times in the Bible,
and is second only to Jerusalem.

-A KEY TO UNDERSTANDING WHAT BABYLON IS-

"We Know From Our Reading and Studying of the Bible, that "Babylon" In General, Represents The Overall Spirit of a Satanically Driven, Worldwide System, Focused On Life Without God."

1 John 4:1-3

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. :2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, :3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

ITS FOUNDATION

"Babylon" has Several Meanings.

Historical System

Babylon is **The Region Known Today as Iraq**

Headquartered in Babylon

***"Babylon will Have 3 Main Offices
Rome, Jerusalem, New Babylon"***

#1 IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER WILL BE

The Looking for, a Global Political System to be Based in Rome

The Babylonian Political System

Will Have its World Headquarters in ROME, ITALY

#2 IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER WILL BE

The Looking for, a Global Religious System to be Based in Jerusalem

The Babylonian Religious System

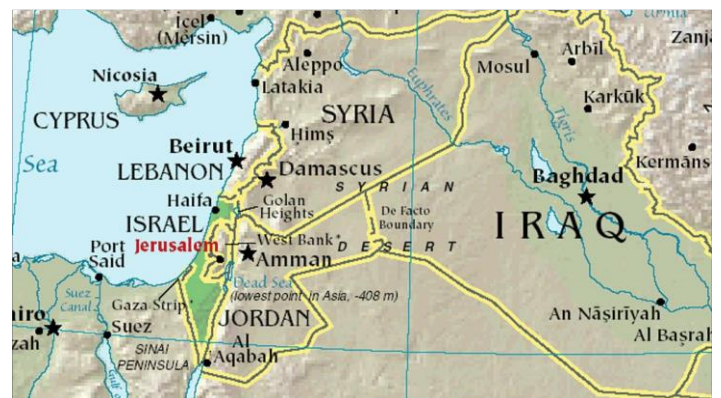
Will Have Its World Headquarters in JERUSALEM, ISRAEL

#3 IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER WILL BE

The Looking for, a Global Commercial System Based in Babylon

The Babylonian Global Trade System

Will Have Its World Headquarters in NEW BABYLON, IRAQ





Bible Scholars for Years Have Come to Believe
 that Babylon, - - Is That Geographical Babylon in Iraq Which will be Rebuilt in
 the Last Days and...

26 YEARS AGO DR. HENRY MORRIS WROTE

"That which is today modern Iraq, will by some method or mode be brought to a place of dramatic change. the world community, headed up by the west and the powers of the antichrist, will make this now barren place, an International Headquarters for Global Commerce."

There's Talk That Iraq will Be Converting to Either the U.S. Dollar or the European Euro as a Currency! –
the Bloomberg Report

The Bible Assumes, Takes for Granted,
 That Babylon Will Be Rebuilt
 Because Here in Revelation 18, It Describes its Destruction
 (You Can't Destroy something That doesn't Exist)

***Since We Know That Ancient Babylon is Today Modern Iraq,
 We Have Some Questions to Ask.***

- 1 - Is Babylon/Iraq in the Bible - yes!
- 2 - Is Babylon/Iraq to Be a Topic in the Last Days - yes!
- 3 - Is Babylon/Iraq in the News Today - yes!
- 4 - Is Babylon/Iraq to Be Rebuilt - yes!

**So Then, When Will Babylon Be Rebuilt? - I Know The Answer!
*It Must Be Rebuilt Prior to it Being Destroyed,
 And We Know That It Will Be Destroyed at the End of the Great Tribulation Period.***

The Timing Then is Very Important to Us as Christians!

According To The Bible There Must:

First;

Come The Reunification of a Jewish State Called Israel

Second;

**There Must be a Reunification
of The Old Roman Empire, a European Reunification,**

Daniel 7:23

“Thus he said: Daniel, ‘The fourth beast that you saw shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all *other* kingdoms,

Third:

**There will Come a Peace Treaty
between Israel and Her Neighbors**

Daniel 9:27

Then he (antichrist) shall confirm a covenant with them for *one week* or 7 years; But in the middle of it - He shall bring an end to it...

Fourth:

There Will be a Reconstructed, Jewish Temple in Jerusalem

2 Thessalonians 2:4

This Man, The Antichrist is He - - who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

Fifth:

There Will Arise Ten Political Rulers (Kings)

Daniel 2:44

And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

Daniel 7:23b-24

And this final kingdom shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in to pieces. :24 The ten horns of this kingdom, *are ten kings Who* shall arise out of the fourth kingdom. And another king shall rise after them; He shall be different from the ten...

Revelation 17:12

“The ten horns which you saw are ten kings

According to the Bible;

sin is behind the Wheel and It's driving this world Straight toward
It's end, and that end is a great cliff.

The Bible Has Made It Very Clear,

James 1:14-15

But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. :15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

1 John 2:15-17

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the things of the world, the love of the Father is not in him. :16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. :17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Sin is The One Behind the Wheel and It's The One Driving
in The Lives of Those Who Do Not Know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior!

ENROUTE TO BABYLON
MANKIND'S FINAL STAND

1.) What Babylon will come to know - the end is near

v.1-3

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What Babylon will come to know - the end is near

a.) Because Babylon lives in darkness

v.1

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What Will Be Of Babylon?

we know for sure that it is certainly a system of spiritual doctrine and influence
(Revelation 17)

We're Talking About a Global System

a Babylonian Political Power = Rome
a Babylonian Religious Headquarters, = Jerusalem
a Physical Babylonian City, = New Babylon, Iraq

In Totality - - It is The Babylonian System!

an all encompassing, global attempt by man to create a utopia on earth
A World Without God - for everything is God.
the trees are god and the fish are god and the earth is god...
and man is god.

>>>> Its Doctrine is Humanistic <<<<

The Deification of Mankind; it's called
"Humanism"

**THIS WORLD IS CURRENTLY
ENROUTE TO BABYLON
AND IT WILL BE MANKIND'S FINAL STAND**

What Babylon will come to know - the end is near

b.) Because Babylon lives in sinful practices

v.2

And he cried **mightily** with a **loud** voice, saying, "Babylon the great **is fallen, is fallen** and (Babylon) has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!

**There is Now a New Messenger,
of the Utmost Importance and Rank!
His Message is/Has Been Reserved for the Last Days of the Great Tribulation Period.**

It's That Angel that was Heard from Back in Revelation 14:8
And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city,

Isaiah 21:9
And look, here comes a chariot of men *with* a pair of horsemen!" Then he answered and said, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen! And all the carved images of her gods He has broken to the ground."

And he cried **mightily** with a **loud** voice, saying, "Babylon the great **is fallen, is fallen...**

"First Off"

by the grace of God He took away from me my stuttering.

He's Announcing The End to the Two Players
The Religious Woman in Chapter 17 was The Religious Babylonian System
And The Political Beast of Chapter 18 is the Commercial Babylonian System

"These Two Babylons in Concert" are like a single coin with two faces



The Woman, The Beast, The European Union, And The Currency of a
New Roman Empire

The Babylons Have Fallen
The Woman Who Rode Upon the Beast - a False Church System
The Beast Who Carried Her - a False Political System

A Yet Future Event for Sure...

Isaiah 13:19

And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, The beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, Will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. :20 It will never be inhabited, Nor will it be settled from generation to generation;

What Babylon will come to know - the end is near

c.) Because Babylon lives in idolatry

v.3

For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, **the kings of the earth** have committed fornication with her, and **the merchants of the earth** have become rich through the abundance of her luxury."

Matthew 6:24

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

James 5:1-3

Come now, *you* rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon *you!* :2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. :3 Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days.

1 Timothy 6:10

For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

***In The End -- Iraq/Babylon will be the Commerce Capitol of the World,
When The Worlds Capitol Flows Into It.***

ENROUTE TO BABYLON

MANKIND'S FINAL STAND

2.) What Babylon will come to know - is that God is just

v.4-7

And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, (collectively) lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. :5 For her sins have **reached** to heaven, (a ziggurat) and God has **remembered** her iniquities. (since the tower of Babel, I've been watching and waiting) :6 Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her. :7 In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, "I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.

What Babylon will come to know - is that God is just

a.) He's just to the believer - they'll have His appeal

v.4-5

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This Voice We Have Not Heard From in Awhile,
It's a Welcomed Voice to Us and to All Who Have Believed...

It's Christ Jesus Speaking;
"Come out of her, my people,

**THIS HAS BEEN HIS WORD TO ALL HIS CHILDREN,
THROUGHOUT ALL THE AGES**

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? :15 And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? :16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "*I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.*" :17 Therefore "*Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.*" :18 "*I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty.*"

Matthew 5:14-16

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. :15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. :16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

***"Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins,
and lest you receive of her plagues.***

Isaiah 26:19-21

Your dead shall live; *Together with* my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; For your dew *is like* the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead. :20 Come, my people, enter your chambers, And shut your doors behind you; Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, Until the indignation is past. :21 For behold, the LORD comes out of His place To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; The earth will also disclose her blood, And will no more cover her slain.

————— *End of Study* —————