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## Preface

The book you are about to read is the result of 10 years worth of research. I began this book as a result of hearing a TV evangelist speak out against the ‘sins’ of America. This individual claimed that America was the Babylon of Revelation chapter 17, because there was rampant sinful sexual behavior on TV, Radio, the Movies and in every aspect of society. That was his only basis for such a claim, other than he claimed that the Statue of Liberty was an idol harlot. Well now that got my attention, because I felt the Statue of Liberty did not present a particularly alluring image. In fact, this minister was an ignorant Bible-thumping, money-grubbing moron. He said so many outlandish and completely and scripturally false things, I was amazed that he was so boldly getting away with it.

The more I listened, the angrier I became. I resolved to write this ‘moron’ a letter, not so much to straighten him out, because I determined he was not able to be straightened, but to scare him away from such further foolishness. The man was an embarrassment to Christianity. I had to write. So, I started to write a letter pointing out the facts that the Bible was not written in English, but rather in Hebrew and Greek. I figured this guy thought that God only spoke in English, as did everyone else in the Bible. Never mind the fact that English hadn’t even been invented when the Bible was written, this guy was too stupid and ignorant to recognize such a problem. (Why I ever stopped flipping the channels to watch him that day still amazes me)

Now a funny thing happened on the way to writing that letter. I never did get it finished. The moment I began to do some preliminary research, I read the Revelation chapter 17 passage. After I had finished, I noticed why some ignorant moron might jump to a conclusion that perhaps the Statue of Liberty might seem to mildly be similar to the description of a woman in that passage. But it was just a coincidence. However, I did stumble onto some other clues that started a flurry of frenzied initial research that lasted for nearly a month of seemingly non-stop textual research buttressed by some background research.

Next thing I knew, I was beginning to doubt my own views on the subject. I continued my research for months on end. I presented part of my research to others with a similar theological background. Some of my colleagues were surprised while others thought I was “nuts” to consider anything but the standard conservative dogma on the issue.

I had always thought that the Babylon of Revelation was Rome. All of my theology professors and all the prophecy ‘experts’ agreed, Rome and the Catholic Church were the twin identities of Mystery Babylon. The only problem that I had with this idea, was that it didn’t fit the data that I was uncovering in the Biblical text. What did shock me was that some of the identifying data seemed to point to America. Well the only thing harder to swallow than my pride was the realization that the good old USA was not the wonderful and righteous country that I had been raised to believe. The research began in earnest.

Now, if America is ‘mystery Babylon’ then America isn’t the nation we all thought of it as being. That was antithetical to me. I’m an American. I’m a Christian. America is Christianity, well sort of, or well it used to be Christian. I mean; “America, the Beautiful, God shed His grace on thee,” and “In God we trust” (all others pay cash), and of course our leaders pray to God, and the Russians and other countries sure don’t do that. Many sporting events would start with a prayer. Of course that was years ago.

America is the land of churches. U.S. churches have sent out more missionaries, than any other country in the history of the world. American Churches may have sent out more missionaries in its history than everyone else in the 2,000 year history of the church. (or so I thought it seemed, but really I knew better) At any rate, America was simply thought of as being God’s Chosen Country, and maybe He should replaced Israel with America. Right? America is God’s Country. God could never consider America worse than Sodom or Gomorrah, right??? It seems that to do so would be to like cutting off your nose to spite your face, or so it would seem.

Those were the questions and emotions that I wrestled with in my mind as the research piled up conclusion after conclusion, and none of it good for my country. It was indicating that America was indeed Babylon. God, of course had not forsaken Israel for America. Another problem I faced was the question as to how can the data indicate one conclusion to me, and another to the prophecy "experts." I mean, they are the ‘experts.’ Some how

I must have made a wrong turn or maybe several that got me into such a mess.

I went back over my research, and then started new and more extended research. The months turned into years. Again, and again, the textual and empirical data failed to support the popular view of the experts. The data pointed to the notion that America was Mystery Babylon, and as such was destined for destruction, greater than what occurred at Sodom and Gomorrah.

I tried to find the data to prove myself wrong. I went out of my way to try to bend the data to at least give maybe a benefit of doubt in favor of America's innocence. It couldn't be done. I'd have felt a lot better if I could have proven America innocent of the claim.

Finally, the material became overwhelming in its composition against the established view of the experts. I began to take my files of notes and develop them into this book. Notes on textual translation work were saved. Notes on empirical data were organized. I'd need it all if I were to hope to prove the case that my research conclusions were valid...that America was Babylon and would someday be destroyed in a blinding divine judgment. I showed my research (extended and updated) research to others. The typical response was ranging from surprise to shock. No one questioned the data anymore. It was convincing.

The material, particularly the exegesis of the Biblical texts has been researched and reviewed by this author, over and over, again and again, for more than 10 years. Finally in 1997, this book began to take shape after 3 years of less than part time attention to composition and mostly full time follow-up research. In early 1998, the book took its final form that you see here in front of you. It is hoped that you, the reader will find the material helpful and beneficial in your understanding of what is going on around us in our world. If you have any additional information on the subject of the identity of 'mystery Babylon' feel free to contact me at the Internet website as listed in the front pages of this book. Thank you for your interest in this subject and for purchasing this book.

Sincerely,  
R. A. Coombes

# **America, The Babylon**

## **SECTION I**

### **Preliminary Data**

## **Helpful Hints**

### **For Using Reference Tools**

to verify the book's data claims  
for yourself

Because of the nature of the claims made in this book, the author has included ways for the reader to follow along and verify the translation work that is presented in the book. Even if you, the reader do not have any background in the ancient Biblical languages of Hebrew or Greek, you can still follow-up with your own verification process if you understand how to use the simple and easy guidelines given here in this chapter. Why should you follow up with your own verification? The reason is to better understand for yourself what is going on with the text, and to not rely on what someone else tells you, but rather to check it out and verify it for yourself. Once you know how, it will be very difficult for someone to mislead you whether unintentional or not. This knowledge is not limited to the material in this book, but rather is applicable to the entire Bible.

There are reference tools that this author recommends for your use in verifying any Biblical material claims made here or anywhere else. You do not have to be a rocket scientist or some other genius to use these reference works. If you can use a dictionary, you can use these references. In some respects, these can be as easy if not easier than a regular Webster's dictionary. The first book you should definitely have as a novice, is the:

#### **“Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible”**

This is a classic reference work by James Strong, a noted Biblical Scholar. With this book, you can find the original Hebrew or Greek word in the Bible, by simply looking up the English word. This book then has a 'code number' for each Greek or Hebrew word. Other scholars in many other reference works such as lexicons, and also some other commentaries have adopted these code numbers. With these code numbers, an uneducated reader can go to many reference works and find further background information on those words.

Now, Strong's Concordance numbers and Lexicons alone will not enable the uneducated reader to fully translate like a scholar, but it will give you the ability to check out whether the words are being used correctly by an author, or a minister/preacher's sermon. Let's do a quick explanation of how to get the most out of a Concordance.

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance is just what its title indicates. It is exhaustive. It contains every single word given in the English Bible. Now there are Strong's Concordances available for different translations. If you prefer the King James Version of the Bible then you will find a version of Strong's for the KJV available at most bookstores and libraries. Versions for the NIV or the NASB or another translation may be a little harder to find, but any good bookstore can get you a quick order on whatever is your favorite version. This is a book that I believe every Christian must own, if they are serious about learning what is in the Bible. The Strong's Concordance is a key to unlocking things that are otherwise hard to understand on your own, just using an English translation. It is fairly inexpensive. I've seen them on sale in some stores for as little as \$12.00 to \$20.00. \$20.00 is about the regular pricing for most versions. It is a 'big' book too, with hundreds of pages. So, you ask, how does one use this book?

### **How to use Strong's Concordance:**

Find an English word that you want to analyze in its original language definition. Turn in Strong's concordance to that word, just as you would in a dictionary. With each word in the main part of the book, there is no definition listed, just the word, and below the word is a line of words for every place that the word is used in the Bible. The listings start in numerical order starting with Genesis 1:1 (the first book of the Bible). Each line will contain the word you have chosen plus the phrase of the verse that it is a part of. At the far right end of the line is a number. That number is your code number. If the word you want is found in the Old Testament Hebrew, then you would turn to the back of the book to find the Hebrew dictionary. Once you are there, look for the number. Remember Hebrew numbers are in bold face, and Greek numbers are in italics. It is easy to find the number when the dictionary is listed numerically.

Now once you have arrived at the number, you will see the original language letters. The Hebrew will look like chicken scratchings to you. The

Greek letters will look somewhat familiar to you. From the original word, letters are the phonetic pronunciations. Then the definitions start. Some words have more information listed than do others.

After you have mastered Strong's Concordance numbering system, which is really easy, you can resort to using lexicons. Your local public or church library may have some of the more popular ones. Lexicons can give you more in-depth word definitions and backgrounds. In addition to the lexicons, the use of an interlinear will help. An interlinear gives you the original language letters and words on one line and right below each word is the literal English translation in basic form. This will help with understanding word order, which is one way that the ancient languages conveyed the idea of stress or importance of a word.

For further information on Lexicons and Interlinears see the back of this book for a complete listing of recommended Lexicons and Interlinears.

## **A Short Fictional Scenario**

Based on the Biblical Prophecies

Time: 2355 hours  
Location: U.S. Space Command Center/NORAD  
Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado  
In the "Situation Tracking Room"

The large dark room resembled a movie theater auditorium. There was a short stage in the front of the room and a large illuminated screen with smaller screens above and below the main screen. There were no moving pictures, only an electronic computer map of the world displayed on the big screen. The smaller screens were radarscope returns focused on different parts of the world and the area of outer space near the Earth. The room had several computer terminals and desk. Nearly three dozen Air Force personnel manned the room on the graveyard shift this particular night.

It had been a rather uneventful evening so far. Most nights on the graveyard shifts were rather uneventful. Once in a while there would be a busy night, usually during the meteor shower seasons. This night promised to be no different. The officer-in-charge was a veteran Colonel from the old days of the Cold War. He had also seen action in the Gulf War. He had seen it all. Nothing was new for him, and nothing surprised him. That is until 2359 hours.

A young Air Force Captain stationed at his computer console was scanning the portion of outer space where planet Earth's orbit was heading. His duty was to utilize the deep sweep radar system to determine what, if any space objects might be headed into the planetary orbital pathway. At 2358 hours he spotted something. As the sweep came back around, the computer began pushing numbers and incoming data relevant to the onrushing object. The young Captain immediately pushed the red button on his console. Instantly the shrill sound of a siren and the flashing of a red light shattered the quiet room situated on the top of his console.

"Sir," I have an incoming 'fastwalker' at 12 o'clock. Range. Point one A. U. Speed estimated at more than seven thousand miles per hour," the Captain announced.

The Colonel looked up and over at the Captain's station. He turned to his aide, a Major, and nodded. "Major, transfer screen 22 to the big board and let's take a look."

The big screen switched from an Earth map to a radar scope plot, focusing into the darkness of deep space.

“Major, what do you make of this?” asked the Colonel.

The Major responded, “Colonel, I suppose it’s a meteorite or a meteor?”

“No, Major it just zigzagged, meteors and meteorites don’t do that.” The Colonel’s voice was harsh.

The Major was apologetic in his response, “I missed the last course adjustment sir, it went by all too fast. I’d say we have a UFO on our hands.”

“A true fastwalker?” queried the Colonel.

The Major hesitated for a moment as he looked at the incoming data stream coming in on the screen. “I think so, sir.” The Major’s voice did not seem to convey the usual certainty that was so characteristic of the Major.

“I think you may be right, Major.” Now the Colonel turned with his back to the ‘big board’ screen and shook his head, as if in disbelief. The room atmosphere shifted noticeably. Everyone in the room was now watching the ‘big board’ screen. The room seemed so silent, except for the hum of computers and the air conditioning system. After a minute or so, the young Captain who first gave the alarm looked up from his terminal screen to advise the Colonel on a new development.

“Sir, Colonel sir.” The Captain’s voice seemed to show a hint of alarm, but deep down inside of himself, the Captain was more than alarmed. It just didn’t show externally in his well-disciplined appearance.

“Yes, Captain.” The Colonel responded quickly now, without looking at the Captain.

“I’m picking up more objects sir. They should show on the ‘big board’ in a few seconds, sir.” The Captain’s voice betrayed to others his own fear.

“Thank you, Captain. Transfer your screen mode to ‘live and direct’ on the ‘big board’. I want to watch this without any download delays.” The Colonel now moved directly to the front and center of the big board located on the stage platform. The new radar screen came into focus and the Colonel stepped up onto the platform, staring in disbelief at a growing number of objects now blipping onto the display. Everyone in the room stood transfixed at the ‘big board’ now. The mood in the room grew tense. This was no ordinary event. One unidentified object had grown to 7, then 14, and at the moment was 21. And more blips continued to appear. It seemed to be a first wave from an invading armada, all headed straight for planet Earth.

“Major, I think we have a problem. Get me the General on line. He should be home tonight. I think he’s gonna want to see this with his own eyes.” The

Colonel paused for a moment then turned and stepped back down to a nearby desk and reached to pick up a phone, turning back to face the big screen. “Holy cow, these objects are flying formations... one, two, three, four... seven per format and there’s one, two, three, four, five, six, seven formations... that’s 49 objects on 7 formats, and that’s just the lead element of what appears to be a first wave of an invasion. People, let’s stay alert and not let our emotions get carried away in this.” The Colonel was speaking to everyone in the room, but he was not sure if anyone really comprehended his meaning. He wasn’t sure if it even mattered.

It only took a minute to reach the commanding General of the U.S. Space Command Center. In that space of time the number of unknown objects were growing and now almost doubling every few seconds. By the time the General answered the phone, the reported number of objects was measured in hundreds. It didn’t take the General long to reach the “situation room.” As he walked into the room he shook hands with the Colonel.

“Evenin’ Dave.” The General’s voice seemed casual; almost nonchalant compared to the mood that existed in the room.

“Good evening General.” The Colonel’s voice didn’t convey the real level of concern welling up inside himself. He knew all too well the ramifications and implications of what was developing out in space, but he didn’t want to let on to the others.

“Cut the crap, Dave. This is no time for pretensions.” The General glanced briefly at the ‘big board’ and then turned back to the Colonel and said, “Wow, they’re not wasting any time are they? They’ve got the ‘big board’ lit up like a Christmas tree. Course, I kinda thought it might happen tonight.”

“What do you mean, General?” The Colonel now walked the General up onto the stage platform as together they stared at the images flickering on the screen.

“Well”... the General paused for a moment looking keenly at the Colonel’s face. The General paused and deliberated for a moment in his mind, as to whether he should tell the Colonel something. “Ever since that mass disappearance of people all over the planet last week... well, I kinda figured they’d be back.”

The Colonel looked puzzled, and the General noticed the Colonel’s confusion. “Oh, that’s right, you’ve been on a month’s leave. I forgot that this was your first night back on duty. I take it that you were not briefed before coming on duty?”

“Briefed? Uhhh, no, no one briefed me on this,” replied the Colonel.

The General let out a short sigh, paused for a moment to consider whether or not he should say all that he knew. "We had a massive 'fastwalker' when the disappearance took place last Sunday afternoon. It was huge. We couldn't quite get a fix on it, but one computer estimate put it as large as the moon. Some sort of artificial type of planet or space station I suppose. It came out from behind the moon, just like these little puppies are doin' now. First it was there and then just as quickly it was gone. A follow up check and a recheck as well as further system tests showed no computer malfunctions. We even got a photo of it from the Hubble space telescope, but these objects we're seeing now, we've seen 'em before. We've even shot down a few of 'em."

"General, with all due respect, these are not little ones sir. Some of these objects are several miles in diameter, with what appears to be fighters and bombers coming out from within these ships." The Colonel didn't quite understand the general's line of reasoning about the size of the objects.

The General continued with his impromptu briefing, ignoring the Colonel's comment. The General determined that it was necessary to tell the Colonel everything that he knew. "Yes sir, Dave, they didn't bother leaving us a ransom note, they just took some of our best people...and now they're comin' back...to either get the rest of us, or kill us. Operation Angel's Haarp briefing papers indicated that all of this would happen." The General paused briefly then continued as he slowly walked around the room with his hands clasped behind his back. "They said it would happen, coincidentally on the forty second day after the Jewish Passover. They just didn't know what year it would happen...but this year seemed most likely to them, but nobody was sure. Really though, nobody was sure or is sure about anything 'til now."

"General, what does the Jewish Passover have to do with it?" Now the Colonel's face was showing real confusion.

"Colonel, from what I'm told," the General took another long pause and then turned and stared directly into the Colonel's eyes and continued... "There are some evil forces trying to destroy this planet. The Jewish prophets foretold it. Some of our people have captured a few of these beings, but most died after capture without talking. One alien did survive and he talked. He told us what we needed to know. He told us that this event would come some day. He told us to be prepared and ready...that's why Project Haarp was developed. Hell, that's why the commies caved in... these guys in the saucers had a long talk with them too, and told 'em the facts of life."

The Colonel's face showed signs of astonishment and disbelief. The General just ignored it and continued on with this briefing. "You see Dave, it seems that these little fellows have been around quite a while...and they're not the only ones...there's at least 2 dozen or more species of intelligent life forms

and maybe more traversing our solar system...maybe a hundred different species just in this one galactic federation alone...and they told us during a summit that we held with their supreme commander that they invented all our religious leaders and all of our religions.”

Now the Colonel was dumbfounded. He stared down at the floor in disbelief, trying to comprehend all that he was now hearing. The General continued with his thoughts.... “Jesus...yup, they created him out of a test tube. Same for Moses, and Buddha, and Mohammed and on and on. They created our religions, our laws and us. Now, some of them have split into a rebel faction and started a civil war. According to these Federation ambassadors, they came to warn us about their outlaw rebels, whom they feared would come to attack planet Earth in order to take hostages and negotiate a peaceful settlement with the Federation. We humans here on planet Earth have somehow been caught in the middle of all this...”

The General paused again for a moment. The Colonel looked back up at the General, still in shock at what he was hearing, but he knew that the General wouldn't make up such a story. The General noticed the Colonel's reactions before continuing with the final stunning piece of news, which somehow seemed like hope. “Now, from what I'm told, we can expect these friendly Federation forces to send us their long promised 'Messiah.’” The general paused momentarily to gauge the impact he was having. He then continued... “Sort of their Superman type of guy, who has the power to stop this kidnapping and butchery that's been going on for several decades now...like the human abductions and cattle mutilations associated with the flying saucer stories...yes they were true.”

The room grew silent again. Everyone in the room had overheard what the General had told the Colonel. They too, were stunned at what they had just heard from the General.

“So what do we do now?” asked the Colonel.

“Colonel,”...the General again paused for a long deliberate breath. He then turned around and looked directly at the 'big board' before looking down to a phone on a nearby desk... “It is time to call the President.”

The scene shifts to Brussels, Belgium. There the President of the United States has been engaged in an emergency meeting with NATO leaders concerning the mass disappearance of millions of people on the prior Sunday. The White House Chief of Staff answered the phone and turned it over to the President... “It's for you, sir. U.S. Space Command Center in Colorado.”

The President takes the phone... “Yes, General. Uh huh. I see.” The room grew silent as the President listened intently to the voice on the other end of the

phone line. “You’re sure it’s an invasion force?... What? You are telling me that you can’t even count them all? ... I see. Thank you, General. Stay in touch with the Chief, and uhh, standby to reroute a signal to the Operation Haarp Command Center.” The President slowly replaced the phone in its cradle.

The President turned to his advisors. His face turned ashen. It was apparent to everyone in the room that the President was shaken by the news he’d just been given. The President somehow mustered up the resolve to convey to his six staffers in the room the news he had just received.

Gentlemen, the United States is coming under attack from some alien military force from outer space, just as we had feared. Our only hope for defense is our H.A.A.R.P. project. If it doesn’t stop them, nothing can. The entire world future rests in our hands, and right now, mine have gone limp. I don’t know what else to do.”

The President’s Chief of Staff spoke up... “Mr. President, let’s turn on CNN and see what they’re showing.” The TV set is turned on and CNN coverage had just begun with an interruption of regular programming.

“CNN has just learned that UFOs have begun appearing all over the country. In all major cities and even in the rural areas. Here in Atlanta, incredibly huge saucer type objects are hovering over the city. It’s all very eerie and reminiscent of the Hollywood movies about invasion from outer space. We are standing by with our Washington Bureau, but we are experiencing technical difficulty with our satellite link. Reports are coming in that, in some cities, the objects have begun to engage in warlike behavior...with beams of light reportedly destroying buildings in New York City. One unconfirmed report indicates that the Statue of Liberty has been destroyed.”...

“Mr. President, we have the G-10 ambassadors in the next room waiting to meet with you sir. You **are** the leader of the ‘free world’ sir; you need to advise them about this. Hopefully we can unite the whole world to fight this invasion sir. They look up to you for leadership, guidance and inspiration. Go in there and reassure them.” The President’s Chief of Staff somehow evoked a fire within the President’s soul. The President’s mood changed to one of determination. He’d go in that next room, and rally the allies. He’d convince them, that he was the man to be followed. The whole human race needed a leader now, more than ever, and he figured he was the man for the job. The President rose up out of his chair and strode confidently through the door and into the next room, and on into destiny.

## Chapter 1 – America, The Babylon

Since the founding of America, Christian theologians have wondered what might be the role of America in the Biblical prophecies of the book of Revelation. In the 20<sup>th</sup> century, American theologians have held a traditional view that America was not mentioned or referenced in the book of specific prophecies known as the Apostle John's book of Revelation.

It was thought, that if America was referred to in any way or manner in Biblical prophecy, it was in the Old Testament book of Ezekiel. The prophet Ezekiel's book includes a symbolical reference, (or so it was thought) to the nation of Great Britain, where Ezekiel refers to, "the merchants of Tarshish with all the young lions." (Ez. 38:13). This passage was thought to refer to Tarshish as meaning Britain, and the young lions were thought to represent the former colonies of Britain...among them being, of course, the United States of America.

The context of this reference in Ezekiel is that of an alliance of nations that would come to Israel's defense just before the nation of "Gog", (interpreted by many to be Russia) invades Israel in what many have mistakenly called the coming battle of Armageddon. While the object of this book is strictly to identify America in prophecy, we should note without going into detail, that such views concerning Gog and Armageddon are flawed. So too, is the narrow view that America's role is much greater and more prominent. Ezekiel's reference may or may not be referring to Great Britain at all, but even if it does refer to Britain and her colonies, America is not to be among the young lions coming to Israel's defense.

Other prophecy scholars in the post WWII era put forth the view that America was simply not mentioned in Bible prophecy. Such a view leads to a logical question of, Why not? Why is America left out? It is a question that many prophecy scholars have pondered over, and has triggered many a debate within theological circles. If the Bible has no mention of America, then why is America left out?

Theologians who believe that America is left out of prophecy can only respond to the question of why, with a theory that America will simply:

1. cease to exist
2. will exist, but be an isolationist country, and not be involved
3. will exist, but no longer be a military/economic power

Now the first idea might be valid if the prophecies of the 'last days' were still far off and not showing signs of immediate fulfillment within the next few short years. The Biblical prophecy time clock started to catch scholar's attention when, in 1948, Israel was restored to nationhood and its homeland. Also of note, in June of 1967, Israel recaptured all of Jerusalem, which until the 6-day war of 1967 had been a divided city with Israel controlling but a portion of the city. On June 6<sup>th</sup> 1967, Israeli soldiers took control of the remainder of the city, and for the first time in nearly 2,000 years, and really for the first time in nearly 2,700 years, Jerusalem was under independent Jewish authority. No longer was the city under some form of colonialism or gentile domination.

Those events started the prophetic timetable ticking. We see that in a prophecy revealed by Jesus in Matthew 24: 32-34, in which he stated the case with the symbolism of Israel's symbol, of the fig tree. The fig tree puts forth its branches and bears fruit. This was a reference to Israel being restored back to her homeland and growing up. Verse 34 states that the generation which witnesses this, will not pass away until "all these things be fulfilled." This is a reference to the final prophecies that will occur just before His Second Coming, when He will return to reign as the World-King of the Earth, from the throne of David in Jerusalem.

IF, the generation that witnessed the rebirth of Israel is not going to pass away until HE returns, then we have a distinct time limit set in place with the clock beginning to tick on May 15<sup>th</sup> 1948 when Israel was reborn as a nation. That sets a time parameter on all the rest of the future prophecies. So that, now we can ask; Is America still existing in 2048, or perhaps even to the year 2068 as an outer parameter...if the generation means those being born in the year 1948...and living to be 100 or 120 years of age? If we narrow that time scope to be those who were coming of age as adults in 1948, then that time parameter narrows substantially. If we narrow the time parameter to 40 years (or 50 years for a Jubilee period)... and mark it from either 1948 or 1967 (when Israel got back all of Jerusalem) then we come to a time frame between 1998 and 2007.

Should we expect America to exist in this shorter time frame? If so, then shouldn't America still be a potent power in world affairs? In other words, if prophetic events are **imminent, and they are**, shouldn't we expect America to be mentioned in the Biblical prophecies? Or will America be isolationist oriented and ignore the events in the Middle East? Is that what we can expect out of America? Is American foreign policy showing signs of such isolationism even now? Hardly. Whether a Republican or a Democrat, whether a conservative or a liberal occupies the White House, no president will stand by and watch Israel be destroyed by a coalition of Arab armies. In point of fact, America's role in the Middle East has been growing year by year since 1948. Indeed, we are more active now in brokering peace all over the world than we ever have been. Do you remember Bosnia? Somalia? Haiti? Panama? Granada? Those nations are where we sent our troops, with "meals on wheels" socialism for the masses.

We are now more active than ever before in world affairs and leadership. To say that America will be in isolationism during the key 7 years of Tribulation would be to ignore trends and the compositional ideology of those in power in this country. America will not be allowed to revert to isolationism. If the events of Biblical prophecies were to be fulfilled in the next few years, then we would expect America to be mentioned in the prophecies. If America is not in isolation, then perhaps option #3 as we mentioned earlier will come into play.

Option #3 is that America will lose its military and economic power and status. This is a more plausible possibility. However, if the prophecies are to occur in the next few years, it is hard to conceive that America will in effect “fall off the radar screen” of world prominence due to a natural decline of its economy or its military. There are proponents of this view, who suggest that Asia and Europe will rise into such prominence as to overshadow America. They note a seeming downward trend in our military, as well as a loss of economic industrial muscle.

Asia has been an ‘economic house of cards’ and recent events suggest that Asia is not the up and coming power that it had seemed destined to become. Europe is in the throws of joining itself into a union of separate nations. Such a development, like America’s earliest days is fraught with problems, and will require decades to reach the prominence enjoyed now by America. Europe is handicapped by too much history and ethnicity to unite into one powerful bonded nation in less than a generation.

With the Asian financial crisis, the world markets are still reflecting the stabilizing role of U.S. market leadership. Europe’s markets are still far from providing economic leadership that America has provided. Europe’s economic muscle will take years and years of development to reach or supercede that of the U.S.

Militarily, the U.S. is secretly more powerful than all the rest of the countries in the world put together and multiplied. There are secret military projects that are known as “black” projects that are so superior technologically that it makes what we have that is publicly visible today look like ‘cave-man’ technology. These “black” projects are like the technology of Star Trek. If certain intelligence sources are even half-right, the U.S. has the technology to stop any war before it starts. The U.S. has and has had the capability to stop a nuclear missile attack before it can even launch! This technology has a sinister element involving that nebulous subject known as UFOs.

According to inside sources in the intelligence community there is a definite military program with UFO capabilities that could overwhelm China and Russia without breaking a sweat, but there is a catch. It involves the source of the technology and that source can veto any decision by the U.S. leadership to use

such weapons. So that it appears that the U.S. would have to get permission to use the technology from the source of that technology. That source is non-human, and it is the originating source of UFOs. The source has its own agenda, and right now, the American military is a useful ally to achieve its own agenda.

The subject of UFOs is a matter for another book, and is not the focus of this work. Suffice it to say that America is not going downhill militarily. With the technology given to America on a trade basis, America just doesn't really need tanks, large armies or even jet aircraft to defend itself from other nations. To gain this capability though, the U.S. has "sold its soul to the Devil" and the other part of that bargain is about to be transacted soon. We will explain this later on in the book.

So, the assertion that America is weak does not hold water, as this author sees the issues. Those who think so just haven't seen or realized the full scope of reality, because it is hidden under a 'black' operations agenda. America is also not moving towards isolationism. On the contrary, America is moving into a unique leadership role marching towards a New World Order.

If you haven't noticed, we have examined the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> theoretical possibilities as to why America isn't mentioned in scripture, but we have yet to address theory number one. Theory number one is that America ceases to exist in the last 7 years of the Biblical time frame known as the great Tribulation. Now, it would seem that to achieve this end, America would have to fall apart internally...to fall into anarchy or civil war. While the media has hyped the "militia" movement, and other extremist groups and also played the race-relations card, and the "class warfare" card, it is inconceivable that the U.S. will fall into such a state of internal affairs so as to destroy its leadership status in the world. However, massive physical changes, such as earthquakes, weather, and other calamities do have definite possibilities and such events could make it possible for America to cease existence or reducing America's status in world affairs. But if this were so, wouldn't it be mentioned in the Biblical prophecies? Maybe, maybe not. Certainly this would be a critical development leading to the rise of the Anti-Christ. What about a sudden nuclear surprise attack that destroys America? This too, is arguably plausible in theory. Again though, would this be mentioned in scripture? Maybe, and then again, maybe not.

Consider this...If we are at such a late time in the prophetic time clock, and given the current status of America's position, surely the demise of such a country and its prior dominance would play a factoring role in the Biblical prophecies just ahead. This is said because...the prophecies of Revelation chapters 17 and 18 speak of a world power, which had achieved a level of loftiness of achievements. It continues to add that the world had never seen such levels of accomplishment in all societal aspects, and according to the prophecy the world would never see such again during the current 'age of the gentiles'. So that, if America falls, who is going to rise to such prominence and

accomplishments so quickly as to make America's achievements look insignificant in the portals of human history. Who is going to arise so fast and accomplish so much in so short of a time span as to fit the description of the Babylon of Revelation 17, and 18??? We are talking about a range of accomplishments from architecture to culture, to science, and economics, not to mention military dominance. (don't forget the 'black-budget operational projects) Remember to consider this, what country in the next few years can top the achievement of America's Apollo Moon program, as well as being the first to send a probe out of the solar system, and the first to land on Mars. America was the first to fly, to develop a submarine, nuclear weapons, television, radio, telephones, computers, transistors, mass manufacturing, etc.

So if not America, what nation will be the 'mystery Babylon' spoken of in Revelation, chapters 17 and 18? I submit that there is no other nation that could or will, and that therefore America must be the "super" nation mentioned in Revelation. What this book will do is prove positively that IF the Biblical prophecies are to be fulfilled in our generation, then the identity of Babylon must be America.

Empirical data suggests that it is America, not Rome, or London, nor some resurrected Iraqi empire, nor the United States of Europe. Textually, from the scriptures, there is overwhelming evidence that is ironclad in its data pointing only to the identity of 'mystery Babylon' as being that of the United States of America. Revelation chapters 17 and 18 give us 65 major identifying data points, which are identifying markers, that point out the identifying characteristics that point out the identity of this 'Babylon', and what its future will be. This book will bring this material into analysis.

This book will bring to light all the major identification markers found in Revelation plus there are 33 additional identification markers found in the Old Testament prophecies of Jeremiah and Isaiah concerning this 'future' Babylon that will exist at the time of the coming of Messiah, i.e. "in the last days"... or "in those days and at those times." We will explore all of these identifying elements. We will also explore the descriptions of this Babylon's doom, who is involved, and how and where it will transpire. Of course, we will also look at the timing of this event in relation to the other predicted events.

Now, for those readers who have little or no Biblical background, it is recommended that they read and understand the earlier section which offers some tips and recommendations for how to follow along without getting lost, and how to verify the data for oneself. Again, this author urges the reader to have at hand, a Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, along with a Bible...preferably an English/Greek New Testament Interlinear or the plain English translation...the New American Standard Version of the Bible. Also, again it is helpful for those who can access it...certain Greek/English Lexicons and also a Hebrew Interlinear Bible and also Hebrew/English Lexicons. These

tools can help the reader find out for himself whether or not the data presented in this book is true and factual. It will help the reader better understand and grasp the significance of the material and provide a better appreciation for the Bible itself.

## **Chapter 2 – Introduction to Biblical Prophecy Basic Background**

The Bible contains many predictions that are yet to be fulfilled. Most of these are concentrated in a few books of the Bible. The rest are references scattered throughout the entire Bible. For example, Genesis chapter 3 contains several singular prophecies, most of which are either fulfilled or are partially fulfilled and awaiting final conclusions. One such example is the prediction that God would solve the sin problem and restore humanity to its original state of perfection. With the coming of Jesus, the anointed one of God, the first segment has been fulfilled...that of course being the sin problem and reconciliation with God. Yet, the completion of this calls for perfection with new “bodies”...flesh and bone. This still awaits final fulfillment.

There are other segmented passages of prophecy that are still future in fulfillment. Such as the prophecies Jesus Christ made during His first time on Earth. Each of the “synoptic” gospels contain at least one chapter of these future predictions in a dissertation that he made shortly before the Crucifixion. The gospels contain other predictions that he made, but in short singular segments, some of which are already fulfilled.

There are also scattered prophetic references in the New Testament epistles, via the Apostle Paul and the Apostle Peter. And then of course, there is the whole prophetic book of The Revelation.

In the Old Testament, also known to Jews as the Tanach, the major and minor prophets reveal much prophecy that is still future as well, though the central focus is upon Israel’s destiny. A list of the more significant large chunks of unfulfilled prophecy is included below for the reader who has little prior background information. This list may help the casual reader to better understand and grasp this immense and complex subject matter.

### **Main books of unfulfilled prophecy in the Old Testament:**

Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Zechariah

### **Main segments of unfulfilled prophecy in the New Testament:**

Matthew, chapter 24; Mark chapter 13; Luke chapter 17: 20-37  
and also chapter 21; 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:13-18 and also 5: 1-15;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians chapter 2; 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy chapter 4; 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy chapter 3  
2<sup>nd</sup> Peter chapter 2 and 3; and of course the entire book of Revelation.

For those readers who are not familiar with Biblical prophecy there is yet another element to consider that may be helpful in understanding and correlating with what will soon proceed in this book. It might be good to understand the various views that are floating around amongst the theologians concerning their views about the future prophecies. We will now look at these prevailing views.

There are really two camps of thinking. The first group rejects the prophecies as they reject everything else about the Bible...and yet they still call themselves Christian theologians. These are the folks who hold to what is known as 'Higher Form Criticism'. Then there are the folks who accept the Biblical claims of the scriptures that the scriptures are divine communication via the Bible, but this group has split into 3 different views of the future events.

Group #1: This group holds to primarily Higher Form Criticism in many respects, yet believes in what is called the 'allegory' method of interpretation. Such an approach results in the view that the church will usher in utopia when enough Christians win over the world to views of peace and love and harmony. When this happens, then things will automatically get better. But they do not hold to a literal view of prophecy. (In fact there is little in the Bible that they take literally) If and or when Christ comes it will be after Christians make the world receptive for Him. This group view is called Amillennialism. They do not hold to the idea of a "rapture" or snatching away of the church in a rescue from tribulation coming upon the world, because most of them don't think or expect a judgment period is coming. They do not take any of the literal aspects of the prophecies. They view the descriptions of events as allegories, or like fables, that is simply lessons to be learned, rather than predictions of the future.

Group #2: This group believes in a mostly literal approach, and expects Christ's return to come literally after a great tribulation (or judgment) period, in which the world and the church will suffer horrendously and be persecuted worse than the early Christians under the Roman Empire. Within this group are subsplits of views on the timing of the return of Christ. One group holds to the notion that Christ will rescue the church at the end of 7 years of persecution. The other group thinks that the rescue will come in the middle of the 7 years of tribulation and persecution. This first subsplit view is called "post-tribulationist" also known as 'post-trib'. The second group view is called the "mid-tribulationist." Many evangelical and or fundamentalist Christians hold one of these views.

Group #3: Believes in a strict literal interpretation and approach. This group expects Christ to return to rescue believers, before the start of the 7 years of tribulation. This view holds that the Anti-Christ cannot come to power while the Christian church is still occupying on Earth. This view is called "Pre-tribulationist" with regards to the 'rapture'/rescue of the church. "Pre-tribulationist" means that the return of Christ for the church occurs before the 7 years of tribulation. This group is also "Pre-millennial" in that the rapture and

the tribulation occurs before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Jesus Christ. Pre-millennial indicates that Christ returns after the judgments and sets up a 1,000 year (or millennial) kingdom here on Earth. This view is held by some evangelicals and by many if not most so-called “fundamentalist” Christians.

This author holds to the views of Group #3 as being the most logical in light of the textual data that exists in the Biblical prophecies. However, the author does not rule out the views of Group #2 entirely because there is not an ironclad 100% clear statement that blatantly, categorically and unequivocally and in no uncertain terms states that the rapture will occur before the tribulation period begins.

There is much more that could be presented in general about these prophetic elements, but they are not the main focus of this book. It is hoped that this author can present a future book that will deal with these and other issues not available for in depth analysis in this book. For now, we can move forward to an introduction to some of the “ground rules” that scholars use to determine Biblical Prophecy Interpretation.

## **Biblical Rules of Interpretation**

The average person in today’s society has little or no understanding of the rules of Biblical interpretation, nor does the average person realize there are such rules. Ironically, all of us do set rules of how we will interpret and relate to the Bible. Many people simply ignore the Bible entirely. That’s one way of relating to it. The typical churchgoer has little or no understanding of the fact that there are rules for understanding what is written in the Bible. Those rules are called... “rules of grammar.” Very few churchgoers, including many ministers are aware of the fact that the Bible, as is sold in most bookstores, was NOT written in English nearly 2,000 years ago. Yes, there are many Christians that are unaware that the English language was not even in existence at the time of the Old and New Testaments were originally written. Of those who are aware, virtually everyone fails to grasp the fundamental differences between the original language text and what we have in today’s English language translations.

There are fundamental differences between the ancient Koine-Greek language of the New Testament and today’s English translations. There are no translations that can fully and accurately reflect the fullest, most subtle aspects of the original Greek text. Therefore, when one wishes to closely examine what God had written down by men to perfectly reveal His communication, one cannot rely upon any English text to fully and completely present God’s meaning behind those words. There are those who think that the old original King James English Version is inspired and perfect. Such is NOT the case, but this is also not the focal point of this book, so we will not delve off the path to focus on such a complicated subject.

The essential element is this...we need to **fully understand** what God has communicated to humanity through the written word. To do so one must resort to an understanding of the original texts and its original languages in order to comprehend in the fullest sense, the complete and exact meaning of what God was trying to communicate to us. That means working with the Hebrew language of the Old Testament and the Koine-Greek language of the New Testament. It is not an easy task to learn those languages. There are many tools available to help anyone, (who has the ability to grasp the alphabet) to utilize, to follow, and to enable even the uninitiated, to double-check and verify for themselves, what is proclaimed from the pulpit, or written in publications.

Do not take anyone's word for granted when it comes to assertions made about the Bible. Check it out for yourself. See the section about learning to use these tools if you are unfamiliar with the following; "an interlinear Bible," a Strong's Concordance, and the Strong's numerical coded word-dictionary locating system. Also helpful are additional lexicons that are also numbered to the Strong's numbering system. If these terms and names are unfamiliar to you the reader, you are encouraged to see the chapter on "Helpful Hints."

This chapter is designed to identify the reasons why we have approached the subject as we have. How have we arrived at the conclusions? What methods did we utilize in Biblical interpretation? To answer this, we first need to know that there are various schools of thinking on interpretation, and various methodologies. There are 2 different approaches to interpreting the Bible.

1. **Higher Form Criticism** – is a form of approach to evaluating the Bible. It holds to the aspect that the Bible is NOT the perfect written communication from the Creator-God of the Universe. This approach assumes and suggests that the Bible is full of errors and God at the minimum cannot be very knowable from the written texts. Those who hold to this approach reject on theory, most of the assertions made by the Biblical texts. The originators of the concept were German theologians dating from the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. They incorrectly believed for instance, that the Bible was full of historical errors and inaccuracies such as the prior existence of the Garden of Eden. They viewed the story of Noah's flood as a myth. They believed that most of Israel's history as recorded in the Bible was a myth. For instance, for over a century, it was considered a fact that the Bible was deliberately lying about the existence of a civilization and people known as the Hittites, as mentioned in the Bible. This was a predominant view of nearly every 'liberal' theologian until the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century when archaeologists discovered the ruins of the Hittites, thus confirming the Bible's historical accuracy. There were also sneering theories that there was no city called Jericho as described in the Old Testament. Not until after WWII did archaeology confirm that not only did Jericho exist, but that it experienced a disaster in which its city walls had collapsed outward during some sort of turmoil, just as the Bible had described it. The evidence again

is proving the Biblical historical accuracy. There are many other such instances of archaeology repeatedly confirming over and over again the truthfulness of the Bible in its historicity. The late Dr. William F. Albright, (considered to be the father of American archaeology in the Middle East) spent much of his career trying to disprove the historical claims of the Bible. Before his death, he stated in an interview with the magazine, "Christianity Today" that despite all of his attempts to disprove the Bible's historical accuracy, he had become convinced that the Bible was historically accurate. He also believed that its historical content could be relied upon and that the original texts of Hebrew and Greek (as written at the time) are identical to those old copies that we still have today. In other words, what was written down at its inception, is exactly the same as the copies of that original document that we have today. There are no errors. We have the same words that our ancestors of 2,000 to 3,000 years ago had. (There may have been slight errors in penmanship or a few spelling errors from copying) We today have, for all practical purposes, the original texts. This is remarkable because no other writings of ancient times have any such kind of track record as the Bible. (Not any of Homer's works, nor of Julius Caesar, nor of Plato or anyone else from that time frame)

2. **Lower Form Criticism** – is identified with the concept of textual criticism of the Biblical Texts. It seeks to determine the original wording and meaning of the Biblical text. **It assumes that the Bible IS the correct and original communication from the Creator of the Universe and that it is without error in its delivery of the message from the mind of the Creator to mankind. It assumes that what we have in original form is exactly what God had written down utilizing human agents and allowing them to express His thoughts through their vocabulary. He saw to it that nothing written down was contrary to what He intended, and that what He intended to be known was written down precisely but not necessarily in the sense of taking dictation except in certain instances such as with Moses.** Lower Form Criticism then, seeks to evaluate the Biblical text based upon the claims made by the text that it is indeed Divine communication. This entails delineation between literal factual data and symbolic factual data that uses alliteration to convey a message.

When it comes to prophetic interpretation of the Bible we now enter a new arena, where we get down to style of approach. Here again there are 2 different methods and schools of thought. One school of thought is called the "Allegorical" method. The other school of thought is called the "Literal" method.

1. The Allegorical Method; views much of prophecy as symbolic and allegorical, such as a parable, in which the text is simply teaching us a lesson to live by. Those following this method generally believe the Bible is full

of errors (They're the Higher Form Criticism proponents/Liberals), or that it can not be trusted to be accurate, except in the concept of teaching moral lessons. Thus, the concept of a "divine" day of literal judgment upon the world is seen as an allegory...teaching us a truth about ourselves. Teaching us how we should live, rather than taking the view that these are predictions of real future events that are certain to happen. (Of course to think that way would put you out on a limb).

2. The Literal Method; views prophecy much as today one might read a newspaper or a news story... as a factual event only its just waiting to happen. In many instances it contains descriptive, factual elements from which the observer can take notice of, be alert for, and prepared to act upon. The literal method does note certain symbolism and alliteration in prophecy and incorporates them into a factual understanding by realizing the meaning of the symbolic terms. Certain symbolic passages are simply venues to transcend the time-line barriers of ancient versus modern slang usage and the technology differences between the timeline cultures. For instance, how does a person of 3,000 years ago describe a car of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, or an airplane, or a spacecraft? How would a 3,000-year-old man describe TV, radios or a computer? Remember that those words we now use for modern inventions didn't exist back then. We must put ourselves into the vocabulary of that person from a bygone era, when we read the writings of that era. We should take into account their culture, geography, and the conditions of that time. These are all elements of the concept of Literal Interpretation and Lower Form Criticism.

This book of research comes from the notion that the Biblical writings are what they claim to be...divine revelation from the Creator, without error and are to be understood in the most natural sense of language communication. The purpose of this was to give us precise understanding of what the Creator wants us to know. Today, we achieve that understanding by putting the original writings in the context of the time period and culture it was originally developed within...so that we can have the fullest understanding of what did happen and what WILL yet happen in the future.

## Chapter 3 – Ancient Babylon

### A Short History

Historians and archaeologists in the late 20<sup>th</sup> Century believe that a region of western Asia known as Mesopotamia was first settled in the middle of the 6<sup>th</sup> millenium B.C. Archaeological records indicate that these earliest settlers called their land “Sumer.” Today, archaeology refers to these people as the Sumerians. Their lands extended around the Persian Gulf, with the heart of their land being in the Tigris and Euphrates river valleys in what is now called modern Iraq. Their lands however extended beyond modern Iraq’s borders. Ancient Sumer extended into Iran on the East, and the south and west it enveloped what is now Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and eastern Jordan. In 5,500 B.C. it is believed that the lands were lush and green with plenty of water...very much unlike today’s arid desert climate. This was the land also known as Babylon, the capital city of the empire known as Babylonia.

The Sumerians/Babylonians, according to archaeologists, founded Babylon in the late 3<sup>rd</sup> millenium B.C. Its original name was called “Babel,” which meant... “Gateway of God.” Biblical records however indicate an earlier date for an event connected to a structure known as the “Tower of Babel.” According to the Biblical account, the tower was built during King Nimrod’s reign. Nimrod is recorded as being the first king of Babylon. Nimrod was also a descendant of Noah. The Bible is silent about the time frame for the building of the tower of Babel, but the conservative biblical scholars place the time at around 3,000 to 4,000 B.C. It could have been much earlier than that or it may have happened as late as 2,500 B.C. By the time of its construction, the human species had re-developed its population levels after the flood of Noah to such a degree that large population centers could exist. Such was the case at Babel.

Nimrod, according to the Biblical text of Genesis, was a king, apparently the first recorded king in human history. Nimrod’s empire included the city of Babel; an early name for what later would be called Babylon. A decision was made to build a structure at Babel that would “reach into the heavens.”

Let’s take a look at the Biblical account of the Tower of Babel. It can be found in Genesis Chapter 11:1-9

(from the New American Standard Bible)

1. *“Now the whole earth used the same language and the same words.*
2. *And it came about as the journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.*

3. *And they said to one another 'come let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly.' And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar.*
4. *And they said, 'come let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top (will reach) into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name; lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.'*
5. *And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.*
6. *And the Lord said, 'Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them.'*
7. *'Come let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.'*
8. *So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole Earth; and they stopped building the city.*
9. *Therefore its name was called Babel because there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth; and from there the Lord scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.*

This account is making a point to indicate that this building project involved the first attempt to develop a united human race into a one world societal structure. God was clearly concerned about this development. There are a number of reasons for this concern.

As with all early civilizations, Babylon's form of government was monarchical, fully dictatorial, and empirical in nature. Its citizenship and population were always culturally diverse. Babylon was a melting pot of cultures as a result of conquering other people and also of being conquered later by the Chaldeans, the Persians, the Greeks, and the Romans. Besides Nimrod, Babylon's most notorious leader was King Nebuchadnezzar who developed a later Golden Age of Babylon. It was Nebuchadnezzar who defeated Israel and forced the Jewish people into exile in Babylon. He also later acknowledged Israel's God as the one and only God, the Creator-Ruler of the Universe. But the Babylonians were so steeped in their religions that monotheism never took hold in Babylon. Instead, their religions pervaded and influenced the rest of the known world.

Babylon was always noted for its religion and theology and its influence was pervasive around the world. Babylonian religion was the basis for all other religions in the world such as in:

1. Egypt
2. Assyria
3. Canaan
4. Phoenicia
5. Persia
6. Greece
7. Rome

The names of the gods would change when a nation adopted the religion. Some of the stories/legends were altered slightly to fit a nation's cultural biases, but they retained the main premises and essential elements found in the original Babylonian concepts.

Babylon culturally was, as we said earlier, a 'melting pot' of various conquered cultures. The culture in Babylon was influenced as well by its international commerce. Every nation needed and wanted to trade with Babylon. Babylon was the commercial engine for the rest of the ancient world's economies. (much like the U.S. of today towards the rest of the world)

Geographically, Babylon was a huge city that sat between the mighty Tigris and Euphrates rivers. Its location between the rivers helped to give the city a natural defense. The river protection factor was not enough protection to suit the Babylonians. They built the largest known fortress walls in human history. As with the Tower of Babel, Babylonians were occupied with the idea of "big." In a way, folks in Texas are sometimes jokingly referred to as having a fixation with everything needing to be 'big' in Texas. Babylonians also seemed to have a preoccupation with over-sizing. (McDonalds's restaurants would have gone over quite well with the concept of 'super-sizing' meals in ancient Babylon.) Babylon went overboard on the Tower, and their walls of defense. Their palaces were over-sized as was another ancient wonder known as the "hanging gardens." Their temples were oversized as well.

Babylon was also preoccupied with military defense and the walls that were built were the largest in human history to surround a city. Much like the great wall of China...these walls were 300 feet tall. They were wide enough to accommodate a major highway...4 chariots could easily run side by side on top of the wall, making it their version of our interstate 4 lane highways. Can you imagine walls with the height of a 30-story building stretching around a city? Can you imagine an interstate highway with the height of a 30-story building? Babylon's walls are impressive even by today's standards. Because of this protection, the city was able to defend itself from invaders quite handily, but the walls didn't cover the entire border of the nation...just the city.

As we mentioned earlier, Babylon's economy was a vital force in the economies of the region for centuries. Babylon was the focal point for international trade. Everyone wanted to sell their goods to Babylon. Babylon

was a leader in every way. It was the largest consumer of goods and services. It also provided a system for trading that helped promote and fuel the concept of international trade. Babylon's businessmen were the equivalent of today's multinational businessmen. Babylon was also a leader in manufacturing and the technological leader of its day.

### Babylonian Religion

Babylon's religious views were the basis for most if not all of the ancient world's theologies. Polytheism, the view that there is more than one god, was a dominant idea in Babylonian thought and philosophy. Babylon believed in religious tolerance toward religions of the individual gods. They recognized multiple gods and goddesses and those religions. Their principle views were taken from ancient Sumerian religious writings that date to extreme antiquity.

The oldest of these writings is the famous "Epic of Gilgamesh." This writing, among other things, gives a history of a catastrophic flood, and is in many respects, reminiscent of the Biblical account of Noah's Flood. The ancient Sumer writings speak of human interaction with what seems to be "super-human" beings who supposedly created the human race, according to the ancient Sumer writings. These powerful beings would visit human civilization periodically and require sacrificial tribute by humans. Sacrifices might consist of food, materials, or of physical human sacrifices, many of which were children, or adolescent virgins. Blood seemed to be a crucial element in the reason for the sacrifices. They were called the "Anunnaki". ("Anakim")

Babylon's pantheon of gods consisted of one particular "leader" of the other gods. By the 1<sup>st</sup> millenium B.C., Babylon's chief deity was known as **Marduk**. He also was known by other names in other languages. This character was one of the chief antagonists against Israel's God Jehovah. Marduk, (also known by the Israelites as 'Baal') was an enemy of God who was in rebellion against the Creator. We will cover more on this later. The most appealing, enchanting, and charismatic of the deities in Babylon was the female goddess known as **ISHTAR**. While there were other gods and goddesses, Ishtar and Marduk were the most prominent in Babylon, and their popularity spread to other nations like Egypt, Assyria, Persia, Greece and Rome.

Babylon's religions also included the "science" of foretelling the future. Astrology and occult practices were dominant in Babylonian culture. These practices were especially prevalent in the palaces of the King. Temples and "observation" platforms were built to track the motions of the stars and planets as well as the sun and the moon. No society was better equipped to follow the celestial motions than that of Babylon. Some may argue that Egypt or South American civilizations were superior, but we know that Babylon pre-dated Egypt in both development and extent. We also know that Babylon and much of Mesopotamia contained numerous "ziggurats." Ziggurats were temple towers for

worship of their gods. It is speculated by several revisionist scholars that these ziggurats were actually 'landing pads' for these gods in spacecraft. Zecharia Sitchin and Erik Von Daniken are two prominent researchers who have written extensively of this theory. The ziggurats, were pyramidal and on the same scale as the pyramids of Egypt, and yet seemed to be more functional as a worship site or as a 'landing site.'

### Babylon's gods

As stated earlier, the chief 'god' of Babylon was named Marduk. This being however was also given other names... such as Baal, Bel, Amar-utu, and other names as well. Marduk was known as a god of warfare. He is identified with the planet Mars. The Greeks called him Aries or Mars. The Egyptians called him Horus. The Canaanites and Assyrians referred to him as Ashur, or Asher. The Romans referred to him as Apollo. His symbol was the mythical bird...The Phoenix. The Assyrians also identified him with the winged or flying sun disc. According to the Sumerians, (the first Babylonians) Marduk was the first-born of the god Enki.

The Bible refers to Marduk by several names...including Baal, Baalim, Baal-Zebub, Beelzebub, Bel, and also Merodach. In the Bible, there are 103 direct references to his Babylonian names. The Bible lists the following name reference quantities as follows:

1. Baal.....found 69 times
2. Baalim.....found 18 times
3. Baal Zebub.....found 4 times
4. Beelzebub .....found 7 times
5. Bel .....found 3 times
6. Merodach .....found 2 times

Marduk was never called by that name in the Bible. Instead, as seen above Baal means "master," or "owner," or "lord." Beelzebub, or Baal Zebub means "master flyer" or the "flying master of destruction." Baal was definitely connected to the idea of flying and mastering the science of flight. Why is this???

Baal/Marduk was an enemy god who was opposed to Israel's God YHWH/ Jehovah. Jehovah prohibited Israel from acknowledging Baal. (or any other god). Israel however, eventually swooned to the influence of this religion and set up many worship sites to Baal, especially during the reign of King Ahab and his Queen Jezebel. For this, Israel was punished repeatedly by God.

But Baal was not the only deity that Israel fell in love with. There was the goddess Ishtar, who was the most prominent of the female deities who were in the Babylonian pantheon. This religion swept throughout the entire known world and remained prominent until the advancement of Christianity in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

Centuries A.D. Ishtar was also known by other names in Babylon and around the world. The following list will help the reader grasp the influence of this deity around the world and through the ages of time.

<u>Nation</u>	<u>Ishtar's other names:</u>
Babylon	Ishtar/Inanna/Semiramis
Egypt	Isis
Assyria & Phoenicia	Ashtar/Ashtareth/Ashtoreth/Europa
Greece	Aphrodite
Rome	Venus, also Liberty (3 <sup>rd</sup> cent. B.C.)
Europe (Galatia-Phrygia)	Europa
United States of America	Liberty, Lady Liberty, Freedom. Liberty enlightening the world a.k.a. The STATUE OF LIBERTY !!! The Statue of Freedom, that sits on top of the U.S. capitol building on top of the dome !!! (see appendix 5 Idols in America)

Ishtar was also given the title as being “Queen of Heaven.” She was also connected to the planet Venus. Ishtar-Inanna was also reported to have made visits to earth, as a “virgin-mother” of a slain son who conquered death. The descriptions of these earthly visitations from those times are strikingly similar to the “Virgin Mary” stories of today. In fact, both are referred as:

- Queen of Heaven
- Mother of God
- Wife of God
- “Our Lady”

Ishtar is presented by the ancients as a goddess, who flew among the stars, just like Marduk/Baal. She reportedly flew in an object that looked like a banana or a bowl. She was also associated with the star – Sothis. There are many more fascinating aspects to this subject matter of the gods and goddesses of the ancient world. See the appendix 6 in the back of the book for more data.

Now that we have given a quick overview of ancient Babylon, let's go back and re-examine the Biblical passage about the beginnings of Babylon for some interesting and fascinating, yet little known aspects that have been overlooked by most scholars.

Genesis 11: 4 -- (NASV)

And they said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top (will reach) into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name; lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

This verse needs some close-up analysis of the original Hebrew words that were originally written down. What did those original words say and what is the meaning of those words as they were used then, that correlates to our English language? To answer this we will focus on the key words.

**Come let us "build."** The word -- build in Hebrew is the word "banah." You can find it in Strong's Hebrew-English dictionary at the back end of Strong's Exhaustive Concordance to the Bible. The Strong's word code number for banah is #1129.

Banah = #1129 = build

So let's go back to the phrase and continue...

**"Come, let us build for us a ... "iyr" (or eer).** The word "iyr" = #5892

"iyr" = #5892 = sometimes used as a city, can also be used of an encampment.  
Also, connotes the concept of opening the eyes, to lift up, to wake up, and to be on guard as a guardian angel.

So back to the verse...

**"Come, let us build for us a city and... a tower... "migdahl" #4026**

"migdahl" = #4026 = (from the root of #1431—gawdahl which meant to twist, and or make large, to advance, to lift up)  
#4026 by extension from the root means...tower, with a twisting element, perhaps as in a staircase.

Back to the verse again...

**"Come, let us build for us a city and a tower... "top of him" = "rosh" #7218**

"rosh" = #7218 = Top as in "tip-top"...as in the tip top portion of something

Also, THE WORD IS CONNOTED WITH THE LOCATION OF STARS AS TO THEIR LOCATION IN THE SKY>>> in this case it carries the idea that the tip-top portion is moving into the part of the heavens where the stars are... i.e. in outer space.

So now, back to the verse once again...

**“Come, let us build for us a city and tower whose tip-top part... shamayim**

“shamayim” = #8064 = (from an unused root which meant to be lofty or the sky) This word means the ‘nether’ regions where the celestial bodies revolve... i.e. either the solar system is referred to here, or the galaxy, but less likely referring to the universe as a whole. This word is also used of astrologers. But the main usage is for what we today would call outer space, and more narrowly at the minimum, our solar system, or perhaps our galaxy. IT IS ALSO BUT RARELY USED IN CONNECTION WITH **ANGELS**. See 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 21:16 & Ezek. 8:3 There is also a singular incident involving a flying “ephah” (basket) with angels taking it through the “shamayim” to Babylonia/USA to build a place for it and set it in place. Inside was the ‘mystery harlot of Babylon.’ With this data, we believe it is accurate to render the meaning of this term as outer space, but we’re not sure if it is outer space beyond Earth’s orbit, or the solar system, or the galaxy.

So back to verse 4...

**“Come, let us build for us a city and tower whose tip-top portion outer space, ...and let us ... “make” = “awsaw”**

“awsaw” = #6213 = to do or make, to manufacture, or fabricate a thing such as a ship, an altar, or whatever...

So let’s resume the verse...

**“Come, let us build for us a city and tower whose tip-top portion outer space, and let us manufacture a .... “name” = “shem”**

“shem” = #8034 = (from an unused root that connotes the idea of being definite, conspicuous position) a mark, a memorial, or to be famous, renowned, either good or bad... i.e. reputation. It can also be used of a sign or designating marker. See also Jeremiah 32:20 “sign” or “wonder” as in a divine miracle of attestation. Jesus miracles were considered ‘shems’, attesting markers verifying His claims of divinity and messiah-ship.

Zecharia Sitchin, noted author and antiquities scholar of the Sumerian culture has researched the term to show proof that this Hebrew word is ‘borrowed’ from the Sumerians, and clearly from the Sumerian texts and drawings show that a ‘shem’ appears to be a capsule-like device that we would today call a space ship. See more on this in Appendix 6. See also Sitchin’s book “Divine Encounters, A Guide to Visions, Angels, and Other Emissaries” published by Avon books; NY, NY.

Also note that this word is also the name of Shem, son of Noah.

So lets return to verse 4 and pick up where we left off.

**“Come let us build for us a city and tower whose tip-top portion (will reach into) outer space, and let us manufacture a “shem” (or a spacecraft) (reputation) for ourselves, otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.**

**OR**

**“Come let us build for us a city and tower whose tip-top portion, will reach into outer space, and let us manufacture a spacecraft for ourselves, otherwise we will just be scattered over the face of the whole Earth”.**

One element that was not previously covered in this verse is the idea of scattering. The scattering could be self-induced or inflicted upon. Or perhaps

the idea was... let's get this project underway otherwise we will just be stuck here on Earth...and limited to just scattering out around the planet. Now, as we indicated a moment ago, the verse could possibly be alluding to an external threat as the reason for the project. What threat would it be, and by whom is not stated, nor do we have any other data to shed light on this matter from the verse. WE can wonder if the threat was from other descendants of Noah, or... or was this an effort to unify the people, or possibly the threat was the returning of the "benai hahelohim" – the "sons of God" from the time of Noah who were angels who came down and tried to mix the human and angelic genetic structures. The Benai-hahelohim is found in Genesis 6: 2...We see that the 'sons of god' came down and took human women as wives. These were the rebel angels who had rebelled against God and joined in the Satanic rebellion to overthrow God. We also know this from Jude 6 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:4, along with rabbinical writings indicating that these beings were not human, but rebel angelic beings. The off-spring of their union with human females were called "nephilim"...hybrid human-angels...also thought to be known as the category of angels called 'demons'.

Now the point of our diversion into Genesis 11:4 is to point out the pre-occupation that Babylon had with the sky, the stars and outer space. This pre-occupation was around from the beginning of Babylon's history. Their fascination was so strong that Babylon developed a reputation that was connected to it. Their religion revolved around the stars in the form of astrology. Legends developed in Babylon about traveling among the stars. Their multiplicity of gods was due to their discovering new 'gods' who came down out of the skies, which precipitated ever-changing rankings of leadership among the gods. They certainly ignored the concept of monotheism, to which their forefather Noah had adhered. They also may have had to contend with some of the returning benai hahelohim, or nephilim who might have earlier escaped the flood by launching themselves into space orbit or perhaps totally leaving the solar system. There are a few fleeting references of this group of beings in the Bible where we find the term...the "Anakim"...which was another borrowed word from the Sumerians. The term "Anakim" was the Sumerian/Babylonian word for the gods who came down from space and "created" humans. We find the term "Anakim" used in the following passages:  
(also another Sumerian term used but not in the Bible—"Anunnaki").

Deuteronomy 1:28; 2:10, 11, 21; 9:2  
Joshua 11:21, 22; 14: 12, & 15

Also, the Anakim were sometimes referred to as the “Anak.” Anak was a shortened form of the term Anakim. Those references are located at:

Numbers 13:22, 28 & 33  
Deuteronomy 9:2  
Joshua 15: 13, 14; 21: 11  
Judges 1: 20

In the Biblical accounts the Anakim were considered to be ‘giants’...very tall beings. This was also true of the Sumerian/Babylonian accounts. This is why the Greeks, when they borrowed the Babylonian religion, considered the gods of Olympus to be giants.

Here again we have a brief, fleeting hint that there was a lot more going on in that day, which needs further investigation. But those civilizations may have indeed been much more advanced than we of today. If so, it may be due to a connection with visitors from another plane of existence or planet.

Let’s review the important points that we have covered so far in this chapter:

1. The gods and goddesses of Babylon had a pervasive influence on human civilization all throughout human history, including to our present day.
2. Babylonian religious views and influences are still active today and can be found in America. The Statue of Liberty and the Capitol Dome Statue of Freedom/Liberty are just 2 of the many examples of Babylonian religious influences in America. There are still others like Valentine’s Day, Christmas, Easter, and religious pluralism.
3. Babylon’s influence today also comes disguised as if through other cultures, such as Greece, Egypt, and Rome. For instance the Apollo space program. While Apollo is the Roman name...it falls back to the Babylonian origin for the god, Marduk or Baal.
4. Babylon had a preoccupation with flight and outer space and celestial events
5. Babylon had a superb defense. It was thought to be impregnable and generations ahead of other nations because of its massive walls.
6. Babylon was a commercial engine of international economics.
7. Babylon was a melting pot for the world’s population. It was the leading spot for immigration from around the world. Babylon’s businessmen were the multinational companies and leaders of world commerce in their day.
8. Babylon was a leader in manufacturing and technology.

9. Babylon was the leading importer...it was the nation that every other nation or businessman wanted to have market share within.
10. Babylon was home to most of the Jewish exiles. In fact more Jews lived in Babylon at the time of Jesus than lived in all of Israel, and the rest of the known world combined. It remained home to Jews for centuries before they left in 200-300 A.D.

God told the Old Testament/Tanach prophets that Babylon would be overthrown and it would lose its power and status. The prophecies also indicate that there would be two Babylons. One of their day and another in the future that would bear the same hallmark characteristics of the original Babylon. The 'future' Babylon would be destroyed at the time of the coming of Messiah, i.e. 'the last days' or 'in those days and at that time.'

Ancient Babylon saw its destiny fulfilled partially with its defeat by the Persians and later by Alexander the Great, and again by Rome. By the time of Christ, its military power was long gone. Babylon remained a commercial center only. Much of Babylon's glory in its architecture had long been destroyed. By around 400 A.D. Babylon had dwindled to the level of a small village. By the time Islam rose to power, Babylon ceased to exist and was forgotten. Indeed, until the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century, many liberal theologians were labeling Babylon as just another mythical city in the Bible, proving that the Bible was full of myths and legends that just were not true.

By 1894, archaeological discoveries had these Biblical critics whistling a different tune. The discoveries forced the liberal theologians (who doubted the accuracy of the Bible) to eat their words, as the first remains of the ancient city were uncovered by German excavators. The full glory of the ancient city was not uncovered though, until the late 1970s and early 1980s when Saddam Hussein launched a restoration program to uncover the city and make it a tourist attraction. To date, the ruins are host to only a very few brave foreign souls who travel to the site.

# **America, The Babylon**

## **SECTION II**

### **The Primary Data from the Old Testament**

## Chapter 4 – A Future Babylon in the Old Testament

Babylon as a city and nation is perhaps the most mentioned gentile city/state/nation in the Bible. Only those cities in Israel, such as Jerusalem receive greater mention. There are approximately 359 direct references to the name Babylon in the Old Testament. Of these references, many are simply tied to historical accounts of events in past history. However, the 2 major prophets of the Old Testament, Isaiah and Jeremiah received from God information about a future Babylon yet to come. This future Babylon is separate and distinct from the Babylon of their day.

The message of the prophets is that a latter-day Babylon would arise that would carry on the 'spirit' of the old Babylon. Hence, these two prophets present significant data concerning the identity of the future Babylon and its destiny. The prophets explain what will happen to this later Babylon along with data on who will be involved, where it will take place, when and how... along with why it takes place. These two prophets account for more than 80 direct references to this future city/state/nation. 64 of those are found in 2 chapters of Jeremiah. Those chapters are chapters 50 and 51. Isaiah accounts for 2 dozen more in chapters 13, 14, 18 and 47.

These chapters provide a substantial insight into what happens to this latter-day Babylon of the future. There are "identification markers" to identify this city/state/nation. For us today, it is hard to realize that 2,500 years ago society was organized differently. In those days, society developed around the notion of city/state/nations. A major city controlled a region around itself thereby making the city a capital for that region. If the city was powerful enough, it might also make other nearby cities subject to its power and control thereby creating pseudo-colonies or vassal states so to speak. It was rare for a major city to become so dominant that it controlled whole continents or large regions of continents. But the city was the dominant feature in the way society organized. It was the capital of an 'empire' and seldom did it contain cities of rival size or power. Today, things are different. Nations in general have several if not many cities, especially large countries.

In this chapter we will explore all the significant details surrounding this latter-day Babylon. We will explore the data to help us discover its identity, who are the antagonists, the events themselves, the results, and also why God causes these events to occur.

Jeremiah and Isaiah both report many characteristics that help us to recognize who this new Babylon is, if indeed we are living in the latter days of the prophetic timetable. In this chapter we will refer to these identifying

characteristics as identification markers...(I.D. markers) and I.D. data points. We will focus on determining what nation of today fits the descriptions given by Isaiah and Jeremiah. We will also show linkage to the Apostle John's description of this same Babylon in two chapters of his Revelation... Chapters 17 & 18.

In addition to determining the identity, we will attempt to identify who is involved in causing the destruction of this future Babylon. We will also explore the events themselves, and the descriptions of those events. We will also examine the results and present to you the facts as to why God orders the destruction of this future Babylon. As you read on, I believe you will find the results to be shocking and sobering all at the same time.

The future-Babylon prophecies of Isaiah and Jeremiah have over the centuries been misunderstood and misapplied. Until recently, many commentators considered many of the prophecies to have already occurred. It does seem that some of the predicted results do apply to the ancient Babylon. Those results speak of Babylon becoming a desert, where desert animals live and no man resides there. In reality, ancient Babylon—the city, has been deserted for nearly a thousand years. It did **NOT occur in the manner described in the future prophecies!** Furthermore, the old national empire of Babylon has remained inhabited by man, yet the prophecies speak of no habitation for the nation/state as well as the city. Additionally, the events in question indicate that the demise of this Babylon will occur in ... one...that's 1...1 hour. Yes, that is 60 minutes of time...for complete annihilation of not just a city but also a city/state/nation. That never occurred for ancient Babylon. She just slowly dissolved into nothingness. Therefore, the prophecies of Isaiah and Jeremiah are indeed still for the future and we will explain in detail just why this is so.

In addition to the mistaken view that the prophecies of Isaiah and Jeremiah were fulfilled already against ancient Babylon, there are those that believe that ancient Babylon will be rebuilt and receive final destruction as described by the prophets. This has been a recent popular theory. For a while many conservative prophecy scholars agreed on this...as Iraq and Saddam Hussein seemed to grow into a military power in the days before Desert Storm. How ironic it is that perhaps ancient Babylon's attempted resurgence was stopped by the future Babylon, during the war in 1991. There are many problems with those views about a rebuilt Babylon. The biggest stumbling block that is so obvious, is that in future Babylon, most of the world's Jews will be residing there. At the close of this century, and with the dawn of a new millenium just around the corner, a rebuilt Iraq is not going to be a logical place for most of the world's Jews to immigrate to on their own. The Jewish aspect invalidates this recent popular theory still held by some conservative scholars. There are many more elements that destroy the notion of a rebuilt Babylon, but as you will see by the end of this book, Iraq could not fit most of the requirements for being the future Babylon.

There is another view held by many conservative prophecy scholars. In fact it is and or has been the predominant view for many years. What is this view? Future Babylon is the city of Rome. They believe that the prophecies are for a spiritual Babylon and identify this as the Roman Catholic Church. However, there are specific prophecy data points that clearly indicate a physical city/state nation. These data points include: economic facts, commodities, politics, armed forces and more indicating that this future Babylon is indeed an economic and military power...and in the book of Revelation...not just a power or any power, but **THE Super Power of human history. It is a super power like no other, which the world has never seen before.** Now the conservative group theory counters this with the notions that the world has never seen a world empire equal to or superior to that of the old Roman Empire. To such, I would counter with a definite objection. The Romans never went to the moon. The Romans never obliterated any city in the twinkling of an eye. The Roman Empire never conquered any nation with foreign aid. For Rome, freedom was for Romans, not for the world. Rome went to war to enslave... not be free from slavery. Rome was a great empire...but not the Super-Power for all of human history. If that were not enough, current day Rome is not the location for the largest population of Jews. It is also not a deep-water port city. Therefore, this popular theory is also invalid because it fails to meet the descriptive criteria as presented by the prophecies such as economic data and the fact that it involves deep-water port facilities.

There are other views concerning these prophecies. These other views are held by cynics and by liberal theologians who fail to accept the idea that prophecies are literally possible. For these people, prophecies are simply fantasies that we should not expect to be fulfilled because it is impossible for people to predict the future. These people also fail to believe that God conveyed these prophecies directly. Instead, they believe some men in the past dreamed up these predictions, or wrote down the prophecies after the fact of what had already occurred. Therefore, what we have of Isaiah and Jeremiah's predictions are simply the writings of some crazy people that somehow got assimilated into the Bible by mistake.

Then there are others who say that these prophecies are simply allegories and lessons to live by. In living by these lessons we avoid fulfilling them. This view, like the one before, assumes that the Bible and its content was not and is not 100% the ideas of the Creator-God, but rather, man's ideas that were inserted along the way to corrupt a little bit of the Divine Truth that was written down. Both views presuppose that the supernatural is impossible. They also presuppose that the Creator has not and will not get directly involved with humanity in a way that is written about in the Bible. Instead, the Creator will have us to solve our own problems and that God is very impersonal and does not get involved in human affairs.

So, there you have in a nutshell, all of the prevailing views as they apply to the passages that we will now begin to look at and analyze. You can see each viewpoint's inherent flaws. What this book proposes is that most of prophecy will be literally fulfilled...and especially concerning Babylon. In fact, the author was shocked to discover how even many of the smallest aspects will be fulfilled, and also surprised at how many little details were indicated in bringing to light the identification markers of the this future Babylon. Are you ready to be shocked??? Let's take a look at the detailed identification markers that signal the identity of the future Babylon.

## **The Key Passages to be Examined with Brief Descriptions:**

### **Jeremiah (Jer.) 50**

- verses 1-2: The announcement of destruction
- verse 3: The details begin
- verses 4-5: The timing for this future event in the prophetic timetable
- verses 4-8: Regarding Jewish settlers in Babylon
- verse 9: God's announcement of judgment on Babylon
- verses 9-10: More details
- verse 11: Reasons for the judgment
- verses 12-13: Results of the judgment
- verses 14-16: Description of the destruction—the attack
- verses 17-18: Prior Divine Judgments on Israel
- verse 19: Israel restored to God's favor
- verse 20: Timing details again
- verses 21-43: Babylon I.D. markers amid the descriptions
- verses 44-46: Aftermath of Babylon's demise

## Jeremiah Chapter 51

verses 1-5: God's announcement of judgment against Babylon

verse 6: Warning to Jews in Babylon to evacuate that city/nation

verse 7: Reason for God's indictment and judgment on Babylon

verse 8: Mercy is suggested and divine healing?

verse 9: Babylon rejects mercy and healing!

verses 9-10: Judgment reaffirmed

verse 11: Divine summons to go to war against Babylon

verses 12-58: Details of the judgment

v. 45...key phrase spoken by God... "Come out her, My people."  
see also Revelation chapter 18:4; also Isaiah 48:20, Jer. 51:6  
along with Jer. 50:8 & 28

v. 49...Babylon is determined to be responsible for Israel's casualties

v. 53...key phrase... "even though Babylon should ascend into the heavens"

verses 59-64: Conclusion

## **Isaiah Chapter 13: Oracle against Babylon**

verses 1-2: Announcement & Timing of Event

verse 3: The Executioners of Divine Judgment: “My Righteous Ones”

verses 4-22: Details of the Judgment

verses 4 - 8... The battle

verses 9 - 16... Resulting effects

verses 17 - 22... More effects

## **Isaiah Chapter 14: Israel Reacts to Babylon’s Demise**

verses 4-21...give the details of the results/and reactions

## **Isaiah Chapter 18: The Timing of the Destruction**

verses 1, 2, 3, & 7: I.D. Markers about Babylon

## **Isaiah Chapter 21: Oracle against Babylon**

verses 1-10 only...give further details about Babylon’s demise & the timing is reconfirmed.

## **Isaiah Chapter 24: God’s Judgment on the Nations**

verse 10: “city of Chaos” = Babylon

verses 7-23: Results and aftermath of Babylon's destruction

### **Isaiah Chapter 47: Lament for Babylon**

verses 1-15: I.D. markers about Babylon's identity

### **Isaiah Chapter 48: God's advisory to Israel**

verses 14 – 22: Warning to Jews

verse 20: Specific warning to Jews to “flee” or evacuate.

## Chapter 5

# The Identity of Future Babylon

How can we determine the identity of this future Babylon? We look at the texts provided to us through the prophecies given to Jeremiah and Isaiah. In doing so, we analyze the text for identifying characteristics that may describe Babylon in some way. In the preceding pages, you saw a list of the pertinent passages that we are dealing with. In going through these passages you will note that there are 33... yes 33 identifying markers that give us descriptive aspects of this future Babylon so that we might be able to recognize it even now in our day. (this of course assumes that the time is near for the fulfillment of these prophecies) Here is a list of those 33 I.D. markers and afterwards we'll begin to examine them in detail.

- #1. Jewish Immigrants living in Babylon...just like in ancient Babylon which for centuries was home to more Jews than even in Israel at the time of ... Jesus! Yes, the old Babylon was the place where most of the Jews lived from about 600 B.C. to 400 A.D. See Jeremiah 50: 8, 28 and Jeremiah 51: vs 6, 45-46; and also Isaiah 48:20...along with Revelation 18: 4
- #2. Future Babylon will be the “last of the Super Powers.” See Jer. 50: 12
- #3. Future Babylon is where a body of the world’s leaders assemble and meet at...see Jer. 51: 44...especially the word “stream” = assemble together
- #4. Future Babylon is the “World’s Policeman”!!! see Jer. 50:23 There is a Hebrew idiom ‘hammer of the world’ similar to policeman of the world as an English idiom.
- #5. Future Babylon... is extremely wealthy... see Jer 51: 13
- #6. Future Babylon... is a land of many waters, a broad river in its middle and is divided by rivers (many)...see Jer. 51: 13, 36, 42 & Isaiah 18: 2
- #7. Future Babylon...is a land of immigrants...see Jer. 50: 16 & 51: 13 (see also Revelation chapter 17)
- #8. Future Babylon has no fear of invasion on its home soil see Isaiah 47: 5, 8.
- #9. Future Babylon has carried over and incorporated many aspects of the old Babylonian religion...see Jer. 50: 2 Baal worship and Mars.

- #10. Future Babylon is noted for its disrespect of the elderly. Isaiah 47: 6
- #11. Future Babylon is a military Air Power...Land of air travel...  
it would seem to have massive air power capability in a military sense.  
Isaiah 18: 1
- #12. Future Babylon is noted for the natural beauty of its land...Isaiah 13:19
- #13. Future Babylon is seemingly connected to outer space (just as was  
ancient Babylon with its Tower of Babel, and perhaps more than just  
simply observing the stars) ... see Jeremiah 51:53
- #14. Future Babylon is noted for its sensual, materialistic, and hedonistic  
lifestyle. see Isaiah 47:8
- #15. Future Babylon is noted for its statues, its love of graphic pictures/art,  
(and perhaps its media?!)...see Jeremiah 50: 38
- #16. Future Babylon is noted for its Cultural Insanity!!! ... Jer 50:38
- #17. Future Babylon is noted for its elegant, luxurious, refined, rich, lifestyles.  
(used of amorous, alluring, gestures of an enticing woman) Isaiah 47:1-8
- #18. Future Babylon is noted for **DRUGS and drug use !!!** Isaiah 47: 9, 12
- #19. Future Babylon is noted for the occult, and occult practices. From  
astrology to witchcraft and alliances to evil forces. Isaiah 47: 9, 12, 13
- #20. Future Babylon is noted for the highest living standards. Isaiah 47: 1
- #21. Future Babylon is noted for being highly and overly optimistic about its  
future. Isaiah 47: 7-10; and Jeremiah 50: 24
- #22. Future Babylon is considered by the world to have had a unique and  
remarkable beginning...and has been awe-inspiring since its birth, and  
is still awe-inspiring to the world. Isaiah 18: 2
- #23. Future Babylon has a remarkable and different heritage and beginning  
than other nations. Isaiah 18: 2
- #24. Future Babylon is both respected/envied and yet simultaneously hated by  
the world. Isaiah 18: 2
- #25. Future Babylon is considered powerful and oppressive. Isaiah 18: 2

- #26. Future Babylon in its past knew God and Divine truth but departed away from God and His Truth. Jeremiah 50:21 “Pekod” a gentile group that lived with Israel and knew/followed the Mosaic laws/Judaism.
- #27. Future Babylon is noted as a land of rebels...as not only in its birth but now also in its judgment...for rebellion against God. Jer. 51:1; Isa.47:9
- #28. Future Babylon is a cosmopolitan and urban nation. see Jer. 50: 32
- #29. Future Babylon is a key commercial nation to the world and had been so since becoming a nation. see Isaiah 47: 15
- #30. Future Babylon is considered to be allied to the rebel forces of Satan and his armies/powers. Jer. 50: 2; 51: 7 & 44: also Isa. 14: 13-22; 47: 8-9
- #31. Future Babylon seems to have something akin to *Stealth* technology. Isaiah 47; 10-13
- #32. Future Babylon is called in the prophecies... “Queen of Kingdoms” see Isaiah 47: 5
- #33. Future Babylon is referred to as a “*golden cup*” in God’s hands. see Jeremiah 51: 7 and also see Revelation 17: 4; 18:4

## Chapter 6

### In-Depth Identity Analysis

Let's examine closely the identifying characteristics (or markers) as previously listed.

#1. A large Jewish population living in future Babylon. Just as in ancient Babylon of old, the future Babylon will also be home to a large population of Jewish immigrants. There are several mentions of this identifying marker. Jeremiah 50: 8. In this verse we see the plea to "wander away from Babylon." This is a plea to Jews. We know this because in verse 4 we find a key Hebrew phrase... "In those days and at that time." This phrase which is uniquely Hebraic signifies the future time when the Messiah would come...and the verse continues to discuss the return of the Jewish people to their homeland. This occurred in the Zionist movement's early development around the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Jer. 50 and verse 5 continues with this theme. Verse 6 starts out referring to "My People"... with the "My" indicating God's possessing or claiming these people. This is a clear reference to Jews/Israelites, and not the Christian church. Verse 6 talks about how the people became lost...and this theme continues in verse 7. Verse 8 begins with the plea to return from the land of Babylon. "Chaldeans" was a term used for the people of the Babylonia nation and Chaldea was the term for the area surrounding Babylon...or you might say Chaldea was the name of the Nation/Empire of Babylon.

Continuing on to the same chapter and we come to verse 28 of Jer. 50. There in the chapter we read of the departure of Jewish refugees...we know this because it talks about their fleeing to Zion or Israel...and to declare vengeance for His Temple.

Let's move on to Jeremiah 51 and verse 6. Here we have a direct and urgent plea..."Flee from the land of Babylon." How do we know this is for the Jews? Verse 5 directly prior to verse 6 refers specifically to Israel and Judah. Verse 6 simply picks up where verse 5 left off.

Finally, in Jeremiah chapter 51, we move to verses 45 and 46. Here we have the distinct phrase... "**Come out of her, My people.**" Here again, is a famous Hebrew phrase referring specifically to Israel and the Jewish people. Earlier in verse 35 we see a quote by the Israelis...and begins a running commentary leading to verse 45 and the phrase, "*Come out of her, My people.*"

There is also a reference made through the prophet Isaiah in chapter 48: 20. Here we start with verse 12. God speaks to Israel and the speech continues throughout the chapter. In fact, the whole chapter is a speech by God to Israel, culminating in the Divine command... "Go forth from Babylon, Flee from the Chaldeans." At the end of the verse, God tells the recipients of this speech to say the Lord has purchased back 'His servant Jacob.' Again a clear reference to Israel. If this were not enough, there is a further corollary in Revelation 18:4 but we will look at that reference in Section III.

So, here we have 5 specific references from Jeremiah and Isaiah's prophecies. The prophecies say that Future Babylon will have been a home to a large if not largest group of the Jews in the world...just like in the ancient Babylon which also played host to a majority of the Jewish population for several centuries.

What nation of today has the largest Jewish population? Is it Israel? No. Is it Russia? No. It is the United States. In New York City alone, there are more Jewish people than anywhere else in the world, including Israel. No country comes close to matching this characteristic except the USA.

#2. Future Babylon will be the last of the "Super-Powers of this world. See Jeremiah 50: 12. At the moment there is only one real super-power left in our world...and that is the USA. She will be the...

"Last of the Great Nations"

Last here means the **final** great nation.

#3. Future Babylon is where a body of world leaders assemble. Jer. 51:44. The key phrase in this verse refers to the nations no longer "streaming" to Babylon. To understand this phrase we need to look at the key word... "stream." We have three key reference sources to cite. Strong's concordance number is #5102. It is the Hebrew word "nahar" and it means basically ... to sparkle, like the sheen of a running stream of water. From this concept a usage of the word developed for people flowing to a meeting place to assemble together. The lexical sources, Gesenius, and Brown-Driver-Briggs also confirm this usage and meaning. So that...in this verse...the nations and by inference the leaders of those nations "stream" to Babylon to meet and assemble.

Okay now, can you think of any nation on earth where the world's leaders "stream" together to assemble and meet to discuss the world's problems. I can think of only one. The USA. Now associate with that is ... New York City... home of the United Nations. Additionally, all of the world's heads of state come to Washington D.C. to meet with the President at the White House and meet with key leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives. There are instances in

which all of the world's leaders come together at the same time, at the U.N. in New York City which underscores these Biblical references to the United Nations. Now if this reference is insufficient for you the reader to accept this point, then remember this passage as we later in the book check out the Revelation 17:18 passage. Incidentally, don't forget that just a stone's throw from the U.N. building (on Long) Island you will find the city of Babylon! This author's research shows it is the only location on the face of the earth which uses that name...Babylon!!! Still unconvinced? Let's move on to number 4.

#4. Future Babylon is referred to as the **“World's Policeman.”** This reference is found in Jeremiah 50:23. In this verse, we have a Hebrew idiom... “hammer of the whole earth.” (KJV) This is a metaphor for the idea of using a club as a retaliatory threat to keep order from chaos. Also carried is the idea of respect for power/authority, to keep law and order. Okay, in today's world, can you think of any nation that is counted on to maintain law and order in the world? Perhaps if we use the term “enforcer” and apply it to the U.N. laws of conduct. Ask Saddam Hussein over in Iraq if he could match that description with any particular nation. Ask the folks in Somalia, or Haiti, or Bosnia. How about asking Grenada, or Vietnam, or Korea, or perhaps the folks in Panama? Maybe you could get an interesting answer from some of the drug lords in Venezuela and the rest of Latin America. If that were not enough, the US news media from time to time refers to the U.S. directly as being the ‘world's policeman.’ Numerous references can be found from time to time in such magazines as Time, Newsweek, and U.S. News & World Report. Yes just like Rome was at one time the ‘hammer’ so now it is the USA that has become a ‘hammer’ to the world.

#5. Future Babylon is extremely wealthy. Jeremiah 51:13... Does there need to be any discussion here? Although there are many nations with wealth, what nation has the most? What nation fuels the economies of all the other nations? What nation is the world's economic ‘engine’??? Hint...it's not Japan, nor any European country or group of European countries.

#6. Future Babylon is a land of many waters, a broad river in its middle, and is a land divided by many rivers. See Jeremiah 51: 13, 36, 42. Also see Isaiah 18: 2. The many “waters” of Jeremiah 51:13 refers to ‘fresh’ water. In the same chapter and verse 36, we find reference to drying up of a “sea.” This is the Hebrew word “yam.” Strong's code for this word is #3220. Strong's defines it as either the Mediterranean Sea, a large river, or artificial water basin. Gesenius' Hebrew Lexicon says it is a borrowed word from the Arabic, which in ancient Arabic meant the sea, especially the Mediterranean Sea, another word version in Arabic means lake. It can apply to any sea or inland lake. It is also used in meaning as ... “a great river” as the Nile (Isa. 19:5 & also Nahum 3:8 or also Ezekiel 32: 2) The Euphrates is also referred to as a “yam” in Isaiah 27: 1. Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew Lexicon also concurs on this as well. Gesenius and B-D-B both conclude that Jeremiah 51:36 is in reference to a large river...and make the assumption that the Euphrates is the river in reference. That would be valid if

this future Babylon were the ancient Babylon of old. This author will show otherwise. It is this author's view that the large river is a reference to the "Mighty Mississippi River." Jeremiah 51:42 also uses the same word again only in the context of as a sea, or ocean? Why? The context of the verse here refers to the roaring of the waves and the context of a body of water engulfing Babylon. More likely this is a reference to a sea or Ocean. Finally, we have Isaiah 18:2, where we find a reference to the future Babylon's location as being beyond the land and rivers of Cush. This 'rivers of Cush' reference is relating to the Tigris and Euphrates rivers of Mesopotamia. **Therefore, we find the verse trying to tell us that future Babylon is BEYOND the old Babylon by a great distance !!! The implication is that the future Babylon is nowhere close, geographically, and requires a long sea voyage to get there from anywhere in the then known world.** In the latter part of the verse we see a reference to rivers again. It is the Hebrew word "nahar"...(Strong's code #5104) which means rivers. There is also another interesting word here... "Spoiled" (KJV) which is the Hebrew word "baw-zaw" which means... cut into...or spoiled. More appropriately in today's English we would say...divided, or the land that rivers 'cut through.'

Also note that Isaiah chapter 18: 7 repeats verse 2 again providing repeated emphasis that this nation's reputation is among other things known for rivers that run through it. Again, when we consider America, it is the most gifted nation for abundant fresh water supplies...more so than any other nation on earth. America's rivers are legendary...especially of the Mississippi, (Mark Twain and Hollywood gave it world renown). There are other legendary rivers, like the Missouri River, the Ohio, the Colorado, the Rio Grande, the Hudson, the Potomac, the Tennessee, the Swannee, the Red Rivers and the Wabash River. Don't forget the Great Lakes, and the Great Salt Lake in Utah. We should also not forget all the thousands of lakes in America. America is truly the land of "many waters." No other nation can boast of this amount of supply. America is the only nation that this passage can be referring to.

#7. Future Babylon is a land of immigrants. This is referred to in Jeremiah 50:16, and 51:13, (but see also, Revelation ch. 17). Verse 16 says that in that day...the inhabitants will evacuate each to his own people, and flee to their own land of origin. Chapter 51:13 is a more vague reference. Here in 51:13, we have a dual meaning word. "Waters" as we saw earlier is a clear reference to water. However, in Revelation Chapter 17:15 we find an angel speaking to the Apostle John about this future Babylon. In John's vision, the "waters" is a symbolism for people, immigrants who moved to Babylon. The connection here is that "waters" has a dual meaning. It has a literal and a symbolic meaning. This is something that happens from time to time in prophetic passages. Again, as we try to identify what nation this could refer to, stop and think for a moment. What nation has the reputation around the world for openly accepting and encouraging immigration? Of course, the U.S., as personified by the Statue of Liberty, which is often times referred to as the ..."Mother of Exiles." We will deal extensively with this significant connection later in the book, and also in Appendix 5.

#8. Future Babylon has no fear of invasion on its home soil. See Isaiah 47: 5, and 8. Verse 5 here links Babylon with the term “Queen of Kingdoms.” Verse 8 then continues in the context of verse 5. The same terminology is also found in Revelation Chapter 18:7. “I sit a Queen, and am not a widow and will never see mourning.”(NASV). This same wording is found in Isaiah 47:5 and also verses 7 and 8. Verse 7... “I shall sit a queen forever” and verse 8, “I shall not sit as a widow.” (NASV). These statements are metaphors referring to a confident and superior attitude. The idea of not mourning or loss of children refers to the idea of invasion. The notion here is of supreme power to protect oneself...to be unchallengeable on the home soil. Indeed, America was only invaded once by a foreign power...during the war of 1812, when England did drop off a few expeditionary landing forces. That war demonstrated to the world just how difficult it would be for any nation outside of the western hemisphere to invade America. WWII showed that an Asian nation could not possibly invade and win a war in America. So why bother? No other nation can confidently assume that they cannot be invaded. Now having said all of this...the fear of nuclear war is another issue entirely. However, since the demise of European communism, the general public attitude in America,...(rightly or wrongly)... is that America is “safe” from thermal-nuclear war. I do not share that view...but that is the general public consensus. After all, Russia is now our “friend.” Therefore, Americans feel that they are ‘safe’ from a nuclear war. Also, it should be pointed out that the fear of such a war is so greatly diminished in the public mind, that America is once again optimistic about the future...even though they are not happy with the elected officials nor the fiscal policies. Regarding military threats to this country...against our home soil, in the way of invasion...nobody can seriously believe that we are going to be invaded by foreign armies landing on our beaches. America is also optimistic about the economic future as well. America has always been an optimistic nation.

#9. Future Babylon also has carried over the same values as old Babylon. Especially the views about religion...and even the ancient religious views... Jeremiah 50:2; also 50:38; 51:7, 47, 52: Also Isaiah 47: 9, 11, 12, 13. Now, Jeremiah 50: 2 gives us the names of 2 of the many gods of old Babylon...Bel and Marduk. Bel is also known by the name Baal. Marduk is also known as the god Mars. Actually, the names Baal, Bel, Marduk, Merodach, and Mars are all different names for the same being. Babylonian mysticism was passed down to all succeeding civilizations, including the Egyptians, the Greeks, the Romans, and many more. The names of the gods may have changed but much if not most of the views were retained and some others were altered and or modified. Incidentally, there were many gods and goddesses that were worshipped in Babylon. In fact, they had a temple built to honor any gods that they may not have known about...just to “cover all their bases.” The most noted of the goddesses was Ishtar. The Babylonian mysticism has continued down through history. The Roman Catholic Church picked up much of it, and modified it concerning the Christmas and Easter holidays and traditions. The notion of

Christmas trees and lights, exchange of gifts, bells and many other Christmas symbols originated with the Babylonian holiday celebrations of December 25<sup>th</sup>. Easter was also associated with the Babylonian holiday that featured rabbits, eggs, and a cross in ancient Babylonian mysticism involving the worship of the goddess Ishtar, the Virgin-Mother who lost a son and was resurrected.

All of this and many other views, such as astrology and the occult originated with Babylon. Today, we see much of Babylonian mysticism having survived and is still flourishing in such organizations as the "Freemasons" movement, and also the Masonic Order/Shriners, also in the 'New Age' movement, and the revival of 'gnosticism'...which was a Babylonian origination. Today, we see a whole industry springing up around Astrology, and horoscopes. Every newspaper in the country features horoscopes. Every major city has its share of fortunetellers and psychics...all of this originated in Babylon. Witchcraft also originated in Babylon, as did Satanic cult ritualism.

Many of the Masonic Order symbols are seen in the U.S. government. For instance, on our paper money, you will find the pyramid and on the top of it a 'seeing eye'...both symbols of Babylonian mysticism as it came down through Egypt. The Statue of Liberty is full of Masonic symbolism. (see Appendix 5). The Capitol building, the layout of Washington D.C. is full of Babylonian symbolism as shared through the symbolism from the Masonic Order. There is one researcher, Richard Hoagland of the Enterprise Institute, who has uncovered evidence that the entire NASA space program is connected to Masonic symbolism. Hoagland finds various links of these symbols back to Egyptian mysticism. The Egyptian mysticism is linked to and borrowed from Babylon. We'll note just 2 of the instances uncovered by Hoagland. The NASA lunar program known as Apollo (Roman god... a.k.a. Babylonian Marduk/Baal)... The Apollo lunar program was given a symbolic patch, worn by the employees in the program and on the astronaut's space suits. The emblem featured the Egyptian mystic symbolism...also borrowed from the Babylonians. If you would like more information on this...check out the Hoagland/Enterprise Mission website on the Internet at... ..

[www.enterprisemission.com](http://www.enterprisemission.com)

Keep in mind that ancient Babylon as well as America today shares a similar connection to outer space and exploration. You should also be aware of a preoccupation with the planet Mars, home of the god Marduk/Mars. NASA has spent a great deal of resources on exploring that planet, and certainly some of that research has led to controversy surrounding that now infamous "face on Mars" as researched by Richard Hoagland, The Enterprise Institute, and other well respected scientists.

One final note. America's political leaders for the most part are connected directly or indirectly to the Masonic Order. Many of America's founding fathers were Masons...including, George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, and Thomas Jefferson. Many, if not most presidents were Masons.

#10. Future Babylon is noted for its disrespect of the elderly. See Isaiah 47:6. The idea of this verse is that the elderly were given a very heavy yoke. It is referencing a prophecy from Deuteronomy 28:50 about ancient Babylon coming to invade and conquer Israel...and that even ancient Babylon had no respect for its elderly and showed no mercy for the young!!! I think this in today's society is a reference to the way elderly people are left in nursing homes, and have very little if any income from Social Security. Consider also the concept of mercy killings for the aged. Dr. Kevorkian. Euthanasia. Regarding the aspect of the young...consider the amount of abortions done in America every year, and consider all the child molestation, kidnappings, and murders of children every year...to nearly epidemic proportions, or so the media would have us believe. America as a throwaway society has shown very little respect for its young and elderly for several decades.

#11. Future Babylon is a military Air Power...with air travel...also. See Isaiah 18: 1. The phrase... "Land of whirring wings" needs to be analyzed to understand the meaning. The Hebrew word for "whirring" is the word ... .. "tselatsal" (tsel-aw-tsal...Strong's #6767), a clatter or clanging, or clashing, or clanking...or like the whir of an insect's wings. The second Hebrew word is "kanaph". See Strong's #3671 – an edge or extremity, a flap...example – a bird's wing. This phrase is indicating aerial movement...the entire verse context centers around the notion of travel...The sea aspect refers to military power in which warships are the envoys/messengers which establishes a military message to other nations...it is akin to our phrase... "showing the flag"...a reminding message of its naval military power. This concept is carried into vs 2. Remember, today's naval power is focused on the "Aircraft Carrier Battle Group" This Hebrew idiom, I believe, is a veiled reference to "air power" as much as naval power. Now, in today's world...what nation projects its naval power by 'showing the flag?' America. You don't see this from any Mideast nation. European navies are now too small to do so...although Britain still has some small naval presence to flex power outside of home waters. Likewise for France as well. Russia...outside of submarines has very little to offer. But still, no one... no nation has such a presence or ability like the United States Navy.

#12. Future Babylon is noted for the natural beauty of its land. Isaiah 13:19. "Beauty of Kingdoms, and glory of the Chaldean's pride" ... is self explanatory...One is reminded of today's world...and songs about America like "America, the Beautiful" and the folk song by Woody Guthrie... "This land is your land"... "My Country 'tis of Thee" would be yet another example.Spacious skies,

amber waves of grain, purple mountains majesty, fruited plains. Sounds like a description of a beautiful land to me. The Star Spangled Banner glorifies American patriotism. All of this is a natural connection to verse 19.

#13. Future Babylon and the Outer Space Connection. See Jeremiah 51:53

(KJV)... “Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should be fortify the height of her strength, yet from me spoilers come unto her,’ saith the Lord.”

Let’s take an in-depth look at the original Hebrew key words here to get a full understanding of the meaning of this verse. The numbers above are the original language word order.

<p>#1 (KJV) <u>Though</u> [Hebrew] <u>Kiv</u> [Strong’s] #3588 <i>Even though</i></p>	<p>#3 <u>Should mount up to...</u> <u>alah</u> #5927 <i>ascend high up. to be high go up, going from lower to higher region. Used of God on a height...to come up before gods.</i></p>	<p>#2 <u>Babylon</u> <u>Babel</u> #894 <i>Babylon</i></p>
<p>#4 <u>heaven</u> <u>shameh</u> #8064 <i>visible heavens where the stars are &amp; the abode of God &amp; the angels &amp; where they fly.</i></p>	<p>#5 <u>and though she should fortify</u> <u>bahsar</u> #1219 <i>to make accessible by fortifying, also mystically of secrets/mysteries for the unattainable things...</i></p>	<p>#6 <u>the height of</u> <u>mahrom</u> #4791 <i>lofty, very high in altitude &amp; very far off; especially of heaven/outer space</i></p>
<p>#7 <u>her strength</u> <u>oze</u> #5797 <i>defenses security</i></p>	<p>this word is missing from KJV <u>KJV has no word for this</u> <u>ruwm</u> #7311 <i>to be high, to rise, raise, to be high literally (of stars especially) to lift oneself up.</i></p>	<p><i>yet from Me shall</i></p>

#8  
spoilers come unto her  
shadad  
#7703  
*violently, devastate, arrest,  
despoil, ruin, violently destroy*

#9  
saith the Lord

Here is one possible rendering of the verse...

*Even though she ascends high up into the solar system and reinforces her secret (and mystical) defense abilities in outer space...from Me powerful destructive beings will come to her.*

In the original Hebrew, there is stress on the word meaning to ascend. The word order is showing stress on the Hebrew word “alah” = to ascend high up/to lift up/mount up/taken up and carried away/...etc... The word order here helps give emphasis to the concept being conveyed to the reader of the importance of the verb action...to ascend...giving notion to the idea of extreme height...or an extreme carrying away... Question? What kind of extreme taking up/lifting up/ascending up or carrying away could this be referring to???

The only solution is the context of the other words in the verse...Context is many times the key factor in determining the exact meaning of a word. In the case of this verse, too many elements have been ignored in prior translations, and translators have assumed that the prior translation assumptions were valid. Keep in mind that up until 1961, space travel was considered impossible...and no one seriously thought about warfare in space due in part to treaties between the nations of the world, made in the early 1960s.

So, before 1960, translators would have no serious reason to consider that the words of Jeremiah 51:53 could relate to the idea of outer space, even though the words suggest such. Their assumption that such an idea was absurd, that God meant something else, or that the meaning was unclear, so leave the translation the same as prior translators. Even in the KJV, the idea is left wide open concerning the idea of how high up were they to go...as high as the mountains??? The critical Hebrew words in the verse are...

**Alah** --- 5927 = to ascend up, mount up, taken up, carried away...to be high. Gesenius says it means literally...to go from a lower region to a higher region.

**Shame** --- 8064 = visible heavens, sky where the stars are...and the abode of God and the angelic realm, where angels fly... see 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 21: 16; Ezekiel 8:3; Zechariah 5:9

**Bahtsar** – 1219 = to be cut-off and made inaccessible by height or by fortification or both... usually meaning to restrain, withhold as in defenses. Or of very high walls of fortified cities...emphasis on extremely fortified...YET...the word also conveys the concept of there being unattainable things...or secret mysteries, mystical secrets. Jeremiah 33:3; Ezekiel 21: 25...

**Mahrom** – 4791 = from the root word #7311 for altitude...This word... elevation, an elevated place, or height far above. Gesenius notes that the word emphasis is on being very high and far off...and it is a fortified place...used especially of the part of the heavens where God and Angels...not humans are found... it is sometimes referred to as the height of the height. See Isaiah 24: 18, 21

**Oze** -- 5797 = from the root #5810 – strength. Oze means strength. To be stout, hardened, prevail, to be strong, security.

**Ruwm** -- 7311 = to be high, to rise or raise. Gesenius says it can relate to the idea of safety because of the height. Also height as security, and as height giving one great defensive power. Can be used of the high places of heaven, powerful. Also carries the idea of remoteness and being far distant as with God who is on high...far off and distant. Of where the stars are ... Job 22:12; Psalm 10:5; Psalm 78: 69. It also can mean to exalt or lift up praise.

**Shadad** -- 7703 = to be burly, to ravage, to destroy, to spoil, to be strong, powerful...vehemently and hard in the negative sense...acting violently in destroying...also militarily...to rush an enemy quickly and overwhelm by sheer brute strength. Also means to lay waste.

5 words in the verse deal directly in the concept of height, and 3 words deal indirectly in a military sense of being high and in strength defensively, plus another military word used for offense.

So we see that this verse is obviously in reference to a military context. The context also involves height...extreme height...stars, heavenly abode of God and angels. In light of this data, what conclusions are we forced to consider by the weight of the textual evidence??? It would seem that this verse is indicating that some future nation code-named Babylon is somehow connected to outer space warfare/defensively, and that Babylon has some sort of defensive systems involved in outer space. Based on the evidence and what we know of today's technology... is our conclusion just science fiction??? No...Would it have been

ludicrous to have considered this conclusion 50 years ago? Yes. Why??? In 1950, outer space travel was just a fantasy. 100 years ago, space travel was inconceivable...let alone just being a fantasy. 100 years ago man was experimenting with balloons. So to consider Jeremiah 51:53 in the context of outer space defenses was simply insanity just a generation ago. Our generation is still coming to terms with our technology in light of Biblical Prophecies. Some technology we have easily noted and altered our understanding of prophetic events to come. Other technologies we are still ignoring in light of Biblical predictions...outer space is one of those technical advancements we have mostly ignored or failed to recognize.

#14. Future Babylon is noted for its sensual, materialistic, an hedonistic lifestyle. Isaiah 47:8 (KJV) refers to pleasures...the NASV refers to “sensual one” Also references to “dwelling carelessly” or “securely”...the idea of feeling safe from attack. The phrase... “I shall not sit as a widow, nor shall I know the loss of children” is referencing to loss in battle...everything is looking good. The first seven verses also speak to the same issue really.

Verse 1...the words... “tender and delicate”

Verse 5... “the lady of kingdoms” ...

Verse 7... “I shall sit a Queen forever”

Lets look at the 2 words in verse one, “tender” and “delicate”.

**tender** = the Hebrew word -- **#7390** – “rak” = soft, and tender...from a high lifestyle where there is no work...to be weak because of lack of exercise...also associated with the idea of being a child or young with a lack of experience or development in judgment or weakness of undeveloped character. Also carries the idea of being protected and nurtured...like a protected woman sheltered from many of life’s difficult matters.

**delicate** = the Hebrew word -- **#6028** – “anog” from the root word #6026 ... “anag” = effeminately luxurious...to be soft and effeminate in an alluring and enticing way...used of the amorous gestures of women in their looks, walk, etc. Also to live or spend in enjoyment, taking exquisite delight...especially in a sexual sense...

Both of these words are conveying a very soft, luxurious and alluring standard of living...with some emphasis on physical senses, especially sexual.

Verse 5... “lady of kingdoms”

**lady**= **#1404** – “gebereth”= lady, mistress. According to Gesenius the general idea may also convey the idea of congealing or to freeze with cold ! ... i.e. “the ‘Ice-Lady”

**kingdoms = #4467** – “mamlakah” = an estate, or dominion, country, nations.  
To nations or the people of the nations corporately.

So here in verse 5...this is a Mistress, (cold, icy) to the masses of people around the world...(masses of people yearning to be free?). I believe this could be a direct reference to the Statue of Liberty. A frozen woman connected to the world's masses of people who are yearning to be free??? There is the idea of frozen, or congealed. Such is the nature of a statue. The mistress is identified with the nations of the world and their populations... the masses. It comes very close to the poem by Emma Lazarus inscribed on the base of the Statue of Liberty is known by other nicknames... “Lady Liberty” ... and “Liberty enlightening the world”... She was designed to be a personification of the Roman goddess “Liberty”... a.k.a. as the Babylonian goddess Ishtar. This deity had a temple built by the Romans in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century B.C, to honor her. She was a borrowed deity from Babylon, where she was known as Ishtar. To the Jewish rabbis, Ishtar was one the beings that who had joined in a rebellion against God. Part of a god's assignment in the rebellion was to foster worship among humans, and divert worship from the Creator-God. Part of the logic was to incite the Creator to destroy humanity if all humans turned away from God and thereby inadvertently joining the rebellion. Such developments would catch God in breaking His promises to humanity.

Back to verse 5. The verse seems to be indicating again...the USA and a symbolic reference to rebellion with the angelic rebel confederation led by Satan. The Statue of Liberty is considered by God to be an Idol to a false deity, who is in rebellion against the Creator-God This always leads to divine judgment as there certainly is a civil war going on in the Universe. Isaiah 47: 5 is not the only reference that I believe is connected to the Statue of Liberty. In our exposition on Revelation Chapters 17 & 18, we will find even stronger connections. But keep in mind, the Statue of Liberty overlooks the Harbor where off in the distance is a city on Long Island called... Babylon !!! Is that ironic, or is there a connection to something else??? This alone is not enough evidence. But, there is much more yet to come.

#15 Future Babylon is noted for its Statues, its love of graphic pictures, art, and perhaps its media. See Jeremiah 50: 38. Also #14 just preceding this. As we noted just earlier in #14...about the “lady of the kingdoms”...so too in Jeremiah 50: 38... “for it is the land of graven images, and they are mad upon their idols.” (KJV)

“**graven**” = is the Hebrew word: “peciyl” = #6456 = carved image/quarry from the root word #6458 = to carve/engrave from wood or stone, or metal. To cut or carve or form by cutting. Also in Aramaic, indicates spreading out of an image, on tablet. So the idea is both 2 & 3 dimensional and connected to giving worth or worth(ship) to other super-

human beings as a substitute for the worship of the Creator-God.

**“images”** = is the Hebrew word: “gilluw” = #1544 = an idol from the root word #1556 = to roll off or away from... also... to commit, or to trust, #1544 is slang for the idea of an image of God, or gods being fashioned from logs, or stones...the slang is derisive of those who worship the wood or stone statues and the beings that the statues symbolize.

**“mad”** = is the Hebrew word: “halal” = #1984 = a primary word... to be clear of color... i.e. “to shine”... A derivative name from this word is the term for Satan, before his fall and rebellion. Hence the term means to make a show, or boast, to be foolish, to be mad or insane primarily due to ego...pride. Gesenius says this phrase in Jeremiah 51:38... “madly confide in idols.” B-D-B also notes that this is in conjunction with the idea of terror & fear. “Cry out aloud”... ... “implore” in terror and fear. Also can be connected with the idea of drunkenness as well as insanity. To foolishly boast or praise and especially give worth to or worship to one’s self. In a nation, this concept is called nationalism or patriotism.

**“idols”** = is the Hebrew word “emah” or “eymah” = #367 = fright, dread, horror, idols, terror. Also connected to an ancient people called the “Emim” who lived in the land of the Moabites long before Moab settled there... these people were frightful, terrifying and somehow connected to the idea of idol worship. The question becomes... Who were these people? Were they human beings that the idols represented symbolically? We do not know... but they seem to be connected to the “nephilim” and the “benai hahelohim” that are mentioned in connection with the Flood. (rebel angels & their hybrid off-spring with human women)

So this phrase refers to the idea of manufactured images of worship... be they statues or other art work or even of writing. A general meaning and paraphrase of the verse goes like this... ...  
“It is a land of idolatrous cultural crafts and media, and they insanely worship themselves patriotically.”!!! The idea here does convey also the idea of patriotism being a bad thing when viewing it from the divine perspective. Is America engaged in idolatrous patriotism; and idolatry of culture and media??? Perhaps so.

#16. Future Babylon is noted for its cultural insanity...see above for the same details.

#17. Future Babylon is noted for its elegant, luxurious, rich lifestyles. Again see #14 and Isaiah Chapter 47: 1-8

#18. Future Babylon is noted for **Drugs and drug use!!!** See Isaiah 47: 9-12  
Verse 9... “For the multitude of thy sorceries, and the great abundance of thine enchantments” (KJV). Verse 12... “Stand now with thine enchantments and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast labored from thy youth, if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so thou mayest prevail. (KJV)

Here is the New American Standard Version of verses 9 & 12...

Verse 9b... *“In spite of your many sorceries, In spite of the great power of your spells...”* Verse 12... *“Stand fast now in your spells, and in your many sorceries with which you have labored from your youth: Perhaps you will be able to profit, Perhaps you may cause trembling.”*

Now let's analyze the key words:

Verse 9b

“Sorceries” is the Hebrew word – “ophelon” + #3785 – to owe or accrue...to be obligated. (a wish) Gesenius notes it is a prayer or petition to idols, to the rebel forces against God...or with the idea of enchantment...muttering spells or magical songs. B-D-B lexicon notes that the term “sorceries” includes those aspects of the occult world and contact with forces in opposition to the Creator. It is divining and astrology too. Any kind of contact with Satanic forces. In the Greek translation of the Old Testament...(which is called the Septuagint) the Rabbis/Scribes used the Greek word... “pharmakeia”... for the Hebrew word “ophelon.” Now the Greek word, “pharmakeia” gives us a little more insight into the practice itself...because from the Greeks we find that much of the sorcery involved the use of ‘drugs’ as mixed in potions and then served to the victim. The usage was to create a passive state of the mind, for whatever the intended purpose...the end result was demonic/satanic influence and or power upon or over the individual, either favorably or unfavorably for the recipient. “Pharmakeia” is the Greek word from which we get the English term pharmacy and pharmaceuticals or prescription drugs. Any thing of this nature was termed and labeled as part of the practice of sorcery because it also was used in conjunction with prayers and incantations to the occult powers of the satanic/demonic forces.

“Enchantments” is the Hebrew term – “chebar” or “chabar” = #2267/#2266 to fascinate, to charm, to make a compact with, a spell, or a society of sorcerers or wizards. It also conveys the idea of ... “to bind” or “to be bound together” ...“to be fascinated by a spell or incantation”...in which the invoker binds to the occult forces in opposition to the Creator-God of the Universe. Sometimes the incantations are referred to as magic spells. Those involved make alliances with the enemies of God and thereby with those alliances make themselves special human enemies of God.

In verse 12:

“Profit” is the Hebrew word “Ya’al” = #3276 = from a primary root meaning... “To ascend on High”... “To rise above”... “To benefit.” “To be valuable or useful.” It is connected to idol worship in a vain sense of derision. See Strong’s, Gesenius, and B-D-B Lexicon.

“Prevail” is the Hebrew word “arats” = #6206 = “To terrify, cause awe, put or cause fear or trembling in one’s enemies.” Extreme sarcasm conveyed in this word in this particular usage.

So, that verse 9 indicates... “In spite of your drugs, and your spells and treaties with the occult powers”...

Then verse 12 continues using extreme sarcasm ... “Hold firm in your spells and treaties and your drugs and potions, with which you have worked with since early nationhood... Perhaps you may yet ascend up and terrify your enemies” ... (implied...whom I am sending against you).

These verses clearly show a Satanic alliance between the future Babylon and Satan...It also shows that “drugs” are noted, as an identifying characteristic of Babylon... so that too is the occult connection. Drugs and the occult connection have been around since the early beginnings of the nation.

#19. Future Babylon is noted for the occult practices...from witchcraft to astrology and alliances to evil forces... see #18 above...but add here also the Isaiah 47:13 reference...Basically the verse is continuing with the sarcasm of verse 12...saying... “let your astrologers, stargazers, and diviners, save you from what is coming upon you.”

#20. Future Babylon is noted for the highest standards of living...Isaiah 47:1. See the notes on #14...

#21. Future Babylon is noted for being highly and overly optimistic and confident about its future... Isaiah 47: 7-10; Jeremiah 50:24. Both references easily point out the overconfident character of Babylon.

#22. Future Babylon is considered to have had a unique and remarkable beginning...and has been awe-inspiring since its birth, and is still awe-inspiring to the world. See Isaiah 18: 2

The first part of verse 2 deals with the naval forces showing the “flag” as we discussed earlier. Now, in this verse... in the KJV there is a word in italics. It is the word, “saying.” The italics in the KJV indicate it is not a word that is found in the original text. The translators of the KJV decided to add the word, thinking

that it helped give better meaning to the verse...but the grammatical usage is inappropriate because it seems to make the “ambassadors” of the verse, the ones giving a message ...found later in verse 2. This is not the case. The verse breaks in the middle into two different ideas. The first part is a reference to the idea that this nation has a powerful navy that shows warships around the world as a message. The second part of the verse starts with a message directed to Babylon...not from Babylon via warships. This is a classic example of the inappropriate choice of verse editing by those who decided to create verses. The original text of Hebrew and Greek did not have verse divisions. That did not come along for hundreds of years. We know that this approach that we just gave for the verse is appropriate and correct because the message gives identification markers of Babylon. What are they? Let’s look at the key words...

*“Go, ye swift messengers to a nation scattered and peeled, to a people terrible from their beginning hitherto: a nation meted out and trodden down, whose land the rivers have spoiled.” (KJV)*

“scattered” -- Hebrew word “mashak” -- #4900= to draw out, tall, large.  
It carries the idea of power due to size.

“peeled” -- Hebrew word “mowrat” -- #4178 – independent and obstinate.  
also in a hurry, and to be rash. Gesenius says the phrase is ... “a mighty and destructive nation.”

“terrible” -- Hebrew word “yare” -- #3372 = respect, revere, fear, awesome.

“meted” -- Hebrew word “qavqav” -- #6978 = a mighty nation...

“trodden” -- Hebrew word “mebuwcah” -- #4001 = trampling down, a conqueror thoroughly trampling down all of its enemies.

So, the verse reads more accurately as follows...

“Go ... to a nation large and independent (and a little rash and in a hurry) to a people respected since their beginning until now, a mighty, powerful and destructive nation, whose land the rivers divide.

#24. Future Babylon is both respected and envied, and yet simultaneously hated by the world. See Isaiah 18:2. See also Revelation 17:16. For the Isaiah passage see #23. For the Revelation passage, see the next chapter for more in-depth analysis.

#25. Future Babylon is considered Powerful and Oppressive. See #23 again for the details

#26. Future Babylon in it's past knew God and divine truth but departed away from God and His truth. See Jeremiah 50:21...

“Merathaim” -- #4850 – double rebellion...double bitterness or intense rebellion against God.

“Pekod” -- #6489 – land of punishment...refers to an area of Babylon where the tribe of Pekod had been gentiles and yet lovers and followers of Israel's God and divine truth but had turned away from God and Israel.

#27. Future Babylon is known as a land of rebels...as not in its birth, but now in its judgment for rebellion against God. See Jeremiah 51:1; Isaiah 47: 9 and see above #26 for an exposition of the 2 key words on Jeremiah 50: 21

In Jeremiah 51:1 ... the term “Leb kamai” literally means... “the heart of those who rise up against Me.”

Isaiah 47: 9... we looked at earlier in #19...where we found that occult practices are alliances or treaties with the enemies of God...thereby joining the occult practitioners to the Satanic rebellion and making them enemies of God in the cosmic civil war.

#28. Future Babylon is a cosmopolitan and urban nation...See Jeremiah 50:32 We see this from the word “cities” which will be set on fire. Note the plural form ... “cities” per se other than Babylon....

#29. Future Babylon is a key commercial nation to the world, and had been so since becoming a nation... Isaiah 47:15.

#30. Future Babylon is considered to be allied to the rebel forces of Satan and his armies/powers...See Jeremiah 50: 2; 51: 7, 44; Also Isaiah 14:13-22; and also Isaiah 47: 8-9. See also the data in #19.

#31. Future Babylon seems to have something akin to *Stealth* technology. Isaiah 47: 10-13. In verse 10, the phrase is ... “no one sees me”... The context is in regards to sorceries and occult practices throughout all 4 verses. The more obvious aspect of the phrase “no one sees me” is simply a reference to the national leadership thinking that God is either non-existent, or is not paying attention to their plans. Now, it could also be that their occult alliance gives them a seeming ‘cloak or covering shroud’ to conceal their plans. There is also another possible angle to this...although this is conjecture based on data about the American government's “black operations” defense programs. One confirmed operation...and it was made public in 1996 involved CIA programs in the psychic arena. One aspect is called “technical remote viewing.” There were other programs as well. The National Security Council ran similar programs with direct

access to the President and the Oval Office. Another group was allegedly operating in the Department of Defense. Additional “black” programs reportedly involve UFOs. Some sources from within the government report that there seems to have been contact with extra-terrestrial beings many years ago, and that alliances and treaties were made with a federation of different ET species. Reportedly up to, & perhaps as many as 24 species, or races of beings from other worlds, are part of the federation.

There are also reports of a rival or enemy federation as well that could or may threaten Planet Earth... or so the stories go. Some of this data comes from well-connected sources within the intelligence community. But what is truth and what is disinformation designed to mislead? Who knows? IF, IF this were true, then what we do know about the UFO enigma is that it is ... covert, operating in secret... it is a “black” operation...and in “hiding”...even the budget is hidden from the Congress and the President!!! The last several Presidents have been kept in the dark about the full scope of the projects. It is almost as if a secret government... from within the military-industrial complex was running the country.

Let’s see now, didn’t President Eisenhower and General MacArthur warn us about the military-industrial complex? Yes, and the General also once warned (in the 1950s) that the next World War would be an “inter-galactic” war from space. This whole phenomenon seems to characterize the covert aspects of expecting to “hide” it from everyone...such a scenario re-affirms the other characteristics of #19 as well as #30. Full blown rebellion against the Creator.

#32. Future Babylon is called in the prophecies...Queen of Kingdoms... See Isaiah 47:5 “lady of the masses”...see also #14 for connection to the USA.

#33. Future Babylon is referred to as a “golden cup” in God’s hands. See Jeremiah 51:7 and also Revelation 17:4 and 18:4. There is probably little direct connection with this to the USA, other than in Revelation. It refers to the woman who is holding a cup in her hand full of ‘abominations.’ For more on this see Chapter 10, ‘Mystery Babylon’ of Revelation. Chapter 10 will provide 65 more identification markers as found in the book of Revelation.

This concludes our section of this chapter on the character identification markers of future Babylon. Some of these are nearly duplicates but do feature different aspects of the character of that nation. We will next turn to consider the identity of those involved in the attack/invasion against future Babylon.

## Chapter 7 – The Invaders of Babylon

In the last chapter, we showed the identifying characteristics of the Future Babylon as found in the Old Testament Prophecies. Now, those same scriptures also reveal something about those who are described as doing the... .. “attacking” or “invading.” We will attempt in this section to go through the data that gives us clues as to the identity of this aggressor force. There are a dozen points of analysis for us to consider on this subject.

### ANALYSIS #1.

We start with Jeremiah chapter 50 and verse 3.

*(KJV) “For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: They shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: They shall remove, they shall depart, both man and beast.”*

<u>“out of”</u> #4480 “minniy” from out of the above	<u>“the north”</u> #6828 “tsawphown” hidden place in remote parts of the North where God lives	<u>“cometh up”</u> #5921 “al” the top, the highest/above or over	<u>“a nation”</u> #1471 “goee” aliens, foreigners, a body of people, a troop of animals
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Let’s examine each of the words with a deeper word analysis:

#4480 = from, out of, out of above, from after, from among

#6828 = from the root of #6845 –which means to hide (by covering over) by implication to hoard or reserve; to protect, or to lurk, lay up, privately, keep a secret.

6828 = hidden, dark. Used only of the north as a quarter. (connotes the gloomy, unknown). Gesenius’ Lexicon says it connotes hidden, and obscure conditions. Also used for the remote parts of the northern heavens where God lives...see Isaiah 14:13 & Ezekiel 38: 6, 15; Ezekiel 40:35 and Ezekiel 42:2; Song of Solomon – 4:16... Brown-Driver-Briggs Lexicon also confirms that it can be the remotest parts of the North, where **the divine abode is!!!**

#5921= from #5920...the top, The Highest/God, above, over, upon or against but only in a downward aspect from a place of higher position.

#1471= Foreigners, aliens, of a body or group of, also used for a troop... (of animals or locusts).

Summary analyses...There are dual words here...

al = #5921  
minniy = #4480

Both carry the idea of height or altitude because the word #6828 – “tsawphown” refers to the North/remotest parts of the North where God resides is in other words... “outer space” ... or outside of the Universe. So that the reference here is that the attack is by foreigners from the remotest and northerly dark and hidden regions in outer space. See also Isaiah 14:13; also see Isaiah 13: 5... and also Jeremiah 51:53 points to space activity by Babylon.

So, we see here in the first section that the attackers do not appear to be coming across the north pole, but rather are coming in from “outer space.” So, let’s put this together and reconstruct a better translation of this verse.

“Indeed, from out of the above, from the hidden places in the remote parts of the North where God resides (from outer space) ...comes down from above, a body (or troop) of foreigners/aliens to come down against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein... They shall remove, they shall depart both man and beast.”

Now this is a stunning revelation...it seems that the attackers are “aliens” or are perceived as “aliens” coming from the deep and remote parts of outer space!!! Let’s get more details in the next analytical sections.

ANALYSIS #2. Jeremiah 50: 9

*(KJV) “For behold, I (God) will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the North country, and they shall set themselves in array against her.”*

Now, this verse, at first glance seems to take a more normal view of the event. But let’s dig into the key words and see what the Hebrew words really mean.

raise and cause

to come up against

Babylon

an assembly

#5782  
to incite

#5921  
carries the idea of height,  
from above down to and  
against

Babel

#6951  
an assembly for  
purpose of war or  
invasion. Of angels  
& sons of God.  
benai hahelohim  
Psalm 89:6

<u>of</u> **	<u>great</u> 1419 elder “anakim”	<u>nations</u> 1471 aliens, foreigners	<u>from the</u> 5921 from the top from above from the highest	<u>North</u> 6828 outer space	<u>country</u> 776 a world a planet usually Earth
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Now, we really want to take a closer look at these words listed again below.

#5782 = “uwr” = to incite, to awake, arouse... to be hot, ardent, alert. To excite a brawl, or incite a brawl... ordered or commanded.

#5921 = “al” = height, altitude...from above down to or against.

#6951 = “qahal” = an assembly, a congregation, multitude, Brown-Driver-Brigg’s Lexicon says that it can be used especially of an assembly especially called together for a purpose of war or invasion...used of angels in Psalm 89:6 benai hahelohim.

#1419 = “gadol” = great – in the sense of older, elder, exceedingly an elder as in to being ancient...Gesenius Lexicon says in the “great” sense was used of a large, tall man of magnitude and extent of power...among the Anakim...the Babylonian term for the Nephilim...who were the offspring of angels and human women before the Flood of Noah. See Joshua 14:15

#1471 = “goem” = aliens, foreigners, a body or group of foreigners, aliens. can also refer to animals, a troop or herd.

#6828 = “tsawphown” = see analysis #1 for fuller definition... hidden, remote parts of the Northern quarter of the heavens where is the divine abode of God.

#776 = “erets” = a world, a planet, ...usually in context of planet Earth. or the earth, soil, etc.

Now let's put this verse together again in the light of this analysis...

“For behold, I will incite to come down from above onto Babylon, an assembled group of the Ancient Anakim...the aliens/foreigners who come down from a planet in outer space, from the northern quarter of the heavens”!!!

Wow!!! Now that is a 'heavy concept to swallow!!! !!! But the context really is inclined towards such an interpretation. Especially in light of other similar passages which we will continue to look at next. So far, we have 2 passages that connect the idea of outer space as being the originating point for attack... Note I said, 'originating' not simply passing through such as a 'missile', which starts on the planetary surface. This attack originates somewhere other than planet Earth. It originates somewhere in the remote parts of outer space. We know this because the word ...(#776) “erets” in the context ... conveys the idea of a planet or other world...from somewhere else in outer space and not from the North Pole or arctic circle as some “experts” would have us believe.

This material has far reaching implications. In light of developments in science concerning the possibility of life on Mars, and or the 'face on Mars' and also the continuing phenomenon known as UFOs...all of this seems to be playing an integral role in Biblical prophecy...we, as humans are just not paying attention to the data.

ANALYSIS #3. Jeremiah 50:26

*(KJV) “Come against her from the utmost border”...*

“come against her”

#935

bow=bo

“go down into war”  
especially suddenly

from

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the utmost border

#7093

qets=kates

an end, or extremity of space or time  
with space the idea of extreme remoteness  
**as to being nearly infinite !!!**

Let's look at the 2 key words in closer detail.

#935 = bo = a primary root word – to go or come...apply, attain, besiege, bring forth, to go down in to war, run down if in a military sense then use the military connotations. Gesenius' Lexicon says that besides the idea of ...to come in or to enter ... it can also be the place which one enters, as in a house, city, country, ship, etc. “also to lead the people to war...that would be the terminology used by a leader or commander giving an order. The term carries with it the idea of falling upon anyone...especially suddenly...against an enemy.

B-D-B lexicon is in agreement. It would be like a cavalry leader telling the “troop” to.... **“Charge!”**

#7093 = kates = an extremity, after (utmost border) an end, or infinite.  
 B-D-B & Gesenius both indicate the same as Strong’s but adds the idea...with the concept of space the added idea is of **extreme remoteness, as to being nearly INFINITE!!!** In Jeremiah 50:26 it is a remote lodging place of a multitude... B-D-B: “end, in space its remotest lodging place...as in a military base.

So let’s put this together...

“Go down into war from (your)(an) extreme (ly) and nearly infinitely remote military base and run her down”!!!

Here again we see further startling evidence that this is not going to be a conventional human attack.  
 ANALYSIS #4: Jeremiah 50:41

*(KJV) “Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the Earth.”*

<u>“Behold</u> #2009 “hinneh” Look !	<u>“a people”</u> #5971 “awm” troops	<u>“shall come”</u> #935 “bow=bo” go down into war suddenly	<u>“from the North”</u> #6828 “tsawphown” from the unknown dark & remotest parts of heaven/or outer space
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<u>“and a great”</u> #1419 “gadol” Elders/Arche ancient nobles The ANAKIM	<u>“nation”</u> #1471 “goeem” aliens/foreigners	<u>“and many”</u> #7227 “rab” abundant in qty. size, age, rank, number & quality	<u>“kings”</u> #4428 “melek”/ “malak” kings / angels
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<u>“shall be raised up”</u> #5782 “uwr” shall be incited to action	<u>“from the coasts”</u> #3411 “yerekah” the most extreme & remote regions	<u>“of the earth”</u> #776 “erets” of a world, or planet
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Now, let's list each word and get a fuller understanding of each word meaning.

#2009 = "Look", an expression of surprise.

#5971 = from #6004 – a people or a congregated unit. Here it is troops. Gesenius' lexicon indicates that it can be a single race or tribe or the plural of and even used of the race or family of anyone especially when in the plural...the word is in opposition to the idea of a king or leader. It simply denotes the common, or ordinary...the word can be of the whole human species or can also be used of other species, animals in herds or flocks. [so the word could refer to humans or animals, or even of angels]

#935 = see earlier notes in Analysis #3... "go down into war" suddenly. By implication in a swift, surprise attack, or a sneak attack.

#6828 = the unknown and remotest dark parts of heaven... i.e. "outer space" which is the divine abode.

#1419 = elders, the arche (as in arch-angels), the ancient nobles, or also used of the "Anakim"... a pre-flood mixed breed offspring of angelic fathers and human women.

#1471 = foreigners, aliens

#7227 = abundant in quantity, size, age, rank and quality

#4428 = melek=kings or commanders or leaders of armies usually, **but may also, refer to angels.** Note the word for an angel is malak/malek.

#5782 = to incite (commanded)

#3411 = flank/rear or recess, border, coast, remote regions of outer space. Gesenius lexicon says the idea here is again the extremities... the most remote of regions...See Isaiah 14: 13...where God and Satan and the angels abide. It is the remote regions of the Universe.

#776 = a world, a planet...can also be used of earth, dirt or of planet Earth.

So, now let's put this verse back together again after looking at the in-depth translation analysis...

“Look, troops are coming down into war (suddenly by surprise)...from the dark, unknown, and remote parts of heaven (outer space), and the arche (archangels or ancient ones, or the Anakim) aliens and many first rank leaders (possibly angels) shall be incited (commanded) from the most remote regions of another world (another planet) in outer space.”

Here again we have further confirmation of our earlier translation work...yet another passage pointing to the idea of an intergalactic attack! Something sent or commanded by God to come to Earth and launch a military sneak attack!!! But wait, there's more to come...

ANALYSIS #5... Jeremiah 51:1

Our next look at the identifying characteristics of the aggressors or invaders against Future Babylon is found in Jeremiah 51:1

*(KJV) “Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise against Me, a destroying wind.” ...*

...Look, (in surprise) I will incite (command) to go down into war against Babylon and go down into war against those that live in the middle of those that...

<u>“rise up against”</u>	<u>Me</u>	<u>“a destroying”</u>	<u>“wind”</u>
#6965	***	#7843	#7307
quwm		shachath	ruwach
revolt/ambush		destructive	air in motion often violent
suddenly by			breathe, breathe violently
surprise			a breeze or storm wind
			a spirit, a destructive spirit

#6965 = when in a military sense...to arise in a hostile sense...with the concept of quickly or suddenly and or with surprise...also the idea can convey the idea of an ambush...and of a revolt.

#7843 = stands as you see above...destructive...utterly wasted.

#7307 = air in motion, a breeze, a storm wind...also to breathe or also breathe violently. It is also referred to as a region of the sky. It is also referred to as a spirit... a destructive spirit. (however, we shall later see the spirit will be noted as being “righteous”)

Let's continue where we left off on the verse and put it all together...

“revolt, (and suddenly try to ambush Me), a destructive wind.”

ANALYSIS #6... Jeremiah 51: 9b... **The NASA verse** (in 2<sup>nd</sup> half of: “b”)

*(KJV) “For her judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up to the skies.”*

<u>“reacheth”</u> #5060 “naw-gah”	<u>“unto heaven”</u> #6828 “tsawphown”	<u>“and is lifted up”</u> #5375 “ <b>Naw-saw</b> ” <b>NASA</b>	<u>“to the skies”</u> #7834 “shahkak”
to lay the hand upon reaches arrive violently	hidden/dark parts of heaven/outer space where God resides	to lift up, advance, burn-up, raised up Lift-up as to fly	thin vapor firmament

Now, let’s look at each word in depth...

#4941 = “judgment” =mishpat... a decree or verdict, or the punishment as a result of a decree or verdict. Can also be of a right, or priviledge.

#5060 = to touch, to lay the hand upon, often of -- to lie with a woman. i.e. sexual intercourse with... also can mean to arrive or acquire violently. When used with the idea of reaching out...it is with the idea of reaching out as far as possible... i.e. to extend too as far as possible.

#6828 = See Analysis #1 to review the details of this word analysis.

#5375 = NASA (naw-saw) To lift in a great variety of ways, literally & figuratively. To advance, to arise, to bring up, to burn up, to carry away, to cast, to go on high or to go on High, to raise up, to lift-up as in to fly...etc. It does have a connection to flight...see Ezekiel 10:16, 19. also chapter 11:22

#7834 = (from the root #7833 – a fine dust or powder)...in this word, the idea is of a fine vapor, or thin vapor...referencing to the firmaments, the upper atmosphere of earth or the heavens and sky. In other words at the edge of and into outer space...this is what really defines where #6828 begins...and in a more scientific sense...this would be where the vacuum of space begins and oxygen ceases to exist...and the radiation belts begin.

Let’s put this verse back together again with this fresh data input.

“...for her punishment (the results of it), (violently) rise up to the hidden and dark parts of heaven/outer space; and (the punishment results) fly up to the edge of outer space (or the upper atmosphere).”

This verse is referring to perhaps the idea of Babylon’s actions have risen up to heaven for God to recognize and issue a verdict...or it could be describing the results of that judgment...the punishment (in the form of smoke and debris) reaching up to the upper atmosphere/outer space. I suppose it is possible that this could even be interpreted in the following... “her privileges (or permission) or she is allowed to rise up into outer space and she has “Nasa’d” (launched) or lifted off flying into Earth orbit.” I do think the last concept is a bit much, although it might be supportable contextually...but rather the context seems more suited for the idea of judgment (meaning punishment), as opposed to permission or being allowed.

It seems rather that the results of that punishment are being described...rather than the idea of a decree. After all, a decree from God goes down from on High to a lower level...not the other way around. The action of the verbs are of upward motion...therefore contextually we must be looking at the results of the punishment...I do not believe the word in any way refers to Babylon’s deeds are reaching up to heaven...though the idea is true a different word would have been used for that concept. It is rather, the idea of the results of punishment that are the most probable. It is conceivable that there is a duality of meaning here, but that too seems to be a lesser possibility.

What is intriguing is the Hebrew word, #5373 NASA (naw-saw) which means to lift-up or off, to advance, to burn up, to be raised-up, to be carried away...but especially, to lift up as to fly away... it seems ironic to see that word used here. This could remotely have some ironic bearing. Certainly, NASA –the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the U.S. Space program administrators does fit all the verbal meanings quite literally of the word. Keep in mind though that the Hebrew word is pronounced ever so slightly than most Americans pronounce NASA. However, I have heard a few TV and Radio news reporters slur the pronunciation ever so similarly to the Hebrew – “naw-saw.” This is true especially in the Northeastern area of the country. However, I do not claim this is anything but an interesting sidelight and irony in the text, but I allow that there is a slight possibility that there could be more to it.

ANALYSIS #7...Jeremiah 51:11

*(KJV) “Make bright arrows, gather the shields: the Lord has raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device is against Babylon, to destroy it; because it is the vengeance of the Lord, the vengeance of His temple.”*

We want to look at only a section of this verse... “the Lord has raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes...”

<u>“raised up”</u> #5782	<u>“the spirit”</u> #7307	<u>“of the kings”</u> #4427/4428 #4398	<u>“of the Medes”</u> #4074
“uwr” incite/raise up as in creation	“ruwach” a spirit being	“malak/melek” leader/commander also of an angel or of idols as kings	“maday” Medes

This phrase is very hard to determine an exact meaning because of the contextual variables and the variances of potential meanings. There are however only 2 realistic possibilities...

1. this is a reference to the Lord creating/ or elevating an individual to be a chief commander in the field... i.e. a field marshall of an army or armies. If this is so, then the context is that the being and the armies are non-human ...and are angelic origin. There is further evidence to come in the next few pages pointing clearly to this optional theory.
2. this is a reference to the Lord inciting an impulse within the leaders of Media (the Medes). The country of Media was a region that is now the northeastern part of Iran. In light of the geo-political at the dawn of the new millenium...Iran certainly considers the U.S. as its number one enemy. However, at present, Iran has no ICBM capability and is not considered to inhabit a remote region of the north pole...as is the potential Hebrew phrasing requiring...if indeed the invaders/attackers are humans...neither can it be possible for Iran to launch an ICBM attack over the North Pole...if a missile attack was to occur it would take an easterly or westerly trajectory. Submarine missiles are perhaps a remote possibility but Iran does not now have such a capability in 1998 and is not expected to have such for several years, unless Russia sells or gives them such as weapons, which again is another possibility, particularly in light of the unstable conditions within the

Russian government. If this verse is taken by itself, the latter option would be the more probable. However, we will find further textual data to however reinforce the idea that the attackers are non-human and are bringing about an extra-terrestrial attack upon the U.S. Keep in mind also that there is a possibility that both options will occur...one triggering the other!

So, let's put this phrase into fuller perspective.

“The Lord will create/appoint an ‘angel-spirit’ as chief of the commanders of the Medes. (this would refer to a form of angels called the “kosmokrators” who manipulate human nations to the bidding and strategies of the Satanic rebel forces opposing God. See Daniel 10: 1-21). In this reference, Daniel speaks with the Archangel Gabriel who relates to Daniel a story about angelic warfare between himself and the kosmokrator of Persia, and later predicting that he would be fighting against the kosmokrator of Greece, which was not even a nation when the prediction was made. Also, note from the story that Gabriel was ambushed and “pinned down” militarily for 21 days...and he says he had to call for reinforcements...and then he says that the other loyal arch-angel Michael and his troops came to Gabriel’s rescue. These were not battles with human beings, but rather with other angels who were fighting under the supreme commander of their armies...Satan. However, the kosmokrators are themselves commanders of armies of spirit beings. Also note, kosmokrators are a class or rank of spirit beings. Demons are the lowest rank or class in the angelic realm. Satan has much greater and more powerful beings than demons among his loyal followers. These beings are also “light” beings and are quite capable of putting on a wonderful display of phony righteousness and goodness as well as extreme powers that make demons look like infants.

So, what we have is the 1<sup>st</sup> possible rendering of the phrase. Now let's look at the second possible translation of the phrase.

“the Lord has incited an impulse among the leaders of Iran.”

This version as we stated earlier, also has definite possibilities in light of the current geo-political world structure at the end of the millenium. However, the overwhelming textual evidence points to an outer space attack, from the remote regions where God lives/resides.

ANALYSIS #8...Jeremiah 51:27b

*(KJV) “...call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz; appoint a captain against her, cause the horses to come up as rough caterpillars.”*

<u>"call together"</u> #8085 "shawmah" announce/call or summon	<u>"against her"</u> #5921 "al" from the top from above	<u>"the kingdoms of"</u> #4467 "mamlakah" a dominion, estate, country from #4427 "malak"= to reign also connects to angels= mal'ak--#4397	<u>"Ararat"</u> #780 "ararat" Mt. Ararat	<u>"Minni"</u> #4508 "minni" Armenia
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<u>"and Ashkenaz"</u> #813 "Ashkenaz" Bosnia (not Germany)acc. to Gesenius	<u>"Appoint"</u> #6485 "pawkad" Appoint or assign an officer to be in charge	<u>"a captain"</u> #2951 "tiphcar" "Prince of height" a certain superior angel of high rank probably a kosmokrator- class/rank angel/being	<u>"against her"</u> #5921 "al" from the top from above from the Highest
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<u>"cause the horses"</u> ***** not in the original	<u>"to come up against her"</u> #5921 "al" from the top from above from the highest	<u>"as the rough"</u> #5569 "camar" rough, bristling hornlike sheaths of the pupa	<u>"caterpillar"</u> #3218 "Yehleq" a kind of locust
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Let's take a closer look at each of the key words

#8085 = from the primary root meaning to hear intelligently with attention & obedience. 8085 means to call or announce, to summon

#4467 = a dominion, estate, country, kingdom. From #4427=malak= to reign Gesenius' lexicon indicates its connection to angels which is #4497= mal'ak...sometimes be used as a word for kings. i.e. leaders or commanders which can be human or angelic. Usually of humans.

#780 = Ararat...the region around Mount Ararat... i.e. the nation of Turkey

#4508 = Minni...a region of what is now called Armenia

#813 = Ashkenaz...B-D-B simply relates it as a northern peoples. Gesenius says that it is an area near Armenia in the approximate area of what would now be Bosnia, or Serbia...the Old Yugoslavia. Modern Jews have understood it to be Germany, but ancient anthropological evidence disputes that and places it more nearly, where Gesenius refers to

as stated above.

#6845 = Primary root is 'to visit'... this word means to oversee, to muster, or appoint or to commission, to assign... it can also mean to fall upon in a military sense of attack...

#2951 = means a tablet writer. In a military function – those skilled in writing common orders. In today's world, our only equivalent might be a computer operator...or programmer...perhaps of entering launch codes or mission course co-ordinates for a missile or spacecraft. (?) **However, don't hastily assume the above definition applies here because...the word "Tiphcar" is a very unique word. Rabbi Jonathan in his Targum (that is a commentary on a portion of scripture) On Deuteronomy, 28:12 also notes the word can refer to a "certain superior angel" with the title of ... "TIPHCAR". Gesenius' lexicon also cites Ewald's research as revealing that the term can literally mean... "prince of height". Here is why. Tiphcar is a compound word...Tiph= height or altitude. The other half of the word "car"...is actually pronounced with the letter "c" having an "s" sound...so that it is pronounced ... "sawr" or "sar". The term means "chief" or "prince". We see this word used for the Roman Caesars or Cae-sar... We also see this word used for the Russian word "czar" of Russia. Now the derivation is of a foreign nature It is connected in the conceptual sense to the Persian/Sanskrit word "adhipac' ara"...which is an angelic being of a certain superior rank.**

#5569 = rough, bristling...(locust) (hornlike sheaths of pupa)

#3218 = a kind of locust, or a peculiar species of locust with wings. What is described in the passage seems to be a military weapon.

Here we have some separate phrases in this verse. In the first 2 phrases, we have 2 distinct possible approaches as follows:

1. Summoning regional angelic rebel leaders (kosmokrator class) beings to swoop down on Babylon; and the 2<sup>nd</sup> phrase is the appointment of the chief leader of the expeditionary forces. The 3<sup>rd</sup> phrase being a brief description of the forces' transportation devices.
2. Summoning loyal angelic forces in opposition to the kosmokrators who manipulate the humans of Ararat, Armenia, and Bosnia. The 2<sup>nd</sup> phrase is "attack...(instead of appoint)...her "Tiphcar" or Angel Prince of Height, and go down in to war against her. Again as with the #1 above...the 3<sup>rd</sup> phrase is a description of the forces' transportation devices.

From this passage alone, the translation evidence within the verse or outside of the verse can support either version. Perhaps the 2<sup>nd</sup> is more plausible because the other passages seem to be pointing to the attackers as loyalist angelic forces of the Creator.

**In no way does this verse indicate human activity.** The idea of it being human activity is negated by what seems to be a specific reference to the Angel-Prince of Height. However, I would not totally rule out that the first phrase could refer to a terrorist incident from those areas mentioned. Such an incident could be highly significant...nuclear terrorist bombs...or biological warfare terrorism. It could also be angels previously assigned to cover those areas of Bosnia, Ararat, and Armenia...whose purpose formerly was to regulate human behavior of politics in that region. It would be now, that these angels have simply been reassigned to a new mission. Again, we do know scripturally that this type of angelic activity in human affairs is going on. See Daniel chapter 10 and read the whole story again about Daniel and the Archangel Gabriel and how he was ambushed by rebel angels who were assigned to manipulate and control the Persian government...and the last of the chapter discusses other angelic beings with such a role assigned to future Greece.

Now a final comment on this verse... referring to the 3<sup>rd</sup> phrase. The word for “horses” means horses in its literal sense, but in the context it seems the author is stuck for words to describe what he is seeing...which is more like a flying vehicle. In describing it, he uses a term he is more familiar with...horses. Horses are the choice because horses were the chief source of transportation power at that time. “Rough caterpillars” is I believe a literal description of flying vehicles...that bear similar shape to the larvae/pupa stage of caterpillars or locusts. In our society... a similar problem has developed with the subject of UFOs. The most famous “first” or publicly the first incident of UFOs being reported was in 1947, when an airplane pilot reported several objects near Mount Ranier in the state of Washington. He referred to the unknown objects as being shaped like upside down saucers... the media picked up on this analogy and the phrase “flying saucers” was born... So too, with this verse, the author is trying to “coin” an idea to describe something totally unfamiliar.

ANALYSIS #9...Jeremiah 51:48...

*(KJV) “spoilers..... from the North.”*

We only need to make formal mention of this verse. There is really no analysis necessary here...these two key words have already been covered else where in this section. “Spoilers”= #7703... and “North”= #6828.

ANALYSIS #10...Jeremiah 51: 51

(KJV) “strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the Lord’s house.”

<p><u>“strangers”</u> #2114 “zuwr” “an alien” a foreign god an elohim or benai hahelohim</p>	<p><u>“sanctuaries”</u> #4720 “miqdash” a consecrated place a holy place especially of Holy Tabernacle or of Temple The sanctuary or holy places of the Temple. Many places are sacred in &amp; about the Temple area, in Jerusalem.</p>	<p><u>“house”</u> #1004 “bayith” a house God’s House, Temple</p>
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I don’t think any deeper analysis needs to be put forth in this simple phrase. We should do a short comment on the term “zuwr”=#2114. It seems from the context that perhaps ‘foreign gods’ i.e. rebel angels...perhaps masquerading as aliens from another world will come for a sightseeing or diplomatic visit to the Temple Mount of Jerusalem. While there, they may make a comment about how they created humanity, and all the religions of the world. They may even claim to have created Jesus, Moses, and all the other Biblical leaders. They may have claimed to have “cloned” the prophets as well as Jesus and the others. If it ever is publicly announced by the government that UFOs are real and that Earth is being visited by alien civilizations...you can expect the scenario I have just suggested will become VERY, VERY Likely...and if so...look out...because that will set off some Divine activity quickly. God will not be a “happy camper” so to speak.

ANALYSIS #11...Isaiah 13: 3

(KJV) “I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, even them that rejoice in my highness.

Here we will just look at 2 key words.

“sanctified ones” = #6942 and “mighty ones” = #1368

#6942 = qadash = to be clean, holy sacred...devoted to God, of angelic warriors of people, of angels generally.

#1368 = ghibbowr = powerful. By implication a warrior, champion, chief, giant, and strong. Gesenius’ lexicon indicates a reference to a chief

military leader or leaders if used in the plural. See 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 23:8  
 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 1:8 and 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 11:26 and also 29:24

ANALYSIS #12...Isaiah 13: 5

*(KJV) "from a far country, from the end of heaven"*

<u>"from a far"</u> #4801 "merchaq"	<u>"country"</u> #776 "erets"	<u>"from the end of"</u> #7093 "quets"	<u>"heaven"</u> #8064 "shamayim" or shameh outer space, solar system Universe that which the astrologers/astronomers study.
remote, very distant afar off, very afar off	A World A Planet or planet Earth, or earthsoil	infinite, an end or an an extremity of space- time.	

Let's recombine the verse/phrase for a better understanding...

"From a very far off and distant world (planet) from the extremely remotest parts of the solar system/universe."

As we look back over all 12 of these analyses, it seems apparent that the attackers are not ... human...and are not from our neighborhood. They will attack suddenly, and swiftly...from out of nowhere...or from the blackness of space. These glimpses seem to remind the author of that Hollywood movie "Independence Day"... only the Biblical data is real, not fictional. It WILL happen.

Now, lets review the 2 possible interpretations of this material.

1. The attackers are human beings. From this comes different possible countries of origin.
  - a. Iran
  - b. The Baltic areas, of Bosnia, Turkey, Armenia
  - c. Russia??????
  - d. A combination of all the above who form a treaty alliance?????
2. Out-of-this-world beings, from the angelic realm.

There is also a third possible angle which is actually a merger of both of the above. To this author, the contextual evidence points to angelic origin rather than human. We will also see this in the book of Revelation chapters as well.

However, it may very well be a combination of the angelic and the human realm, with the human factor ignorant of the angelic actions because the angelic actions may seem explainable in a natural way.

There is another element to the question. It involves the element of timing. When will this happen? Though we will deal with this in more detail in chapter 13, we want to point out that the attack/judgment as described in the biblical accounts may be a two-stage or two-phase event. In this regard, it is possible that we may be confusing angelic activity with human activity in two distinctly different phases. Phase one may be primarily a human action event. Phase two could be entirely angelic. To this researcher, it appears to be angelic activity only... and in both phases. I simply cannot rule out the possibility of human involvement in light of the text. It's possible that the first phase may well involve a nuclear 'sneak' attack by Russia, or some Middle Eastern nation using terrorism and small nuclear suitcase bombs. We will explore this aspect further in Chapter 13.

## Chapter 8 – The Attack & Results

The “attack” (or judgment) upon the future Babylon is described in the following scriptural references from Jeremiah and Isaiah.

From Jeremiah Chapter 50: 9, 14, 15, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 32, 41, 42.

From Jeremiah Chapter 51: 11, 12, 14, 25, 27, 28, 30, 36, 42, 58.

From Isaiah Chapter 13: verses 14 thru 18 and verses 22 thru 24.

Also Isaiah Chapter 47: 9 indicates it is sudden, swift and it happens in one day or less. Also Jeremiah 51: 12 indicates it is a surprise attack like an ambush.

The scripture passages dealing with the “attack” or “judgment” are rather vague in the specifics of warfare. What references that are given are very archaic military terms. We do know that the attack will be “sudden” and will be like an ‘ambush’. Jeremiah 50: 8, 24 tells us about the “trap” or ‘ambush’ aspect. Isaiah 47: 9 tells us it will be sudden, without warning...and in one day. See also Jeremiah 51:12 for another ‘ambush’ passage.

Militarily, the nation will be surrounded on all sides, to prevent any escapes. But we know that there will be some refugees because Jeremiah 50:28 talks about fugitives and refugees fleeing to Zion/Israel to declare the Lord’s vengeance for His Temple.

One interesting aspect is the verses dealing with the defenders and their defenses. Jeremiah 50: 30 describes the young soldiers falling in the streets. and the leaders or upper echelon commanders apparently some of the last to succumb...will be in “bunkers”... holed up for a while...’til they run out of supplies. The soldiers are all killed. The military weapons are all “shattered”.

It also appears from the text that the future Babylon military will attempt to mount some kind of aerial defense... perhaps from space? Jeremiah 51: 53 indicates something along the lines of aerial defenses...

*(NASV) Jeremiah 51:53*

*“Though Babylon should ascend to the heavens, and though she should fortify her lofty stronghold, From Me destroyers will come to her,” declares the Lord.*

This passage was examined in great detail in chapter 6 with identification marker # 13. We know that in the passage the word “heavens” indicates outer space. The words “should ascend” also underscores the outer space translation of heavens... it is a phrase used to indicate the idea of coming up before God’s presence. The phrase ... “and though she should fortify” is the word “bahsar” indicates extremely high altitude defenses...as in space. It carries a ‘mystical’ aspect that the users of the word at that time didn’t seem to quite understand. The word “lofty” is the word “mahrom” = #4791 and means very high in altitude and very far off, especially of heaven and the outer space regions. There is another word that most translators have missed that is in the text. Apparently, translators did not know what to do with the word so they avoided using it... but it s the word ... “ruwm”= #7311= it means to be high, to rise, raise, to be high literally (of stars especially), to lift oneself up. In this verse we have 5 different words that subtly indicate that Babylon is involved in outer space activities and here in this verse indicates that Babylon even though she has outer space defenses for protection...the Lord’s attackers will break through the defenses, and destroy Babylon’s military, her armies, her navy, and her Air and Space forces. The implication is that much of the attack will be in the way of an aerial invasion...and possibly an airborne infantry assault. (?)

Another aspect of the attack is that “fire” plays a vital role in the attack. Jeremiah 50: 32 says that the cities... (that is plural) i.e. there is more than just the city of Babylon...but the whole land and all of the cities in that land shall be set on fire and burned. It won’t just be the cities, but also the fire will extend to the rural areas as well. See also Jeremiah 51:30

In addition to ‘fire’, we shall also note that the great river in the middle of the country... (the Mississippi?) shall be dried up. (Jeremiah 51: 36)

On the opposite side of the spectrum, we go from fire and drought to the extreme of water. Apparently, the oceans come up over Babylon’s coastlines. Jeremiah 51:42. All in all, everything but the kitchen sink gets thrown against Babylon.

The resulting effects of the “attack” are found in the following scriptural passages...

Jeremiah Chapter 50:

2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 13, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 30, 32, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 46.

Jeremiah Chapter 51:

3, 4, 25, 29, 30, 31, 32, 36, 37, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 58.

Isaiah Chapter 13:

5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22.

Isaiah Chapter 14...verses 8 and 23

Isaiah Chapter 18...verse 6 only.

Isaiah Chapter 47 and verses 9, 11.

Altogether, there are 50 verses referring to the effects and the after-effects of the “attack”/judgment on Babylon/USA. There are 32 different descriptive after effects of the judgment. These are as follows on the next page.

Categories of the effects of judgment on Babylon/USA.

1. Babylon’s judgment, in its final results and effects will be just like that of Sodom and Gomorrah. (Jeremiah 50:40 & Isaiah 13:20)
2. Babylon will be “captured”...Jeremiah 50: 2, 9, 46; 51:31
3. Babylon will become... “an object of horror”. Jeremiah 50: 3, 13, 23, & also Jeremiah 51: 37, 41, 43.
4. Babylon will become “plunder” ... Jeremiah 50: 9, 37.
5. Babylon will be ... “Uninhabitable forever”...Jeremiah 50: 13, 40; & Jeremiah 51: 29, 37, 43, 44.
6. Babylon will receive “complete desolation”... Jer 50:13, 22; 51: 29, 37 and see also Isaiah 13: 5, 9.
7. Babylon’s defenses and military capabilities are destroyed... Jeremiah 50: 15, 21, 22; 51: 3.
8. Babylon will see all its’ survivors become refugees and fugitives. Jeremiah 50: 16, 28
9. Babylon’s young men will fall in the streets and are not spared. Jeremiah 50: 30; 51: 3, 4.
10. Babylon’s cities and rural areas will be on fire. Jer. 50: 32; 51: 30, 58.
11. Babylon’s spiritual leaders and psychics are made as fools... Jer. 50: 36

12. Babylon will have “aliens-guests” in the middle of her land killed also.  
Jeremiah 50: 37.
13. Babylon will suffer drought. Jeremiah 50: 38; 51: 44.
14. Babylon’s fresh waters. “bodies of water” will dry up. Jer. 50: 38; 51: 36
15. Babylon will become a desert. Jer. 50: 39; 51:43; Isaiah 13: 21-22.
16. The Planet Earth will be shaken. Jer. 50: 46; 51: 29; Isaiah 13: 13.
17. There will be an outcry around the world at the news of Babylon’s demise.  
Jeremiah 50: 46.
18. Babylon will become like a “burned-out mountain” i.e. volcano...  
Jeremiah 51:25
19. Babylon’s soldiers remained in their ‘bunkers’, dead (?) Jer. 51: 30/.
20. Babylon’s ammunition runs out and the weapons become inoperable.  
Jeremiah 51: 30.
21. Babylon’s fords, and bridges are captured. Jeremiah 51: 32
22. Babylon’s swamps are on fire. Jeremiah 51: 32
23. Babylon’s inhabitants will be ‘heated up’... Jeremiah 51: 39.
24. The oceans will come over Babylon’s coastlines and engulf her coasts  
and cities. Jeremiah 51: 42
25. No one will even pass through Babylon again... Jeremiah 51:43
26. The view of the sun, moon, and stars will be affected. Isaiah 13: 10.
27. Men will become scarcer than gold. Isaiah 13: 12.
28. There will be no prisoners taken alive, even infants are to die. Isaiah 13:15.
29. The trees are glad over Babylon’s demise...because Babylon’s demand  
for tree consumption is now gone. Isaiah 14: 8.
30. Babylon will become a land for hedgehogs and desert creatures. Isa. 14:28
31. Birds of prey and carnivorous animals will feed on the corpses all summer.  
Isaiah 18: 6

32. The effects as with the attack will be sudden, without warning and swift.  
Isaiah 47: 9, 11.

The destruction seems very much like it could be as a result of nuclear war... or some form of space rocks (meteors/ites, or asteroids) that enter Earth's atmosphere in an engineered manner to strike precisely upon Babylon/ America instead of the rest of the world. I don't think this will be the perceived case. No, as we will look at the Revelation chapters, it will seem evident that what happens is some sort of a military action...and a perceived threat to the rest of the world.

One thing is certain. The devastation will be complete and total. Babylon/ America will never again be inhabitable. No one will live there. No one will even want to pass through it. Is this due to radiation? Possibly so.

The effects and results may seem unfair, cruel, and heartless. The question may arise in the reader's mind as to how or why a loving God could or would do this to any country, let alone a 'God-fearing' country like America? To answer this question we must move on to the next chapter, for the reasons for Divine Destruction upon future Babylon/America.

## Chapter 9 – The Reasons for Judgment

The reasons for God's judgment upon Babylon is described through the prophet Jeremiah in the following scriptural references...

Chapter 50: 2, 7, 11, 13, 15, 21, 24, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 38.

*(KJV)*

v. 2 *“Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish and conceal it not: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces.*

v. 7 *“All that found them have devoured them: and their adversaries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against the Lord, the habitation of justice, even the Lord, the hope of their fathers.*

v. 11 *“Because ye were glad, because ye rejoiced, O ye destroyers of mine heritage, because ye are grown fat as the heifer at grass, and bellow as the bulls;*

v. 13 *“Because of the wrath of the Lord it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate: every one that goeth by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues.*

v. 15 *“Shout against her round about: she hath given her hand: her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down: for it is the vengeance of the Lord: take vengeance upon her; as she hath done, do unto her.*

v. 21 *“Go up against the land of Merathaim, even against it, and against the inhabitants of Pekod: waste and utterly destroy after them, saith the Lord, and do according to all that I have commanded thee.*

v. 24 *“I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against the Lord.*

v. 28 *“The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the Lord our God, the vengeance of His temple.*

v. 29 *“Call together the archers against Babylon: all ye that bend the bow camp against it round about; let none thereof escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her: for she hath been proud against the Lord, against the Holy one of Israel.*

v. 31 *“Behold, I am against thee, O thou most proud, saith the Lord God of hosts: for thy day is come, the time that I will visit thee.*

v. 32 *“And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him.*

v. 33 *“Thus saith the Lord of hosts; the children of Israel and the children of Judah were oppressed together: and all that took them captives held them fast: they refused to let them go.*

v. 38 *“A drought shall be upon her waters; and they shall be dried up: for it is the land of graven images, and they are mad upon their idols.*

We also have Jeremiah Chapter 51 giving us reasons for the judgment.

verses 7, 11, 24, 25, 35, 47, 49, 51, 52, 53.

*(KJV)*

v. 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.*

v. 11 *“Make bright the arrows; gather the shields: the Lord hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device is against Babylon, to destroy it; because it is the vengeance of the Lord, the vengeance of his temple.*

v. 24 *“And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the Lord.*

v. 25 *“Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the Lord, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and I will make you a burnt mountain.*

v. 35 *“The violence done to me and to my flesh be upon Babylon, shall the inhabitant of Zion say; and my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say.*

v. 47 *“Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will do judgment upon the graven images of Babylon: and her whole land shall be confounded, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her.*

v. 49 *“As Babylon hath caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth.*

v. 51 *“We are confounded, because we have heard reproach: shame hath covered our faces: for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the Lord’s house.*

v. 52 *“Wherefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will do judgment upon her graven images: and through all her land the wounded shall groan.*

v. 53 *“Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet from me shall spoilers come unto her, saith the Lord.*

Now let’s review the data in closer detail.

Jeremiah 50: 2...we see idol worship is mentioned...to the gods ‘Bel’ and Marduk... this is a violation of divine law as outlined in God’s ordinances to Moses on Mt. Sinai. See Exodus 20: 1-26... “Thou shalt have no other gods before Me. Thou shall not make unto thee any idol, (or graven image) or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.” (KJV).

So in this reference, we see idol worship and this is a violation of the first 2 commandments of God. See Appendix 5, "Idols and Idolatry in America". America has "idols" and plenty of them...but most of us just have not realized it. Most do not know what an "idol" actually is in God's terminology.

In Jer. 50: 7...we see another reason for judgment is the mistreatment against Israel and God's people. This may be a reference to WWII and the Holocaust when the U.S. stood by and did nothing as a government to help save the Jewish victims of Nazi atrocities. God may put all of the blame of the Holocaust onto the shoulders of America. It could also be for later dealings with the nation of Israel and forcing her to accept peace treaties with the Arabs that will prove to be her undoing. There are other references coming which seems to hint of some kind of treachery in political arenas.

Jeremiah 50: 11 again refers to mistreatment of the Jews and Israel...

Jeremiah 50: 13 Babylon has made the Lord indignant.

Jeremiah 50: 15 "as she has done to others...so do to her..." Apparently she has done harm to others.

Jeremiah 50: 21 Babylon is a land of rebellion against God. Well, recent events of the last 50 years would underscore a certain hostility combined with phony hypocrisy of pretensions...We pray at the White House and before the sessions of Congress and even at the Supreme Court, but prayer in schools is forbidden. Christianity is under attack every where in American society, especially in the media. Hollywood loves to make fun of Christianity. The "educated" theologians, scientists and scholars of a liberal background...the 'elite' of American society do not believe the Bible is Divine Revelation literally and without error. Divine principles are ignored in every aspect of life. Principles about the sanctity of life, marriage, sexuality, morality of society are all but ignored if not made fun of. America formally pays lip service to the idea of a god of some sort, but that is about all.

Jeremiah 50: 24...Here is a reference to warfare against God. This aspect may still be a future event waiting to happen with America. Perhaps this is somehow a vague reference to a relationship between the U.S. government and the phenomenon known as UFOs. There have been 'rumors' from government 'insiders' within the intelligence community that are either truthful or fraudulently indicating that there has been contact between the U.S. and "alien beings"...and that agreements and understandings if not already out and out treaties have already been established. If so, then this reference in Jeremiah 50:24 may refer to such activities. Why? The UFO phenomenon seems to be, from all indications, nothing less and nothing more than, activity promulgated by the satanic/rebel forces that are preparing to embroil humanity in a war against the Creator-God of the Universe.

Jeremiah 50: 28... “vengeance for His Temple”... Here is another reference to yet something still future, concerning the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem. Jews are ready to rebuild it. Future Babylon will apparently do something connected either to the temple, or the area surrounding it that will create Divine vengeance against the future Babylon/America.

Jeremiah 50: 29, 31, 32... “repay her”...as she has done. V. 29 shows, the she became arrogant against the Lord.

Jeremiah 50: 33... for the oppression of Israel.

Jeremiah 50: 38... for idolatry...mentioned again... also indicating that they are going insane in their culture and society. This is probably a reference to Hollywood, TV, Radio, music, sports, art, books, magazines and perhaps cyberspace. “Insane over graven images”.

Jeremiah 51: 7...Babylon/America has been evangelizing the world with its “gospel” of false religion...intoxicating all the earth...making the earth drunk with her wine...and as a result the nations are also going insane...this is probably a reference to the religion of American “pop culture” and economics, mixed with a humanistic philosophy and a blend of various world religions that are melding together slowly to eventually become one homogenous civil religion someday soon.

Jeremiah 51: 11...again refers to vengeance for His temple...America will do something horrifying to God concerning the temple or the temple area... probably by way of a forced treaty negotiation.

Jeremiah 51: 24...God says He will repay Babylon/America for all the wrongs she has done to Israel.

Jeremiah 51: 25...Here is a verse for the conservationists and the ecology movement...here God accuses Babylon/America of destroying the whole earth...perhaps a reference to the ecology of the planet...air, water, and land. I am sure this will not sit well with the conservative Christian church...but on this subject, there are more references to this subject in the book of Revelation as well.

Jeremiah 51: 34, 35...again other references to harming Israel.

Jeremiah 51: 47...again more on the idol angle...which is also a reference again probably to some sort of connection to the UFO enigma.

Jeremiah 51: 49...here again still another reference to the ‘slain of Israel’ and another subtle hint of blame for the Holocaust of WWII or perhaps another one

yet to come...along with all the Israeli casualties from 1948 to the present.

Jeremiah 51: 51... “ALIENS’ have entered the Holy Places of the Lord’s House.” (NASV) !!! The term ‘aliens’ here could mean either gentiles or perhaps rebel angelic beings...could this be connected to the earlier references to Temple Vengeance against Babylon???

Jeremiah 51: 52...a reference to punishing Babylon’s false gods...gods are a reference to the Satanic beings who are leaders of the angelic rebellion and who fostered false religions so as to divert worship away from the Creator-God... for some reason or reasons...perhaps to provoke a final confrontation.

Jeremiah 51: 53...the now famous...SPACE verse which we have analyzed earlier...this apparent move into space is also another reason to destroy the future Babylon/America...but I again think this may be due in part to the UFO enigma connection.

Now let’s turn our efforts toward the reasons found in Isaiah’s prophecies.

Isaiah 14: 4 and 6...refers again to the idea of oppressing the people... this may refer to some yet future dictatorship arising in the near future.

Isaiah 14: 11...Patriotism... “your pomp and your music” sounds to me like God is not real happy with the National Anthem...and other forms of American music...at least directed at the patriotic level if not all cultural music forms.

Isaiah 14: 12...another reason for destruction...for ‘weakening the nations’ whatever that means...however, it is likely linked to the idea of promoting a world government, and a New World Order...where nations lose sovereignty.

Isaiah 14: 16...made the earth tremble...atomic bombs/tests??? or other “black operations testing...or sonic booms.....??? Perhaps it is connecting to the new H.A.R.P. program in Alaska.

Isaiah 14: 17...”who made the world like a jungle”...in a cultural sense we as America has done so ... especially in our own cities.

Isaiah 14: 20... “ruined your own country”...is this yet another reference to ecology... or perhaps more along the lines of morality, or economics???

Isaiah 14: 25... “burden on the peoples”...that sounds like a lot of taxes...but this is purely speculation...

Isaiah 18: 2... here again listed as a reason is Babylon/America’s oppressiveness.

Isaiah 21: 2... (KJV) **“The treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler, spoileth, Go up, O Elam: Besiege, O Media, all the sighing thereof have I made to cease.**

This is a reference to Babylon as dealing treacherously with Israel...Verse 1 ...the phrase ‘terrible land’ and verse 9...the phrase...Babylon is fallen is fallen... indicates this is all describing future Babylon/America...and note that verse 3 refers to the birthing process...which is a clear Messianic reference to the coming of Messiah to set up His kingdom...so the context is at the ‘last days’...Note also in verse 9...more references to her idols crushed.

ISAIAH Chapter 47...

verses 1-5...the prostituting oneself to idolatry...and idol worship...which is entering into a contract or treaty with the satanic forces...which joins the individual(s) or nation(s) to the rebellion against God.

verse 6...again shows more wrongs are charged in Babylon’s dealings with Israel.

verses 7 & 8...the worship of oneself...further rebellion against God.

verse 8...hedonism..worship of materialism and sensuality.

verses 9-13...Occultism/Witchcraft and treaties with Satan and the rebel forces.

So, we have now looked at the scriptural references pointing to why God brings judgment upon this future Babylon which I believe is America.

There are 10 categories, which spell out the reasons for the drastic judgment against Babylon/America. These 10 categories can be put into 3 sections. Wrongs done against God. Wrongs done against Israel. Wrongs done against the World. Of course, all are really wrongs against God, ultimately...but let’s look at them in the following three aspects.

Directly against God: 35 times, it is referred to as against God directly!!!

1. Idolatry- (10x) Jeremiah 50: 2, 38; 51: 47, 52; Isaiah 21: 9; 47: 1-5
2. Arrogance against the Lord-(6x) Jer. 50:29, 31; Isaiah 14:11; 47: 7-8, 10.
3. Rebellion against God – (6x) Jer. 50: 12, 29; Isaiah 14: 13-14; 47: 7-8
4. Treaties with Satan/Occult/Witchcraft – (5x) Isaiah 47: 9-13
5. Temple Dishonor/Desecration- (3x) Jeremiah 50:28; 51:11, & 51.
6. Space Program – (3x) Jeremiah 51: 53; Isaiah 14: 13-14
7. Generic Anger – (2x) Jeremiah 50: 13, 29.

Directly against Israel: 11 times it is referred to...

1. Maltreatment of Israel and the Jewish people-(11x) Jeremiah 50: 7, 11, 17, and also verses 18 & 33. Also ch. 51: 24, 34, 35, 49; Isaiah 21: 2; 47: 6

Directly against the World: 17 times it is mentioned in 2 categories.

1. General maltreatment to the nations and people of the world – (13x)  
Jeremiah 50: 15; 51: 7, 49; Isaiah 14: 4, 6, 12, 16-20, 25: 18: 2; 21: 2
2. Destruction of the Earth Environment – (4x) Jeremiah 51: 25 and also  
Isaiah 14: 16, 17, 20.

All together we have 63 references cited as reasons for the judgment upon Babylon/America. That should be a pretty heavy burden by anyone's standards in terms of quantity. In our judicial system, that would amount to 63 indictment accounts. Remember, this is just the Old Testament section...there is more in the Revelation section... This does indicate that the Creator-God does indeed have a 'bone to pick' with Babylon/America.

# **America, The Babylon**

## **SECTION III**

### **The Primary Data from The New Testament**

## Chapter 10 – Mystery Babylon

In order to understand the Babylon connection of the book of Revelation, we need to look at the book itself and establish some background for the book. The authorship of the book is of course the Creator-God, the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ. God in many cases dictated the words directly to a human being who wrote them down, and in this case, the human involved was the Apostle of Jesus Christ, known as John. John was sometimes called, “the Apostle whom Jesus loved.” This is not to indicate that John was more ‘loved’ than the other disciple/apostles...but it means John was closer and more involved in the ministry details of Jesus while He was on the Earth. John was among the ‘inner circle’ of Jesus disciples, which consisted of John, Peter, and James. All three of these individuals witnessed the “Transfiguration” of Christ, in which they saw the deified body in its full non-earthly glory. John was also the disciple who sat next to Jesus at the last supper. He was the only one of the disciples to stay and witness the whole crucifixion of Jesus, and it was John who was asked by Jesus (while dying on the cross) to take care of Mary, the mother of Jesus. The Apostle John was also the last of the disciples/apostles to die. He was also the only apostle to die a natural death, and not suffer martyrdom.

There are those critics who argue that the Apostle John did not write this book. They claim that either someone else named John or a group of writers combined to write the book. However, the text itself makes the claim 4 times that the Apostle John’s own hand wrote down the words and events that he saw for himself, just as he was instructed by Jesus, God, and various angels bearing messages to him. The writing style of the book itself, the structure of the sentences and the vocabulary are nearly identical if not completely identical to the other works that John wrote. John also wrote 3 short letters called 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> John. He also wrote the 4<sup>th</sup> ‘gospel’ narrative...his account of the life of Jesus Christ. There are critics who believe that the apostle John did not write any of these works either. The purpose of our endeavor is not to explore those arguments concerning John’s authorship. This author finds the evidence is overwhelmingly in favor of John actually having authored all the writings attributed to him. Our purpose is to explore the identity of the ‘mystery Babylon’ as described in the book of Revelation.

The date for the composition of the book of Revelation is also the subject of some debate. Some scholars think that the book may have been written in the time of Nero, or in the 7<sup>th</sup> decade of the 1<sup>st</sup> Century A.D. Others place the date of composition in the 9<sup>th</sup> decade...nearly 20 years later. Early church historians wrote that John was banished to the island of Patmos during the reign of the Roman Emperor Domitian (81-96 A.D.) and it was here that John saw the visions

and wrote them down. Now there are some scholars who are confident that John was banished to the isle of Patmos in 95 A.D. We simply don't know the dates of this composition but the general time frame should be considered as late in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century. We have portions of the book which have been carbon-dated and the results suggest that one copy is datable to the range of 75 to 100 A.D. This copy would have been one of the earliest copies of John's original manuscript.

Many people are unaware that the title of the book...in Greek language is not "Revelation"...but rather the Greek word "apocalypsis". Apocalypsis in the noun form is not found anywhere else in Greek literature. In its verb form however, it was frequently used throughout the New Testament. In the Greek translation of the Old Testament book of Daniel, the verb form is found referring to the uncovering of secrets, and the interpreting of dreams. (see this in Daniel 2: 19, 22, 28, 29, 30, 47; & 10: 1; & 11: 35). The meaning of the term apocalypsis (Strong's code #601/602) is a compound Greek word ... .. "apo"-- #575= "off or away"... and the word -- #2572 = "Take off the cover. To reveal, or Disclosure." Thayer's lexicon sums it up best when it says... .. "to uncover, or lay open what has been veiled or covered up."

So we can say it this way... the word apocalypsis means...

**“to uncover what has been covered up”**

**or**

**“the uncovering of a cover-up” !!!**

**John's book could be titled...the book of uncovering the cover-up!**

But whose cover-up is it? Is God covering up something? Or... was God covering up something. The answer is yes; He was and still is. There is much we don't know about all that there is to know in the Universe and the Creator. We are told what is relevant and necessary for us to know and that is all. We will find out more at a later time.

The structure of the book of Revelation is fairly easy to identify once you read and know.

Chapters 1 thru 3 are letter to the seven churches from Jesus Christ.

Chapters 4 thru 5 are the announcements of judgment.

Chapters 6 thru 11 are the judgments and effects on the geophysical world.

Chapter 12 – is a symbolic interlude of the unseen battle between satanic forces and Israel.

Chapters 13 thru 18–are the judgments and the effects on the political world.

Chapters 19 thru 20 – feature the Return of Christ, a 1,000- year millennial reign and a renewed rebellion crushed again. Final judgment of everyone.

Chapters 21 thru 22 – Eternity

The key chapters that most Bible scholars look at with the most interest are the 6<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup> Chapters. This encompasses a 2,520 day time period that is also known and referred to as the Tribulation Period. This period is further broken down into 2 periods of 1,260 days each. So too, the book of Revelation has 2 segments of chapters, each comprising 6 chapters per section.

The first section...chapters 6-11 has no mention of political matters on Earth. It deals with storms, plagues, and Earth Changes. The second group is mostly of a political direction...giving us geo-political details and developments about the leadership on Earth, the wars, and the politics. The second segment is chapters 13-18. The second section culminates in 2 chapters. It is devoted entirely to a “Super-Power” nation that will dominate world politics at the end of the gentile era. This will be just right before the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of the Messiah of Israel...Yeshua ha’ Meschiach...the Lord Jesus Christ, son of David, King of Israel and King of Kings and Lord of Lords. It is the two chapters dealing with the “Super-Power known as “Babylon” that we want to deal with. Those two chapters are Chapter 17 and Chapter 18. Both Chapters are wholly devoted to that topic known as ‘Mystery Babylon.’

Before we begin with the two key chapters on Babylon, we should not overlook an early warning reference to Babylon, which we find in Revelation chapter 14: 8...Now to get a better understanding and the significance of this reference, it is necessary to go back to the start of the chapter and get an understanding of the context of what is going on in verses 1 thru 9.

*(KJV)*

1. *“And I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father’s name written in their foreheads.*

2. *And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers with their harps:*
3. *And they sang as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four living creatures, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.*
4. *These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were the redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto the God and to the Lamb.*
5. *And in their mouth was found no guile: For they are without fault before the throne of God.*
6. *And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to proclaim unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.*
7. *Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: And worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of the waters.*
8. *And there followed another angel, saying, 'Babylon is fallen is fallen, that great city, because she made all the nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.'*
9. *And the third angel followed them saying with a loud voice, 'If any man worship the beast and his image and receive the mark in his forehead or in his hand.*
10. *The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.'*

The context of Chapter 14: 1-7 is as follows. It is a Heavenly context, because there are 144,000 witnesses sealed. Then an angel announces the Gospel of Salvation to the world one last time before the following judgments commence. This is found in verses 6, and 7. Then we get the news that Babylon, the 'megala' = "is fallen, is fallen". Next, in verses 9-12, we see a warning that goes out to earth from another angel with a message of warning for all humans to NOT worship the 'beast'... a.k.a. the antichrist. Now this is significant because it tells us that the destruction of Babylon will take place at the beginning of the judgments, when the antichrist comes to power.

It is important for the reader to note that Chapter 14: 8, the phrase, "fallen, is fallen" will show up again in Chapter 18, along with other phrasing also found in these verses. There is also one further reference to Babylon that we see just before Chapter 17. This reference is found in Chapter 16, verse 19, where we again see Babylon called the 'megala'... or "great", also to be interpreted in our day as "super" as in a super-power nation.

As we prepare now to examine the two key chapters dealing with Babylon, there is another key point of interest to note. As we mentioned earlier, Babylon is described as ... "megala" ... or 'great' or 'super'. This word 'megala' is a term that is used extensively in the book of the 'uncovering of a cover-up'...which we call Revelation. How extensive is the use of the term 'megala'...or 'mega'??? About 80 times, it is found in one form or another in the book of Revelation. There are only 163 other times it is found in all the rest of the New Testament. The word gets quite a workout in Revelation. There are 17 times it is used in connection with Babylon. There is one other time in the two chapters where it is used and then it is used to describe an object like a millstone that will be used against Babylon. (see Chapter 18: 21)

### **"Mystery Babylon, the Megala"... The Hunt for her Identity Begins**

Chapter 17 begins with a conversation between John and one of 7 angels. The angel starts with an explanation to John about Babylon, the Megala. Babylon is symbolically referred to in the feminine gender, as was the custom in those days to refer to nations in the feminine gender. Furthermore, the gender is further delineated as being a prostitute...again metaphorically, symbolizing the spiritual nature of this city/state/nation.

There are many scholars from the past who saw chapter 17 as not being a city/state/nation per se, but rather as being the Roman Catholic Church, with Rome being the city. It seemed a rather strong argument indeed for many centuries. The early church fathers from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century onwards seemed to speculate the Rome might be the future Babylon, and with good reason. Rome had persecuted and martyred untold numbers of Christians and Jews. It was a world empire. Its debauchery was legendary. It was a truly idolistic nation, worshipping many 'demon-gods', most borrowed from ancient Babylon. It was a

cruel empire. It picked up the religions of the old Babylonian empire as well by taking on the religions of Greece and Egypt, who themselves had borrowed the religions of Babylonian deities and altered some of the stories about Babylonian deities. But, as we look at these two chapters, (keeping in mind what we have learned from the Old Testament/Tanach prophets...Jeremiah and Isaiah), we will see that the identification characteristics just do not apply to Rome, the Catholic Church, nor to Iraq. Iraq is where the ancient city of Babylon was located. So, with that in mind we now plunge ahead into our main study of Revelation chapters 17 and 18.

## Chapter 11 – Babylon and World Politics

### Revelation Chapter 17, verse 1

*(KJV) “And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials and talked with me saying unto me, ‘Come hither; and I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:*

Verse one is the introduction of one of the 7 angels conducting the judgments upon the earth. The last phrase of the verse... “the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:” You should note that here we have our first reference in the chapter to the word... “megala” or “mega”...which we should translate as “super.” The word “whore” is the Greek word, “porne”...

we see that term in our English language words like pornography. In Greek, the word means illegal or improper sexual intercourse, which would be anything sexual that occurs outside of marriage. To the Jews, who considered their relationship to God to be like a marriage, the word could also be used for worshipping another god, or deity. To do so would be just like committing a sexual act outside of a marriage relationship. Therefore, in the context of Revelation Chapter 17, we are looking at this word as referring to the “mega” whore as being a super-idol worshipper, or in some way having made a treaty or agreement with the rebel angelic forces of Satan in exchange for some benefit to that nation. This is what idol worship, and or the occult and witchcraft are all about. That is, to make a treaty or agreement with Satanic rebel beings to align themselves to that side...in exchange for certain benefits that the rebels are able to provide.

Now the last part of the phrase in verse one involves ‘sitting upon many waters.’ Now we should ask...what does the phrase mean... “sitting upon” and the other two words... “many waters” also should trigger a question mark. We will find the answer in a later verse in this chapter, where the angel answers our questions...in verse 15. The woman is “sitting upon” means having authority over... .. “many waters.” The ‘many waters’ is a reference to people and crowds which are those who immigrated from around the world to this “super-Babylon.” It is the ultimate ‘melting pot’ of the world, like there has never been the likes of which before in world history. Now the question to ask is this... Who or What nation could fit that description? Can you think of any? How about the good old USA? The USA could certainly fit that description. Think about it. Who else in the world has a statue in its largest city’s harbor welcoming immigrants to this country? The answer is nobody but the USA. That is the first of many such answers pointing to the USA as the identity of ‘mystery Babylon.’

Verse 2 (KJV)

*“With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.*

Now there is an Old Testament parallel here. Does the following verse sound familiar? Jeremiah 51: 7 (KJV)

*“Babylon hath been a golden cup in the Lord’s hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken her wine; therefore the nations are mad.”*

Here are two disparate verses. One is from the Old Testament, the other from the New Testament. There is about a 700-year time difference between the writing down of these verses. The Jeremiah verse shows a linkage between the Jeremiah prophecies of Babylon’s destruction and the prophecies written down by John in around 90 A.D. Remember at the time of John’s visions, Babylon was still a viable city. Most of the Jews in the world still lived in Babylon. So, Jeremiah’s prophecies were still unfulfilled at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> century of the early church age. What is most important for the reader to note, is that Jeremiah’s writings concerning Babylon’s destruction could not be applied to prior historical events in Babylon’s past history. Jeremiah’s prophecies were still future and still are for the future. This is also true of the prophecies written down by John. Jeremiah 51: 7 shows linkage to the Revelation passages on Babylon. The Revelation is simply giving further details about what will happen to future Babylon/America. The Revelation passage here in 17:2 simply reaffirms the role and significance of Jeremiah’s prophecies and that the Old Testament, or Tanach go hand in hand with John’s visions concerning the future Babylon/America.

Note that verse 2 of Revelation 17 concerns the concept that the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk. So too, in Jeremiah do we find the concept of the earth’s inhabitants. The nations are drunk. The kings are caught having committed idolatry --- (fornication). It is the idolatry, which is the wine of drunkenness that is described. The wine of her fornication indicates that there was some sort of relationship between Babylon and the Satanic rebel forces opposed to God. We will see this developed further later in our study. Also, refer back to the previous chapters on the Old Testament/Tanach.

### Verse 3 (KJV)

*“So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.”*

In this verse the reader should note that the verb “sit” indicates the symbolism for authority, power or control. The woman has control over or is dominating the beast. Now, the beast is filled with names of blasphemy. The word blasphemy in Greek means ...”to slander or injure the character of or to insult.” Note in the verse that the beast has 7 heads and 10 horns. Later in the chapter, in verses 9-12 we will find an explanation of the significance of these elements.

### Verse 4 (KJV)

*“And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication.”*

Colors are significant here. Royalty is identified with the scarlet color and or power and control. The gold and jewels signifies her wealth. The combination of the two indicates that the woman has power, control, and wealth.

The phrase... “unclean things of her fornication” refers to the spiritual aspects of her condition. The unclean things refer to moral impurity connected to the occult and Satanic connections. So too, does the fornication aspect. What we have here is a problem of what is loosely termed idolatry. In this case, idolatry is anything in which a relationship is entered into in which worship is given to Satanic beings, a direct violation of the 10 Commandments.

Also, note that the word “abominations” is the Greek word *“bdelugmatohn.”* It is Strong’s code #946 and it means... “pollutions, either moral or physical.” Its root word was used to refer to passing gas or ‘breaking wind.’ The word also carries the idea of stench or smell in the bad sense.

The metaphor of a golden cup is also found in Jeremiah 51: 7 and refers to the idea of Babylon being a golden cup in the Lord’s hand. The idea of the cup is symbolizing what has been prepared for someone else to consume. In both references, the cup symbolizes judgment. Babylon has a cup prepared to mete out judgment on any that challenge her. Likewise, God also has a cup of judgment especially prepared for Babylon/America. The cup really is indicative of preparations. It may very well be from the context of Revelation chapter 17, that the cup that the woman possesses has preparations for war against either God or Israel, or both. Whatever it is in the cup...it is smelly, and stinks to ‘high

heaven.’ It also is full of moral filthiness of her relationship with the Satanic realm. We see that aspect because of the word fornication indicating some sort of idolatrous relationship euphemized by the word “fornication.” It is this author’s opinion that there is already or soon will be some sort of treaty or agreement made between the Satanic powers and this future Babylon/America. See the Appendix 6—“The god’s of Babylon.” We will explore this relationship aspect as we proceed in this chapter.

Verse 5 (KJV)

*“And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”*

Once this researcher had picked up enough of the identification characteristics (of ch 17 & 18) then further review of verses 4 and 5 seemed to convey a mental image of the Statue of Liberty. The woman of these verses is holding an outstretched arm with a golden cup in her hand. She is a queen, or perceives herself as such...(see Ch. 18: 7... “for I sit a queen...”). What do queens wear on their heads? A crown! Incidentally, purple and scarlet are the colors of royalty, as we see such colors on the woman. See also Isaiah 47: 5-15. Also, this woman has an epitaph... as we see by the capital letters in the above verse. The original Greek manuscript also carries those letters in their capital form as well, which is highly unusual!!! So, when looking at these verses, there is a certain similarity of physical features that bear a striking aspect to the Statue of Liberty.

### **The Woman of verse 5**

robed in scarlet/purple  
golden cup in her hand  
Royalty, -- no doubt a crown.  
cup contents—smelly pollutions  
connected to immigrants (v. 15)  
she sits on 7 heads/mountains—  
or continents.....  
Woman is Babylon, the Mega-City

Woman/City 'reigneth over,  
the kings of the earth.'

Mother of Harlots.

### **STATUE OF LIBERTY**

robed (originally in scarlet/purple)  
originally gold cup/change to torch.  
definitely a crown of 7 spikes/horns  
cup content-smelly natural gas flame  
connected to immigrants  
Her 7 crown spikes/horns represent  
the 7 continents.  
Overlooks Babylon on Long Island  
It is supposed to be a representation of  
the goddess 'Liberty' a.k.a. Aphrodite,  
Venus, Isis, & ultimately Ishtar- the  
primary goddess of Babylon.

Overlooks the U.N. building

Mother of Exiles as in the poem on  
the base of the statue.

There is much more to this comparison which is developed in detail in the related appendix at the back of this book. There should be enough of the previous comparisons between the harlot and the Statue of Liberty to show you the reader, that these connections are more than just irony. But we will add just one more here and then move on. Author Marvin Trachtenberg in his book, "The Statue of Liberty" copyright 1976 by Viking-Penguin, NY. on page 79 describes how the tablets of the statue resemble the tablets of Moses and the Ten Commandments. Then the author describes the statue as being...

"a seer, and a prophetess, considered in this way, her tablet bears not so much a resemblance as an implicit commandment – "SEEK LIBERTY" – and a prophecy... Liberty, as achieved in 1776, shall spread throughout the world, and most importantly to France."

Keep in mind, that "Liberty" is also one of the names of ISHTAR the goddess of Babylon. So is the commandment to seek what? Liberty/Ishtar?

In the poem (by Emma Lazarus) that is inscribed at the base of the statue, the phrase "Mother of Exiles" is used to describe the Statue. This phrase is designating that the woman has given birth to offspring called 'exiles.' Exiles have a variety of religious views and thus, help to create religious tolerance and diversity. Religious tolerance and diversity were also the hallmarks of ancient Babylon. Babylon had built a temple to the unknown god(s) so as not to offend any gods that they might have overlooked. If there was a known god, Babylon

had a temple for it. Now, that is religious tolerance, diversity and politico-religious correctness. So too, in our day, America is noted for its religious tolerance. Every type of religion is allowable for practice, including the religions of idolatry from the orient, as well as shamanism and paganism.

Let's not forget the occult religions that openly promote relationships with evil powers and Satan. So, the Mother of Exiles is promoting the same kind of religious idolatry that the Mother of Harlots is promoting. Again, is this just another irony? Or is there something more involved here? This author thinks this is one more, very visible and striking proof that America is Babylon...and quite literally.

In considering all that is going on in verse 5, the reader should ask what is the meaning of...the word for "Mystery"? Also, what is meant by the phrases, "Babylon the Great, and "Mother of Harlots"? Before we cover these elements...you the reader should spot something here.

In verse 5, for the very first time...we have a direct linking of the symbolism and the imagery of a woman, a mother of Harlots, and the name of the city we know as Babylon. Yes, this is the first time that we see the two come together and identify that the one is also the other. We will see more direct links later. Why some scholars have tried to isolate the woman of Chapter 17 from the city of Chapter 18 is beyond this author's comprehension, when one considers the direct terminologies of these two chapters. The city or nation and the woman/mother-harlot are one-in-the-same. Scholars will attempt to say that Chapter 17 is the Roman Catholic Church. Some say that the Roman Church is both chapters. Others say that the Church is the woman, but the city is something else, or they try to allegorize the city. Still others think it is just the "New World Order."

We will see in Chapter 18, the wording is concrete and is describing a very real city/state/nation complete with economic data. But Babylon is a real physical nation that has a spiritual agenda that is a hidden mystery. I believe that agenda is in operation in America through the powers behind the scenes. Whether its Freemasonry, or the Illuminati, or whatever...etc etc...there must be some driving force that is engineering and maneuvering behind the scene. This force by whatever name or group it is... is a driving spiritual power that has helped to create subtle idolatrous cult objects, which we refer to as art and some of it is even patriotic. Such is the case with the Statue of Liberty, the Statue atop the Capitol Building...which is also the goddess Freedom/Liberty/ Ishtar. We should make note of the Washington monument, and the entire layout of the city of Washington D.C. All are linked in cultic symbolism connected to Babylonian mystery religion.

Also, the prophecies of Jeremiah 51:7 refers to the idea of Babylon as intoxicating the whole earth. Babylon has been "evangelizing" the whole world with her brand of idealism...democratic capitalism mixed with Liberty. It

becomes idolatrous in many ways. It's lure of materialism, hedonism, freedom to do or be anything, and tolerance of all religion is just another aspect.

We need to drop our preconceived notions and biases, that seem to automatically rule out America. Those biases are there because we "trust in God and He shed His grace on thee." We may also note that America has sent out more Christian missionaries than the churches of any other nation ever has, etc. etc. etc. and yada, yada, yada. We need to realize that it has all been a charade. Once we realize the charade it becomes easier but no less shocking for us to discover the elements of divine judgment that are coming upon "America, The Babylon." We who are Americans, all have the idea that the USA is God's favorite nation. America can do no wrong. Now there may be a reader who will say... 'America couldn't be God's most hated nation, after all the USA just simply couldn't be the nation to receive the most awesome divine destruction in human history, now could it...after all look at all the good things America has done.' Can't you just imagine someone presenting that kind of argument? Too many of us have felt that America was like a second Israel. Some American Christians almost consider that God considers America to be like a church.

So here in verse 5, we see the first direct identifying links between the woman and the name "Babylon the Great/Mega." Verse 18 will once and for all link the woman and the city together as being one and the same... *"and the woman which thou sawest is that mega city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth."* Verse 18 should seal the questions once and for all, if it is properly recognized for what it is saying.

As we said earlier, there are three other elements for consideration in verse five. The first is the word "mystery." This is the Greek word...

"mysterion" = Strong's #3466 = a hidden thing of meaning, a matter to the knowledge of in which initiation is necessary. Also, a hidden purpose. Bauer-Arndt-Gingrich & Danker's Lexicon also indicates: secret teachings that are religious and political in nature as applied to ancient secular Greeks... i.e. the Greek religion of "gnosticism" and also of 'Christian gnosticism' which was a heretical group denounced by the apostles of Christ and early church leaders. Gnosticism blended Babylonian idolatry with some aspects of Christian doctrine to form a new hybrid religion that on the surface seemed Christian. This old gnosticism has resurfaced today as something called the "New Age Movement."

So, the word "mysterion" is signaling to us that the old Babylonian religion of mysticism and its gnostic, elements are alive and present in the future Babylon. Incidentally, the word mystery never should be taken as meaning something that cannot be known. It simply implies that the meaning is not readily understandable to the uninitiated.

Now let's look at the phrase... "Babylon the Great." As we noted earlier, this is our first time that we see Babylon connected to the woman. Note the adjective for Babylon is the Greek word... "megala." Megala in the Greek means "Super" or giant, gigantic in size, either height, width, or weight. In the power sense of the word...it can also carry the idea of violent power. The word can also be indicative of rank or position of power, as in a nation being a mega-power, or super power. It is also able to carry the connotation of being majestic, stately, or beautiful. So, here we see the idea as:

### **Babylon – The Super-Power... or The Mega-Power !**

First in rank of power...without equal...the most powerful...Also, it is super in dimensional size...meaning it is not small geographically. It is also the most beautiful, and majestic and stately. See Thayer's lexicon, items 1, 2, and 3.

I don't know about you, but I think I'm hearing the faint notes of an old familiar song... "America, the Beautiful," "God shed His grace on thee"... ..  
"Oh beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountains *majesty*, above the fruited plain, ... .. and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea." Do you hear that song too? America, the Megala, -- *purple majesty=majestic; beautiful* etc. Oh yes, I hear a slightly altered version now... America, the megala, God shed His judgment on thee???

If you are offended about the idea of linking such a 'beautiful' song with such symbolism, then you might want to consider another aspect of how God views future Babylon's patriotic pride. In the previous chapters dealing with the Old Testament prophecies of future Babylon, do you remember the section dealing with the reasons for her judgment in Chapter 9. We noted that there were 7 distinct categories of reasons why God was judging her. Arrogance was one of those categories. We saw in Isaiah Chapter 14 and verse 11, that patriotism plays a part as one of the reasons for her judgment.

The last element in verse 5 to consider is the phrase, "Mother of Harlots." This phrase we have already expounded on earlier, in connection with the Statue of Liberty phrase...Mother of Exiles. Here again though, we want to stress that the idea here is one of spiritual idolatry. Idolatry however is connected to the idea of entering into a relationship, an agreement with the evil forces that are the idol deity. These beings are siphoning off worship away from the Creator-God and unto themselves. In addition to that, they link with the worshipper a relationship, an agreement, a treaty...that puts the worshipper into the status of joining in the rebellion against the Creator-God, thereby making the human worshipper an **active enemy against God**. In other words, the person becomes an active spiritual soldier or combatant against God...in that spiritual civil war for control of the Universe.

One final note about verse 5. The word “abominations” crops up again. Here again we see another reference to pollution, primarily in the moral sense, but I think there is a dual connotation into the physical realm. Notice also that the word carries the idea of a stench, as in passing gas, or ‘breaking wind’ i.e. ‘farting.’ i.e. sewer gas. The connotation literally is to the idea of sewage and human waste. The cup is full of waste by-products. What a neat drink, eh!?

Verse 6 (KJV)

*“And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.”*

The verb ‘drunken’ is an active-present-participle, which means it should translate as “being drunk.” This indicates at the time of the judgment, she “is being drunk.” The term means intoxicated. So that, the woman is intoxicated with the idea of spilling the blood of the saints and the witnesses of Jesus. This verse is conveying that there will be a coming time of great persecution upon the church and upon Israel. The seven years of tribulation will see tremendous persecution of those who refuse to take the mark of the beast –( the 666 mark; see Revelation 13: 15-18). Also, the prophecies through Jeremiah and Isaiah also note the bloodshed that will be spilled and blamed upon future Babylon. See Jeremiah 50: 7, 11, 15, 17-18, 29-33, and also 51: 24, 34-35, 49 and Isaiah 14:12 “weakening the nations” also Isaiah 18: 2 and 21: 2= treachery.

Another phrase to consider in this verse is “*I wondered with great admiration.*” The Greek phrase is as follows.

<u>Kai</u>	<u>ethaumasa</u>	<u>idohn</u>	<u>auten</u>	<u>thauma</u>	<u>mega</u>
and	I wondered	seeing	her	wonder	a great
	#2295			#2295	

The word here is the Greek root word *thauma* (Strong’s reference #2295 and #2296)...to marvel at...especially of one’s appearance; to admire, to seem wonderful, see Thayer’s lexicon also. Also, see Moulton’s lexicon...a wonder, admiration, astonishment, marvelous, strange, uncommon. Now BAGD’s lexicon indicates an object of wonder, or a wonder in the sense of a ‘sign’ or miracle. Amazement, Astonishment. It also can mean admiration to the point of worship.

The idea of the repetition of the word here...when we transpose it to our own slang vocabulary...carries with it the idea of being...

**Flabbergasted. Floored.**

“I was astonished beyond astonishment.” This is a literal translation.

“I was flabbergasted, floored, amazed, and astonished beyond astonishment when I saw her...being drunk with the blood of the saints and the martyrs of Jesus.” He is indicating that ... ‘who would have ever thought it’ (?)... Astonished at the ability and the scope and depth of the actions.

Verse 7 (KJV)

*“And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou Marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.”*

Here we have the angel asking John why he was flabbergasted and astonished at seeing the woman. The angel now indicates he will explain the woman and the beast so that John will understand and no longer remain astonished. You should also notice that the beast is carrying the woman. Also, note that the word ‘mystery’ is again used here as in the previous verse.

Some take it that the phrasing is indicating that the woman is riding the beast as one would ride a horse... in other words, sitting upon its back. If so, this would indicate that the rider has at least some level of control or authority over the beast, that is until the rider (woman) is gone from the scene.

Verse 8 (KJV)

*“The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names are not written into the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.”*

In this verse, we first want to observe that the verb tenses are switching. You should note the verbs “was”, “is not” and later in the verse “will wonder”. At the end of the verse, we see these two verbs repeated. We also find added onto the end of the verse the phrase, “and yet is”. So, we see verb tenses shift from past tense to present tense and then to future tense and then go back around and do it again by the end of the verse. We point this out for a reason. That reason is connected to verse 18 (of this same chapter). We will bring out later an important note about verb tense shifts as we reach that verse. For now the

reader is advised to remember that this verse 8 is seeing radical verb tense swings.

Now in verse 8, we see that the “beast” is about to come up out of the bottomless pit, which in the Greek is referred to as the abyss. For full details on the idea of the abyss/bottomless pit see the full textual analysis section in Appendix 7. Also, note that the effect of this beast upon those still living upon the earth is one of astonishment. They are flabbergasted by the beast in the sense of worship being given to the beast. It is also apparent that the visual look of this being creates the effect also. Here also, the text goes out of its way to mention that the ones who “wonder” are those names are not written in the book of life. This means they are the unsaved people who will be condemned to a literal hell at the Great White Throne judgment, yet to come, which is found in Revelation 20: 11-15.

Verse 9 (*KJV*)

*“and here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.”*

Here we have the woman sitting upon the beast, which has 7 heads and 10 horns. In this verse, we find out that the 7 heads are 7 mountains. Okay, that’s nice to know...now tell me, what the 7 mountains are, what do they indicate to us? That is the question you should be asking. The answer is... they are the 7 continents of Earth. North America, South America, Antartica, Australia, Asia, Africa, and Europe. These are the 7 giant landmasses. How do we know this? After all, some say this must be a reference to Rome, which is known as the city of hills, and it is known for having seven hills. Rome has hills, but not mountains. We must remember that rule number one of Biblical interpretation is context, context and context. Here we have the context being of an explanation of the woman and the beast. As we will see coming up, the symbolism of the beast is that of representing all of the world empires. Now the world consists of 7 continents. The text is making a note that the woman is sitting on, has authority over all 7 continents. This is something that the previous world empires never did accomplish. The may have had control but only of the world that they knew of or could reach. Only one, the woman has such comprehensive influence and authority. Now, before you can object, allow me to finish presenting this assertion, by looking at the next verses in chapter 17 and verses 10 and 11. What is the context of those verses? It is world empires of the past, present and future. Keep in mind that the woman in like a kingdom, yet she is a nation. She is a democracy. Therein lies the distinction. The other 8 that are listed in verses 10 and 11 are all dictatorial monarchies. Rome, while claiming democracy, was in reality a continuing dictatorship, and so too was Alexander, the Great.

What we have here is not a reference to Rome, but rather to the extent that the woman has control over the 7 continental landmasses. The entire picture of the woman and the beast has to do with control and domination. We see this from the symbolism of the verbs, “sitting upon” in verse 3, and “carrying” or “riding” in verse 7 that the beast is not in a dominant position in relation to the woman. She seems to have authority over him. This indicates that the woman’s power is unchallenged. What kind of power is it? It is the power of influence... in military and economic matters.

Verses 10 and 11 (*KJV*)

*“And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.*

*And the beast that was, and is not, even he is an eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.*

The seven kings represent the 7 empires that relate to Israel’s history of the past, and the “present” as of 90 A.D. and the future. Those of the past are as follows:

1. Egypt
2. Assyria
3. Babylon
4. Persia
5. Greece

In 90 A.D. the present empire of that time was the Roman Empire. That makes for 6 empires. Now that brings us the 7<sup>th</sup> empire. Is the 7<sup>th</sup> empire still future? Is it some other empire of the past, or is it present now? We really cannot accurately know for sure. An argument could be made that the 7<sup>th</sup> empire has already occurred. That would be of course, the Empire of Fascism, as manifested in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reich of Nazi Germany and Japan, which as verse 11 asserts “is compelled to remain a little while.” One can certainly say that Hitler’s Nazis had an impact on Jewish people, perhaps like no other in human history. It could also be said that Hitler’s attempt at an empire will soon be duplicated by the antichrist. It however does not seem possible that Hitler’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Reich should be credited as the 7<sup>th</sup> empire...because, Hitler didn’t get all of Europe, nor did the Axis powers get all of Africa, nor did they come close to gaining North America or Australia. The same could be said for Communism. Capitalism is another story. It has gone everywhere. So has “democracy” with a few minor exceptions. Most every country in the world now has elections, except for North Korea. Of course, some countries general ‘elections’ are just rubber stamps of a selection made by a general committee.

One could also make the argument that the UN is the 7<sup>th</sup> power. It is certainly worldwide. Now, there is a consideration to be made here that veers off of our current path. We know that all prophecy is centered on Israel. All of the prophecies directly or indirectly relate to how something impacts upon Israel. So, we should ask the question...If these 7 empires are simply references to the 7 most influential towards Israel then Hitler must not be ruled out...because his actions had a direct bearing on the Jewish people. The UN also cannot be ruled out because it too has had a major impact on Israel. The UN granted Israel nationhood status, thus legitimizing the legal claims by Jews for their homeland. Also, the UN has some sense of loose control over the entire planet. This was not so true 30 years ago or even 10 years ago, nor even as recent as 1995. New rules, treaties and laws that passed with implementation dates in the late 90's and at the turn of the millenium have changed the power of the UN. The UN power is slowly building in all aspects of human life...if in no other form that red-tape bureaucracy, thinly disguised as laws to protect the environment. So, the UN may well be the 7<sup>th</sup> Power.

Some will make a case the claim that the U.S.A. is the 7<sup>th</sup> power. This has a flaw in it. The U.S. is identified as feminine. She is the Mother of Harlots. Verse 10 refers to a masculine gender. Also, the woman is mentioned separately. America has never had her armies solely occupying the world at one time. Therefore, it is not logical to consider America as a 7<sup>th</sup> power.

The other possibility is one still in the future. In reality, it may be with us in an infancy stage. By that, we are referring to the coming of the E.U., a.k.a. the European Union, or the United States of Europe. This is of course the old European Common Market, which has been reborn with the demise of communism and the absorption of the old Soviet satellite nations of Eastern Europe. this is probably the most likely answer to the question of the identity of the 7<sup>th</sup> empire. It will be the survivor after the attack and destruction of future Babylon. It will last for a very short space of time just before the attack and destruction of Babylon/America, because once the attack takes place, the EU will evaporate and a new defense alliance of nations will replace it under the control of the beast... a.k.a. the antichrist. Now the dissolution of the EU will come about in part because of the dissolution of NATO in the wake of the Babylonian/American destruction. We will see more details on this shortly when we look at verses 12-17.

Okay, we now have looked at the first seven empires. Let's wrap up this verse with a note that the eighth is the beast itself. The last sentence of verse 11 tells us his final destiny... "goes to destruction."

As we consider this section about these empires, keep in mind that all seven were under the leadership and control of Satan. How do we know? Take a look at Daniel Chapter 10, the whole chapter. Here we see a dialogue between Daniel and the archangel Gabriel. Gabriel has been dispatched with a message

from God to be delivered to Daniel. Along the way, Gabriel and his forces are “ambushed” or “bushwhacked” (the Hebrew uses military terminology). This indicates that there is armed military warfare in progress throughout the cosmos. Now, the bushwhackers were angelic rebel forces, and the battlefield commander was one with the rank of “kosmokrator”, which means from the Greek, ‘world ruler’. The text of Daniel also tells us that the kosmokrator was the Persian kosmokrator... i.e. this commander was assigned to the nation of Persia...with the apparent sole purpose of manipulating the Persian leaders and government to implement policy decisions that the Satanic rebel forces wanted to implement. This is not an isolated situation, because the text continues to tell us that Gabriel says he has to leave and prepare for the next kosmokrator force preparing to seize world dominance...that being the kosmokrator of Greece, which would be of course, Alexander the Great. Now we know the kosmokrator is angelic not only from the Old Testament, but also the New Testament, where the Apostle Paul warns about several different classes of angelic beings (not demons, demons are a lower class form in the angelic rebellion forces). This is found in Ephesians 6:12 where Paul writes ... ..

*(KJV) “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world; against spiritual wickedness in high places.”*

The phrase “rulers of the darkness of this world” is actually the one word in Greek ‘kosmokrator’= world rulers. Now the Greek translation of the Old Testament is how we know about the Persian/Greek kosmokrators where the same word is used.

Now, the kosmokrator is a class of angelic being as we noted earlier. It is actually, a title or rank assigned to one of the more superior angelic beings that joined in the Satanic rebellion. It is apparently a military title, because in Daniel, there is armed military confrontation. The text indicates that Gabriel was actually ambushed and then ‘pinned down’ and had to call for reinforcements from the other Archangel Michael, who was able to break the encirclement and rescue Gabriel. It is interesting that Michael had to come to the rescue because Michael is considered to be the military chief of staff of the heavenly armies. Clearly, the Daniel chapter 10 passage is indicating military activity which infers that a civil war is still raging in the cosmos. Now as we noted, the kosmokrator are very powerful indeed if it takes another archangel to come to the rescue of an archangel. Keep in mind the function of the kosmokrator...each one is assigned a nation to influence negatively that nation against God and God’s plans. Part of that plan is to influence that nation negatively against Israel and the Jewish people. That is why the holocaust occurred. That is why Israel is at the center of a controversy that threatens an outbreak of world war. Certainly, the kosmokrator are very powerful beings.

Now, why have we brought in this data? To show the reader that all human governments are under the domination and influence of unseen spiritual powers that are locked in a cosmic civil war. The rebel forces are operating very effectively under the tactics known as deception. See the second epistle to the Corinthians chapter 11:14 (in the New Testament). *(KJV) And no marvel, for Satan himself is transformed into a messenger of light.*” verse 15 also... *“Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end is according to their works.”* We also should remember in what form much of that deception will present itself. 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:26...tells us that Satan sets mental/spiritual “traps” or “snares”. See also 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:9 regarding the “trap” idea. So that, as we conclude this section, remember, that there is a war in the cosmos. The evil side operates on the basis of deception and cunning, masquerading as the ‘good guys’. That is how they achieve their best successes against humanity.

Verses 12 thru 14 *(KJV)*

*“And the ten horns which you sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings for one hour with the beast.*

*“These shall have one mind, and shall give their power and strength to the beast.*

*“These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them:*

*for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.”*

These verses belong together as a unit that will link to another unit coming up in verses 16-17. Let’s first of all start with verse 12.

In verse 12 we see the explanation of what/who are the 10 horns. They are 10 ‘kings’. Now the Greek word “basileis” doesn’t always mean kings per se, in fact, it means leaders, which in Biblical times was a monarchical civilization which usually meant a king. Now, here again we find the idea of CONTEXT coming into play. What is the context of the verse? The verse says these ‘kings’ have no kingdom as yet. They are more appropriately ‘ambassadors’ or representatives from their native countries, who have apparently gathered for some sort of emergency meeting, in which the context of the passage indicates they apparently are to elect some sort of interim leader to get them through some sort of emergency crisis.

How do we know this? Look at the end of verse 12. It says that these 10 receive power as kings for one hour, during this meeting. The phrase in verse 13 'these have one mind'...means a unanimous decision is reached which is to give all authority of their respective governments and hand it over to 'the beast'. It is also apparent that these 10 represent 10 nations that have entered into some sort of prior alliance or treaty. This may perhaps be NATO or it could be the central core of the EU. Whatever it is, they will turn over all sovereignty of their nations to the one that they select to lead them in this crisis. What is the crisis? We shall see shortly in verses 16 and 17.

Verse 14 tells us that they are making a decision to go to war against 'the Lamb.' Who is the Lamb??? The Lamb is Jesus Christ? How do we know? Revelation 19: 7, 9, 19 tells us. Also see Revelation 14: 1-6, as well as chapters 5:6-9, 12, 13.

So these 10 leaders vote their sovereignty to the beast, and will make war against Jesus Christ. Now perhaps I am just a little naïve, but I have to ask myself, and you may also be thinking about this... Just how could anyone in their right minds vote to declare war on God, and actually think they could win? It's a good question. Keep in mind however, that the Satanic forces think they could win and that is why they chose to rebel. Why would these 10 fellows do so? The text does not give us their thinking as such...but verse 17 tells us that God himself gave in to their desires. Apparently, they desired something that caused them to think positively about going to war against God.

I think also here, it may be that old phrase we heard about during the Gulf War. "The enemy of my enemy is my friend." This I think will explain the "Why"... but I am about to get ahead of myself, so let's close out this section with a final comment about the end of verse 14. Note that these 10 ambassadors will make war on not only the Lamb, or Jesus Christ, but also will make war against the Church who is also at that time coming down with Jesus Christ as a conquering army, to invade the planet Earth. We see this in Revelation chapter 19.

verse 15 (KJV)

*"And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations and tongues."*

Verse 15 breaks up the continuity of the preceding verses that connect to the following two verses of 16 and 17 that are yet to come. However, this verse 15 tells us something interesting. More symbolism is explained here when we discover that the "waters" is a dual reference. Water means more than just water. Water also means ... people. This verse tells us not just people generically, but rather people of all nations, races and languages. Now the operative word "where" is indicating a specific geography of the whore... ... meaning these "peoples" are in her land. This is a way of expressing that the inhabitants of Babylon are immigrants from all around the world. The idea is that

Babylon is a nation made up of immigrants from around the world. Now do you see a Statue of Liberty connection? Yes, America is indeed called a melting pot, and it is especially true of New York City. It is home to 6 million Jewish 'exiles' and many other ethnic groups. Incidentally, if you wish to question this approach, remember that there is a reinforcement to this view from the Old Testament Prophet Jeremiah, in Chapter 50: 16 and 51: 13. In 50:16 we find the phrase "back to their own land"...indicating that they were immigrants. 51:13 uses the term "waters" again, and I believe it comes with a dual meaning.

Verses 16 and 17 (KJV)

*“And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked. And shall eat her flesh and burn her with fire.*

*“For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.*

These two verses have been terribly mistranslated by many if not most scholars and prophecy 'experts'. Let us examine the full Greek text in its entirety as follows:

Greek text of Revelation 17: 16 [21<sup>st</sup> edition of Nestle text]

kai ta deka kerata a eides kai ta theyrion outoi  
*And the ten horns which you saw and the beast these*

misesousin ten pornen kai eremohmenen poiesousin auten  
*will hate the harlot and abandon her observe her*  
*to ruin #2049 #4160*

kai gumnen kai tas sarkas outes phagontai kai  
*and naked and the fleshs of her will eat and*

katakausousin en puri  
*will consume with fire.*

The fire does the consuming, and eating of her fleshs, as Babylon/America is abandoned to ruin and observed with her nakedness, (her defenses being down). In verse 16, we find a complicated picture (from the Greek-grammar

point of view). We have a very complex structure to the sentence. The 10 ambassadors and the beast are going to hate what has happened to the harlot, but they will abandon her to ruin and will watch the fires consuming her and eating her country up. If they were doing the burning a different verb would have been used...#1714...empeth-oh = to burn or destroy by fire.

Now there are those that take the view that the ambassadors and the beast will actively destroy her. They say that the reason is that they, the 11 men, hate the woman, and will destroy her, (and not abandon her to destruction), and they will eat her and burn her with fire. They say God is using these humans to carry out His destruction.

We see numerous instances from our Old Testament chapter where God indicates He will do the destruction upon Babylon apart from human endeavor. We also see this same aspect repeated in Revelation 18: 9, 20, 21. Indeed, the Old Testament passages refer to invaders coming from Outer Space and they are his "Righteous Ones." That should lead us to think on terms other than an attack by human nations.

We see in the Chapter 17 narrative, a description of the beast and the 10 ambassadors conducting a quick meeting, in which afterwards all control is given to the beast to make war upon the Lamb/Jesus Christ. We get the phrase indicating the Lord will overcome them. Next, we get a verse about the harlot and the immigration connection. Then we have the controversial verses 16 and 17.

The chapter suggests the following scenario. An attack is in progress; there is no advance warning. It is a surprise attack. There is a sudden, emergency meeting with all 10 ambassadors and the beast meeting as the attack is in progress. The meeting is to select a leader to deal with the crisis. The first choice of action is to not come to an active defense of Babylon/America, but rather to actively abandon any military assistance to Babylon/America. Apparently, the action taken is to preserve their own defenses in case they are the next targets of attack. Most likely, they are not sure whom they are dealing with, but their preliminary data will likely suggest an "extra-terrestrial" alien species from somewhere out in space that launches an invasion of planet Earth, starting with Babylon/America. Obviously, America would be the first nation targeted by such an 'alien' invasion plan. The group hates the idea of being forced to abandon military assistance to the U.S. but they, (the "10") don't know what they're up against so it seems best to sit tight and watch what happens to America, and be ready to defend their own air space. So they watch the destructive fires sweep through America, destroying her defenses and infrastructure.

We note in verse 17, that God caused these men to react with a vote to elect the beast to a position of power, so as to let the final act play out upon the world

stage. This seems to be the most likely scenario of all and it fits the context of not only the passage, but also of the other relevant passages in the Old Testament and elsewhere in Revelation 18.

Verse 17, seems to be a comment on the fact as to God caused them to give up sovereignty to the beast. How did he do this? He put it into their hearts, by attacking the U.S.A. and putting them in fear for themselves becoming the next victims. The beast undoubtedly misled them in promoting to them his ability to save them. He may have indicated he could signal other alien allies to come to their assistance, but that it would not be in time to save America from her doom. The explanation for the attack may be that the invaders are the evil forces in the world, and the beast claims a connection as part of the forces that created humanity and created the religions of the world and created out of test tubes...Moses, Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha, and other religious founders. In that way, the beast's claims could match with some current thinking in certain scientific and anthropological circles that indeed mankind may have been created by 'aliens'. The series of books by Zecharia Sitchin present and support such views, and on the surface seem to be valid and scholarly.

Verse 18 (KJV)

*“And the woman which thou sawest is that great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth.”*

The woman, **IS** that Mega-city-state-nation, which has a kingdom or nation, which is all around the neighborhood of the kings of the earth. In other words, this is a perfect description of New York City, which surrounds the UN building where all the 'kings' of the earth and their representatives come to meet.

Please note also, that in this verse...it explicitly says that the woman is a city, and not just any city, but the Mega-city. It's the Mega-city that hosts the kings of the earth.

Now some Bible Prophecy experts have contended from this passage that the verb tense in this verse indicates that the city must be Rome, because Rome seems to fit the description in the time frame of the present tense. Present tense at the time of the writing of Revelation would be in the late 1<sup>st</sup> Century A.D. There is a flaw in this position. It violates a cardinal rule of biblical interpretation. CONTEXT, CONTEXT, and more CONTEXT. One always observes the overall context in relation to the surrounding words and around the word or issue in question. In this case, it is verb tense.

At first glance, yes, the simple – basic usage is normally ... the present tense active... “is”. However the Koine-Greek grammar rules are rather complex regarding this word...and it can depend on the context of the surrounding words, particularly because... a preceding verb takes priority. In this case, the

preceding word is the verb... “eides”... = you sawest/ or saw. It is a verb with an indicative mood...and an aorist tense that is active...

The Lexical commentary by Bauer, Arndt, Gingrich, and Danker on this word is quite lengthy. On pages 223 and 224, column 1... in the 3<sup>rd</sup> note... the editor(s) go into great detail on how this word is to be considered. See page 223...#3...(at the bottom of page in column 2).

- II. as a copula, uniting subject and predicate.
  - 1. generally... am or is. “the pred. can be supplied fr. the **context**”  
[this author’s emphasis was added in bold]
  - 2. to describe a special relation between the subject and a predicate noun
  - 3. explanatory: *is a representation of, is equivalent of.* *eimi* here too, serves as a copula; we usually translate *mean*, so in the formula *tout estin* this or that means, that is to say (Epict., Ench.33, 10; arrian, Tact. 29, 3: {and cites even more}..... ....  
... in the sense *that is* (when translated) ... ..  
After verbs of asking, recognizing, knowing, and not knowing...  
{cites ex. ... learn what this means} “**WHAT THIS MEANS**”.

So that, BAGD indicates ... that those who point to the ‘estin’ present tense (and say...its gotta be Rome because the present tense indicates that the city must be already in existence in the late 1<sup>st</sup> Century A.D.) to prove their position are making for incorrect usage. Remember the idea is CONTEXT, CONTEXT, CONTEXT. The context of Chapter 17 is clearly future. John was transported to the future and was writing while still in the future and therefore his text is ... present tense because he is in OUR time frame when he is writing it all down in dictation...So that the present tense of verse 18 is ... turn of the millenium 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Century not late first century.

**The woman which thou sawest MEANS the Mega City Having a Kingdom** with supervening authority over the Kings of the Earth.

The Greek word “estin”...in this verse is not to be translated as IS...but rather to be translated as .... “means”... and is referencing to present tense at a future point in time.

For those readers who are not Greek scholars, you may have gotten a little lost in the last few paragraphs...the ultimate point to make for your benefit is this... Verse 18 is indicating that the woman is Babylon the SUPER-City or the SUPER Power and is the city that plays host to where all the leaders of the world come to meet. Now, does that sound like New York City and the UN?

## Chapter 12 – Babylon’s Identity & Demise

### Revelation Chapter 18 Verse 1 (KJV)

*“And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power, and the earth was lightened with his glory.*

Now we have another angel entering the scene, and John describes the action that takes place with this angel in Chapter 18. This new angel is described as interacting upon the earth. The angel is described as having Mega authority or power.

The question arises, Who is this angel? Is it the Lord? Probably not. We do know that it is not the same angel that we find later in the chapter in verse 21. That angel is referred to as ‘strong’...which uses a different Greek word “ischura”...and is not the “mega” word. It is possible that the angel is the archangel Gabriel.

Gabriel is usually found in scripture as providing communications between God and man. Here in chapter 18, this angel also is providing messages to planet Earth. Gabriel is also a figure that presents an awesome appearance. We know this because in the Old Testament book of Daniel, the prophet meets with him twice. In Daniel 18: 15-18 we find Daniel’s reaction to the appearance of Gabriel. Gabriel looked like a man. As he nears Daniel, Daniel becomes frightened and falls on his face and falls into a deep sleep, but Gabriel touches him and immediately wakens Daniel and stands him up. Then again, we get a description of Gabriel in Chapter 10, verses 5-21. This passage contains too much detail for us to analyze here, but verse 6 tells us that Gabriel had the appearance of lightning. Gabriel did present an outstanding appearance to Daniel. Is this the same angel as in Revelation 18:1? There is no conclusive proof and the issue is immaterial to our goal of determining the identity and destiny of Babylon.

### Verse 2 (KJV)

*“And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, ‘Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and became a habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.’”*

The message of the angel begins with this verse and continues through verse 3. Note the phrase ‘Babylon the great is fallen is fallen’. The Greek word for fallen is “epesen.” It is repeated again. So, there is a verbal repetition here that is significant. When such a word is used twice, such usage is trying to heavily

emphasize the certainty of something. The word is itself better translated here as “crashed, crashed.” Also, note once again the use of the word, Mega. These two chapters just get “mega’d” to death. Also, note that this is not the first time the phrase with “epesen” is used. See also Revelation 14:8 where it is first introduced.

Now we see in the latter part of the verse, references to demonic and rebel satanic force activity in Babylon/America. The verb “egento” is in aorist tense and not future. That means the demonic activity has been going on for some-time in the past...prior to the destruction. Babylon became a military post for the rebel angelic forces. The Greek word “phulake” means a place of watch, a place of guard. **It conveys a military mission.** The use of the word ‘demon’ indicates which side is posting the military presence. Also, besides demons is another class of rebel beings... “every pneumatika akarthatou”...or unclean spirit, and also of every unclean and hated bird. Birds of prey are considered to be symbols of the satanic rebel forces also. So, here we find three distinct references to satanic military activity in Babylon, prior to the destruction. We get the idea that the military post or base of operations was at Babylon prior to the destruction and yet managed to survive, or else was rebuilt. This may or may not be valid. The text does not give us full clarity on the issue, so it is open for some debate. I believe the logic of the context rests with a military base being established prior to the destruction of Babylon/America, and it is probably destroyed, but later rebuilt by the rebel angelic forces. Now the question could be asked... Is there any shred of evidence to suggest that a satanic military post or base may exist on American soil today? If one follows the developments of the UFO phenomena and those investigations, you will hear of stories about ‘alien’ bases being established in the desert southwest. We don’t have any proof, but there are some shreds of evidence to suggest it to be true.

We have now covered the first 2 verses of this chapter. These 2 verses represent the announcement of a divine declaration of guilt. The divine court is announcing the sentence as being complete destruction and annihilation of Babylon. The next 5 verses will give us the reasons for such a severe judgment. We will discover her guilt and the mechanism that determines what her level of punishment should be. We find the reasons in verses 3 through 7.

### **Reasons for the Judgment and its Severity...**

Verses 3 through 7 (*KJV*)

*“For all the 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.*

*“And I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘Come out of her, My people, that ye not be partakers of her sins, and that ye may receive not of her plagues.*

*“For her sins have reached up unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.”*

*“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.*

*“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.*

We know what is coming in verse 3 because of what we call a “flag” word. A “flag” word is a conjunction. It means “hook me up to what has gone before to what is coming next.” It signifies that a prior statement was made and now here comes the ‘reason’ that supports the statement just made.

So, starting with verse 3, we see the first of 5 reasons for the judgment. There are more than these 5 listed below, but these are the only ones found in this section. We will review others in a later section.

- #1. She led the world into joining the rebellion against God via an agreement /treaty with satanic rebel forces.
- #2. In verse 5, her sins have reached unto heaven...these sins include her “normal” treatment of others.
- #3. In verse 7, she glorified herself
- #4. In verse 7, she wallowed in luxury
- #5. In verse 7, she refused to recognize the Sovereignty of God.

Returning back to verse 3, lets look at other elements in the verse. We have already examined the ... fornication=idolatry=satanic relationship formula that was earlier presented in this book. We do have a new element to provide a focus upon. The word “merchant” is actually the Greek word “emporoi”. We get our English word ‘emporium’ from this Greek word. The Strong’s code is #1711, #1712, #1713. It means = a merchant. It is connected with the idea of an international traveler who imports and or exports around the known world. So here we see in verse 3, the idea of multi-national merchants getting rich from Babylon’s economic power. We deliberately use the term ‘power’ because that is another word used in the Greek--- “dunameos” = power.

Another term to consider is the word for delicacies. This is the Greek word

“strenuous”= #4764= over, strength, wantonness, luxury, eager desire. It carries the idea of wasteful and extravagant. It can also mean to revel and riot or in the slang sense... “to party heartily.” It can convey the idea of sensual luxury. It is luxury that appeals to the senses, and sensual desires of any kind. The actual root word, according to Thayer’s Lexicon is ... “excessive strength which longs to break forth.” So, the root word sounds a little like pent-up supply and demand. In our verse, the usage sounds like a nation caught up in deficit spending...buy now, pay later. Does this word ring a bell when you think of the credit card commercials on TV that entice you to ‘have it all now’ rather than later. Why wait? Satisfying ‘luxury’ is just around the corner according to the TV commercials for things like cars, household items, and many other products and services.

In verse 4, we see a key phrase... “Come out of her My people.” This phrase is spoken by ‘another voice out of heaven’...apparently not just any angel...but rather the voice of the Lord or perhaps the archangel Michael? He is the ‘chief-prince’ and protector of Israel for the Lord. However, the use of the word “My” leads this author to believe that the speaker is the Lord Jesus Christ. However, the use of the Greek word “theo” = God, in verse 5, does give some weight to the possibility that the speaker may be Michael, or even possibly Gabriel, if Gabriel was already the first angel speaking.

The significance of the phrase rests with the idea of understanding to whom the phrase is speaking to. Some scholars think that it refers to the church, and signifies the Rapture of the Church before the start of the Tribulation Period. This idea has merit, and this author for one certainly hopes that the “rapture” occurs before the judgment begins. However, it seems more likely, especially in the light of the evidence from the Old Testament passages, that this phrase is referring to the Jewish people living in Babylon/America. It is a warning call for Jews to evacuate out of Babylon/America before the destruction hits.

Just as in ancient Babylon of 2,000 years ago, so today, the largest population of Jewish people in the world can be found in America. The largest and tightest concentration of Jewish homes is in New York City. In fact, one of the suburbs of New York City is named Babylon because, before the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, so many Jews had settled there that it reminded them of the Jews in exile in ancient Babylon. Now isn’t that an interesting coincidence?

To provide further support to this analysis, we cite to the reader, the Old Testament/Tanach references from Jeremiah 50: 6-8, 28; and also Jeremiah 51: 5-6... “flee from the land of Babylon” in verse 6. Also, in verses 45-46... we find the same nearly identical plea... “Come out of her My people”. Also, in Isaiah 48:20 “Go forth from Babylon”... “Flee the Chaldeans”. Here we have five specific references from Jeremiah and Isaiah concerning the idea of evacuating from future Babylon. I think this evidence should silence any claims to be

something other than a reference to a Jewish “exodus” from future Babylon/America.

Verses 5 and 6 are pretty straightforward and without need for extensive comments. Verse 6 indicates that the measure of judgment upon Babylon should be twice the amount of suffering and torment that she imposed upon others.

Verse 7 concludes our reason section with further insights into the woman. This verse tells us that she has ‘glorified’ herself, and lived in wanton luxury. That word for luxury is the same word we looked at in verse 3. We also find in this verse, that the measure of her judgment should be in relationship to how well she lived. As her extremely luxurious lifestyle approached the outer limits of luxury, so too should her judgments be extreme in the opposite direction... meaning total annihilation. The idea is... the more the luxury, the more the torment and sorrow.

Notice also, that in verse 7, the woman’s perception of herself is arrogance. “I sit a queen...and shall see no sorrow.” How arrogant to assume that life will continue as a cakewalk forever. She sees herself in complete control. She knows no loss, and sees no reason to mourn. How ironic, soon she will soon mourn her own destruction.

We now turn to the next section, which will give us the conclusions reached in light of the reasons given in verses 3 through 7. The conclusion runs from verse 8, all the way to the end of the chapter. These verses fill in the blanks of what happens to Babylon, and how it happens and the reaction by the survivors. We also see the completeness of the resulting actions.

Verses 8 through 10 (*KJV*)

*“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.*

At the start of verse 8, we see the Greek phrase “dia touto” – “therefore” “Therefore” signals a conclusion to what has just preceded itself in the prior

verses. “Conclusion, in one day will come her plagues.” The time element here means literally in one day. (later in v. 10 we see it narrows even more) What happens in one day? Plagues, death, sorrow, and famine come upon her.

In the last part of verse 8 we find that...she will be utterly destroyed by and consumed by fire. Why? The answer is at the end of the verse... “oti”= because... “ischuros”= strong/mighty is the Lord God, (He is) the one judging her.

Verse 9 starts showing us the repercussions of the judgment. This begins a sequence of verses that focus on the repercussions of the judgment. This sequence of verses of repercussion starts with verse 9 and continues through the end of the chapter.

The first thing we want to specifically point out in verse 9 is the word order in the original language of the Greek. The KJV is not even close in getting the correct translation in an appropriate word order. Verse 9 starts as follows:

*“and will weep and wail over her, the kings of the earth, the ones having practiced fornication with her and having reveled in riotous living, whenever they see the smoke of the burning of her.”*

Notice in the original word order... the first words are...

“Will weep”,... “and wail”...

The first reaction of the kings of the Earth includes mourning, (weeping and wailing). This tells us that the kings of the earth are genuinely ‘grief-stricken’ and overwhelmed with shock. Who would ever have thought that this is how Babylon/America would end-up? Now, these kings of the Earth, are the same ones who committed treason against God by committing idolatry. Now they are grieving. Why? Verse 11 gives us the answer. The answer is money, or more to the point, the lack thereof in respect to the future earnings prospects.

Also, another aspect of this is that the kings are genuinely grief-stricken, albeit over money...but... they didn’t do it. Who did? Again, there are those that have felt this calamity would come at the hands of other nations. However, the terms here indicate all the world leaders are in sorrow. Why? No one will buy their goods anymore. We will see that soon enough. Why would any nation want to bite the hand that feeds it? Face it, America, feeds the whole world in one way or another. The tone of this whole chapter is worldwide sorrow and shock, which rules out the idea of a normal military attack. Instead, this will be a non-human origination event. Remember that the satanic/demonic bases in Babylon/America will be coming under attack. Would Satan destroy his own operations, or allow other human nations to destroy his operations? The answer is an emphatic, NO.

Also, in verse 9, note that their reaction begins when they see the burning smoke over her. Verse 10 continues with that theme, with a telling notation that ... the witnesses are... “from afar, standing”... The Greek word for ‘afar’ is “makrothen” = #3113= a far distance, with the idea of being remote...far away.

Verse 10 also finds the use of the Greek word: “Ouai”. It is repeated again to give an emphasis to the certainty of the event. The word “ouai” is an interjection denoting pain or displeasure. The word is onomatopoeic, which means that it is a word that sounds like what it is denoting. An example of such a word in English is the word... buzz, or cuckoo. So too, is this Greek word. It means what it sounds like. It is a sound of pain, or displeasure. “Ouch” might be a weak English version of the Greek meaning. Only in the Greek, the idea is of loud volume and intense, as if one has been painfully wounded and letting out a howl of pain. In the King James Version, the word “Alas” just doesn’t carry the true meaning of the word.

At the end of verse 10, we find another interesting piece of the puzzle. The phrase... “In one hour”...signifies how long the judgment takes. It takes one hour to completely devastate and annihilate a nation. Not just any nation, but the most powerful nation in human history. It is no wonder that the witnesses are in awe and fear. “In one hour came her judgment.” The one-hour aspect is the main emphasis being stressed in this verse. In fact, it is one of the most crucial elements in the whole chapter. At no other time in human history could a large nation be completely burned out in one hour of one day...on the basis of human technology. Now it could happen, but instead of it happening by human hands, it will happen by divine hands.

Verses 11 through 13 (KJV)

*“And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her: for no man buyeth their merchandise anymore:*

*“The merchandise of gold, and silver, and of precious stones, and of pearls, and of fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and thyine wood, and all manner of vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron and marble.*

*“and of cinnamon, and odors, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and bodies and souls of men.”*

Verse 11 starts by telling us that the international or multi-national companies are the ones who will be the most affected. They shall lament the loss of their best buyer, which was Babylon. With Babylon wiped out, they have no one to sell to. Babylon was their buyer, their market. Now they have no one to buy their merchandise. Note again that the Greek words include weeping and wailing.

Verses 12 and 13 provide us with a list of 29 items and categories of products and commodities that the international merchants have sold in the past to Babylon. Every single one of these items are known to be such that the USA is the number one buyer of these goods until she is destroyed.

This is a very, very important section for identifying America as the Babylon. So much so, that there is a whole Appendix devoted to this. It is Appendix 1, which we have put in the form of a fun Quiz...with the answers that follow in the back. This is not for a grade, but it allows the reader to see how immensely identifiable the identification markers are that point out America as the future Babylon. There are 66 major identification markers listed that point to America as the future Mystery Babylon. Many of those are found in verses 12 and 13.

Verse 14 (KJV)

*“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.*

At the very start of this verse, we find the notation that the profits are gone. The bottom line to all of this... no money can be made anymore. The fruits/profits are all gone. The buyer got destroyed.

Also, we need to note some key words here in the verse.

Lipara = #3045 = sumptuous and delicate; elegant style of living, i.e. think of the TV show, “Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous” with Robin Leach and you pretty much have the idea of the meaning of this verse. It carries the idea also of 24-hour parties. “It’s party time”!! The skies are the limit. No price is too great. We have credit and we have the blank checks. If we run out of money, we’ll just make more. Does this convey to you the idea of extravagant? That’s another element of this word. Extravagant living...all day and all night, the fun never stops, and there is no time to sleep when you are having this much fun. The word “lipara” was sometimes linked to the Greek words, debauchery and orgy, which convey not so much the sexual aspects, though it can be that, but mostly it conveys the idea of all night or around the clock revelry.

Lampra = #2986 = bright, gaudy colored lights. The idea of being very ‘glitzy’.

Verse 14 concludes by emphasizing that this lifestyle ends when Babylon is destroyed. There will be no more partying. There will be no more rich and elegant nor extravagant life styles.

Overall, this verse seems to convey an urban, cosmopolitan lifestyle attitude that seems similar to the one conveyed in the song made famous by the singer Frank Sinatra, ... "New York, New York". Specifically where the song speaks of waking up in "a city that never sleeps". The song glorifies New York City, and points out the 24-hour partying lifestyle of the city. It talks about how great and wonderful New York City is...and the connection with being at ... "the top of the heap". When you come to New York City, you have arrived at the top. Doesn't this remind you of the earlier comments in verse 7 about how much "she"/Babylon "glorified" (praised) herself. (Self-praise, i.e. "slapping oneself on the back without breaking their own arm").

Verses 15 through 19 (KJV)

*"The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing.*

*"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.*

*"For in one hour so great riches is come to naught.' And every shipmaster, and all the company in the ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by the sea, stood afar off,*

*"And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What city is like unto this great city.' (!!!!)*

*"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**' !!!*

As we look at this whole section, we find it deals with the perspective of the eyewitnesses to her destruction and their reactions to seeing the event. They have a hard time believing what they are seeing with their own eyes. The sights are so incredible to them. The repercussions are overwhelming, but still their first thoughts are... "No one will buy our products anymore, because we sold everything to Babylon/America." This may indicate that the other nations were already in a recession or depression at the time. This Babylon had a penchant for making people rich.

In verse 15, we find the merchants standing afar off. In verse 17, we find the ocean freighters and their crews standing on deck, their ships offshore... "*stood afar off*". Note they are afraid of getting too close... "For the fear of her torment."

Note that the witnesses were on board a ship. If this were a result of a 'natural' disaster such as a comet, or an asteroid strike, or meteorite strike... chances are there would be severe ocean disturbances. This would also be true in the event of a nuclear strike. The shock waves would create tidal waves. This is an indication of something that we will explore further in the next chapter...but it seems that what is described in Revelation 18: 8-19 is a judgment that does not make 'waves'. This would indicate some sort of an aerial attack. It will last for one hour.

There is no nation on earth that can accomplish the descriptions listed here unless it were nuclear, which would create the shock waves on the ocean that would prevent the witnesses from watching Babylon's destruction. A nuclear strike would create large 'tidal' waves that would cause tremendous harm to ships standing offshore. So this is indicating again a non-nuclear, non-human military type action. Now coming up we will look at another angelic action, which will create a massive tidal wave 'tsunami'. This is indicative of 2 separate judgments. The latter one coming at a different point in time which we will soon discuss in the next chapter.

Note that verse 17 informs us once again, that the destruction takes one hour. For those who have held that these prophecies have already occurred with the ancient Babylon...hey, Babylon was never destroyed by fire...and it never went down in an hour. Ancient Babylon is nowhere close to where ocean freighters could see her burning. This is also true of Rome.

Now verse 18 tells us that Babylon had no equal. There was no city/nation that could compare or take her place.

Verse 19 lets us know that all the businesses that provide sea transport of goods were made wealthy by sailing to her with their goods. The verse also clues us to the idea that the nation was the importer of the world. It was the biggest retail market in the world. It also appears to be a deficit spender... ..

allowing for more trade coming in than it was sending out. In other words, this Babylon had a trade deficit!!!!!! Then finally, verse 19 once again, reaffirms that all of this takes place ... ..

## IN ONE HOUR !

Three times in this chapter, we get the length of time that it takes to complete the destruction... in verse 10, verse 17, and again in verse 19, we find it takes one hour... or 60 minutes. Verse 8 says that it will happen in one day. So, we find that the destruction takes place on one day...in an hour. (about the time it takes to get eyeglasses made at the 1-hour store in the mall; or you might say about the same length of time needed at a one-hour dry cleaner or film development store.)...in an hour on one day.

Verses 20 through 24 (KJV)

*“Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets: for God hath avenged you on her.”*

*“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.*

*“And the voice of the harpers, and musicians, and of pipers and of trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee: and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he shall be, shall be found any more in thee: and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee.*

*“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 the nations deceived.***

*“And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, **and of ALL that were slain upon the earth.***

Verse 21 abruptly switches gears from the witnesses observing the destruction to the mighty angel who picks up an object about the size of a mill stone, and from a vantage point somewhere in the sky (or outer space ) most likely from near-earth orbit, he launches or “missiles” to earth this “millstone-sized object” which hits the ocean. Now what is interesting about the verse is the use of 2 key words.

The first is the word for “cast”... referring to the millstone and casting it into the sea. This word in the Greek is the word “ebalen”... from the root word “ekballo.” We find that the word can have a variety of uses. One of which is connected to the idea of action take with a military weapon known as a javelin or spear. We see in the Greek Septuagint version of the Old Testament/Tanach, a usage referring to King Saul “throwing” or “missiling” or launching a javelin at young David, not long after David had killed the giant Goliath with a rock from a slingshot.

The second key word is “ormemati”. This word is translated in the KJV as “violence”. This does not convey the meaning of the word in this context. The idea of the word in Greek indicates: **a chain-reaction impulse**. “To put into motion” ... an initial impulse. The meaning of this is unclear. It may be describing something nuclear in nature, but that is just speculation. It certainly is an interesting conceptual description though.

The end of verse 21 indicates that Babylon shall be found “no more” and then verse 22 and 23 tell us some of what will no longer be found in Babylon. Verses 22 and 23 describe the culture of future Babylon/America before the destruction as a way to graphically demonstrate there will be no culture, and no lifestyle left in Babylon/America. Verse 23 goes out of its way to indicate that there will be no more bright, gaudy colored glitzy lights at night. It makes the point that there will not even be simple candles in her anymore. Also, verses 22 and 23 allude to the idea that the all-night life styles will cease. So, will all other aspects of society, including manufacturing. The most telling of all is the aspect that no one will be getting married in Babylon. Verse 21 had already told us though that this would be the case...because Babylon would be found no more...meaning it will vanish from the face of the earth... probably sunk the bottom of the ocean!!!

At the end of verse 23, we find the one of the last great reasons why this all happens to Babylon/America.

**“Because your businessmen were the “mega” ones of the earth,”**

How or why were they considered to be ‘mega’??? Because by their sorceries, all the nations were deceived.

The word for “sorceries” is the Greek word “pharmakeia” = #5331, #5332, and #5333 = the use of, or the administering of drugs; poisoning, also in conjunction with the occult, and of entering into occult treaties with the satanic forces...for a favor in exchange for their alliance to the rebel cause.

The “Mega”- Merchants were “mega” because they made a deal with the devil...money and power in exchange for carrying out any assigned missions against God or His people.

Notice at the end of verse 23... that the end result of their “sorceries” was the ability to deceive all of the nations.

Verse 24 ends the chapter by telling us that the blame for all the righteous dead, including the martyrs will be paid back. All the deaths and all the martyrs’ blood will not keep her clean.

This concludes a running commentary of Revelation Chapters 17 and 18. We have waded through a lot of material in this chapter. If the reader seems confused by what has been presented, that would only be natural. It is recommended that anyone confused by this section should go back and re-read it. Also, there is more material to come in the next chapter concerning the timing of these events. There is also a section about God’s rescue plan for any and all who want to avoid what is coming. Finally, there are a series of appendixes, which may provide deeper insight and background in certain specific areas. The bibliography will help you track further resources for investigation.

## Chapter 13 – When Will This Happen?

The information that has been presented thus far has focused simply upon the data which points to identifying and understanding the Biblical term, “Mystery Babylon” or as we have euphemistically referred to it in the Old Testament/Tanach section as ‘future Babylon.’ The material also has given focus to related matters such as who is involved, what happens, and why it happens. The Biblical accounts do not give us every detail of what will happen, but rather a skeletal structure highlighting a few of the key elements, which the Creator determined that we should know about. There is a great deal of specific data, which the Creator did not tell us about. One of the key areas that we are not told much about is the *timing* of the destruction of “Mystery Babylon.”

What we will do in this short chapter is provide you with the facts given to us in the scriptural texts themselves. The scripture gives us a lot of general time frame references. We will look at this data and give it the appropriate analysis to give us idea of the timing. We will also tentatively and cautiously present some of the current “*theories*” concerning timeline sequencing.

In order to understand the timing of Babylon’s judgment, we need to start with a basic outline of events that we know will occur in a specific order. For instance, Jesus Christ predicted His death, resurrection, ascension back to heaven, and He also predicted He would return. Now, for those readers not having extensive prophetic backgrounds we need to point out that the Lord Jesus Christ is actually coming back “twice.” In reality, He will come into the Earth atmosphere or low Earth orbit and exercise a quick “rescue operation” to remove those individuals who are relying upon Christ’s saving action at the time of His death, burial, and resurrection.

Christ indicated that He would return to remove those ‘believers’ (those who are relying upon His transaction work on the cross and His resurrection for our ‘salvation’) from the world before Divine Judgment strikes the world. Just as Noah was spared from the flood, just as Abraham’s nephew Lot and his family were called out of Sodom just before Divine Judgment wiped out Sodom and Gomorrah, so too will Christ return to the planetary orbit of Earth and come into the atmosphere and ‘call-up’ the believers who have already died, and then in an instant later will call up those believers who are still alive...and all will be transported off of the planet to a safe area and processed for an eternal position of importance in the Divine order of Cosmic Government. We know this because of scriptural references like 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:15-18 and also 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15: 51, 52.

So, we see that the Lord will come back to remove the believers, the true church members, before the judgment begins. Now we want to focus upon the whole aspect of judgment, in order to understand when Babylon/America will receive her judgment.

In order to explain this, we need to know that the picture we are going to present comes from a wide variety of segments in scripture. The whole picture of the time frame is referred to in scripture under various 'labels' that is all one and the same. These include the following:

1. The Day of the Lord
2. The End Times
3. The End of the Age
4. The Great Day of the Lord
5. The Day of Wrath
6. The Last Days
7. The Day of Jehovah
8. That Day
9. The Tribulation or The Great Tribulation

These phrases refer to a defined period of time when God will judge the Earth. The judgment will last for a period of 2,520 days. Furthermore, this period is divided into two equal 1,260-day periods. This is most often referred to by most prophecy scholars as the 'tribulation period'. We know the times because it is found in the Old Testament book of Daniel, see chapter 9:27... "one week" of years, or 7 years. In Revelation 11: 2, 3; also 12: 6, 14; 13: 5 we find references to 42 months and also 1,260 days. They are the same, because in Hebrew prophecy, time is reckoned in 30 day months.  $30 \times 42 = 1,260$ . And with the idea of 7 years, a Hebrew prophetic year was 360 days, not 365 days or 366 days. So then, 7 Hebrew prophetic years becomes ... ..  $7 \times 360 = 2,520$  days. Now, the prophecies deal with 2 equal periods in this 2,520-day time frame.  $2,520$  divided by  $2 = 1,260$ . So, the judgment period is just shy of 7 of our calendar years by 35 days...but  $2,520$  days = 7 Hebrew prophetic years.

We have a tribulation period of nearly 7 years. Within that time frame, we have it split into two equal periods of 1,260 days. During this 2,520 day period of Judgment, we have the antichrist, also referred to as the "Beast", coming to power and entering into a peace treaty with Israel, guaranteeing her security from attack. At the end of the 2,520 days, we have what is known as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Jesus Christ which is found in detail in Revelation in the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter.

At the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ, the rulers of the Earth are in the process of finishing off a war against Israel and the Jews, forever. Their plan is to make complete Hitler's work...the complete extermination of all Jews forever. The Return of Jesus Christ in the Earth's atmosphere begins a battle between all the armies of the Earth versus Jesus Christ, His Angelic Armies, and the Church,

which is coming with Him and behind Him. This 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming is not to be confused with what we earlier outlined as the 'rapture'. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming is not a short rescue operation...it is an invasion to seize the planet and exterminate all the rebels who oppose God. Afterwards, there will be a millennial kingdom set up whereby, Christ will rule on the throne of David of Israel, and Jerusalem will be the World's Capital City.

So now we finally come to the central issue that we started with in this chapter. When is 'Mystery Babylon/America' to be destroyed? Answer: Sometime just before or at the start of the 7-year period known as the Great Tribulation. It will be the event that brings the antichrist to power. But, there is more... there will be a second judgment upon Babylon/America that will occur just before or at the time of Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming. This second judgment will wipe out all living things, and most likely sink the entire continent of North America or most of it, leaving what is left a few uninhabited islands. The 1<sup>st</sup> Judgment will be most likely some sort of aerial invasion force that will decimate the country and leave few survivors to become refugees and fugitives. There will be time to rebuild any Satanic military bases that are destroyed to help empower the antichrist and assist in the futile defense against the Lord Jesus Christ and His Invasion forces.

Ultimately, we don't know for sure just when this will take place. We do not know what year it will occur. What we do know, is that the prediction that Jesus Christ made before His death, was that the Temple in Jerusalem would be destroyed and that Israel would again be removed from the land of Palestine. There would then be an indeterminate period of time where the Jewish people would be homeless, before being restored back to the land. When Israel would be reconstituted as a nation, the generation that witnessed it would not die away before all the rest of the Messianic prophecies were fulfilled. (see the following references...Matthew 24:34; Mark 13: 30; Luke 21: 32)

The messianic prophecies include the idea of a 7-year Tribulation with the rise of the antichrist. Within that period most of the events written about in Revelation and the other previously unfulfilled prophecies will occur also. The prophecies dealing with Babylon will also be fulfilled by the end of the 7 years of Tribulation.

Now, we have given some indications that the demise of Babylon/America will transpire before the antichrist comes to power. The Tribulation period is thought by many to commence with the antichrist's peace treaty with Israel. If that is so, then there must be at least a short if unspecified time between the antichrist's rise to power and the time that the peace treaty is made with Israel. So, the attack/judgment on Babylon/America precipitates the crisis that brings the antichrist to power. This means that the initial judgment begins nearly 7 years at least or more before the Return of Jesus Christ. The time frame between the demise of Babylon/America and the start of the Tribulation period is indefinite

and could be measured in years, though this author doubts that such a long time period would elapse.

Having said all of this, let's take a look at the specific future Babylon passages of the Old Testament that give us time-frame markers.

### **The Timing of 'Future' Babylon's Destruction in Jeremiah and Isaiah**

The following are the scriptural passages from Jeremiah, which indicate the time frame for 'future' Babylon's destruction. We start with Jeremiah Chapter 48: 47 where we see the phrase, "in the latter days"...

Strong's code #319 = acharyth = the end, or last, or latter

Strong's code #3117 = yowme – or hyamayeem = day, or days.

This is a Hebrew phrase that refers to the time when the Messiah comes. The phrase is indicative that Jeremiah's later chapters of 50 and 51 are in reference to the Messiah's coming appearance, "in the latter days"... We also see this same phrase used again in chapter 49: 39.

Now we come to Jeremiah 50: 2, 4, 5. (KJV)

***"Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a Standard; publish and conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, .....***

***"In those days, and at that time, saith the Lord, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping" they shall go, and seek the Lord their God.***

***"They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that will not be forgotten."***

In verse 2, the repetition of the ideas of declaring, publishing, then setting up a standard, then publishing, then the 'conceal not' is a Hebrew grammatical effort to underscore or emphasize an idea. What is the emphasis? It is very similar to the Revelation 18: 2 passage where the phrase... "fallen, is fallen" is found. The first part of 50:2 refers to setting a standard. The Hebrew word for standard is #5251 = nahsee or nace...and it means a flag, a banner, or a standard. This is a messianic reference indicating that when the Messiah comes "we" the Jewish nation will signal His coming throughout the land.

In verse 4, the phrase... "In those days, and at that time" is very similar to the earlier cited phrase of 48: 47 only the 50:4 phrase is altered slightly to include the Hebrew word hemmah. So, we have the phrase "hyamayeem hemmah akhareeth ... "In those days, at that time" or "in those latter days."

So, that verse 4 gives us a clear reference to the timing as being in ... .. "those last/latter days". Now verse 5 gives us a different perspective on the timing. Verse 5 refers to the Jews returning to the land after a lengthy exile from the land. This was fulfilled beginning at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and became pronounced after WWII when Israel again became a nation.

Jeremiah 50: 11 refers to those who "pillage my heritage"... a clear reference to Israel and the persecution of Israel and Jews around the world. Anyone with an ounce of history knows that the Jewish people have suffered great levels of racism and persecution throughout the centuries, and especially in this century from not only Hitler, but also Stalin, and still later from radical Arab moslems who wish to destroy Israel.

Jeremiah 50:20 again uses the phrase "in those days and in that time." Verse 28 gives us reference to the notion that in the last days before the Messiah comes...there will be Jewish refugees fleeing back to the land... and that there will be some atrocity concerning the Temple site, and the general holy areas...it will somehow involve Babylon/America.

Jeremiah 51: 12 also refers to the Messianic reference of setting up a standard or a banner..., which is the Messianic, reference once again. We also see it again in the same chapter but in verse 27.

Isaiah also refers to that Messianic reference but it is translated in the KJV as 'banner' instead of 'standard' in Isaiah 13:2. The real clincher though is Isaiah 21: 3. This verse talks about labor pains...this is a clear signal code for the days just before the coming of Messiah.

Isaiah 21: 5 gives a different Messianic reference. the phrase 'anoint the shield' is a direct Messianic reference. The word anoint is the word messiah. The word for 'shield' is the Hebrew word 'megan = #4043 which is the term for the Messianic symbol of the star of David. Just after this passage in the next 3 verses, we find the phrase referencing Babylon... "Babylon is fallen is fallen"... which puts us into a 'future Babylon' again simply more support that knocks down the notion that these prophetic chapters already were fulfilled.

Now, concerning the childbirth/labor pains coded symbolism...we find this cross-supported in the New Testament, where Jesus Christ uses that same metaphor to talk about the times of His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming. These are found in Matthew 24:8; and Mark 13:8.

Now these references in the Old Testament as well as the data in the New Testament gives us a lot of insight into the demise of Babylon. In blending the two separate Testaments accounts together, some confusion can be created that need to be clarified. At first glance it seems as though the Old Testament is referring to something different from the New Testament Revelation account. This is partially true and partially untrue.

The book of Revelation is dealing with two different judgments upon Babylon that occur at different times. The entire Old Testament section gives us details about the 1<sup>st</sup> judgment. Revelation 18: 8-19 also tells us about the 1<sup>st</sup> judgment. The second judgment is found in Revelation 16: 19-21, and also Revelation 18: 21.

The first judgment is by what seems to be an aerial assault...or perhaps a limited airborne landing/invasion and assault...mixed with a fiery weapon's delivery system. The first judgment devastates the land and only a few survive who then make their way to Israel to testify that the Lord was responsible for the judgment.

The second judgment is a MEGA EARTHQUAKE combined with some sort of 'hail storm'...or perhaps a meteor hitting the continent of North America directly into the heart of the nation...the Midwest...there may be a second meteor that plunges into the oceanic coastline which produces further devastation and helps trigger the oceanic tidal waves the swamp the coastlands. The Earthquake finally sinks the nation under the ocean's waves. The earth quake is so massive that it levels all the mountains of the world!!! The second judgment leaves no time for merchants to mourn the loss of Babylon, but a first judgment that is an aerial strike would allow for such. But the descriptions of such a massive quake and a meteor strike would not allow for merchants or sailors to mourn the loss of Babylon/America...because it would all be over for them as well. Therefore, there must be two different judgments.

Remember that Revelation 18: 6 speaks of doubling her judgment... this is a coded signal that there will be a two-part judgment. The first purifies, and the other terminates. Ultimately, all the prophecies about the land being uninhabited are fulfilled... and the idea of never to be found...gets fulfilled after the second judgment, which occurs at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ.

So let's summarize our conclusions.

It seems that America, The Babylon will be hit with a surprise attack, a sneak attack, probably from space that will be interpreted by the world as an attack or invasion by aliens from somewhere in the galaxy. The invaders will cover the skies in a quantity like a plague of locusts, (Jeremiah 51: 14) indicating a massive quantity of aerial vehicles. Those that do survive will probably be small groups here and there. Some survivors will flee to Israel. Others will

probably flee back to their homelands of their ancestors. Time passes, and the Tribulation follows its course. Up to 7 years or more of time may pass between the first judgment/attack and the second and final judgment hits which wipes America and the continent from the face of the earth, sliding to become part of a new oceanic floor. Needless to say, it will be uninhabitable. The second judgment will hit at the time of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Jesus Christ when He will set up a 1,000 reign of divine peace on Earth, good will toward men.

One final thought on the timing... For many of you who read this...what I have provided for timing will not be enough. You will want to pin me down on a time frame... I will say only that I expect these events to begin their fulfillment's before the year 2010. It could even be as early as 1998, or 1999 when the first judgment hits America. It's unknown to us. If we knew, then it wouldn't be a surprise, and the Biblical texts indicate it will be a surprise. If you the reader are worried about your fate in all of this...you definitely need to read the next and last chapter. You will find it most helpful, if you respond accordingly.

## Chapter 14 -- God's Personal Rescue Plan For You and Me

If you were disturbed by what you have read in this book and are afraid of your future then please read this following section. This book is meant to provide knowledge and understanding about what is coming. But such knowledge means little for the reader, if that reader does not know that he or she can be spared from the coming judgment. This section will provide a short understanding of how a person can have eternal life and a personal relationship with the Creator-God of this Universe. If you are reading this and you are not sure if you have eternal life with the Creator-God please read this section.

The Creator-God of the Universe is a perfect, pure, righteous being who cannot associate or tolerate impurity, imperfection and non-correct being. The Creator-God is a being with many characteristics. He is Pure. He is all-powerful. He is all-knowing. He is all-present. He is Justice. He is Love. He is also ... Patient. (Some would kiddingly say that He seems slow at times...but He is always on time, it is just that the official time is kept on His clock not ours)

It is His patience and love that motivated Him to create a remedy for each and every human being's problem of sin. Yes, the Bible says we are all...every one of us, sinners. But, what is sin? The word for sin in the Greek text is the word "*ha-marti-ah*". The word is an archery term, meaning to miss the 'bulls-eye' of the target. God looks at each of us and says 'you are missing the bulls-eye of the target.' I cannot associate with your imperfection. Your imperfections carry negative consequences beyond mere association. The rules are everyone must 'hit' the bulls-eye every time. Failure to do so results in death. Therefore, you, I, and all other humans are 'doomed'. None of us are perfect, and the Creator demands perfection. God knew this problem would exist even before He created humanity. Yet, He did create us anyway, because, He had a plan to overcome the problem.

God's plan to overcome our problem of 'sin' was expensive. It meant that part of Himself would take a human form, as a Son, and become our substitute. He, God, took a human body, came to earth, and chose voluntarily to sacrifice Himself as a substitute, to pay our penalty of death if we choose to accept His actions as a gift to us. It's not a loan, where we must pay it back. We are incapable of paying it back. God's actions were taken as a free gift to each of us, but only if we accept it.

For instance, if I come to your birthday party and bring you a gift, it is not your possession until you take it, if you take it. Could you choose to reject it? Yes,

you could. If you accept it, but want to pay me back for it, then is it a gift? No. It would no longer be a gift. It is the same situation with God and each of us. God has given Himself to us as a free gift. It is not a cheap gift. It cost God the penalty of death. The Son of God, Jesus of Nazareth/Bethlehem died on a wooden cross and was crucified horribly and tormented with extreme pain and suffering for one reason, to make available to you and me a way of escape from our condition. Our condition was eternal death and separation forever from the Creator-God the Father. Jesus Christ not only died as substitute on our behalf, as a payment for our mistakes and diseased personality, He also came back to life, as proof that God, the Father was satisfied with the substitution, and that the substitution indeed paid the penalty, in full, on our behalf.

Now the question becomes how does one accept the gift? The payment program requires your acceptance. How do you accept? You do not accept it by doing anything physical. Acceptance is based upon your mental attitude of relying upon the facts we have just presented to you. If, IF, the facts and data make sense to you and you want to accept but don't know how or what to do... CONGRATULATIONS, because the acceptance is a mental attitude of relying on the data. It is your reliance, your attitude of acceptance that is the key that turns the lock. You do nothing. God takes over, and wipes the slate clean, and permanently places your name in the book of Life. You are instantly made an adopted 'son' of God. You are instantly a member of God's family, and are forever a member.

Your reliance on the facts of God's actions on your behalf as a gift to you is what activates the relationship and gets your account credited as paid in full. Now, what God did for each of us in the past was an action that had eternal results. So that when we activate God's gift to us, it pays for all the past errors, all the ones occurring at the moment you accepted the terms in your mind, plus it also pays for all the future errors you will commit, because, God's gift includes a future state of perfection, and until that occurs our gift covers everything we do. We know this because in the New Testament book/letter to the Ephesian church, God through the Apostle Paul tells us ...[Ephesians 2:8,9]

*"For by a gift, are you saved ("forever being continually saved" in both the past, present and future tense. The verb, 'saved' is a perfect tense verb which means an action with results reaching into the past, affecting the present and the future also). So, let's restart that verse again.*

*"For by a gift are you forever being continually saved, (from the past sins all way through all of your future sins) on the basis of reliance upon God's actions, and not of your own actions. It is a gift of God; not of anything you've earned, otherwise man could boast...[and the boasting would nullify everything anyway]*

Now to be honest with you, the above rendering is a paraphrase of the original Greek language of verse 8, and 9. It conveys however the full in-tent of the original words, including the verb tensing. This verse means you and I can do NOTHING to earn favor with God, but that God's gift can not be earned. There are two large and heavy books that deal with this issue...Romans and Galatians. Also, the book of Hebrews deals with how reliance...(also known as 'faith') is all that 'saves' us.

God's gift is a once and for all action, the verb tensing proves it! The apostle Paul and Peter also go to great lengths to affirm that the gift can not be earned, and we can do nothing to lose it...IF we indeed are relying upon the sole actions of God and not of ourselves.

Now, this being said, the above does not mean we are given carte blanche to go out and sin, living as we please. This is not so. Once we are relying upon God, we need to absorb knowledge about God, and goodness, and practice being like God, because in our eternal future, our roles will be based on how well we have learned and practiced being like Him. We want to be like Him in part out of thankfulness, but also because, as we learn about Him and who He is, it just makes sense. It's simply the right thing to do!!!

Now, if anyone tells you that you must act a certain way, or be a certain way to gain God's gift, then...first of all, it would no longer be a gift would it? Now we would be on the 'earnings' program, which the entire book of Galatians points out...leads to our condemnation and death. (Gal 1: 8, 9) If someone says you can lose your salvation, refer to the following references. Romans 8:28-30 tells us we are declared righteous already when we begin reliance, and ...the verse tells us we are also glorified, but have not yet received our glorified bodies. This verse eliminates the possibility of dropping out. But there's more assurance to check out. See also John 10:27-30. Here Jesus speaks and says ... "I give eternal life"..."shall never perish"... "and no one shall snatch them out of my hand" ..."My Father, who has given them to me is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. "I and the Father are One."

Now the one who is keeps the believer in His hand, is greater than all. Your security in God is threatened only if someone comes along who is greater than God. Nothing; no one, not even we, ourselves can remove us from the hand of God. See also, John 5:24 (NASV)

*"Truly, Truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life."*

If you have read this and have come to understand and accept it in your mind already, then Congratulations on becoming a member of God's family. As a believer in Jesus Christ/Yeshua ha'meshiach, you can avoid the coming wrath of God coming soon upon the world. If you have read this and do not believe, I sorrow for your unbelief and hope your mind will change, soon.

# **Appendix 1**

## **The Babylon Quiz**

### **Name that City/State/Nation**

The following is an introductory fun quiz to test your knowledge concerning the identifying characteristics of the 'mystery Babylon' of Revelation chapters 17 and 18. Each question refers to an identification characteristic of 'mystery Babylon'. The answers may surprise you. This book details this and much more. For quick answers see the Appendix at the end of the book. The scripture references provide proof of the characteristic.

### **What City:?**

1. Is the location of where all the world's leaders come to meet and is also acting as the government for the world? (Rev. 17:2, 18)
2. Enters into a relationship with a Great World Dictator? (Rev. 17:3-17)
3. Is the leading center of World Commerce? (Rev. 17:2; 18:3, 9, 11-13, also 18: 15, 16, 19, 22, 23; 19:2)
4. Is the leading center of imports and consumption? (Rev. 18: 11, 17-19)
5. Is a leading center of manufacturing? (Rev. 18: 22)
6. Is THE CENTER FOR WORLD TRADE IN GOLD? (Rev. 18: 11-13)
7. Is THE CENTER FOR WORLD TRADE IN SILVER? (Rev. 18: 11-13)
8. Is THE CENTER FOR WORLD TRADE IN COPPER? (Rev. 18: 11-13)
9. Is THE CENTER FOR WORLD TRADE IN OIL? (Rev. 18: 11-13)
10. Is the center for world trade in Precious Gems? (Rev. 18: 11-13)
11. Is the center for world trade in Cloth/Clothing/Fashions?(Rev.18: 11-13)
12. Is the center for world trade in Lumber? (Rev. 18: 11-13)
13. Is the center for world trade in containers, Household items, and furniture? (Rev. 18: 11-13)
14. Is the center for world trade in Iron? (Rev. 18: 11-13)

15. Is the center for world trade in Marble and Ivory? (Rev. 18: 11-13)
16. Is the center for world trade in Spices? (Rev. 18: 11-13)
17. Is the center for world trade in cosmetics? (Rev. 18: 11-13)
18. Is the center for world trade in health products? (Rev. 18: 11-13)
19. Is the center for world trade in Wine? (Rev. 18: 11-13)
20. Is the center for world trade in grains/foods? (Rev. 18: 11-13)
21. Is the center for world trade in livestock? (Rev. 18: 11-13)
22. Is the center for world trade in transportation? (Rev. 18: 11-13)
23. Is the center for world trade in the service sector? (Rev. 18: 11-13)
24. Is the center for EXPERTISE in MARKETING, MERCHANDISING, PUBLIC RELATIONS, ADVERTISING & SALES...where the whole World learns and follows? (Rev. 17: 2; 18: 3, 23; 19: 2)
25. Is the "Engine OF Wealth" for the world economy?(Rev 18: 15,19)
26. Is the great Seaport...a deep-water port? (Rev. 18: 17-19)
27. Is noted for its Culture, and Aesthetical Lifestyle? (music, art, trades) (Rev. 18: 22)
28. Is considered Intoxicating for its High Society Lifestyle? (Rev. 17: 2; 18: 3, 23)
29. Is noted for its bright, gaudy colored lights and nightlife? (Rev 18: 14)
30. Is noted for its elegant and sumptuous lifestyle? (Rev 18: 14)
31. Is noted for its drug consumption? (especially illegal) (Rev 18:23)
32. Is noted for its architecture, buildings and skyline? (Isa 13: 22)
33. Is noted for being a city/nation of immigrants from all over the world?... (Rev. 18: 15)
34. Is for an International City? (Rev 17: 18; 18:15)
35. Is noted for having a massive population? (Rev 18:15)

36. Is noted for being both hated and envied by the world? (Rev 17: 16-17; also Rev. 18: 9, 11,15, 17, 18, 19)
37. Is noted for its waste, wasteful extravagance...from overconsumption.? (Rev 17: 2 implied, 18: 3, 7, 9, 14, 15)
38. Is noted for being 'dirty' and impure? [by implication: wantonness, and and reveling, etc.] Rev 18: 3, 7, 9, 14, 16; also as God defines it... Rev 17: 1-6; 18: 2, 4-9, 20-22
39. Could be said to worship materialism or things? (Rev 18: 6-7)
40. What City/State/Nation has a lot of occult business? (Rev 18: 5, 23)
41. What City/State/Nation has a problem with importation of drugs? (Rev 18: 23)
42. What City suffers the image of hyper-selfishness? (Rev 18:7)
43. What City/State/Nation promotes itself to the point of "self-deification"? (Rev 18:7)
44. What City/State/Nation promulgates and exports Idolatries? (Rev. 17: 2; 18: 3-7, and 19: 2)
45. Is deceit-filled? (Rev 17: 2; 18: 3 9, 23)
46. Is TWICE AS WICKED AS THE OTHERS? (Rev. 18: 4-6)
47. What CITY/State/Nation has the symbol of a robed woman with a container in her hand and is connected to 'waters' and people – particularly immigrants, and particularly as a "Mother" figure, and also as a philosophical way of life? (Rev 17: 1,2,3,4,5,6,15,18; 18: 2,6, 17-19, and also verse 21) hint ... the symbol in reality is the Babylonian goddess Ishtar, also known as Venus, Aphrodite, Isis, Ashtar, Europa.
- 48. What city has as its name Babylon, or where a part or parts of its metropolitan area carries the name Babylon, and also where the name Babylon could be seen on signs and viewed by an observer standing on the deck of a ship offshore in the harbor area???**  
(Revelation 18: 17-19)
49. What city/state/nation shares the similar distinction with ancient Babylon as being the host country for the majority of the world's Jewish

population? (Rev. 18: 4; also Jeremiah 50: 8, 28; 51: 6, 45-46; Isaiah 48:20)

50. What city/state/nation is the lone “super-power” in the world?  
(Rev 17: 18; 18: 7; Isaiah 47: 5, 7-10; Jeremiah 50:24)
51. What city/state/nation is where a body of the world’s leaders assemble and meet at? (Jeremiah 51: 44)
52. What city/state/nation is considered to be the “world’s policeman”  
(Jeremiah 50: 3)
53. What city/state/nation is considered the land of immigrants?  
(Jeremiah 51:13)
54. What city/state/nation has no fear/ and little reason to fear invasion of its home soil by foreign armies? (Isaiah 47: 5, 8)
55. What city/state/nation has carried over and incorporated many aspects of the old Babylonian religion? (Jeremiah 50:2) Particularly in regard to art symbols and figures?
56. What City/State/Nation has a massive military air power capability?  
(Isaiah 18:1)
57. What City/State/Nation is noted for the natural created beauty of its land? (Isaiah 13: 19)
58. What City/State/Nation is noted for its leadership role in Outer Space Exploration? (Jeremiah 51: 3)
59. What City/State/Nation is noted for its Cultural Insanity? (Jer. 50: 38)
60. What City/State/Nation is noted for being highly and overly optimistic with a “can-do” attitude, especially about its future? (Isaiah 47: 7-10 & Jeremiah 50: 24)
61. What city/state/nation is considered by the world to have had a unique and remarkable beginning ...different from all the other nations before it, and has been awe-inspiring since its birth with regards to its character, and is still awe-inspiring the world today? (Isaiah 18: 2)
62. What city/state/nation is the most respected & envied and yet simultaneously hated by the world. (Isaiah 18: 2)

63. What city/state/nation knew God and divine truth, but departed away from God and His truth.
64. What city/state/nation is noted as a land of rebels...as not only in its birth, but now in its judgment for rebellion against God. (Jer 51:1 & Isaiah 47: 9)
65. What city/state/nation is noted for its “stealth” technology and special “black” or super top-secret military projects. (Isaiah 47: 10)
66. What city/state/nation is noted for its being a land of many fresh waters,...and a broad river in its middle and a land divided by many rivers? (i.e. abundant, clean, fresh water for drinking, which is unique in that most nations have poor clean fresh water supply) (Jer 51: 13, 36, 42: Isaiah 18: 2)

## Appendix 1

### Quiz Answers

1. New York City/USA is the location for the only world-governing body i.e. the United Nations.
2. This event is still future and can not be answered with 100% certainty but the text does indicate ‘future Babylon’ will enter into a relationship with the ‘beast’/Great World Dictator.
3. The biggest and most important is NYC. It is home to the NY Stock Exchange, as well as the American Stock Exchange, and the New York Commodities and Mercantile Exchanges. It is also the home of the Federal Reserve’s most important Bank, as well as the most powerful concentration of American banks. Also correct with this answer is the the United States of America because the city identity concept is of a city/state nation. Among the runner-ups are:
  - A. Chicago.....USA
  - B. London..... UK
  - C. Tokyo.....JAP
  - D. Zurich.....SWZ
  - E. Hong Kong.....Chin
  - F. Frankfurt.....GER
 other runner-ups are Paris, Milan, and Toronto
4. The Ports of New York/Jersey make NYC the leading deep water port city, especially as the marketplace center, and gateway to America,

where world prices are most often correlated to NYC/USA prices.

5. NYC has been the leading center of Corporate Headquarters for manufacturing. Certainly, the USA as the world's industrial giant.

6. through 23: NYC is the city of commodities with these commodities trading daily:

Coffee, Sugar, Tea & Cocoa Exchange

New York Cotton Exchange (also trades Orange Juice)

New York Mercantile exchange:

Crude Oil, Gasoline, Natural Gas, Heating Oil, Platinum, Palladium

New York Mercantile Comex Division:

Gold, Silver, Copper

Chicago's Exchanges...

Chicago Board of Trade:

Wheat, Corn, Oats, Soybeans, Soybean Oil, Soybean Meal,

Also U.S. Treasury notes, and Stock Indexes

Chicago Mercantile Exchange

Cattle, Hogs, Bacon, Wood-Lumber, and all major world currencies

The following "cash" commodities setting or keying world prices from the U.S.A.: [Source: Wall Street Journal]

Barley, Bran, Burlap, Butter, Chicken broilers, Eggs, Coconut Oil, Cottonseed oil, Palm oil, Lard, Tallow, Wool, Aluminum, Lead, Mercury, Steel, Tin, Zinc, Rubber.

Also, Chicago is where the **World's Currencies** are traded. Also the location for trading all U.S. Federal Treasury Securities on a 'futures' basis...Though initial offerings are derived from the NYC Fed Reserve.

Also, Chicago holds futures trading on the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, and the Major Market Index, plus...stock options trading as well as commodity options trading.

New York is also a leader in the marketing of:

Diamonds, Precious gems, Iron, Ivory, Marble, Spices, Cosmetics, Legal pharmaceutical drugs, Professional services especially related to Advertising, Media, and the Arts. Also the main import city for fine foreign wines from around the world.

24. New York's Madison Avenue...is the 'nerve center' and informal world headquarters for the world's best and most prestigious Advertising, Marketing & Merchandising companies. Madison Ave. is home to the world's best salesmen...those from advertising and the Public Relations fields...where the whole world learns and follows the latest techniques of how to 'move' or sell goods and services. It is the largest marketing center in the U.S. and the world.
25. New York IS home to...
- The New York Stock Exchange
  - The American Stock Exchange
  - NASDAQ
  - The biggest banks, including the Federal Reserve Bank, the biggest bank in the world.
  - And of course...home to numerous commodity trading exchanges as we mentioned earlier.
26. New York City is a deep-water port city. One of the world's greatest seaports ever—especially with its “inspiring” Statue of Liberty.
27. New York is the Key Cultural City of the World.
- Carnegie Hall
  - Madison Square Garden
  - Radio City Music Hall
  - Broadway theaters
  - Greenwich Village
  - Manhattan's World Class Restaurants
  - TV Networks
  - Newspapers, such as the NY Times
  - Magazines
  - Book Publishers
  - Park Avenue...Penthouse Lifestyles of... .. Trump Towers, etc.
  - Rockefeller Center
  - The Museums & Art Galleries
  - The Empire State Building
  - The Twin Towers of the **“WORLD” TRADE CENTER** the tallest building in the world.
28. Times Square, Manhattan, and a whole City of New York immortalized in songs and movies. It is also the location of more fiction, stories for books, plays and movies.

[consider Frank Sinatra's song, "**New York, New York**", and also the song "Lullaby of Broadway" and "Give my regards to Broadway".

29. "It's the 'city that never sleeps' as Sinatra's song says about New York, ... "I wanna wake up in the city that never sleeps... to find I'm king of the hill, top of the heap... these little town blues keep melting away..." New York offers the glitter of Manhattan, Broadway's lights, and the sleaze lights of Times Square plus the entire nighttime skyline of NYC.
30. The noted lifestyle of New York is glamorous, glitzy, and sumptuous. In Manhattan, with its Art, Theater, and Penthouse living lifestyles as epitomized by the Donald Trumps of the world and Robin Leach's "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous."
31. New York is the largest consuming city of illicit drugs, especially the heavy drugs like heroin and cocaine.
32. New York's architecture, its super-tall or Mega-Story skyscrapers like the World Trade Center, the Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, the UN Building, the Bridges like the Brooklyn Bridge, and of course the Statue of Liberty. Isa 13:22 So old Babylon was noted for tall bldgs.
33. NYC is a city of immigrants, and always has been. It has been the historic point-of-entry for immigrants and epitomized by the quote on the Statue of Liberty; "Give me your... huddled masses yearning to be free".
34. NYC because of its business connections, and its deep water port, etc, New York city is host to the UN. Thus, it has "**China-town**", "**Little Italy**", "**Little Moscow**", "**Little Bombay**", "**Little Tokyo**", "**Little Mexico**", "**Little Havana**" etc, etc. **Every single ethnic group from around the world has its own little community in NYC. This is unlike any other city in the world.**
35. New York City, Mexico City, Tokyo, and numerous Chinese cities are the largest in the World.
36. NYC is like no other in consumption. The waste-by-product volume is so enormous as to be mind boggling. This was evidenced a few years ago by an infamous garbage barge, which sailed for months with a load of NYC garbage—unable to get approval to dock and unload its trash. The NYC area has notoriety for its waste problems. Likewise, to a visitor, the first impression one gets is the dirtiness of the streets, and the city as a whole. In a different vein of thought is the city's penchant

for grandiose displays of extravagance. Trump Tower is an example, as is much of Manhattan, the elegant hotels, penthouses and gourmet restaurants, along with opulent boutiques, and department stores. Still other aspects to New York are the “dirt” merchants who peddle sex. The bookstores, the theaters, and nightclubs that pander to erotica, particularly in Times Square. Prostitution is also rampant and openly tolerated by its sheer magnitude. Law enforcement is overwhelmed by it, but it is also corrupted with scandalous bribery on a massive scale. Drug use is nearly unchecked and operates also on a massive scale. Its theme is...“**the city that never sleeps**”. It is a ‘party’ city. A city of continuous revelry, fun-party-rioting. “Riots” in the biblical Greek sense occur nightly in one form or another. Most were legal and encouraged...but do not fit our 20<sup>th</sup> century definition of a riot, but it fits the biblical one, which is considered to be where people stay up all hours in a party mode, that is called a “riot” in the biblical sense. “The Bronx Zoo” and one police station is euphemistically referred to as “Fort Apache” in the Bronx as a metaphor for similar conditions that existed in the old Wild West days of the frontier in Indian country. These are indicators of the wild, uncivilized nature of the inhabitants.

36. The city that seems to inspire the most animosity, disgust, and even hatred is New York City. The most denounced country in the world is the United States. “Yankee go Home” has been a popular slogan in many countries around the world for the last generation. YET, at the same time, the U.S. is the most admired nation for its accomplishments, its moderation, and generosity. Now, equally synonymous with the term “Yankee” is New York...home of the New York Yankees baseball club. It’s the baseball city that everyone loves to hate. That same feeling has carried over into other sports as well from time to time. Much of it has to do with the attitude of the fans, but also, the fact that the town can afford to buy the big-name stars and convincing them to come and play for the NYC franchise clubs. It is claimed by many, that NYC teams have an unfair advantage because the city is a MEGA City.
37. NYC is noted for its dirtiness physically. Spiritually it is morally impure in its pandering to sexual interests and it’s occult connections.
38. NYC, like no other, epitomizes the WORSHIP OF MATERIALISM. NYC newspapers bristle with gossip about the wealthy, like the Trumps, the Leona Helmsleys, the Rockefellers, the Kennedy family, the magnates of Wall Street, Madison Avenue, and Broadway, along with movie stars and other famous celebrities and artists.

Wall Street is where some of the TEMPLES OF MATERIALISM abound. (called ‘capitalism’) Whereas, Manhattan is crammed with Temples TO Capitalism of every kind.

39. NYC is the place for merchandising Occultism. NYC is the largest

commercial area in the world merchandising the occult. Besides the immense number of fortune tellers, psychics, and occult shops, there are mail order houses for occult items. “Drugs” are linked to Occultism as well. There is also an aspect of the occult known as the “Amityville Horror” where there are reportedly ‘doorways to Hell’.

40. As noted earlier, NYC is the largest center of drug consumption in the world. The USA is the leading nation in the world for consumption of illicit drugs.
41. NYC carries an image of hyper-selfishness, not only the rich with their extravagant lifestyles, but the common people convey it through everyday rudeness, as exemplified by cab drivers and subway passengers. Also scenes from sporting events of their sports fans pushing and shoving, and arguing, and insulting each other, along with their fickleness toward even the home town teams and stars.
42. NYC...”THE BIG APPLE”... again through songs like Sinatra’s “New York, New York”, but also through its media, through its publications, through its Wallstreet, ITS SHOW BIZ. Its leaders worship their creations in the city and the city itself, especially the Statue of Liberty, giving a religious-like homage to the statue and to capitalism, and TO LIBERTY THAT THE CITY “GAVE BIRTH TO”.
43. NYC. Through its media—the networks, newspapers, magazines, Madison Avenue, and Wallstreet, the city’s leaders promulgate the religion of capital-materialism, (i.e. idolatry) better than any others.
44. ???Unknown. So far as prophecy, NYC, (nor any others) have killed the prophets or the saints...at least not yet. Of course, promulgating materialism is idolatry and it interferes with Divine Truth, but this would not be applicable to a literal fulfillment. The only possibility is that this is referring to WWII when the U.S. did not attempt to come to the rescue of Jews and Christians who were being persecuted by the Nazis. It is possible that the guilt from that incident will also fall upon the U.S.
45. As we’ve just said of its idolatry...it is deceitful, and yet it is intoxicating in its sensuality. The U.S. government has a long history of deceiving its own people since WWII. It started with scientific experiments of nuclear radiation upon innocent civilians, with the government lying about its effects. The government lied about Vietnam. The government has lied about scandals like Watergate, and most recently about sexual affairs in the White House. Perhaps the biggest deception

though concerns UFOs. See the Appendix 6 for details.

46. NYC's crime rates are well ahead of any others....It is and has been the world's Murder Capital for many years. Its crime rate is among the worst in World History.
47. NYC is the only one that has existed whose image is so closely linked to that of a robed woman, holding a container in her hand. The Statue of Liberty and NYC are inseparably linked and such a union is like none ever witnessed in world history. Not even in Rome or Greece could a city boast of such a profound or dominant figure or connection such as that of NYC and "Liberty". No other city has an imposing statue of a woman with an ideal, or philosophy to uphold or propose, or to offer.

In fact, the Statue of Liberty is also known as the "MOTHER OF EXILES". Meanwhile, Revelation 17:5 refers to the woman as...

...The Mother of Harlots. For more on this see the Appendix #5 "Idols of America".

48. NYC metropolitan area. One of the suburbs on Long Island is the community named Babylon. It is near the beach overlooking the harbor entrance approach to the Statue of Liberty. Despite exhaustive research efforts, this is the only known community in the world with the name of Babylon.
49. NYC has the largest population of Jews in America, and the U.S. is home to more Jewish people than anywhere in the world, including Israel. Thus, NYC and the U.S. share a similar distinction with ancient Babylon
50. The U.S. stands alone as the only Super-Power in the world.
51. The U.S. and NYC are host and the home turf for the United Nations
52. The U.S. is considered the world's policeman. Just stop and consider all the incidents where the U.S. has used military power to stop conflict. Most recently, Bosnia, Somalia, Haiti, Kuwait, Panama, Grenada, Vietnam, Korea, etc. etc. come to mind.
53. This is a no-brainer...NYC and the USA.
54. The USA. Protected by two oceans and a gulf, America is isolated geographically from the turmoil of Europe, Asia, and Africa. It would be impossible to launch a naval/amphibious invasion by any and or all nations combined. The world's combined naval strength could not transport enough armed units to successfully invade America in the

foreseeable years ahead. With the demise of the Soviet Union, the only real concern is of terrorist action.

55. The USA. The Statue of Liberty is an example. See the Appendix #5. Also, the statue of freedom on the Capitol Dome in Washington D.C. Also the symbols on the currency, such as the pyramid with the 'eye' at its top. Also the 'Apollo' space program, conveyed the symbols of ancient Babylonian gods only in the cover of Greek names. Many of the Masonic symbols spread throughout the land, including the new Denver Airport.
56. The United States Air Force. Need we say more?
57. America, the Beautiful...for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountains majesty, from sea to shining sea...The Shenandoah Valley, The Mississippi River, to the Rocky Mountains, the Grand Canyon, Old Faithful, Redwood Forests, the Great Lakes, etc.
58. The U.S. and NASA.
59. The U.S. and NYC, Hollywood, Los Angeles, San Francisco and much more. You pick the topic too. Abortion? Movies? TV? Music? Pornography, Child abuse, cloning, drugs, murders, gangs, divorce, etc. etc.
60. America has always been the nation of optimism...and a John Wayne type of 'can-do-ism' attitude, although lately there has been self-doubt.
61. No other nation has had such a unique beginning, from a revolutionary rebellion with a different approach to governmental structure.
62. USA, and NYC.
63. The U.S. started out as an outpost of colonies of religious pilgrims searching to escape religious tyranny. These settlers were God-fearing Christians who set up a Christian-type of society early on, but slowly those societal views were eroded down through the generations, to the point that now that the U.S. gives lip service to the idea of a God but keeps God out of the schools, and out of the government.
64. The U.S. started out as a land of rebels. Even the pilgrims were 'rebels' who rebelled against the established religions of Europe. Of course, there was also the rebellion for independence...and the rebellion of the Civil War period and the student rebellion against the Vietnam war.
65. The U.S. has some super-secret military aircraft...F-117 fighter has "stealth" technology, as does the B-2 Bomber. There are also several "secret" or "black" projects...rumored to be at "Area 51" in Nevada

where super secret “flying saucer” like objects are now being tested which reportedly have science fiction capabilities.

66. The USA is blessed with the most amount of freshwaters than any other country on earth. We have the tremendous amount of rivers, the Great Lakes, plus many small lakes, streams, and underground water sources.

## **Appendix 2: Biblical Data/Facts about ancient Babylon**

The origins of Babylon's name... found in Genesis 11: 8, 9

Babylon was built by Nimrod... found in Genesis 10: 10

Its location in the Bible is referred to as being in the land of Shinar  
Genesis 10: 10 & 11:2

Babylon was situated 'beyond' the Euphrates River...Genesis 11: 31; and  
Joshua 23: 2, 3.

Babylon is referred to in the Bible as other names also...such as...

Land of Shinar—Genesis 10:10; 11:2; 14: 1,9; Isaiah 11:11  
Daniel 1: 2; Zechariah 5: 11.

Sheshach – Jeremiah 25: 26; 51: 41

Merathaim – Jeremiah 50: 21

There are also generic references linking Babylon to Chaldea. Ezekiel 12:13  
called also as “the beauty of the Chaldees”, & “the glory of kingdoms”,  
Isaiah 13:19

Lady of Kingdoms... Isaiah 47: 5

Desert of the Sea     Isaiah 21: 1, 9

The Golden City...    Isaiah 14: 4

City of Merchants...  Ezekiel 17: 4

**Babylon, The Great** Daniel 4: 30

The Story of Tower of Babel. Genesis 11: 1-9

It was the capital of the Babylonian Kingdom... Daniel 4:30;  
(II Kings 25:13; II Chronicles 36: 6, 7, 10, 18, & 20.)

The Gates of Babylon... Isaiah 45: 1, 2; Jeremiah 51:58

Walls of Babylon...Jeremiah 51: 44, 58

The Splendor of Babylon...Isaiah 14:4

Babylon's old age... Jeremiah 5: 15

Babylon was a “melting pot” of nations... a nation of immigrants  
Daniel 3:4, 29

Babylon naval power is noted... Isaiah 43: 14

Babylon’s military power in noted...Jeremiah 5”16 & 50:23;  
Habakkuk 1: 7-9

Babylon’s national greatness...Isaiah 13:19; Jeremiah 50:23

Babylon’s wealth and economic power...Jeremiah 50:37; 51:13;  
Ezekiel 17:4

Babylon’s arrogance...Isaiah 14:13,14; Jeremiah 50:29,31,32

Babylon’s reputation for being a clothing leader...Joshua 7: 21

Babylon’s leader’s smugness...Isaiah 47: 7, 8, 10

Babylon’s Idolatry Worship...Jeremiah 50:38; Daniel 2: 1-2

Babylon’s profane and sacrilegious attitudes...Daniel 5:1-3

Babylon’s wickedness...Isaiah 47: 10

Babylon’s addiction to the occult...Isaiah 47: 9, 12, 13; Daniel 2: 1-2

The Bible’s symbols for Babylon...

A great Eagle...Ezekiel 17:3

A head of Gold...Daniel 2: 32, 37, 38

A lion with Eagle’s wings...Daniel 7:4

Babylon’s conquests described...Jeremiah 21: 3-10; 27: 2-6; 49: 28-33  
Ezekiel 21: 19-32; 29: 18-20.

Babylon’s captivity of the Jews...Jeremiah 20: 4-6; 22:20-26; 25: 9-11;  
Micah 4:10

Restoration of the Jews from Babylon...Isaiah 14: 1-4; 44: 28; 48:20  
Jeremiah 29: 10;

Destruction of Babylon Prophesied...Jeremiah 25: 12; Psalm 137: 8, 9;

Babylon had known God at one time...Psalm 87: 4

The History of Babylon's relationship with Israel...

II Kings chapter 24 & 25

II Chronicles 36

Ezekiel 17: 1-24

Jeremiah 27: 17 & 29: 1-7

Daniel 1: 3-7 & 5: 30, 31

Psalms 137: 1-6

Ezra 1:1 – 2: 67

## **Appendix 3**

# **Babylon the Mega Mega-City Identifiers**

### **Babylon, The Mega-Iopolis** WHY IS BABYLON CALLED “MEGA” ?

1. In size
2. In population
3. In wealth & consumption
4. In power & influence, both culturally and politically
5. In resources (waters)
6. In its Ideals/philosophy

For Babylon, all of these are answered in one word...  
“Mega”

#### **This Babylon:**

- A. Is the International Capital of Diplomacy, etc. a defacto World Capital. Rev 17:18
- B. Is Commercial Center of the World. Rev 18: 11, 23
- C. Babylon’s business leaders...the MEGA leaders of the business world. Rev 18: 23
- D. Is a Port City and the nation’s most important city.
- E. Made all the Nation’s living standards to rise. Rev 18: 9, 11, and also verses 15-19, 23
- F. Is a net/Importer Nation and is running a massive consumption economy. Rev 18: 3, 7, 9, 11-13, 14-19, 23  
It would appear to be a “service-oriented economy.” 18: 22-23

The Babylon of Revelation is described as ...

- a City/State/Nation = C/S/N. Rev. 17: 18; 18: 10-13, 16-19, 21-23
- being a Parent-City to a nation producing Idolaters, and Idolatry, and its smelly pollutants. Rev 17: 2-6; 18: 3-8, 23-24; 19: 2.
- a MEGA – Lopolis:
  - Giant/Great in size or SUPER!!! Rev. 18: 2, 10, 16, 18, 19, 21
  - It is composed of ‘many peoples’...
    - International in composition: Rev 17: 15-18; ch 18: 3,9,11,15-19,23
    - Melting pot of immigrants: Rev 17: 1, 2, 5, 15, 18; 18: 4, 18, 22-23
    - “much waters” symbolic of people: Rev 17: 1, 15
  - It’s symbolism is that of a woman (with a golden cup in her hands filled with pollutions, both moral and physical) Rev 17: 2-6, 15-18
- a C/S/N of Idealism, and it spreads its ideals to the world. Rev. 17: 2-6; 18: 3, 9, 11, 15-19, 23; 19: 2.
  - Intensive desires, greed and corruption too... see chapter 18: 3, 9, and also verses 11-14, 16-19.
  - Materialism and business...see chapter 18: 3, 9, 11-19, 23; 19: 2.
- a leader with no equals in leadership or in monetary power. Rev 18:7,11 we know this because of the phrase... ‘no man buys their merchandise anymore’. This the lament of the multi-national merchants after the demise of Babylon. The world economy is decimated and ruined.
- giving birth to its ideas, so as to be spread to all nations as to its forms of business, as well as social and spiritual values. Rev 17: 2-6; 18: 23.
- The CENTER of World Commerce & Money...Rev 18: 3, 9, 11-13, and also verses 15-19 & 23.
- Consuming to excess...Rev 18: 3, 7, 9, 11-14, 16, 18, and 19.
- Spoiling and ruining the whole earth because of intensive desires of consumption and commerce. Rev 17: 4-6; 18: 3, 7, 9, 23-24; 19: 2.

## 65 Mega City Identifiers of Revelation chapter 17 & 18

### TOPICAL BREAKDOWNS:

1. Political [2 i.d.'s] : There are 2 political identification markers of Babylon
2. Economic [27 i.d.'s] : There are 27 economic political identification markers of Babylon
3. Cultural-Aesthetic [16 i.d.'s] : There are 16 cultural identification markers of Babylon
4. Spiritual [11 i.d.'s] : There are 11 spiritual identification markers of Babylon
5. Geographical [3 i.d.'s] : There are 3 geographical markers of Babylon
6. Symbolism [2 i.d.'s] There are 2 strong data points of symbolism that ties Ancient Babylon to America.  
Also note the OLD BABYLON's KEY TRAIT...The TOWER of BABEL man's attempt to reach into heaven...just like the USA space program, and our Skyscrapers...

Also another key trait... Ancient Babylon was home of most Jewish exiles, even more than in Israel.

**Political Identification Characteristics...** 2 are listed in Revelation 17/18

1. Is the location of International government authority/power....  
Ch. 17: 2, 18; NYC/United Nations
2. Enters into a union with the Great World Dictator... ??? Ch. 17: 3-17

**Economic Identification Characteristics...**27 are listed in Revel. 17/18.

1. Is the leader of International Commerce... Wall Street, Madison Ave.  
USA/NYC Chapter 17: 2; Ch.18: 3,9,11,12,13,15,16,19,22; 19:2;
2. Is the Leading Importer...(deepwater seaport)... USA/NYC  
Chapter 18: 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19;
3. A Leading Center of Manufacturing... USA/NYC... Rev. 18:22
4. IS THE CENTER FOR WORLD TRADE in COMMODITIES...  
there are several commodities exchanges in NYC/USA.  
See Revelation 18: 11 through 13.
  - a. gold.....“Comex”—NYC/USA
  - b. silver.....“Comex”---NYC/USA
  - c. copper.....“Comex”---NYC/USA
  - d. oil.....“NY MercEX”--NYC/USA  
also Soybean oil...on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange
  - e. precious gems.....NYC/USA
  - f. textiles/fashions.....NYC/USA
  - g. wood-lumber.....Chicago Mercantile Exchange/USA
  - h. “containers”, household items, furniture & goods, ivory &  
utensils .....NYC/USA
  - i. Iron.....NY Spot market for scrap iron NYC/USA
  - j. Marble, Ivory.....NYC/USA
  - k. Spices.....NY Coffee, Sugar, & Cocoa Exchange NYC/USA
  - l. Cosmetics.....NYC/USA
  - m. Health products.....NYC/USA
  - n. Wine.....NYC/USA
  - o. Grains...Chicago Board of Trade, Kansas City Board of Trade/USA
  - p. Livestock....Chicago Board of Trade...Chicago ...../USA
  - q. Transportation...(carriages, vehicles)...../USA
  - r. Bodies and souls of men; Professional services, laborers /USA

5. Marketing Leaders with Expertise, whole world learns/follows,  
public relations, marketing, advertising & sales.....NYC/USA  
Ch 17: 2; Ch 18: 3, 23; Ch 19: 2
6. Polluter.....NYC/USA  
Ch 17: 4
7. Engine of Wealth for the World..... U.S. Federal Reserve &  
NYC Federal Reserve Bank.....NYC/USA  
Ch. 18: 15, 19
8. It is a Seaport City/Sea importing nation (not landlocked)...NYC/USA  
Ch 18: 17-19

**Cultural-Aesthetic.....**

- a. noted for music, musicians, instrumentalists, singers..... NYC/USA  
Ch. 18:22
- b. noted for artists.....Greenwich Village..... NYC/USA  
Ch. 18: 22
- c. noted for tradesmen... home of many labor unions.....NYC/USA  
Ch. 18: 22
- d. Intoxicating...2 drinks named after it--“Long Island Tea”,  
“Manhattan”.....NYC/USA  
Ch. 17: 2; Ch. 18: 3, 23
- e. Noted for its BRIGHT, GAUDY-COLORED LIGHTS[lampra]... NYC  
Ch. 18:14
- f. Noted for its elegant life-style...[lipara].....NYC/USA  
Ch. 18:14
- g. Noted for its drugs....NYC largest drug addict population....NYC/USA  
Ch. 18:23
- h. Noted for Architecture/buildings.....NYC tallest skyline...NYC/USA  
Ch. 18:22
- i. A City/State/Nation of immigrants; NYC called the ‘new Babylon’ for

Jewish exiles... with a Long Island city called Babylon. NYC/USA  
Ch 18: 15...also verse 4.

- j. A City of Internationality/NYC -- more & larger ethnic groups + UN  
Ch. 18: 15
- k. Massive Population.....NYC= 7 million pop. NYC/USA  
Ch. 18: 15
- l. Hated and envied by the world... ‘Yankee go home’, also ‘damn-yankees’, etc., etc.,.....NYC/USA  
Ch 17:16, 18:16, 17, 18, 19, 23
- m. Excessively wasteful...from extravagant overconsumption...  
the KJV uses term ‘luxuriated’...Grk=strehniasantes= headstrong  
pride, wantonness, to revel, riot...Times-Square.....NYC/USA  
Ch. 18: 7, 9, 14, 22, 23
- n. Lewdness, impurity... Grk word= akatharta .....NYC/USA  
Rev. 17: 4

### **The Spiritual Identifiers of the Mega City, Babylon**

- a. Its Idolatry of Materialism... Ch.18: 3, 7
- b. Its Idolatry of the Occult... Ch.18: 23 [U.S. has most O. shops/biz
- c. Its Idolatry of drugs... Ch.18: 23
- d. Its Idolatry of selfishness... Ch.18: 7
- e. Its Idolatry of Self Deification Ch.18: 7
- f. It is the Propagator and Exporter of Idolatries, Madison Ave, advertising  
Ch. 17: 2; 18: 3-7; 9:2
- g. It is the killer of the Truth of God... Madison Ave advertising/PR  
Newspapers/Magazines/Schools... Ch.17: 2; 18: 3-7; 19: 2
- h. Killer of prophets and saints.....Ch 18: 3-17; 19: 2

## **Geography**

This future Babylon is a Deep-water port city.... Chapter 18: 17-19

Massively populated...Ch. 17:15

An International/Cosmopolitan City.....Ch 17: 15

Home to the largest population of Jews in the world, just like ancient Babylon. ... Rev. 18: 4

It is named “Babylon”. Rev. 16:19; Rev. 17:5; 18: 2, 10, 21;

The only place in the world where towns have the name Babylon...located on Long Island, New York... a part of the NYC metro area.

## **Symbol**

Woman with a golden cup (or vessel) or container in her hand...and is connected to “waters” & the people, & multinationals.

Compare with the Statue of Liberty...”Liberty Enlightening the World”

## Appendix 4

### Babylon and New York City: Background

#### New York City History:

The city was founded in April of 1524. Explorer Verrazano discovered it while working for the King of France. However, the area was colonized by Amsterdam and its company – Dutch West India in 1624. The Dutch called the area, “New Amsterdam”. The Dutch controlled the region for 40 years. In 1664, the English took over the land and changed the name to New York. The English held New York for 9 years before the Dutch re-took the city and renamed it “New Orange”. The Dutch control only lasted for a year before the English re-took the city and controlled the city for good as New York, from 1674 until 1781, when the American colonies won their war for Independence.

While the Dutch controlled the city their religious tolerance assisted in the spreading out of the city. However, Peter Stuyvesant opposed this tolerance of other religious views, and was prejudiced against any who were not “Dutch Reformed”. They supposedly hated Jews, Quakers, and Lutherans.

In 1796, the first national census showed that New York was the largest city. It subsequently lost its number one status for population until 1820, when it regained the position of being the nation’s largest city. In 1880, the city reaches the 1 million-population level. In 1898, the cities 5 boroughs merge to become one city...known as ‘Greater New York City’. The city became 359 square miles in size, with a population of 3 million people.

One could make the claim that New York City is the ‘capital city’ of the World’s Capitol... a.k.a. the UN New York City is still home to the largest number of Fortune 500 companies.

Most other large cities have grown through specialization. For example, Detroit grew with the automotive industry. Chicago grew through agriculture. Kansas City grew through meatpacking and agriculture. Pittsburgh grew with the steel industry. New York City however, grew much differently. New York City grew without specialization and instead grew in diversified ways. New York City is well diversified in the follow-ing areas:

1. Banking
2. Advertising
3. News Media
4. Investments

5. Fashion
6. Entertainment

One element that helped the city grow was its attraction as a destination for immigrants to the U.S. This was aided by the allure of the Statue of Liberty, after it was built in 1886. Liberty and the city became the number one destination for tens of thousands of immigrants in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

New York City is home to “Wall Street” which is still the financial center of the world. It is where everybody in the world wants to place their investment money. Despite the claims of a one-world market, or a 24-hour market, the other stock exchanges around the world do not compare to the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), or the American Stock Exchange (ASE), or the NASDAQ. To prove this, after the 1987 “crash”, when all the world markets went down when the NYSE nearly folded, the reactions of those markets simply underscored the leadership of the NYSE in world markets. More recently, with the Asian Market Crisis of 1997-98, the NYSE and the other American markets retained their strength, which buoyed the foreign markets around the world. This kind of leadership simply points to the power, influence and leadership of the financial center located in New York on Wall Street.

Another aspect of financial leadership is the role of the United States currency, the dollar, in international markets. The U.S. dollar is the benchmark currency by which all other currencies are measured. Why? Because the U.S. dollar is a measure of the world’s opinion about the health of the U.S. economy, and the fact that the U.S. economy is the world’s chief economic engine of wealth. The U.S. powers the wealth-making of the world. Because of this, investors around the world want the American currency as their medium of monetary exchange. The dollar is the international currency of choice because it is perceived as being the most stable currency, in part, because the nation is considered stable. The U.S. markets are the ones that all foreign companies want their products to be sold in, because the U.S. consumers are such great customers with a great deal of purchasing power to buy goods and services. To that end, New York City is more of a ‘handler’ than it is a producer, just like ancient Babylon.

New York City is a city of services, of trade, finance, insurance, real estate, transport, and public utilities. 25% of the work force works for the city government. However, if there is any product industry that dominates in New York City, in terms of produced goods...it would be the clothing and fashion industry.

New York City is known for 3 streets:

1. Wall Street -- Financials, banking, investments, money-handling
2. Madison Ave. – Advertising, and Marketing
3. Broadway -- Entertainment

New York City is also known for its communications. The 3 TV networks are based out of New York City. There is a tremendous level of printing and publishing. Some of the nation's biggest and best magazines and periodicals are based out of New York City.

New York is also known as: (a 'fun' city)

## **“The Big Apple”**

A person could say that New York City is the “ultimate fruit of civilization.”

## **Babylon, New York:**

The community of Babylon, New York was established in 1872 as a town and township. It was established in 1872 by separating from Huntington, New York in 1872. The area itself was continuously settled since 1653. The town of Babylon is located on Long Island, New York, and overlooks one of the main harbor approaches to New York City and is within view of the Statue of Liberty. (or so this author is told, not actually having experienced it first hand, I can only follow second hand information.)

Babylon received its name because of a large influx of Jewish immigrants settling in the area. The Jewish population began to grow reminiscent of the Jewish exiles from ancient Babylon; hence the Jewish settlers began to refer to their new area as another Babylon. Today, greater New York City is home to the largest concentration of Jews anywhere in the world, even larger than Jerusalem or Tel Aviv in Israel. New York and Babylon certainly are worthy of the name Babylon, when seen in the light of ancient Babylon's reputation as an exilic home to the Jewish people.

Babylon Township has a population of 203,000 people, with 12,000 living in the city of Babylon itself, and 42,000 living in West Babylon. Associated with the

city is the Babylon Beach area with a broad look at the Harbor entrance to New York.

Babylon is located next to the infamous neighboring town of Amityville. Amityville is notorious from the book and movie, "The Amityville Horror," a supposedly true story of the occult and demonic activity. The area is alleged to be home to one or more 'gateways' to hell according to some exorcists research. Also nearby to Babylon is "Fire Island" an area noted for being host to unbridled sexual hedonism in the open public and along its beaches in the summer time.

## **Appendix 5**

### **Idols of America**

This Appendix will undoubtedly shock many of its readers. This author has been shocked by the exhaustive research that has been conducted over the past ten years into the amazing connections between American symbolism in official government art and its roots which extend back to the same symbols of Babylonian religion. Some skeptics might wish to argue that these are simply coincidences. Exhaustive research has proven to this author that there are no coincidences involved.

America is a land of idols. Most of us just never realized that some of our most well known statues are in fact, idols. Our most well known statue in America is the Statue of Liberty. This statue is more than just a statue. The woman is a 'goddess'! But this is not the only statue of this 'goddess'.

There are others statues of Liberty. They look a little different, according to each artist's vision of what the goddess looks like. There is another statue of the goddess Liberty that was placed on top of the United States Capitol building during the Civil War. Yes, there is a statue on top of the Capitol dome, which is a representation of the goddess Liberty. But there's more. The goddess Liberty can be found elsewhere around the nation. There is also a representation of Liberty on the top of the Texas State Capitol building.

Liberty has also been depicted on many of the nation's coins. She is also found in paintings in many of the federal buildings in our nation's capital as well as other buildings around the country. Liberty was borrowed from the Romans, who borrowed 'her' from the Greeks, who borrowed from the Egyptians, who borrowed from the Assyrians and the Phoenicians, who borrowed her from the Babylonians. Her original name was "ISHTAR".

Ishtar is the goddess of the harlots or also the mother of the harlots. Now doesn't that have a familiar 'ring' to it? She is also known as the source of the Mother Earth concept. She is an 'enlightening' goddess, among other things. How do we know that America's Liberty is the one and the same representation of the ancient deity? Let's look at the data.

### **The origins of the Statue of Liberty**

To understand the issues we need to go back to uncover the history surrounding the Statue of Liberty. The statue was the brainchild of two Frenchmen. Edouard Laboulaye and Frederic August Bartholdi. Laboulaye

was the fundraising director for the project, and the visionary of the idealism behind the statue. Bartholdi was the sculptor and chief designer. The two men co-created the project. They were both members of a movement known as “freemasonry”. The ideals of that movement spawned their idea to build a monument to the ‘goddess of Liberty’ which was worshipped in Rome in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century B.C. The goddess of Liberty in Rome had her own temple on Aventine Hill. The two Frenchmen wanted to resurrect the goddess as a symbol to keep the flames of democracy and liberty alive for all time. They believed that the best way that they could help ensure that goal was to have a giant statue of the goddess built in America, where democracy had been revived.

It was not a new concept. In the 1850’s, Congress authorized a statue be placed on top of a new Capitol Building dome. This statue would be known as the Statue of Freedom. The sculptor, Thomas Crawford designed it as the goddess Liberty. Liberty and Freedom were interchangeable names. The statue is many times referred to as ‘Armed Liberty’, as were some U.S. coins. A portrait of the goddess Liberty had already been engraved on some U.S. coins early on in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. She was portrayed also as a goddess of war against tyranny. America was copying ancient Rome. We can say this because; Rome also minted coins with the image of the goddess.

Not only was America copying Rome with homage to the goddess Liberty on coins and statues, but America’s most noted leaders, especially Thomas Jefferson and George Washington wanted and chose designs of resurrected temples of Rome and Greece!! In doing research for this book, the author discovered direct from the U.S. archives, and the U.S. Library of Congress, and the office of the Architect of the Capitol, the earliest records concerning the design of the city of Washington D.C. and its buildings.

## **America’s Pagan Temples**

Washington and Jefferson were determined that the U.S. Capitol be a meaningful expression of America’s new political and social order. The government held a competition for designs of the new Capitol building. The Roman Pantheon was suggested by Jefferson, and later shepherded the winning version of the Pantheon through several transformations. The Roman Pantheon was a temple dedicated to **all** the pagan gods of Rome. Now, in America that temple would be resurrected as a home for America’s legislators. But that is not all. Other buildings in Washington D.C. were also designed after temples to pagan gods, such as the sun god Helios. One official government document refers to the Capitol building as the “Temple of Liberty”.

“For many Americans the image of their state capitol conjures up a dome. Crowning the houses of more than forty state legislatures, as well as the United

States Congress, domes – more than any other feature – are used to identify capitols as seats of authority.”

“Since America’s founding, the design of its major government buildings has been inspired by the classical traditions of Greece and Rome. For ancient Romans, *the circular dome form had **divine and cosmic significance***, and they used domes to symbolize authority, inclusiveness, **and UNITY of the Roman Empire**. America appropriated the dome form for its state capitols to achieve a similar symbolic purpose.”

“In the United States the use of classical architecture forms such as the dome established symbolic links with great civilizations and gave the new nation immediate heritage and stature. The choice of the word “capitol” – derived from the ancient Roman “Capitoleum” – for the home of the United States Congress marked a significant development in the nation’s identity.”

The above 3 paragraphs are direct quotes from a brochure description by the National Building Museum entitled, THE DOME: Symbol of American Democracy. This is just more ammunition for this author’s claim that America is fully incorporated into “idolatry” by giving worth to the pagan religions that flourished not only in Rome and Greece, but were in fact started in Babylon. Why did our founders choose such symbols?

It is a little known fact that most of our ‘founding fathers’ were also members of a movement known as “freemasons”, or Masonry. Today we better, recognize it as the Masonic Order where members meet in Masonic Lodges, or Temples. One widely known offshoot of Masonry is the Shrin-ers. Everyone recognizes the distinctive funny little hats that the Shriners wear. Those hats are Arabic style. While Masonry claims its heritage back to Egypt, it really goes farther back... back to Babylon. Freemasonry is just one part of the old Babylonian mystical religions. Bingo. Here is a direct link between America and Babylon.

Members of the Masonic Order dominate America’s leadership. From the founding fathers onward, (including George Washington and Thomas Jefferson) American leadership has been strongly influenced and guided by Masonic leadership. To show you how extensive and pervasive this influence is we will consider new evidence provided by the research of Richard Hoagland.

Hoagland was a CBS news special correspondent for that network’s coverage of the Apollo Moon program. Hoagland provided special insights for Walter Cronkite during the Apollo lunar missions. In 1993, Hoagland was awarded Angstrom Science Award. Currently, Hoagland has achieved notoriety for his scientific research into the Mars Viking photographs of a “face” on Mars. Recently, Hoagland has stumbled across substantial evidence indicating that the entire U.S. space program is somehow linked to freemasonry and the ancient mystical Babylonian religions of Baal/Ishtar.

Hoagland asserts that America's first lunar landing took place to coin-cide with some ancient religious anniversary. The two astronauts, who landed on the moon, stopped their activities after landing in order to perform a secret religious rite involving the drinking of a consecrated wine. Astronaut "Buzz" Aldrin reported in his book, ("Men From Earth: Buzz Aldrin's Personal Odyssey", by Aldrin and McConnell, 1989) that he and Neil Armstrong broke out a vial of wine, and a small silver chalice to conduct a very private ceremony in the lander on the moon. The star Sirius (also known as Isis/Ishtar) was shining down from above at a significant 19.5 degrees above the eastern horizon. The 19.5 degrees plays some sort of key role in what has now been called 'hyper-dimensional physics'. For further details on this issue of NASA and the Egyptian/Babylonian connection, the reader should visit the Hoagland website on the internet at:

<http://www.enterprisemission.com>

This connection of NASA and the goddess of Babylon – Ishtar, also known in Egypt as Isis is but yet one more fascinating and recent connection indicating America is the 'mystery' Babylon of Revelation.

So let's review for a moment what we have. America's capital city, Washington D.C. was built in accordance with Masonic symbolism, and Freemasonry is a derivative of the old Babylonian mystical religious system. Furthermore, many of the Federal structures in the capital are resurrected designs of pagan Temples dedicated to the gods of Rome and Greece, (borrowed from the Babylonians) whom the Bible indicates are not gods, but instead are fallen angels. These fallen angels are part of a rebellion against the Creator-God of the Universe. In addition, we have significant art statues that are images of these 'gods'/goddesses' of ancient Babylon whose memories were kept alive and adopted by Greece and Rome. Of course, again, these 'gods/goddesses' are in reality, the beings that are leading a rebellion against the Creator-God of the Universe. These statues are in reality, idols. Idols were statuesque representative images of these beings that the pagans worshipped as gods.

But that is not all. In addition to the statues, America minted coins with depictions of the Roman/Babylonian goddess Liberty. Those coins were begun early in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. But even that is not, all. There are paintings on the walls and ceilings of the Capitol building and the Capitol Dome featuring the likeness of the gods and goddesses of Rome/Greece and Babylon. Once this author began the research in this area, it became obvious that America truly was and is pagan after all. Thus, the descriptions in the book of Revelation concerning the 'mystery harlot' now fit into the American puzzle connection of prophecy. For those who still doubt this allegation, we will pursue further the details.

## The Statue of Liberty's Babylonian Roots Revealed

As indicated earlier, Laboulaye and Bartholdi were the co-creators of the statue now standing in the New York harbor. Their creation was to symbolize the Roman/Babylonian goddess Liberty. Liberty was another name for the goddess Ishtar of Babylon. The two men were masons and were influenced by the philosophical views of freemasonry. Some of the statue's important features, such as the torch, the book of law, and the radiating crown were actually symbols of freemasonry!

The radiating crown was originally from the sun god Helios, as seen in the giant statue...the ancient Colossus of Rhodes. Roman emperor Nero used a radiating crown for his colossus. There are seven radiating spikes (or 'horns' as the biblical prophets would refer to them) which symbolize in freemasonry...the sun's radiance to the seven planets, just as Liberty enlightens the 7 continents or 'hills' of the earth. Liberty's torch is public-ly explained as a beacon, which enlightens, (like a lighthouse for ships). Originally, the sculptor had planned for the statue to hold a golden cup, but the idea was changed to a torch, symbolically linked to the idea of an altar of fiery sacrifice. Instead, the public was told that the torch is symbolic of Liberty enlightening the world to Truth. Yet at the dedication ceremony in 1886, the current President of the U.S. Grover Cleveland said...

"We will not forget that *Liberty* has made here her home, nor shall her **chosen altar** be neglected. Willing votaries will constantly keep alive its fires and these shall gleam upon the shores of our sister republic in the East."

Enlightenment would play a big symbolic role in the statue. The statue also carries stone tablets of the Law, but...not the Mosaic law...but rather a generic idea of Law. Laboulaye referred to the enlightenment idea as ... "to enlighten the universe." Liberty was said to possess special "powers of enlightenment" in a mystical sense, common in the heretic cult of gnosticism.

The goddess Liberty was also considered to be a "seer and a prophetess" and also a ...martyr, secular saint, and a romantic heroine. The goddess Liberty had one command... "SEEK LIBERTY!" She also had one prophecy... that Liberty, as achieved in 1776 in America, would spread throughout the world. The idea of liberty is almost a religion with these people.

Laboulaye looked to America for his own country's salvation. The statue was a symbol of hope that America would stand as an example to be looked up towards. Therefore, it should come as no surprise to learn that Laboulaye coined the term 'statue of liberty' for a coin he minted in honor of the Lincoln assassination. Laboulaye considered the statue would have,

“a far reaching **moral effect.**” It will take on a ‘**very great moral significance.**’

Bartholdi, originally wanted his statue to be built over the Suez Canal in Egypt as a symbol of Western Civilization handing civilization back to the East. When considering America for his project and on his first tour of the U.S. he noticed that, “everything has a materialistic tone”. Doesn’t that sound like America? Bartholdi also believed that the goddess Liberty was also the goddess Europa. Once again, another allusion to Babylon, because Europa was the Phrygian/Phoenician name for the goddess that they borrowed from the Assyrians who called her Ashtar. The Assyrians borrowed the goddess from the Babylonians. Do you care to guess the name of the Babylonian goddess? Yes, it was Ishtar.

We noted earlier of the crown having 7 spikes. An interesting side-note to the crown is that originally, Bartholdi had conceived of a 10 spike (horn) crown, but he dropped off 3 spikes. The torch was seen as ‘freedom’s Holy Light.’ “All of these people whose faith and backgrounds represent a cross-section of America, I believe, were inspired by the spiritual light that now symbolically burns in the torch that our statue of Liberty raises heavenward today.” (a quote from Richard Schneider’s “Freedom’s Holy Light @ 1985 by Thomas Nelson, publisher)

Here is another aspect of the Statue of Liberty. Bartholdi was originally going to have the woman draped in a scarlet robe!!! (Shades of Revelation 17) Bartholdi instead decided to do the statue in copper. He had wanted it to be scarlet to symbolize the martyred blood of freedom fighters and patriots. Doesn’t that sound like Revelation chapter 17?

Now lets go for the final piece of the jigsaw puzzle. The poet, Emma Lazarus in her epic poem to the statue refers to the goddess of Liberty as...“The Mother of Exiles.” Here again, very reminiscent of Revelation chapter 17 and verse 5 ... “Mother of the Harlots.” Consider the following:

In ancient Greek language known as ‘koine’, (the language of the New Testament)... if the English word were given a transliteration... the Greek word exelko comes into the mix. That word connotes the idea of ‘lusting to sin,’ or ... “to lure into lusting.” Now, what does a harlot do to get business? She lures a man into lusting. So, if the ancient prophet John could have seen in his apocalyptic vision the English alphabetical letters for Exile, and transliterated the sounds to koine Greek, then the term “Mother of Exiles” would shift in meaning to “Mother of lusters” or in other words, the “Mother of Harlots!”

From the poem by Emma Lazarus entitled **THE NEW COLOSSUS:**

“A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame is the imprisoned lightning,  
and her name Mother of Exiles.”

## **The Statue of Freedom**

The Statue of Liberty in New York's Harbor is not the only statue of the goddess Liberty. There is a significant statue of the goddess Liberty which rests on top of the U.S. Capitol Dome, where our Congressmen and Senators meet. The statue is called "THE STATUE OF FREEDOM." The Statue was created by sculptor Thomas Crawford and placed on top of the newly remodeled Dome in 1863, during the Civil War. The statue was an earlier representation of the same goddess of Liberty. Crawford's image depicts the woman ready for war. The statue features other Masonic cult symbolism, such as the stars on her helmet, the Eagles head and feathers.

## **The Capitol Building Design**

As we mentioned earlier, the U.S. Capitol building was designed after the Roman Pantheon, a temple to pagan gods in Rome during the Roman Empire. Thomas Jefferson and George Washington both liked the idea of such a design source. In the Roman Pantheon, there was a circular domed rotunda dedicated to all pagan gods. This design was carried over into the U.S. Capitol Rotunda plans. Thomas Jefferson backed the idea and later shepherded the plans through several transformations. When the time came to lay the cornerstone, Washington, Jefferson and other dignitaries laid the cornerstone during a special Masonic ritual customized for the occasion.

## **Appendix 6**

### **The ‘gods’ of Babylon**

#### **Ecclesiastes 1: 9-11**

*That which has been is that which will be,  
And that which has been done is that which will be done.  
So there is nothing new under the sun.*

*Is there anything, of which one might say,  
“See this, it is new?”  
Already it has existed before the ages  
Which were before us.*

*There is no remembrance of earlier things;  
And also of the later things which will occur,  
There will be for them no remembrance  
among those who will come later still.*

*(New American Standard Version—NASV)*

These verses are appropriate as we enter this next subject area because what follows is data concerning a subject that the human race has forgotten about. Many events in human history duplicate themselves from generation to generation or from generation to a series of skipped generations which can be centuries or millennia apart. So it is with the prophecies of Babylon. What Babylon once experienced, most likely will be duplicated in general but not necessarily to the same extent or degree. The latter day Babylon may experience lesser or extended degrees of experience. We see this in other prophetic elements such as the predictions of Jesus concerning the conditions at the times just before His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming in Matthew 24: 37 & 38.

*“For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the Days of Noah.*

*For as in those days which were before the Flood, they were eating and  
drinking, they were marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that  
Noah entered the Ark,*

*And they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away,  
So shall the coming of the Son of Man be.*

(NASV)

Also, Jesus indicated that Israel would be exiled from the land once again, as had occurred several hundred years earlier and then restored again just as Israel had been restored again back to the land. (see Matt. 24: 32-33) There are many other similar aspects of repetition in prophetic events, but to further examine those would move us off the track of the subject at hand. Suffice it to say that Babylon of the past, has a future counterpart which will repeat many of the same mistakes as the ancient Babylon.

One of those mistakes concerns Babylon's connection to the rebel angelic forces that oppose the Creator-God of the Universe. This appendix subject deals with the relationship between Babylon and the satanic rebel angelic forces and provides parallels to today's situation between America and those same satanic rebel angelic forces. Now this subject really needs to receive the full attention of a whole book not just an appendix. This author hopes to be able to provide such a future book, but for now, we will have to be content with an extremely finite pencil-sketch of a few of the data points that has been uncovered by over 30 years worth of this author's research.

### **Ancient Babylon's 'gods':**

Keeping in mind the reference of Ecclesiastes concerning that which was shall be again, so too with Babylon. Accordingly, another nation developing in the days just before Messiah will take on many similar and striking parallels with the ancient Babylon. There will be enough parallels to identify and "brand" such a nation from the divine perspective as "Babylon." What are the key fundamental differences of Ancient Babylon? By asking such a question, we are not looking for individual data points, but rather the overall summary aspects. The following 3 areas sum up Babylon's uniqueness that makes it different from all other nations:

1. Babylon was very much focused upon Outer Space and was the leader in astronomical sciences.
2. Babylon was in apparent physical contact with the satanic rebel angelic forces at the time of the Tower of Babel.
3. Babylon was the source of the 'mystical doctrines' of these evil beings, including all religions and all occult matters like astrology and witchcraft. These doctrines gave birth to gnosticism, pantheism, polytheism, and human life sacrifices, among other things. Today's New Age Movement is not new at all, but "warmed-over" Babylonian mysticism.

Babylon was uniquely different from all other nations and empires. The central force for its uniqueness was its relationship to other beings called the "Anunnaki" who directed Babylonians and other humans to worship them instead of the Creator-God of the Universe. This relationship operated very much like a treaty. It operated on the principle of "merit." One does something in exchange for something. This is the central core at the heart of all religion...act a certain way, and be a certain way, and in exchange receive something in return. (Incidentally, Christianity is exact-ly the opposite, one receives on the basis of a 'gift' by reliance on the data, and not by 'merit' or earnings. Eternal life is an unearned gift, for those who choose to accept it without trying to 'earn' it. The gift is freely given by the Creator to those who will accept that God substituted Himself, God-Man, in the recipient's place to accept the punishment of eternal death. Acceptance of this fact in a person's mind constitutes eternal life.)

Babylonian religion diverts worship from the Creator to other created beings who do not deserve worship that is reserved for the Creator-God of the Universe. The question should arise: 'who are these beings who are in rebellion against the Creator?' The scope of this publication is too narrow for us to provide the thorough analysis that the question deserves. We will attempt to provide a skeletal framework of response to that question and hope to provide a fuller presentation in a book due to be out later this year.

The biblical accounts of other beings begins in Genesis Chapter 3 with the garden of Eden and the being referred to as 'the serpent'. We find throughout the Bible, that this being is referred to at various times under a variety of names. Satan is the most prominent name, followed by, "The Devil", and "Lucifer". He is also called, "The Dragon", as well as "The Adversary". Some have confused Satan with other names, such as ... .. Beelzebub, etc. Satan, however is only one, (although very much central) of a cast of millions (? or more) of other created beings who joined Satan in a rebellion against the Creator-God of the Universe. What started out as some sort of 'coup d' etat' against the Creator, became a civil war in the cosmos, with Earth somehow playing a pivotal role in the middle of this war.

In the biblical accounts, we first find mention of these cohorts of Satan as showing up in the story of Noah and the flood found in Genesis chapter 6. Here we find the term 'beni-hahelohim', which is translated by most versions as 'sons of God'. The story tells us that these beings came to earth and engaged in sexual procreation with human females, thus creating a hybrid race of part-human and part-angelic beings. This offspring was called in the Genesis narrative... 'nephilim'. The term nephilim (Strong's #5303) comes from the root word naphal, (#5307) which means 'to fall'. #5303 fallen ones. According to the

Hebrew lexiconographer – Gesenius, the word has been incorrectly translated as giant, or large in size. Gesenius says rather, that the meaning besides the idea of fallen, or rebel angels, the word can convey the idea of “being excellent, skillful, or noble”. The word etymology was connected to the constellation Orion... a giant size man in the sky, which explains why some would have assumed the translation would be giant. The basic overall meaning though is ... to have fallen... *“the fallers, the rebels, the apostates”*.

Here we have the fallen angels procreating with humans and creating a hybrid race. Now there are also subtle indications that some of the offspring were rather tall in form. We see this from passages in the book of Numbers, and also Deuteronomy that some of the nephilim survived the flood somehow and were still around at the time of Moses and Joshua. Let us look at those passages.

Numbers 13: 33 where we see the term “giant” (KJV) but in the Hebrew the term is Nephilim. Also used in conjunction with that word is another name... “Anak”...(Strong’s #6061). The Anak, also referred to as the “Anakim” (#6062) and pronounced as Ah-nah-keem. According to Sumerian texts, the Anak/Anakim are the same as the Sumerian’s “Anunnaki” who were ‘gods’ who came from the 10<sup>th</sup> planet in our solar system called “Nibiru”. The planet’s leader of the Anunnaki was called “Anu.” These beings, according to the Sumerian texts, (as translated by antiquities scholar...Zecharia Sitchin) were responsible for conducting mining operations on planet earth. They were a highly advanced species with the ability to control genetics. The Sumerian records indicate these Anunnaki, (Anakim) used part of their genetic DNA along with genetic material from the Neanderthals to create a new species in test-tube conditions and call that species, “the Adam”. This scenario is presented by Sitchin in a series of books called “The Earth Chronicles” series...under the individual book titles:

Book 1: The 12<sup>th</sup> Planet

Book 2: The Stairway to Heaven

Book 3: The Wars of Gods and Men

Book 4: The Lost Realms

Book 5: When Time Began

Genesis Revisited

Divine Encounters, a guide to visions, angels, and other emissaries.

This author recommends the last book in particular for theologians, and professors of theology, as well as pastors and all interested in UFOs and the Biblical accounts. This author does not endorse any or all of the opinions cited by Sitchin, but finds the information useful to at least understand

some of the events going on today with the UFO phenomena and how society is reacting to that phenomena. In no way does this author hold any truth to any of Sitchin's data that runs contrary to the biblical record.

Continuing on with the Biblical references to the Anakim. Besides the Numbers passage we also have the following references for the Anak or Anakim, that are translated as giants in the KJV.

Deuteronomy 2: 11, 20; 3: 11, 13  
Joshua: 12: 4; 13: 12; 15: 8; 17: 15; 18: 16

Another, interesting side-note to the word, Anak/Anakim. Gesenius' lexicon indicates that the root word is #6059 and it means "to adorn with a neck chain or collar...from the idea of choking. It is also used in the sense of pride surrounding them like a neck chain. It can also carry the idea of a stiff neck, in the sense of pride and stubbornness. The term was used for the idea of a slave set at liberty... to lay upon the neck and release the slave collar. Now literally, #6061 means: "the length of neck", and thereby stature. It is thought that the Anakim may have also had long necks, or went around setting slaves free? Is there a connection here with the goddess Liberty? Yes, the goddess was one of the Anakim also known as 'Inanna' or 'Ishtar.'

One other note, the Anakim was almost exterminated by the Israelites when they conquered the land of Canaan and turned it into the land of Israel. There were apparently a few Anakim that survived the conquest, and lived for a time in the Philistine cities. Perhaps the most famous of the Anak or Anakim, that our society would recall would be of "Goliath," the giant who was ignominiously slain by a young Israelite boy with a slingshot. That boy's name was David who would become King of Israel. Goliath was apparently one of the few Anakim survivors who had remain-ed.

According to Sitchin's analysis of the Sumerian records, (the Sumerians, a.k.a. the Babylonians) King Nimrod entered into "treaties" or relationships with these 'gods'. It was sort of a quid pro quo propositional sort of thing between humans and the 'gods.' The 'gods' received the raw materials that they wanted and needed, while the humans were granted certain favors. The Tower of Babel story indicates that some sort of relationship or treaty existed. The Tower of Babel may have been some sort of program for the humans to have been loaned technology and or equipment to develop a human space program!!! If so, that program got squashed by the intervention of the Creator-God of the Universe.

Today, there are reports from sources within the U.S. government, and the military indicating that the U.S. has entered into some sort of treaty with 'alien' life forms, which have provided the U.S. Air Force with ... .. 'flying saucers' for purposes of copying and back engineering. A former Pentagon officer, Lt.

Colonel Phillip Corso in his 1997 book ***"The Day after Roswell"*** contends that the U.S. government has retrieved crashed saucers and back-engineered parts of the technology, including night-vision goggles the transistor, micro-computer chips, lasers, fiber-optics, micro-wave foods, and much more. Corso isn't alone in his claims. There are others government sources and former military personnel who make similar claims.

A few former project scientists who worked in super secret laboratories also have quietly come forward to tell fantastic stories of U.S. aircraft/space craft that can go from Earth to the moon and return back in time for lunch. Furthermore, it is claimed that these UFOs have the capability to move from one end of our solar system to the other in extremely short spans of time and that travel between the galaxies can be achieved in short time periods.

The UFO phenomenon has been around for a long time. Most of the ancient civilizations speak of their 'gods' as coming from outer space in what must be taken to be spacecraft. For those of us today, the modern age of UFOs began during WWII. During the war in the air over Europe and Asia, both the Allied and Axis aviators reported fuzzy balls of light that would follow military plane formations and their mission paths. These fuzzy balls of light were referred to as "Foo-fighters". Both sides attempted to determine which side these mysterious craft were on. It became apparent near the end of the war, that these objects did not belong to either side. As the war ended, the phenomenon seemed to go away.

In 1947 the foo-fighter phenomenon returned to the forefront, when a pilot saw a formation of 9 silvery disc shaped objects flying in unison near Mt. Ranier, Washington. The pilot coined the phrase "flying saucer" and it stuck. People began to notice these oddities in the sky. In July of 1947, during a night time thunderstorm, one of these saucers crashed in the remote desert area of Roswell, New Mexico. The incident got the instant attention of the news media for a few hours, before the military finally put the lid on the case, denied a saucer crash, and instead claimed it was a weather balloon. In reality, it was a crashed saucer with reportedly 3 or 4 humanoid beings of short height reportedly on board. Only 1 survived the crash, and that being survived in captivity for a little over a year, according to insider reports.

There would be other crashes. Some scientific investigators have uncovered evidence suggesting that dozens of craft have crashed or...been "shot down" by U.S. Air Force defenses, with both on the ground and in the air technologies. This author has heard testimony from one former Air Force doctor, who claims that he was at Edwards Air Force base in 1957, when President Eisenhower arrived to meet with aliens on the base landing runways. Supposedly a 'treaty' was agreed to or signed, allowing minerals to be mined by the 'aliens. Scientific biological and genetic experiments would be permitted upon human beings and

Americans. In exchange, the US Air Force would receive a quantum leap forward in technology.

With the advent of the NASA Space Program, astronauts began to see UFOs. Some UFOs were even videotaped by Shuttle astronauts on various missions. One of the most famous videos shows multiple objects engaged in space warfare. There are also reports of UFOs connected to all the Apollo space missions. Let us not forget the now infamous "face on Mars" anomaly from photographs taken in 1976 by the space probe "Viking". Those photos when enhanced by computer imaging show what seems to be a "sphinx-like" face staring upwards into the Martian sky. Further efforts to photograph the area with other probes have proven unsuccessful.

It has been reported that UFOs have shut down nuclear missile bases and re-targeted missile guidance systems coordinates of both the U.S. and the old Soviet forces. There are reports that the U.S. Air Force has shot down UFOs around the world. Sources within the government's intelligence community report that as many as 2 dozens different species reportedly have visited Planet Earth since 1945. There is reportedly one federation of a dozen different intelligent species that have established diplomatic relations with the U.S. Some think that this phenomenon is what is driving many government leaders to seek a New World Order with a unified human species and a single leader with a single government, in order to cope with any hostile invaders that might arrive into orbit around planet Earth.

The UFO phenomenon also includes reports of abductions of humans in order for the aliens to conduct biological and genetic research on the human species. The aliens seem to present themselves as caretakers of humanity. Some reports by abductees include the aliens presenting to the victims the results of some of their experiments, which are hybrid offspring of aliens and humans. Does that sound like shades of the flood of Noah? Remember the prophecy of Jesus Christ in Matthew 24: 37 & 38... "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be with the coming of the Son of Man."

There is also the aspect of UFOs and the "NEW AGE MOVEMENT." Some people report themselves as being in "contact" with the UFO aliens, but not being abducted. Many of these claim to have received "religious" doctrinal messages that are very similar to the old Babylonian mysticism. Some of these contactees claim that the alien leader's name is "Ashtar." Ashtar was the name of a Babylonian 'god'.

Another rather bizarre twist in all of this is the recent disclosure by Richard Hoagland, (a former CBS science advisor to Walter Cronkite during the Apollo Moon Program) that he has uncovered evidence that the entire NASA Space program has been connected with what he thinks is ancient Egyptian religious mysticism. However, the reality is that his data while referring to the names of

the Egyptian gods, is in reality borrowed from Babylonian mysticism and the Sumerian names were changed to Egyptian names. Apollo, originally was a Babylonian god known as Shamash, or sometimes called Utu. The Egyptian name was Horus.

There is at least one whole book's worth of information if not more that could be presented about UFOs and their connection to ancient Babylon and current UFO activities involving the U.S. Air Force and our government. But the subject of UFOs and its connection to ancient Babylon is not the primary purpose of this book. This author hopes to present a full book on this subject as it relates to Biblical Prophecy in the near future.

In conclusion, the United States seems to be a close parallel to ancient Babylon in terms of preoccupation with developing a space program. Also, the U.S. apparently has some sort of agreement, treaty or relationship with one or more 'alien' civilizations that in reality are the same folks who dealt with ancient Babylon. Finally, we have strong evidence of the U.S. government leadership involved in free-masonry/Babylonian mysticism, and that philosophy is driving governmental policies.

## Appendix 7

### Revelation Chapter 17: Textual Analysis

(KJV)

17:1 *“And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters.”*

This verse is fairly simple to understand. There is no need for special translation work to be done to comprehend the meaning of this verse.

verse 2: *“with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.”*

This verse needs some focus for three greek words. In the KJ version the words to focus on are

1. “committed fornication”= #4203/4204—ep-or-nu-san/epornusan which means: “practised spiritual harlotry or idolatry”.
2. “have been made drunk”=#3184—em-eth-oos-they-sahn/emethustheysan. which means: passively getting drunk. “someone was actively getting them drunk”.
3. “fornication”=#4203/4204—por-nay-ah/pornayah (from porneoh the root which means to “breath hard” as in sexual excitement and sexual activity) ... in this application...it means idolatry.

This verse is telling us that the harlot had engaged the leaders or kings of the earth in spiritual harlotry or idolatry...(see the appendix on Babylonian Religion to better understand the connection between prostitution/sexual immorality and idolatry)... The harlot also made the earth’s inhabitants drunk...here the harlot actively made...and the inhabitants were passively receiving, so there was no initiative on the inhabitants part to get drunk...just passivity. We know this because in the Greek text it is in passive voice, which means here that the inhabitants are being acted upon, in part by the wine and in part by the actions of the harlot...(pouring the wine into their mouths)...The wine is simply the intoxication of the harlot’s religious doctrines, i.e. idolatry.

verse 3

*“so he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.”*

Here also in this verse are 3 words for us to consider:

1. “sit” = #2521=kah-they-may-nay/kahthemene —“sitting”
2. “beast” =#2342= they-rion/therion --- “a ferocious little beast”
3. “blaspemy” = #988 blahs-phem-ee-ah/blasphemias-“blasphemy; is slander against the character or reputation of God.

The woman in the verse is again...actively sitting upon...the beast is passive...The term for ‘beast’ -- they-rion indicates a being with no soul like a ferocious, savage, wild animal in intensity of purpose...but there is no allusion to stupidity...on the contrary, the word indicates the reverse is true. Bauer-Arndt-Gingrich-Danker’s lexicon indicates on page 361 in the first column...subheading “b” --- of animal-like beings of a super-natural kind. It can also be of persons with a beastly nature or mind. There is also the usage of beasts that can take on a human form. The 3<sup>rd</sup> word to consider in this verse is the word blasphemy. Blasphemy is any word, words or idea conveyed that injure or slander the character and or reputation of God.

This verse is indicating that the woman is in a dominating position over the beast...and the beast is full of slanderous names against God’s reputation. This conveys the idea of the beast trying to lay claim to being God and taking up the names and character of God for himself. Now this “beast” term also conveys the idea of small in size. The “beast” is considered here to be a picture of the revived Roman empire as described by the book of Daniel. The 7 heads and 10 horns are explained as the 7 world kingdoms of past and present (present at the time of the end)...and the 10 horns are the 10 ambassadors of 10 nations who form an alliance to give power to the beast...see further in the chapter ...verses 12 thru 13. But this verse 3...is giving us the beast known as the “Anti-Christ”. This is symbolism for the significance of the power and status and the timing of his appearance...After 7 world kingdoms...then 10 ambassadors “elect” or select him to lead a 10-nation alliance, which will springboard a new world empire. The only real physical trait from which we might be able to derive any physical descriptive element as to this being is ... physical size... “they-rion” generally indicates the concept of small in size. But in this case...we can only consider it as a possibility.

Verse 4:

*“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.”*

Here we have 2 more words needing analysis...and remember a 3<sup>rd</sup> word...  
“fornication” means idolatry...(see verse 2)...

1. “abominations”= #946=bdel-ug-nah-tohn/bdelugmaton...means pollutions...moral and physical...morally—shameless attitudes
2. “filthiness”= #168/169 =ah-kah-thar-tah/akatharta– cultic and moral impurity.

bdelugmaton = according to Thayer’s Lexicon...it is: “a foul thing,”  
“detestable.” It can mean physical pollution, especially connected to the idea of human waste products...the similar word, bdellusso means to pass gas or or “break wind”. to defile or pollute...carries the idea stench as well.

akatharta = 23 times in the Gospels and Revelation we find this word linked to demons...indicating moral impurity ... in all or any aspect, but especially connected to the idea of rebellion against the Creator.

So as we review the whole of verse 4...we see that the woman is dressed in the finest outfit...extremely expensive and luxurious...with a golden cup full of “waste products”—(morally and physically) that are “impure” connected to the satanic rebellion. So that the product of the Woman in her cup...is a “wine” of sorts...of waste by-products, (excrement) that is morally impure...(satanic connection) making the human race drunk. This is due to the relationship of the woman and the beast (it is like a sexual relationship) It is a treaty with the Satanic Rebel Alliance, in exchange for material elements/or technology that promotes wealth for the woman. This exchange provides the intoxicating elements that get the world drunk, spiritually, and economically, as well as culturally.

verse 5

*“And upon her forehead was a name written, **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**”*

There are 4 words needing special translation analysis here...and keep I mind the word for “abomination” -- bdelugmatohn which we looked at in verse 4.

1. “mystery”= #3447 = mus-the-rión/musterion= a hidden thing of meaning. a matter to the knowledge of, in which initiation is necessary.
2. “great”= #3173= meg-a-lah/megala= great-(test), or super or mega,
3. “mother”= #3384= maytehr/mater=mother,(of a city) that produces and harbors something.
4. “harlots” = #4204= pornown/pornon = a prostitute or also an idolatress or a prostitute of a false god’s religion.

The word “musterion” is a term used for those religions which had special secrets that were kept and known only by the inner sanctum. To learn them, one must go through certain rituals or rites of passage...special tests to prove and earn for oneself the trusts and rights necessary to learn the special secrets. Usually these were connected to the idea of witchcraft and sorcery by which one enters into treaties and contracts with the supernatural rebel satanic forces for certain favors in exchange for carrying out certain missions on behalf of the rebel satanic forces.

The word “megala” = our word ‘mega’. Mega means super...as in a “Super-Power Nation, or Superman, or Superbowl. Revelation chapters 17 & 18 are sometimes referred to as the “mega” chapters because of the frequent use of the word “mega”.

“Mother” is pretty much self-explanatory. Symbolic for the idea of a city/nation that produces something. We see such symbolism in phrases like ... “mother of all battles” or “mother of all football games”...a reference to the Superbowl perhaps. In this case, it is a phrase indicating literally a mother producing prostitutes. But what kind of prostitutes are they? Ones of idolatry...of a false religion. Many of the pagan religions that worshipped false gods...such as Baal worship, or the worship of Ishtar...required that before marriage, young women were required to offer their bodies in the temple as a sexual sacrifice and engage in sexual intercourse with “out of town” pilgrims who pay an “offering” to the gods and then required to engage in sexual intercourse as part of the worship program. It was quite an exotic a sexual religion. Variations on this theme were typical around the middle east. The holiday we call ‘Easter’ was a favorite holiday of the Ishtar cult. In fact, the name ‘Easter’ was borrowed from the Ishtar cult...and our Easter could and should be called “Ishtar”. Christianity has no business celebrating under that name and with all of its modern day symbols of fertility...such as the egg, and the rabbit. Those were Ishtar symbols and so too, were the cross and the idea of Ishtar’s son being killed and the idea of

resurrection. So we have the idea of a mother of harlots...or a city which produces & harbors idolatry or shall we say produces a religion/philosophy that worships or gives worth to any or all things other than the Creator-God. We shall find more on this element later in the book.

#### Verse 6

*“And I saw the woman being drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.”*

The phrase “I wondered with great admiration”. Below is the actual phrase in Greek with the Strong’s code and the translation below.

<u>kai</u>	<u>ethaummasa</u>	<u>idohn</u>	<u>autohn</u>	<u>thauma</u>	<u>mega</u>
**	#2295	****	****	#2295	#3173
and	I wondered	seeing	her [with]	wonder	a great

re-translated: And seeing her, I wondered with a great wonder!

Or in more modern English...And seeing her, I was flabbergasted/or I was floored. To which the angel responding (see verse 7)... Why were you ...(floored, flabbergasted/astonished)...

The word repeated like this in verse 6 is the equivalent to one’s chin hitting the floor in amazement.

#### Verse 7

*“And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.”*

#### Verse 8

*“The beast that thou sawest was, and is not, and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written into the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.”*

Analysis starting with the phrase ...and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit and go into perdition...

<u>and</u>	<u>shall</u>	<u>ascend</u>	<u>out of the</u>	<u>bottomless pit</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>into</u>
kai	mellei	anabainein	ek tey	abussou	kai	eis
**	****	#305	#1537	#12	**	**
and	is about	to come up	out of	the abyss	and	to

<u>perdition</u>	<u>go.</u> ... ..	kai	thau-mahs-they-son-tay
apohleean	hupaguy		#2295=to be flabbergasted
#684	#5217		to wonder, to be astonished
destruction	to lead under		
	bring under or		
	to go away, depart		

Note that the word for ascend carries with it the idea of going up or ascending...and also to move up in the spiritual realms. Also the word for bottomless pit can mean a bottomless or unbounded area, pit or abyss or of the abode of the rebel forces (angelic) opposed to God. Also, note that the ones dwelling on earth at this time...the ones who were not saved and written into the book of life...(indicating that the believers have been removed from the planet)...these unbelievers are flabbergasted by the beast...they are utterly astonished. No doubt by his miracles that he performs.

Verse 9-15: (are without textual Greek analysis here)

9. *“And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The 7 heads are 7 mountains, on which the woman sitteth.*
10. *“And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.*
11. *“And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.*
12. *“And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.*
13. *“These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.*
14. *“These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome*

*them: for he is LORD of Lords and KING of Kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.*

15. *“And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations and tongues.*

16. *“And the 10 horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh and burn her with fire.”*

Now verse 16 gets into some critical mistranslation aspects here, and especially in the KJV. However, some key words are being misunderstood by many people including some scholars and prophecy experts. The verse is not indicating that the 10 horns or the beast are doing the desolating and making the whore naked. Nor is the verse saying that the 10 horns are ‘eating her’ or burning her with fire.

the phrase: “the 10 horns....shall hate the whore...

<u>and shall make her</u>	<u>desolate</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>naked</u>
#4160=poy-su-sin	#2049=air-ay-mo-may-nain	kai	#1131gum-nain
to <b>observe</b>	abandoned to desolation, ruin,	and	naked, exposed
			not covered

The word order in the Greek in this verse is not the same as in the KJV.

The phrase word order is as follows:

*“and having been desolated, observe her and naked, and the fleshs of her will eat and her will consume with fire.”*

Now the final word of the verse... “fire” is out of order and is being given stress here for a reason.... to emphasize that the fire will do the total desolation. Not the 10 horns. We see that from Revelation 18:21 where a great angel acts...as well as in the Old Testament passages indicating divine direct action...not through an intermediary...In other words, here is the correct order of events....these 10 ambassadors are called in for a special meeting...to elect/select a temporary emergency leader/spokesman for this 10-nation alliance that has formed for self-preservation against the powers that have just destroyed the whore.

V. 16: And the 10 horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot and observe her having already been abandoned to ruin, and exposed and seeing the fire eats up her flesh and consume her totally.

V. 17...For (reason why they hated her and elected the beast to position of emergency authority)...God has put into their hearts/minds to fulfill His will, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of god shall be fulfilled.

NOW FOR THE FINAL VERSE OF CHAPTER 17:

Verse 18

*“And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.”*

“And the woman you saw....

<u>is</u>	the	<u>city</u>	<u>great</u>	<u>having</u>	<u>a kingdom</u>	<u>over</u>
#1510	***	#4172	#3173	*****	kingdom	#1909
is	the	city or	MEGA			over or
to denote		state or	Super, Greates			Supervening Over

...the kings of the earth.”

Now the verb.... “is” should not be taken to mean that the tense of the verb indicates a time in the late 1<sup>st</sup> Century. Instead the context is future tense and the stress is not on the verb “is”/ or “estin”. Instead, the stress is on the Greek word “epi” which means: “over” or “Supervening Over.” So, the idea of the verse is as follows...

... “The woman you saw IS the SUPER-POWER City/State/Nation with Supervening authority over the kings of the earth...”

For those Greek scholars, a note on the verb “is”. Yes we know it is in the indicative mood and present active tense and third person singular...Please note that Liddell & Scott’s Lexicon advises that in this case...the correct translation of the verb “estin” = “is to be”.

The context of Chapter 17 in terms of tense was futuristic. Indeed the whole of the book was and is still pointing to the future. However, at the time it was written, it was indeed in the past. There are segments in the book in which future

events are referred to in the present tense, as if it were happening back in the late 1<sup>st</sup> Century A.D. Based on the idea of context, context, and context...is it not appropriate to consider that the verb “estin”= “is” is still a reference to a future ‘city/state/nation’ that is code-named “Babylon”, or “mystery Babylon”? The highly respected Greek Lexicon... **Bauer-Arndt-Gingrich & Danker** on pages 223 & 224 provide running commentary on this word. Starting on page 223 in column 2 towards the bottom of the column, in note #3, the editors go into great detail on how this word is to be considered. ...

II. as a copula, uniting subject and predicate.

1. generally...am or is. “the pred. can be supplied fr. the **context**”  
(My emphasis is added in bold)
2. to describe a special relation between the subject and a predicate noun.
3. explanatory: *is a representation of, is the equivalent of.*  
*eimi here, too, serves as a copula; we usually translate mean,*  
*so in the formula ‘tout estin’ this or that means, that is to say*  
*(Epict., Ench.33, 10; Arrian, Tact.29,3; [and cities even more]*

.... in the sense -- that is ( when translated )... ..

... after verbs of asking, recognizing, knowing and not knowing...  
[cities ex... learn what this means] “*what this means*”

So that, BAGD indicates that any conservative prophecy scholar who says that the “is” can only be considered as a reference to the city of Rome in the application of Revelation 17:18 is completely incorrect. Rather #3 of BAGD should be considered. So that really, the word “estin” in verse 18...should most likely be translated this way...“the woman which you saw means the mega city having a kingdom with supervening authority over the kings of the earth.”

See also Thayer’s Lexicon...on page 177 (softcover)...column 2 the alpha & beta note.

- a. is so employed that the pronoun refers to something which has just been said... see Matthew 7:12 - “outos yar esti o nomos” = the law is summed up in what I have just mentioned comes to this...
- b. in John’s usage it is so employed that the pronoun serves as the subject, which is defined by a noun that follows, and this noun itself is a substitute as it were for the predicate.

Let's look at other usages of "estin" in Chapter 17.

verse 8 --- ... "beast which you saw and 'is' not and 'is' not...and 'is' about to come up out of ... and goes...."

verse 8 again... "Beast which you saw and 'is' not, and 'is' about to come up out of the abyss and to destruction goes, AND will (future tense) wonder the ones dwelling on the earth of whom has (past) not been written the name on the scroll of life from the foundation of the world, ... seeing (present tense) that 'is' was (past tense) and... 'is' not and 'is' present...

verse 11... also uses the verb "estin"

"and the beast which was (past tense) and 'is' not...even he 'is' an eighth...and 'is' of the seven, and to destruction it goes...

Over and over again in Chapter 17, verb tenses change. Here, present tense can actually be referring to what is not 1<sup>st</sup> Century, BUT rather, using present tense—so as one might think of 1<sup>st</sup> Century as the reference, but, ...

v. 8... "beast that you... "saw" = [Past tense]

Look at the mix of tenses...imperfect active...then present indicative tense, then again present indicative 2 more times. Then ...future tense...and within that future tense...a present participle...See also Revelation 16:21, referring to a future event...but the sentence is the same verb again... "estin"...in present tense...Obviously the plague mentioned in that verse did not occur in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century in fulfillment.

So here we have graphically demonstrated that the present tense in Revelation 17:18 is NOT mandated to be taken as a 1<sup>st</sup> Century present tense...as a reference to Rome as being Babylon.

It is apparent to this author, that some conservative, so-called prophecy experts, have been a bit hasty and careless with judgement and relying on incomplete analysis of the verb usage of the word "estin"...and that the correct usage... is as follows..."the woman you saw"... (in the past tense)...which was a past event to the observer is still future to actual occurrence... therefore the "is" which then follows the verb 'saw'... is actually taken to be indicative of meaning not of a simple time tense – of the present tense aspect...which of course could then otherwise point to the idea of Rome as Babylon. However, it appears that

the Holy Spirit in guiding the Apostle John, obviously never meant for the verb to be taken in that aspect of time-tensing.

Therefore, any scholar who concludes that the verb *estin* in verse 18 of chapter 17 should and could only be a present-tense reference to a city of the time of the original writing and could only therefore be Rome...IS INVALID and without this key linchpin of defense of those who insist that Babylon must be Rome, (because of this verse plus extra-biblical 'proof' such as the Roman Catholic Church, etc) their argument loses any further validity. It becomes just wishful thinking and emotionally triggered by patriotism in an effort to ignore the culpability of the U.S.A for its sins against God.

## APPENDIX 7 -- Continued

### Revelation Chapter 18: Textual Analysis

Verse 1:

*“And after these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.”*

Meta	tauta	eidohn	allon	aggelou	katabainonta	ek
after	these things	I saw	another	angel	coming down	out of

tou	ouranou,	echonta	exousian	megalen	kai	e	ge
***	heaven	having	authority	great	and	the	earth

ephohtisthe	ek	tes	doxes	autou
was enlightened	from	the	glory	of him.

Word Notes on Verse 1:

angel=aggelon= #32= messenger, envoy, angel, one who is sent to execute the purpose of the Creator, or can be of one who had rebelled against the Creator.

heaven=ouranou= #3772= the upper air, atmosphere of the earth, or sky. Also can be for heaven(s) or Heaven the divine abode of God the Creator.

great=megala= #3173= great, super or mega, predicated upon ability/power.

enlightened=ephotisthe= #5461-photidzo-- to give light, to shine, illumine, to light up, and especially its brilliance, or brightness.

glory=doxe= #1391= brightness, or splendor, as of divine or heavenly brightness

Verse 2

*“And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, ‘Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become a habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.’”*

Kai ekrazen en ischura phone legohn, epesen, epesen,  
and he cried in a strong voice saying Crashed Crashed

Babulohn e megala kai egeneto katoiketerion  
Babylon the Super and became a dwelling place

daimohnion kai phulake pantos pneumatou akathartou  
of demons and a prison of every spirit unclean

kai phulake pantos orneou akathartou kai memiosemenou.  
and a prison of every bird unclean and having been hated

### Word Notes on Verse 2...

Crashed= #4098 = crash(ed), fell, ruined.

dwelling place = #2730 = to dwell, settle, term used of non-human beings  
of power in regards to having a base of operations

demons = #1142 = demons, supernatural beings in revolt against the  
Creator-God of the Universe.

Also the use of the word “unclean” in this sense...is one of moral impurity.  
The use of the word “birds” is also a term connected to rebel spirit beings  
as being the equivalent of “dirty birds”.

### Verse 3

*“For all of the nations have drunk of the 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 abund-  
ance of her delicacies.”*

oti ek tou oinou tou thumou tes porneias autes  
because out of the wine of the anger of the fornication of her

pepohkan panta ta ethne kai oi basileis tes ges  
have drunk all the nations and the kings of the earth

met autes eporneusan kai oi emporoi tes ges ek tes  
with her practiced and the merchants of the earth from the  
fornication

dunameohs tou strenous autes eploutesan.  
power of the luxury of her became rich.

#### Word Notes

merchants = #1710-1711-1712-1713 =merchants, in this case international

Let's redo this verse appropriately...

“Because, all the nations of the earth have drunk out of the wine of the anger of the idolatry, and the kings of the earth with her practiced idolatry and the merchants of the earth became rich from the power of her wealth, (or from the power of her luxury).”

#### Verse 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 her plagues.’”*

Kai ekousa allon phone ek tou ouranou legousan  
And I heard another voice out of the heaven saying

exelthate ho laos mou ex autes ina me  
Come out the people of me out of her lest

sugkoinohnesete      tais      hamartias      autes,      kai      ek      tohn  
you share              in the              sins              of her      and      out of      the

plagohn      autes      ina me      labete.  
plagues      of her      lest      you receive.

Word Note:

sins = #266 = an archer's term—to miss the bulls-eye, a spiritual term for not reaching the spiritual bulls-eye in anything.

Verse 5

*“For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.”...*

oti              ekollethesan              autes              ai      hamartiai              achri      tou  
Because              joined together              of her              the      sins              up to      the

ouranou      kai      emnemoneusen      o      Theos      ta      adikemata      autes  
heaven      and              remembered              God      the      misdeeds      of her

Verse 6

*“Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she has filled, fill to her double.”*

Verse 7

*“How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give to her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen and am no widow and shall see no sorrow.”*

osa edoxasen auten kai estreniasen tosouton dote  
By what she glorified herself and luxuriated by so much you give things

aute basanison kai penthos. oti en te kardia autes  
her torment and sorrow Because in the heart of her

legei oti kathemai basilissa kai chera ouk eimi kai  
she because I sit a queen and a widow I am not and says

kai penthos ou me idoh.  
and sorrow by no means I see.

Word Note

**luxuriated** = #4763-#4764= eagerly wanton luxurious living & desires, to revel to riot monetarily in lifestyle-around the clock as in an orgy. All night partying, or non-stop partying with extravagant spending. Also the word for widow, actually means sterile, bereft, barren, unfruitful, The word “I sit”...refers to a position of office or power, to reign.

Verse 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.”*

Dia touto en mia emera exousin ai plaegain autes  
Therefore in one day will come the plagues of her

thanatos kai penthos kai limos kai en puri  
death and sorrow and famine and with fire

katakauthesetai oti ischuros kurios ho Theos  
she will be because strong (is) Lord the God  
consumed

ho krinas auten.  
the (one) judging her.

Verse 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 see the smoke of her burning.”*

Kai klausousin kai kopsontai ep auten oi basileis  
and will weep and wail over her the kings

tes ges oi met autes porneusantes kai streniasantes  
of the earth the one with her having practiced and reveled, riotous  
fornication living lifestyle

stan blepousin ton kapnon tes purohseohs autes  
when they see the smoke of the burning of her  
ever

Verse 10

*“Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city, for in one is they judgment come.”*

apo makrothen estekotes dia ton phobon tou  
from afar standing because of the fear of the

basanismou autes legontes ouai, ouai, hey polis  
torment of her saying woe woe the city

hey megale, Babulohn hey polis hey ischura oti  
the Super Babylon the city the strong because

mia hora elthen hey krisis sou.  
in one hour came the judgment of you.

Word Note

The word “ouai” is a Greek word of interjection of grief. It is perhaps our English equivalent to saying... “Why?” “Why?” It is like a wailing word. A word of lament...

Verse 11

*“And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buys their merchandise any more.”*

Kai oi emporoi tes ges klaiousin kai penthousiv ep  
And the merchants of the earth weep and sorrow over

auten oti ton gomon auton oudeis agoradzei ouketi.  
her because the cargo of them no one buys any more.

Verse 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.”*

Verse 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.*

Verse 14

*“And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all the things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.”*

Kai hey opohra sou tes epithumias tes psuches apelthen  
and the fruit of you of the lust of the soul went away

apo sou kai panta ta lipara kai ta lampra apohleto  
from you and all the sumptuous and the bright perished  
things things

apo sou, kai ouketi ou me auta euresousin.  
from you and no more by no them shall they find.  
means

Word Notes

sumptuous things = #3045= sumptuous & delicate style of living, elegant combined w/ earlier use of #4763... a wanton, non-stop extravagant life.

bright things = #2986 = bright, gaudy colored lights...

Verse 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.”*

Verse 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”*

Verse 17

*“For in one hour so great riches is come to naught. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,”*

Verse 18

*“And cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!”*

Verse 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.”*

Word Note...costliness is a bad translation of the word timioteteos = which means “worth” or “wealth”.

Verse 20

*“Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.”*

Verse 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.”*

*Kai eren eis aggelos ischura lithon ohs mulinon megan  
and lifted one angel strong a stone as millstone mega*

*kai ebalen eis ten thallassan legohn: outohs ormamati*  
*and missiled into the sea saying thus with a rush*

*blethesetai Babulohn hey megala polis kai sou me*  
*shall be thrown Babylon the mega city and by no*  
*means*

*eurethe eti.*  
*shall be found longer.*

#### Word Note

missiled = ebalen = #906 = to throw or let go, to launch or missile an object such as a javelin or spear. from #1002 = a missile, a dart or a javelin.

rush = ormamati = #3729, 3730, 3731 -- A chain reaction...to put into motion...an "impulse" (? as in a nuclear bomb or asteroid collision)

thrown down = blethesetai = #906 = future tense...shall be thrown down, or missiled down...

#### Verse 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.”*

#### Verse 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 the nations deceived.*

Word Note.

sorceries = pharmakeia = #5331, 5332, 5333 = the use of, or the administering of drugs; poisoning; also in conjunction with sorcery, witchcraft, the occult and idolatry...

Also note that Babylon's merchants were the "mega-men" of the earth... and the following prepositional word 'for' alerts us to the reason for the prior statement about the merchants being the mega men...

... "reason: by your drugs, and occult connections, all the nations were deceived."

Verse 24

*"And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth".*

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“Above Top Secret; The Worldwide Cover-up”  
By Timothy Good, foreword by former Chief of Defense Staff of Britain Lord Hill-Norton G.C.B.  
[Perhaps the most documented book available on the subject. Loaded copies of government documents forced to be released by court orders under the Freedom of Information Act. Includes CIA/DIA documents]  
Published by Quill/William Morrow, New York, New York.

“Alien Contact; Top Secret UFO Files Revealed”  
by Timothy Good, (a follow-up to the above listed book )  
Published by William Morrow and Company, New York, New York.

“The Day After Roswell” (Hardcover)  
by Col. Philip J Corso, (Ret.) w/ foreword by Senator Strom Thurmond  
Published 1997, by Pocket Books, New York, New York.  
(The most controversial UFO book of 1997. Author claims to have handled UFO wreckage and seen alien bodies from a UFO crash in 1947 at Roswell, New Mexico, just outside a nuclear bomber base. Author claims he assisted in bringing alien material into the defense contract industry, including transistors, lasers, computer chips etc. claims the cover-up is still going on.)

“Confrontations” A Scientist's Search for Alien Contact.  
by Jacques Vallee, (internationally renowned scientist and UFO expert)  
Published by Ballantine Books, New York, New York.

“The UFO Abductions”  
by Brad Steiger  
Published by Berkley Books, New York, New York.

There are many other good books on the subject, but these are the ones, which had some bearing upon the material in this book.

## **UFO Websites to follow-up on**

The National UFO Reporting Center (to report a sighting)  
<http://www.ufocenter.com>

UFO News/UFO Folklore  
<http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/news.html>  
This is a great site for UFO current news, updated daily.

OVNI Chapterhouse  
<http://personal.netwrx.net/alium/ufovideo.htm>  
A wealth of UFO videos ready for free downloads, no catches.  
Includes numerous NASA space videos of Shuttle sightings, and also some UFO footage during Apollo missions.

THE WATCHER  
<http://www.mt.net/~watcher/#>  
A biblical perspective on the subject. An extensive sight. Well done, with excellent graphics, makes for a very fine presentation. Periodically updated.

Skywatch International  
<http://www.wic.net/colonel/ufopage.htm>  
Some video. Extensive documents collection, check out the "Krill Papers"

The BLACK VAULT  
<http://www.blackvault.com>  
If you ever wanted to see government documents proving a UFO cover-up then look no further. 2,500 documents are online.