

## What the Bible says About Babylon

Isa. 13:6 tells the time setting for the rest of the chapter ,  
The beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when  
God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. Isa.13:19-20 It shall never be  
inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation:  
neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds  
make their fold there.

Some spiritualize Babylon as an attitude, and it can be applied this way  
to a point, but can we not also see that Babylon is a literal power, a  
great city that will be destroyed at the end of the age? Where is this  
city? Scripture says it is "the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency"; it  
is where Arabians once pitched their tents. Where was Babylon during  
ancient Israel's time. Was it not in the country of Iraq and Iran?

Jermiah prophesies about the result of Babylon after the battle. Jer.  
50:23 How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how  
is Babylon become a desolation among the nations! 50:24 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. 50:25 The LORD hath opened his armory, and hath  
brought forth the weapons of his indignation: for this [is] the work of  
the Lord GOD of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans. (Look in a bible  
dictionary and see who the Chaldeans are).

50:33 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. 50:34 Their  
Redeemer [is] strong; the LORD of hosts [is] his name: he shall  
thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the land, (for  
1,000 yrs.?) and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon. 50:35 A sword  
[is] upon the Chaldeans, saith the LORD, and upon the inhabitants of  
Babylon, and upon her princes, and upon her wise [men]. 50:40 As  
God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour [cities] thereof,  
saith the LORD; [so] shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of  
man dwell therein. 50:41 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. 50:45 Therefore hear ye the counsel of the LORD, that he  
hath taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he hath purposed  
against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely the least of the flock shall  
draw them out: surely he shall make [their] habitation desolate with  
them. 50:46 At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved,  
and the cry is heard among the nations.

Jer. 51:41 How is Sheshach taken! and how is the praise of the whole earth surprised! how is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations! 51:42 The sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof. 51:43 Her cities are a desolation, a dry land, and a wilderness, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth [any] son of man pass thereby. 51:44 And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up: and the nations shall not flow together any more unto him: yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall. 51:45 My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the LORD. 51:46 And lest your heart faint, and ye fear for the rumor that shall be heard in the land; a rumor shall both come [one] year, and after that in [another] year [shall come] a rumor, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler. 51:47 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. 51:48 Then the heaven and the earth, and all that [is] therein, shall sing for Babylon: for the spoilers shall come unto her from the north, saith the LORD. 51:49 As Babylon [hath caused] the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth.

Revelation pictures Babylon as a mother harlot.

Rev. 17:1 .... I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: 17:4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: 17:5 And upon her forehead [was] a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. 17:6 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. 17:8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition:..... 17:9 And here [is] the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains (cities/nations), on which the woman sitteth. 17:10 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. 17:11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. 17:12 And the ten horns are ten kings, ..... which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. 17:13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. 17:14 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. 17:15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. 17:16 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. 17:17 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. 17:18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

18:1 And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven ..... 18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Note: Who are these people? Are they not the ones who "understood" but had to go through the day God's wrath to be purified, because they did not obey what they understood? Is this not God's last plea to the remnant of the wealthy, Gentile Laodicean church, whom God spews out of his mouth? They, possibly, are wealthy citizens of the very system that has previously martyred the saints.

Rev. 18:5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. 18:8 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. 18:9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, 18:10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. 18:11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: 18:12 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, 18:13 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. 18:14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and

thou shalt find them no more at all. 18:15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, 18:16 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! 18:17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, 18:18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What [city is] like unto this great city! 18:19 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. 18:21 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.

There has been much speculation about whom or what Babylon is. Some say it is America, some say it is the Catholic Church, some say it is Satan's society, etc. Some teach that the Great Babylon is figurative of New York City, because New York is the center of world trade, it fits the description of Rev.18:1-24. Perhaps someone has an insight into this question. As stated before, it is not for this study to identify the nations, but to present events occurring during the ages.

Revelation 16 describes the downfall of Babylon: Rev. 16:9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

At the very end of this age we see the Wrath of God demonstrated by seven Vials which in the slot of time is the tail end of the 7th Seal, during the 7th Trumpet, and contained within the last of the three Woes. In other words, the 7 vials are in the last woe, which is in the last trumpet, which is within the last (7th) Seal.

Rev.16:10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, 16:11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds. 16:12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. 16:13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs [come] out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 16:14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings

of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. 16:16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. 16:17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

At this point, God says in a sense, "I've had it with Babylon. It's time to show her who is boss!" And he does.

16:18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, [and] so great. 16:19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. 16:20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 16:21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, [every stone] about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

Rev. 19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; 19:18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all [men, both] free and bond, both small and great. 19:19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. 19:21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which [sword] proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh. This ends the seven seals, with their seven trumpets, with their three woes, with the seven vials of God's wrath. This ends the church age as we know it.

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And thus we leave the Age that Jeshua described to his apostles; the earth and most of mankind are destroyed. The next event of time, the earth is going to enjoy its rest. For the next 1000 years it will undergo a drastic face lift. Jesus and his saints will cleanse and

rejuvenate the earth, making it as it was meant to be before mankind polluted and destroyed its beauty.

Isaiah looks beyond the 1000 yrs., to the next step when Israel will have a future. But this will not take place until after the resurrection of the Whole House of Israel.

Isa. 14:1 For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. 14:2 And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors. 14:3 And it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve.

Note: After the 1,000 yrs. and after Israel's resurrection, in the second resurrection, many will look back into their past (to events they remembered before their death) and speak of Babylon:

Isa.14:4 That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased! 14:5 The LORD hath broken the staff of the wicked, [and] the sceptre of the rulers. 14:6 He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, [and] none hindereth. 14:8 Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, [and] the cedars of Lebanon, [saying], Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us. 14:9 Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet [thee] at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, [even] all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. 14:10 All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? 14:11 Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, [and] the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee. 14:7 The whole earth is at rest, [and] is quiet: they break forth into singing.

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