

The United States is one of the Babylons. An in depth study.

Ancient and Modern Babylon

The Bible goes to great lengths to clearly tell us about two different (but similar), literal Babylons: ancient, historical Babylon and modern, prophesied Babylon the Great. There are more verses of Scripture (over 250) that speak of the two Babylons than of any other city or nation on Earth, except for Jerusalem and Israel. Entire chapters of the Bible devoted to Babylon include: Isaiah 13, 14, 18, 21, 24, 47, 48; Jeremiah 50, 51; Micah 4, 5; Zechariah 2 and Revelation 17, 18. Each Babylon is not only identified by a "great city," but by the nation or empire in which its great city is located; by other nations or territories it dominates politically, economically, militarily, and religiously; and by its treachery against Israel. Two entire chapters plus other passages of the book of Revelation are devoted to modern Babylon. The great exultation of the redeemed of the Lord before He returns to establish His kingdom on Earth is because of the final (second) destruction of modern Babylon (Revelation 18:21-19:2). So, modern Babylon will be the most important city-state/nation/empire on Earth, other than Israel, during the seven-year period of tribulation and the Wrath of Yahuah ("God") foretold in the Revelation. If you are interested in really understanding the events, players, and plot of the book of Revelation, realize that a main key to unlocking that understanding is knowing the identity, activities, and destiny of modern, prophesied Babylon. So, brace yourself, put on your face-up-to-reality hat and let us first take a look at ancient, historical Babylon to see what clues about modern Babylon we can gather.

Ancient Babylon

Actually, there were three ancient Babylons: Babylon the religious center of the Akkadian Empire, Babylon the capital of the first Babylonian Empire, and Babylon the capital of the neo-Babylonian Empire. Aspects of all three ancient Babylons are reflected in Bible prophecies concerning modern Babylon.

The Bible tells us that, after the Great Flood, Noah's great-grandson Nimrod founded the world's first multi-national, multi-ethnic and multi-cultural empire (cf. Genesis 10:10-12). Coincidentally, thousands of cuneiform (clay) tablets from that same time period (about 2300 BCE) tell us that, in the same location (the "land of Shinar" - Mesopotamia) the Akkadian Empire, which most secular historians acknowledge as the world's first Empire, was founded by Sargon. Close examination of Biblical, Akkadian and Summerian records reveal that Nimrod and Sargon are the same person. Nimrod was his given name and Sargon (which means "True King" or "Legitimate

King") in Akkadian was his royal title. According to both the Biblical (Genesis 10:10) and secular records the Kingdom of Akkadia included the religious center that was later named Babylon and the cities of Erich (Uruk) and Accad (Akkad). Also, according to both records, this king invaded and conquered what was then the relatively small, insignificant kingdom of Assyria, built several cities there including Nineveh and Calah, and incorporated it into his growing empire. Thirdly, both the Bible and Akkadian records call this king a "mighty hunter" (Genesis 10:9). All Akkadian kings were celebrated as mighty hunters and warriors and were worshipped as deified humans.

To establish himself as a god in the public's perception, Sargon ceremonially married the principal deity of the Sumerians and Akkadians, the "Queen of Heaven" Innana (later named Ishtar in Babylon). Scripture states that Nimrod "began to be a mighty one on the earth" (Genesis 10:8), which may indicate that he was not only the first empire-building ruler or king, but that he had supernatural satanic powers. His powers certainly were not from the one true God Yahuah, because he practiced a totally idolatrous religious system and attempted to build a tower to heaven - the infamous "Tower of Babel" - reminding us of Satan's enticing statement to Adam and Eve, "You will be like [Yahuah]" (Genesis 3:5), and the boast of Lucifer, the (spiritual) king of Babylon (Isaiah 14:4), "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of [Yahuah]" (Isaiah 14:13). The title "mighty hunter," spiritually speaking, may mean one who hunts for and destroys the souls of men.

So, virtually all translations (from Hebrew) of the Genesis 10 and 11 account of the history of Nimrod's Babylon are incorrect, and all expositions and teachings based on those translations are incorrect. Nimrod/Sargon was the founder of the Akkadian Empire, not the Babylonian Empire. And the city of Akkad was the capital of the empire, not Babylon. Nimrod/Sargon conquered the Sumerians, who ruled southern Mesopotamia before he arrived, and, to include the Sumerians seamlessly into his empire, although he was a direct descendant of Noah who believed unwavering in the one, true God Yahuah, he adopted the Sumerian religion which included the worship of their gods, especially Innana, the "Queen of Heaven." He then built a city which later came to be called Babylon because the ziggurats (towers) built there to honor and worship the Sumerian/Akkadian deities were called, in Akkadian, babylons. (Actually, babylon is a Greek variation of the Akkadian word babilum).

Another error based on mistranslations of the original Hebrew Scriptures, which greatly distorts and diminishes our understanding of how Nimrod's Babylon is reflected in prophecies regarding modern Babylon, is the notion that, at the time of the building of the "Tower of Babel," the whole world spoke one language. Archaeological discoveries of the thousands of Sumerian and Akkadian cuneiform tablets and linguistic studies have proven that, by the time Nimrod arrived on the scene, about 500 years after the Flood, many languages were spoken in the world. In Mesopotamia several languages were spoken, including Sumerian, and, after Nimrod arrived, Akkadian was spoken there. Then, Babylonian and Assyrian (dialects that developed from

Akkadian) were spoken. The error that the whole world spoke a single language arose from a mistranslation of Genesis 11:1 which states in virtually all versions of the Bible, "Now the whole earth had one language and one speech." There are three words in that statement that have been mistranslated down through the centuries. The Hebrew text literally states, "And the whole land (or earth) was of one lip and of one word." The Hebrew term for "earth" (erets) may also mean "land," as in the "land of Israel." And in the context of Genesis 10 and 11, that is apparently how erets should be translated, because it is all about the Mesopotamian empire of Nimrod, which certainly did not cover the whole earth. Also, in the ancient Akkadian and Sumerian cultures "one lip" was an idiom that meant "one government" and "one word" was an idiom that meant "one command" as in, "Just say the word and it will be done." So, Genesis 11:1 should be correctly translated, "And the whole land [of Mesopotamia/the Akkadian Empire] was of one government and one commander [ruler]." In other words, what Nimrod did, in total rebellion against the Lord Yahuah, Whose original intention for human beings was that they would "have dominion over . . . all the earth" and Who told Adam and Eve, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it" (Genesis 1:26, 28), was to attempt to bring all languages, cultures and nations together under his rule as the deified sargon ("true king") of the world. Notice that the Lord nowhere told humans to rule over one another. His later concession to Israel, allowing them to have a human king, was because of their hardness of heart in refusing to submit to Him alone.

Another grievous error in translation that has reinforced the error that the "whole earth" spoke one language is naming the ziggurat that the Akkadians were attempting to build to Heaven (probably for worship of their principal deity Innana/Ishtar) the "Tower of Babel." There are only two places in Scripture (Genesis 10:10 and 11:9 - the text we are clarifying) where, in translations from the Hebrew, "Babel" is identified as a city the Akkadians, under Nimrod, were building. However, there is no such term "Babel" in Hebrew. In every other place in Scripture (280 times) where the Hebrew term translated "Babel" in Genesis 10:10 and 11:9 is used, it is translated "Babylon." The original translators of the Hebrew might have thought the Hebrew term was balal which means "confusion," and that mistaken translation supported their belief that the Lord stopped the building of the tower and scattered the people of "Babylon" by confusing their language.

Until recently, the sudden collapse of the Akkadian empire in 2154 BCE, within 180 years of its founding, was a mystery to historians. Many Akkadian writings told of the gods raining disasters from the heavens, but historians could not put two and two together. However, archaeological and geological discoveries, especially, in 2001, of the two-mile wide Umm al Binni lake crater in the Amarah region of southern Iraq, only about 125 miles from ancient Akkad and nearby Babylon, plus Akkadian writings like "The Curse of Akkad," have proven that the Akkadian civilization was destroyed suddenly by a comet impacting the earth and exploding with the force of thousands of Hiroshima-size atomic bombs (190 to 750 megatons of TNT). That impact must have totally destroyed "by fire" everything within over 100 miles from the impact. It also

rendered the land of much of the empire uninhabitable for a number of years and scattered survivors far and wide.

This scientifically, historically correct explanation of what happened to Nimrod's empire and the city of Babylon throws brilliant light on the Revelation's prophecy of what will happen to modern Babylon. In the same way that Nimrod set himself up as the deified ruler of the world's first empire, the ultimate anti-messiah will declare himself to be "god" (2 Thessalonians 2:4) and will establish a (true) global kingdom (cf. Revelation 13:8; 17:17). Nimrod was the first type and foreshadow of the "beast" of Revelation (13:4; 17:12). Also, Nimrod/Sargon's Akkadian Empire was the original type of Antimesiah's global empire which will be destroyed in the same way but on a much larger scale than the Akkadian Empire was destroyed.

Also, the annihilation of Babylon will not be an isolated event. Read the commentary on Revelation 6, 7, 8, 9 and 16 to see how every one of the trumpet and bowl judgments of the Wrath of Yahuah will involve the impact of comets, Yahuah's "weapons of indignation" from the "storehouse" of those weapons (the Oort Cloud of billions of comets) located at the "farthest border" (surrounding our solar system) (cf. Jeremiah 50:25, 26).

Incidentally, it was about 200 years after the fall of the Akkadian Empire, about 1900 BCE, that Abram (renamed Abraham) left Ur, the ancient capital of Sumer, located in southern Mesopotamia, and moved to Haran, a city in the north. Later, Abraham left Haran and migrated into the land of Canaan (modern-day Israel) under Yahuah's promise that he would become the father of a great nation (cf. Genesis 12).

The second phase of Babylon, when it became a great city-state/kingdom, was ruled by the Amorite dynasty. The most famous Amorite King over Babylonia was Hammurapi (sometimes spelled Hammurabi), who ruled from approximately 1792-1750 BCE. Hammurapi is most famous for his legal judgments, which evolved into the "Code of Hammurapi," from which many of our modern, western laws are derived. The Babylonians had numerous gods which were assimilated from the earlier Sumerian/Akkadian culture which the Babylonians and Assyrians displaced. In fact, basically the same Sumerian religious system with the same gods was in place in Hammurapi's Babylon as during Nimrod's rule hundreds of years earlier. Their chief male god was Marduk the sun god or the god of life and death (whose earlier name was Tammuz). But in Babylon, males and females were seen as equals, and, in fact, the main Babylonian deity, and the god most pertinent to our study, was still the "Queen of Heaven," Ishtar (the Sumerian goddess Inanna, the daughter of the moon god and goddess), the goddess of temple prostitutes (the "Mother of Whores"), also called the "Goddess of Liberty." (Make a note of Ishtar's names; they will be important when we discuss the religion of modern, "mystery" Babylon.) In fact, Sumerian/Babylonian religion may be traced through all the false religions of the world, especially those that impacted Israel. The gods (particularly the goddess Inanna/Ishtar) of

Canaan, Egypt, Assyria, Greece, Rome, and, yes, modern Babylon are the same as those of ancient Babylon, just with different names. About 1270 BCE, the brutal, merciless Assyrians (the world's first terrorists) overpowered Babylonia. The Assyrian takeover of the Babylonian Empire also has clear prophetic implications for modern Babylon, as will be explained below. For the next 700 years, the Assyrians dominated the ancient world.

In 626 BCE, a leader named Nabopolassar led Babylonia to regain its independence from Assyria. Under him and his son, Nebuchadnezzar, who took over as King in 604 BCE, the neo-Babylonian empire became one of the greatest city-state-empires in world history. And it is this third phase of Babylon with which Scripture is most concerned, because it was the Babylon of Nebuchadnezzar, starting even before he officially became king, that took the Israelites (the descendants of Abraham), primarily of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, into 70 years of captivity, beginning in 605 BCE when Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, Azariah and other members of the royal family of Judah and other children of Israel's southern kingdom (the other ten tribes having been dispersed and many taken captive by the Assyrians about 120 years earlier) were taken to Babylon.

So, to help us understand the many Biblical prophecies concerning both ancient and modern Babylon, let us take a closer look at some of the features of ancient Babylon.

Government and Religion

The Babylon of Nebuchadnezzar and its few other kings who reigned from 626-539 BCE, when it fell to Cyrus, King of Persia (and Media, which was conquered by Persia), was an absolute monarchy. Although Babylon worshiped the same gods as always (Marduk, Ishtar, and others), its religion became very eclectic as it added gods from other parts of the world to its already diversified pantheon. Various forms of the occult - witchcraft, divination, sorcery, necromancy, and so forth - as well as eastern mysticism were practiced. And Nebuchadnezzar was a ruthless tyrant who demanded that he also be worshiped. Remember the story of Daniel's three friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who refused to worship Babylon's gods or bow down to an image of Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 3)? Although they were three of Nebuchadnezzar's favorite administrators, he was infuriated and had them thrown into the royal incinerator. So, we might say that Babylon's government was a religious dictatorship in which religion was inextricably intertwined with government. One could be executed for not submitting to the laws of the land, for not practicing the national religion or for not worshiping the king. We will see that in modern, prophesied, "mystery" Babylon, religion is also in bed with the government and finally, just before modern Babylon is destroyed, her citizens will be required to worship the false god of her ruler.

Economy, Culture, and Citizenry

Babylon was the trade and cultural center of the world. It was called the "Golden City." It had the highest standard of living of any nation on the earth. By the standards of the rest of the world, Babylon's citizens lived in great wealth and luxury. It was the world center for education, the arts, and religion. It was the location of the famous "Hanging Gardens," which, from a distance looked like a lush, green, tropical paradise. It was dotted by temples and ziggurats (religious towers) built for the worship of Babylon's many gods, especially for its main gods, Marduk and Ishtar. Babylon was located on the mighty Euphrates River in southern Mesopotamia, which was not an arid, desert area like it is today. In fact, Babylon was located on the alluvial plain drained by the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, watered by an amazing system of canals built by the Babylonians - boasting probably the most fertile soil in the world, covered by rich crops and other vegetation. It was called the "beautiful land." Babylon was the crossroads of trade for that part of the world. Trade routes passed through Babylon from all points north, east, south and west. Boats sailed up and down the Euphrates, which passed right through the middle of the city of Babylon, from the Persian Gulf in the south into Assyria (modern-day Syria and Turkey) in the north. Because Babylon had been occupied by so many peoples down through the centuries, and because people from so many places passed through Babylon, the citizenry of Babylon was very diverse; it was a real "melting pot." Just like ancient Babylon, modern, prophesied Babylon is the economic, trade, and cultural center of the modern world and also the "melting pot" of the world. Sound familiar?

Morality

Babylon was an extremely licentious, immoral city-state-empire. As was mentioned above, sex outside of marriage was not only acceptable, but was considered the highest form of religious and spiritual practice. All forms of sexual perversion - homosexuality, bestiality, incest, pedophilia, etc. - were widely practiced. Drunken orgies were common entertainment. Modern Babylon is also very libertarian in its morality.

Defense

Babylon was considered the "invincible city." Built in a square pattern, approximately 15 miles on each side, with wide boulevards running at right angles to each other, north to south and east to west, she was a very large city, but carefully designed for rapid access to all parts of the city. As was mentioned above, the Euphrates River flowed right through the middle of Babylon. And a system of canals from the river provided plenty of water to the whole city for gardens, drinking water, cleaning, and other purposes. So, if under siege, the city could be sustained with water and food indefinitely. Along the river banks on both sides of the city and surrounding the city were two huge walls, 100 feet high and 50 to 60 feet wide (wide enough on top for a chariot

pulled by a team of four horses to make a U-turn), with intermittent watch towers and huge, copper-plated gates. Then, other parts of the city, like the King's palace, were also partitioned off by similar walls. So, with soldiers constantly manning the watch towers and patrolling the tops of the walls, Babylon was the most impregnable city in history. Unfortunately, the Babylonians got complacent in their "invincibility" and liked to party. So, one night in 539 BCE, when the Babylonians were in drunken revelry, the army of Cyrus, King of Persia, having dammed up the Euphrates River, stealthily entered the city from the river bed, sneaked into the palace, killed the King, and took over the city without a struggle. The next morning, the citizens of Babylon awoke to find themselves conquered! The Bible says that in the same way, modern Babylon, who thinks she is invincible, will be destroyed by a sudden, sneak attack - in just one day (Revelation 18:8). Actually, as we continue, we will see how this prophecy has two fulfillments: the fall of political, economic and military Babylon (like the fall of Hammurapi's Babylonian Empire and Nebuchadnezzar's Babylonian Empire) and the total annihilation of Babylon "by fire" (like the Babylon of Nimrod).

Imperialism

Babylon, under the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, was the most economically, politically, and militarily dominant city-state (nation/empire) in the world. She controlled every nation from Egypt to the Persian Gulf in the South to the Black and Caspian Seas in the north. In the same way, modern Babylon will, and to a large extent already does, rule the world.

Modern, Prophesied Babylon the Great

Of course, modern, prophesied Babylon is not named in the Bible because she was not in existence when the Bible was written. But you probably already know who she is, if you have read the commentary on Revelation Chapters 17 and 18, don't you? And, if you have read through this page, you are probably starting to get a gnawing feeling that it is obvious, aren't you? When confronted with plain evidence from history, current events, and the Bible, the identity of modern Babylon is crystal clear, undeniable, and irrefutable. Then, why do very few Americans acknowledge that Babylon is the United States of America? This commentator has often asked himself that question. Citizens of other nations do not seem so blinded to that reality. I think it is because it is just very, very difficult for us to be objective about something in which we have a very high personal stake, especially if our whole lives we have been taught something different. Also, at the present time modern Babylon the Great is disguised as a "Christian" nation.

So please, let me beg you, if you love the Truth and are one of those rare few who are really willing to face up to reality, especially if your "eternal" destiny and the "eternal" destiny of your loved ones depends on it (and in this case, it certainly might), please suspend any automatic negative reaction that you might have to the idea that the USA is indeed Babylon long enough to read the rest of this essay. Then, if you want to crucify this writer for his horrible, unpatriotic lies, that is okay, because he has done his best to share with you what he believes Jesus has shown him, before it is too late and, if he is right, you perish with the rest of the Babylonians.

Historical Evidence

Remember, Bible history repeats itself. Modern Babylon must be very similar to ancient Babylon. Think about all the characteristics of ancient Babylon listed above: totalitarian, dictatorial government led by a self-deified ruler; eclectic, idolatrous religion blended with the government; strong sense of national pride and patriotism; luxury and wealth - dominates world economy and trade; by far the most powerful military in the world; powerful defense - seemingly "invincible"; world cultural center; center for world government; the "melting pot" of the world; a very immoral nation, tolerating all kinds of sexual immorality and perversion; a "party" nation, centered on entertainment and revelry; imperialistic - dominating the governments of other nations of the world.

Some may take issue with a few of these characteristics.

For example, is the USA a totalitarian government ruled by a self-deified ruler? Please allow me to suggest that the USA is quickly moving in that direction. President George W. Bush garnered more powers for the top executive than any other President in history. While he was in college, President Bush (as did his father, George H.W. Bush) became a member of Skull and Bones - an organization based on the belief that its members have been "born again" into a state of superhuman spirituality (their own spirit, not the Spirit of the Lord Yahuah). And President Barack Obama, with widespread and intrusive enforcement of the Patriot Act, has continued that trend. In the event of another "national emergency" like that of 9-11-2001, an economic crisis, or World War III, the President could declare national martial law overnight, just as Adolf Hitler did in Germany on November 9, 1938, the date he started having Jews and others who opposed his government killed and thousands of them shipped off to concentration camps. President Obama also practices self-worship, believing that the way one rises above the common and mundane is to develop the god-person within. Plus, in her final form, just before her total destruction "by fire," modern Babylon will be ruled by a totalitarian government with a mandated religion, exactly like ancient Babylon, as will be explained below.

Or, you might object to the suggestion that America is imperialistic. It would probably boggle your mind to know how many nations of the world, including Honduras, Uruguay, Afghanistan, Iraq, several African nations, and many others around the world are just client states of the USA; their economies would immediately collapse if America's multi-national corporations pulled out or stopped importing their goods. Therefore, the USA calls the shots in how those countries are run: Their "elected" leaders are virtual puppet governors controlled by the USA.

The Evidence of American Religion

But, the greatest similarity of all between ancient and modern Babylon is religion. Now many, especially American Christians, will flatly deny that assertion. But please consider the evidence of current events in the light of the history of American religion. Yes please, before you completely close your minds, read what is written here. If it is the Truth, that Truth may set you (spiritually) free from misconceptions about American Christianity.

Virtually all Americans have been taught all of our lives and believe that the United States of America is basically a Christian nation - founded on Christian principles by Christians. In fact, we have been taught, especially in the churches, that America is "God's" Redeemer Nation, and the whole world will be brought to Yashua ("Jesus") the Messiah ("Christ") through the USA, right? As you will see (if you have the courage and open-mindedness to keep reading) nothing could be farther from the truth. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and most of the other Founding Fathers of America claimed to be Christians, but were really Deists, or a combination of Deist and humanist who incorporated Christian principles into their belief system. Therefore, we will call them "Christian Deists." You may ask, "What is a Christian Deist, and what is the difference between a Christian Deist and a true Believer in Jesus the Messiah?" As you will see, the difference is satanically subtle, but real. Webster defines "Deism" as "natural religion" - believing in the Creator, but not in miracles or the intervention of that god in human affairs. In other words, a "Deist" is someone who believes in one "God" who created the heavens and the earth and everything that is in them, and that He created human beings in His own image - put His good, spiritual nature in us. So far, so good, according to the Bible. But then, according to the Deists, "God" left the world pretty much to run on its own, and he left man, who had "God's" spiritual goodness, wisdom, and power within, in charge - to manage and take care of the world. But man blew it; he let sin and corruption into the world. Man lost control. And it has been downhill since that time. But, according to the Deists, man still has "God's" nature; he is still basically good and has the knowledge, wisdom and power, somewhere in his being, to regain dominion of the world. We just needed a god-man, a perfect, sinless man, a messiah and savior, to show us the way back to our godlikeness. And, to Christians, that Messiah and Savior is "Jesus Christ." So, all that Christians need to do is to believe in Yahushua, follow his teachings, and by the wisdom and power of Jesus' Spirit, which He put in them in The Beginning, come back into touch with their basic, natural goodness, bring the rest of the citizens of the

world into actualization of their basic God-likeness, and reestablish Paradise on Earth and their dominion over it.

Sounds true to Scripture, right? So, what is wrong with American

Christianity according to the above analysis? Do you see the subtle deceit - the Lie of the devil - in it (cf. Genesis 3:5; 2 Thessalonians 2:4, 11)? If you do not, then you are probably a part of America-Babylon's false religious system. But please, do not stop reading yet. In the next section, exactly what the Lie of the devil is will be explained, and many evidences from the Bible for exactly which city-state (nation/empire) is modern, prophetic, "mystery" Babylon will be given. If you can honestly face reality, please keep asking yourself which nation, other than the USA, in the present-day world can come anywhere close to manifesting the characteristics of historical ancient Babylon and the biblical identification of modern Babylon.

Scriptural Evidence

Revelation 17 and 18 are devoted to describing modern Babylon and her destiny. Revelation 17 presents religious Babylon and Revelation 18 presents secular Babylon.

Many insist that modern "mystery" Babylon is the Vatican or Rome. And yes, the Roman Empire and the Roman Catholic Church were the original political and religious prototypes of modern Babylon. The "harlot who rides the beast" (religious, "mystery" Babylon) of Revelation 17, with her robes of purple and scarlet, does bear a remarkable resemblance to the Roman Catholic Church, whose colors are purple and scarlet, and she sits on "seven mountains" (Rome is called the "City of Seven Hills"). But a close examination of the text shows that the conclusion that modern religious Babylon is limited to or consists of the RCC or to Rome is fallacious - she is much, much more than that. The Greek word that is translated "mountains" or, in some translations, "hills" in Revelation 17:9 is *oros*, which means "mountains" or "large land masses" (like continents or large areas of imperialistic rule), rather than "hills." The Greek word (basically a Latin word borrowed from the Romans that commonly referred to Rome) that is translated "hills" or "mounds" (as in Luke 23:30) is *buonos*, which is not used in Revelation 17:9. And if you look at the context of Revelation 17:9, you will see that it is talking about world-dominating kingdoms or empires, which hardly describes the city of Rome. The Roman Catholic Church does have worldwide influence, but it can hardly be said to rule the kingdoms of the world. Also, the religion of ancient Babylon was very eclectic - a mixture of all religions and cults. The Roman Catholic Church has made overtures to other religions, but only to bring them under the influence, and ultimately the control, of the RCC. The RCC is not about to give up its

autonomy and belief that it is the one, true Church, and that ultimately all the world's religions will be part of the Catholic Church.

Others believe that modern Babylon will be a revived ancient Babylon, located where Iraq is today. Common sense, looking at the sad state of affairs in Iraq at the present time, should immediately dispel that absurd notion. Besides, which nation is in control, behind the scenes, of Iraq at the present time? Is the USA really interested in helping Iraq rebuild Babylon and regain the world dominance Babylon once had?¹⁵

Since Iraq, the site of ancient Babylon, does not fit the Scriptural description of modern Babylon, some attempt to extend (actually, shift) the location of modern Babylon to Saudi Arabia, stating that the wealth of Saudi Arabia controls the nations of the world, including the USA. But that argument, too, is specious, because many of the over 60 identifying characteristics in the Bible of modern Babylon cannot possibly pertain to Saudi Arabia, but every one of them fits the USA perfectly.

Others insist that modern Babylon, the kingdom of Satan (cf. Isaiah 14:4), will be a "revived Roman empire" - probably a confederation of European nations - that will rule the religious and secular world as ancient Rome did. Well, that is somewhat confused and limited thinking; ancient Babylon fell long before the Roman Empire was in existence. Also, modern Babylon will be the world-dominating nation/empire at the End of the Age only until she is destroyed, then replaced by the global kingdom of Antimesiah - the ultimate revived Roman Empire which will probably have its headquarters in Turkey - the location of the capital of the Roman Empire under Constantine, a type of the false messiah (see the commentary on Revelation Chapters 17 and 18 for details).

So, let us see if we can discern who the latter days Babylon the Great is by correctly interpreting Scripture. And as you will see, it is not difficult once we realize and accept the possibility that the USA is indeed modern, prophetic Babylon

Look again at American religion. We claim to be a "Christian" nation, but are we not awfully tolerant of all the other religions and cults of the world, just like ancient Babylon? Just as America is the melting pot of the races of the world, she is also the melting pot of all the world's religions. And the distinctions between the religions in the USA are getting very blurry. Many groups are being formed for dialogue, action, and even common worship among various religions - Protestants and Catholics Together, Promise Keepers, Buddhism and Christianity, Islam and Christianity, New Age ideas and practices in the Church, Yoga in the Church, Eastern mysticism in the Church, Masonic Luciferianism in the Church, ad infinitum. True Christians believe that there is only one way to Yahuah, and that is through Yahushua the Messiah, who is the only human being in history who could truthfully claim to be Yahuah. But more and more "Christians" believe that there are many paths to "God" and that all the different religions worship, ultimately, the same god. (That is what George W. Bush said about other religions and

Christianity when he was President and what Barack Obama says about other religions and Christianity now that he is President.) True Christians believe that there are basically two "gods" impacting this world. One is the false god, Satan or Lucifer, and the other is the one, true God of Israel, the God of the (true) Followers of Yahushua the Messiah, and that all the other religions of the world are, whether they realize it or not, following Satan. So, to the extent that the American "Christian" Church is uniting with other religions, philosophies, and practices of the world, she is not truly Christian, is she? She is really a false (anti-) Christian church, following the false god of this world.

And that brings us back to the above analysis of American "Christianity." Under which "god" and under in what spirit was America really founded? The Deistic founders of the USA believed that Americans are basically good people, ordained by "God" to establish His kingdom on Earth - by violence if necessary. And that is why we rebelled against Britain and fought the Revolutionary War - not because of some little disagreement over "taxation without representation." That is why our National Anthem glorifies violent revolution . . . "the bombs bursting in air" (killing people). Oh, what a glorious sight! The real reason we fought the Revolutionary War was for freedom, is that not correct? But freedom from what? - freedom from anyone else telling us what to do or how to spend our money. In other words, we wanted to set up our own little "Christian" kingdom where we could do whatever we please without having to be subservient to anyone else. And there is a lot of evidence that the ultimate goal of the real movers and shakers behind the American Revolution was (and still is) to bring the rest of the world into the American-led New World Order. (Remember President George H. W. Bush talking about the New World Order with its "thousand points of light" in the United Nations General Assembly?)

So, what is wrong with that? What is wrong with fighting for our freedom from unjust treatment by those who rule over us? It is totally UNBIBLICAL and UNCHRISTIAN, that is what. Where did Yahushua tell us to rise up in rebellion to violently fight against those who rule over us, even if they mistreat us? Did He not tell us that if someone in authority forces us to go with him one mile, to go two (Matthew 5:41)? Did not the apostle Peter tell us to do just the opposite of resisting or rebelling against those in authority over us, even if they mistreat us (cf. 1 Peter 2:13-19)? Yet, America was founded on violent rebellion, was it not? And the basic assumption was that we are good, Christian people who do not deserve that kind of treatment and who deserve to be free to take our place as "God's" chosen people in dominion over the earth. The next step in that kind of logic is to "preemptively" invade a small, weak nation like Iraq, who had done nothing to us (except for her president, Saddam Hussein, bad-mouthing America), virtually destroying the whole nation and killing and maiming hundreds of thousands of its citizens - old men, women, and children, besides military personnel. And this was all done, according to President Bush, in the name of Christianity, in the war of good against evil. Again, what is wrong with that kind of atrocious thinking and behavior? It is totally UNBIBLICAL and UNCHRISTIAN, that is what. Where did Yahushua tell us that we Christians are good people who deserve to rebel against those in authority over us and to impose our will on the rest of the world, killing

them if they, or even just their leaders, threaten us (but show no signs of attacking us)? No, He did not, because that, my friend, is the Lie of the devil. Did Yahushua not say just the opposite? Did He not say, "No one is good but [Yahuah] alone" (Luke 18:19). Where did He tell us, because we are Christians (or a Christian nation), to attack and destroy and conquer and lord it over others, even if they threaten us? Did He not say that is what the nonbelievers do (cf. Matthew 20:25)?¹⁶

Did Yahushua not tell us that if we wish to be true Christians, to be everyone's servant (cf. Mark 9:35)? I submit to you that the whole idea that Americans (including Christians who are involved in America's agenda) are basically good (god-like) people who deserve to have dominion over the earth before the Lord returns in person to establish His kingdom is a manifestation of the great Lie of the devil (cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:11). And it is that kind of satanically-deluded thinking that resulted in ancient Babylon's downfall, that resulted in Adolf Hitler's and Nazi Germany's downfall, and will result in the total annihilation of modern Babylon in "one hour" (Revelation 18:10, 19).

The Lie of the devil has always been the same from the beginning, when he told Adam and Eve, "You shall be as gods" (Genesis 3:5). Did Yahushua not tell us just the opposite: "Apart from me, you can do nothing" (John 15:5)? Apart from Yahushua, we fallible human beings are totally powerless against the spiritual forces that control this world. If Yahushua dwells in us, we have some, limited power over those forces, but the book of Revelation tells us very clearly that the Kingdom of Yahuah - total peace and order - will not be established on Earth until the true Messiah - the Lord Yahushua, King of Kings and Lord of Lords - returns in person to do that (cf. Revelation 19:11-20:4). So, if anyone tells you that the USA - "God's" Redeemer Nation - or the Manifested Sons of "God" or anyone else is going take dominion and establish the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth before the return, in person, of the Messiah, do not be a fool and believe it! That is the Lie of the devil! Or, if anyone tells you, "That's the Messiah, follow him," do not believe it! That is the anti-messiah (false messiah), and that is the Lie of the devil. When the true Messiah returns, no one will have to point Him out; it will be obvious (cf. Matthew 24:27). And then, it will be too late to become His Disciple.

So, here are a few quick self-test questions to help you see if you are a false "Christian" or a True Christian - a spiritual citizen of Babylon the Great or of the Kingdom of Heaven: Do you think that you are a basically good person? If you believe in your heart that you or anyone else is, by nature, basically good, then you have believed the Lie and are not a True Christian. Do you believe, as the American Declaration of Independence proclaims, that ". . . all men are endowed by the Creator with certain inalienable rights, and among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness?" If you do, then you are a phony Christian. The Bible teaches that we have no "rights" because all of our so-called righteousness is like filthy, stinking rags compared to the true righteousness of the one, true God (cf. Isaiah 64:6). Everything that we have is a gift from Yahuah, not because we deserve it. What we deserve is to go to Hell because of our sinful pride and rebellion against our Lord and His ways. It is only by His amazing grace and mercy that we

can lift a finger, take a breath, or live from one day to the next. Do you believe that it is our destiny to establish the Kingdom of Yahuah on this earth before He returns in person to do that? If you do, you fit right in with those who are building the anti-Christian Babylonian Empire; you are a false Christian, are deceived by the devil's Lie and are being set up to follow Antimesiah (not the true Messiah) to "eternal" destruction.

So, American religion is much more like Babylonian religion than it is True Christianity. It was founded and still operates more on a spirit of pride and self-sufficiency than true dependence on and faith in Yahuah. And, rather than being just one religion, i.e., True Christianity, modern American-Babylonian religion is an amalgamation of religions serving, often unwittingly, the false god, Satan. That is why Lucifer is called the (true, spiritual) King of Babylon (Isaiah 14:4). Like Babylon was, the USA is the most religious nation on Earth - the headquarters, as it were, of Satan's false, global, religious system. No other nation has as much worldwide religious influence - sending out missionaries, "apostles," and "prophets" all over the world. No other nation is as hospitable to or tolerant of all forms of religion. Like in Babylon, American religion is extremely nationalistic - to be Christian is to be patriotic. Christians in America, contrary to the teachings of Scripture (cf. 2 Peter 2:20) are very involved in politics. Consider the Religious Right's symbiotic relationship with the Republican Party, for example. Like in Babylon, American religion is very materialistic, sensual, and self-indulgent - the churches are centers for social interaction, good food, fun and games, and entertainment rather than self-sacrificial service to others and Yahuah. They have it backwards: Most church members give a very small part of their income to the ministry and keep the rest for themselves. But did Yahushua not say, "If anyone wants to follow Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me" (Luke 9:23)? Then He said, "Sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasures in heaven: and come and follow Me" (Matthew 19:21). To me that sounds like, "Keep only what is absolutely necessary for yourself and give the rest for ministry of the Gospel and meeting the needs of others" - just the opposite of what is happening in American "Christianity." A couple of days before I wrote this, I read a shocking report from the United Nations, stating that over 17,000 children (not counting adults) are dying from starvation daily around the world - over 6 million per year! Then, I read another report that 99% of the people of the east African nation of Somalia are Muslims, and those of all other religions, especially Christianity, are being aggressively sought out and killed. Yet, what are most "Christians" most concerned about here in America - what we are going to have for dinner, what TV shows we are going to watch, what we are going to do for recreation on the weekend? How utterly disgusted Jesus must be with American (Laodicean) "Christianity" (See the commentary on Revelation 3:17-19), don't you agree?

Hopefully, you are beginning to see the truth about American religion. Let me mention another item to drive the point home. What is the main symbol of American Freedom? What do the passengers on all ships that sail into New York Harbor see? What welcomes all the peoples of the world to America? What makes Americans' hearts swell with pride when they see it? That is correct; it is the Statue of Liberty.

Do you know who designed and built the Statue of Liberty? - the French, specifically a French Freemason, sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, who wanted to honor a Masonic doctrine that dates back to the time of Nimrod! Bartholdi intentionally clothed Liberty as a classical Roman deity, the goddess Libertas. She wears a palla, a cloak that is fastened on her left shoulder by a clasp. Underneath is a stola, which falls in many folds to her feet. Around her feet is a broken chain, symbolizing freedom from all restraint - religious, political, moral, or otherwise. Libertas, also called the "Queen of Heaven," is a Roman version of Ishtar. By the way, there is a city just up the coast of Long Island from New York City named Babylon. People on ships sailing into New York Harbor from the northeast can see its sign: "Welcome to Babylon." Ironic, is it not? Babylon, New York, was founded and named by poor Jewish immigrants who, because of their circumstances, identified with the Jews of ancient Babylon.

Speaking of Freemasonry, several of the founders, fourteen presidents and many other high government officials throughout the history of the United States of America have been Freemasons - many of them Masons of the highest order (33rd degree). Do you know what the spiritual roots of Freemasonry are? They are basically derived from Babylonian religion and involve the worship of Lucifer. One of the Masonic deities is Isis, the Egyptian name of Ishtar.

The Assyrian Connection

Besides direct comparisons with Ancient Babylon, the identification of the USA as modern Babylon the Great can be proven another way.

It can be argued that pride (blind patriotism) has been the root cause of the fall of every nation and empire throughout history. ("Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." - Proverbs 16:18) Even Yahuah's own nation of people Israel fell to the Assyrians in 722 BCE because of her disobedience of the Lord's command to repent of her idolatry, especially self-idolatry (pride). As Jonathan Cahn has vividly explained in his best selling book *The Harbinger*, after an initial "warning" attack on Israel by the Assyrians, the Lord gave His People a series of nine signs (harbingers) that, if not heeded, would result in total destruction of the northern kingdom of Israel. And, ten years later, because those warning signs not only were not heeded but were arrogantly defied, Israel was attacked, demolished and replaced by those same cruel, merciless Assyrians (the original terrorists).

In *The Harbinger*, in a gripping, eye-opening way, Cahn explains how that same prophecy (Isaiah 9:10) applies in exactly the same way to the USA! Exactly the same nine signs of Israel's coming destruction apply to the soon-coming destruction of America. In the same way that in Assyria's

first attack on Israel the wall around Samaria, the capital, was breached, the USA's seemingly impenetrable "wall" of air defense was breached by terrorists from the same part of the world (the Near East) and the World Trade Center towers were destroyed on 9-11-2001. And in the same way the leaders of Israel, rather than repenting and turning to the Lord for help, responded to the attack by defiantly proclaiming, "We will rebuild, and we will rebuild stronger!" America's leaders replied to the 9-11 attack with by arrogantly proclaiming, with exactly the same words, "We will rebuild, and we will rebuild stronger!" And, if the Isaiah 9:10 prophecy is followed to its conclusion, in the same way that the government, the economy and the military of the the northern kingdom of Israel were totally destroyed and replaced by the harsh control of the Assyrians, the USA will be destroyed and replaced by a confederation of terrorists and nations from the same part of the world - the location of the ancient Assyrian Empire.

So, are you connecting the dots? You do see that the Assyrian terrorists who attacked, destroyed and replaced Israel were predecessors of exactly the same terrorists who attacked the USA on 9-11-2001, do you not? But now, to correctly comprehend the whole picture, make this connection: Exactly the same terrorists from exactly the same part of the world (modern Turkey and Iran) are prophesied to attack, utterly destroy and replace modern Babylon (Jeremiah 51:27-29).

Incidentally, do you know that the USA's first capital was its "great city," New York City? Immediately after his inauguration as the first President of the United States of America, George Washington went with some leaders of Congress to pray for the newly-formed nation at St. Paul's Chapel in New York City. St. Paul's Chapel, the oldest active church facility in New York City, is, ironically, across the street from the fallen and currently being rebuilt World Trade Center towers - Wake Up America's greatest monument to her ungodly spirit of pride and arrogance.

More Scriptural Evidence

Still not convinced that America is Babylon? Well, that is OK, because we have just scratched the surface of biblical evidences for the identification of modern, prophetic Babylon. Please keep reading.

Revelation 18 tells us about modern, prophetic, secular Babylon. But the Babylon of Revelation 18 is the same Babylon as the religious Babylon of Revelation 17 because she has exactly the same name, "Babylon the Great," in both chapters (cf. Revelation 17:5 and 18:2) and she suffers the same fate, destruction by fire, in both chapters (cf. Revelation 17:16 and 18:8).

Actually, there are over 250 verses of Scripture that identify modern, prophetic Babylon. When all of those Scriptures are studied, it is astonishingly clear who modern, prophetic Babylon is. The following quiz is borrowed and slightly modified from the 2-volume, 613-page work, *America the Babylon - America's Destiny Foretold in Biblical Prophecy*, by R. A. Coombes, who has done many years of research and study on the identification and destiny of modern, prophetic Babylon. For much more information from Coombes' research and teachings and from current events in the light of Bible prophecy, visit his website, www.aoreport.com.

The Babylon Quiz - Name that City-State/Nation/Empire

The following is a fun quiz to test your knowledge concerning the identifying characteristics of modern, prophetic Babylon. Each question refers to an identification characteristic of "mystery Babylon," with Scripture references given for each. The answers may surprise you.

What City-State/Nation/Empire . . .

Q: Is the location where all the world's leaders come to meet - the headquarters of world government (Revelation 17:2, 18; Jeremiah 51:44)?

A: New York City, USA, is the location for the only world-governing body, i.e., the United Nations.

Q: Is called the "Queen of Kingdoms" - dominates the other kingdoms/nations of the world (Revelation 18:15-19; Isaiah 47:15)?

A: The USA dominates all the other nations of the world militarily, economically, and politically. If the economy of the U. S. collapses, for example, the economies of virtually all the nations of the world will collapse.

Q: Is the leading center of world commerce - the "engine of wealth" of the world's economy (Revelation 17:2; 18:3, 9, 11-13, 15, 16, 19, 22, 23; 19:2; Isaiah 47:15)?

A: NYC, the home of the World Trade Center, the NY Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange, NASDAQ, the New York Commodities and Mercantile Exchanges, the Federal Reserve Bank - the largest bank in the world—as well as the most powerful concentration of American banks. Also correct with this answer is the United States of America, with its numerous great cities of international commerce - Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Houston, Chicago, Dallas,

New York, et al.

Q: Is the leading center of imports and exports (Revelation 18:11, 17-19)?

A: The ports of New York/Jersey make NYC the leading deep water port city in the Western Hemisphere, especially as the marketplace center and gateway to America, where world prices are most often correlated to NYC/USA prices. The NYC port, together with all the other deep water ports surrounding the nation, make the USA by far the leading import/export nation of the world.

Q: Is a leading center of manufacturing (Revelation 18:22)?

A: NYC has been the leading center of corporate headquarters for manufacturing in the world. Certainly, the USA is the world's industrial giant.

Q: Is the center for world trade in gold, silver, copper, oil, precious gems, cloth/clothing/fashions, lumber, containers, household items, furniture, iron, marble, ivory, spices, cosmetics, health products, wine, grains/foods, livestock, transportation, and services (Revelation 18:11-13)?

A: NYC is the world's foremost city of commodities trading, with these commodities exchanges 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 is also a world leader in commodities trading with the following 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. World prices for the following "cash" commodities are also set or keyed from the USA. (Source: Wall Street Journal): barley, bran, burlap, butter, broiler chickens, 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 and is 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 City is also a leader in the marketing of: diamonds, precious gems, iron, ivory, marble, spices, cosmetics, legal pharmaceutical drugs, professional services especially related to media and the arts. NYC is also the main import city for fine foreign wines from around the world.

Q: Is the center for expertise in marketing, merchandising, public relations, advertising & sales (Revelation 17:2; 18:3, 23; 19:2)?

A: 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.

Q: Is noted for its culture and aesthetics (music, art, dance, theater, etc.) (Revelation 18:22)?

A: New York is the key cultural city of the world: Carnegie Hall, Madison Square Garden, Radio City Music Hall, Lincoln Center, Broadway theaters, Greenwich Village, Manhattan's world class restaurants, TV networks, newspapers (NY Times, etc.), magazine and book publishers, Rockefeller Center, world-famous museums & art galleries, Times Square, Manhattan, and the whole City of New York, immortalized in songs and movies. It is also the location of more book publishers, plays, and movies than any other city in the world.

Q: Is noted for its intoxicating High Society, elegant, and sumptuous lifestyle (Revelation 17:2; 18:3, 14, 23; Isaiah 47:1; Jeremiah 51:13)?

A: Park Avenue, penthouse lifestyles of the rich and famous, Trump Towers, the noted lifestyle of New York is glamorous, glitzy, and sumptuous.

Q: Is noted for its bright, gaudy, colored lights and nightlife (Revelation 18:14)?

A: NYC is called 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 lights of Times Square, plus the entire nighttime skyline of NYC. Another U. S. city world-famous for its lights and nightlife is Las Vegas, Nevada.

Q: Is noted for its drug consumption and importation (especially illegal) (Revelation 18:23 - Note that the primary meaning of the Greek word pharmakeia, translated "sorceries" in Revelation 18:23, is "the use or administering of drugs.")?

A: NYC is the largest center of legal and illicit drug consumption in the world, especially hard-core drugs, like heroin and cocaine. The USA's lengthy sea coast borders and borders with Canada and Mexico make it especially vulnerable to illicit drug traffic.

Q: Is noted for its architecture, buildings and skyline (Isaiah 13:22)?

A: New York's architecture - its super-tall or mega-story skyscrapers like the World Trade Center (the world's tallest building before it was destroyed), the Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, the UN building, reach into the sky, similar to the Tower of Babel and the ziggurats of ancient Babylon.

Q: Is noted for being a city/nation of immigrants from all over the world - an international city (Revelation 18:15; Jeremiah 51:13)?

A: NYC is a city of immigrants, and always has been. It has been the historic point-of-entry for immigrants and is epitomized by the quote on the Statue of Liberty: "Give me your ... huddled masses yearning to be free." NYC is host to the UN. It has "China Town", "Little Italy", "Little Moscow", "Little Bombay", "Little Tokyo", "Little Mexico", "Little Havana", etc. Unlike any other city in the world, every single ethnic group has its own little community in NYC. The USA in general is known as the "melting pot of the world."

Q: Is a cosmopolitan and urban nation (Jeremiah 50:32)?

A: America started as a rural, agricultural nation, but the life of the nation revolves around the cities now.

Q: Is noted for having a massive population (Revelation 18:15)?

A: The USA is the third most populated nation in the world (after China and India).

Q: Is noted for being both hated and envied by the world (Revelation 17:16-17; 18:9, 11,15, 17, 18, 19)?

A: 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 and affluent lifestyle.

Q: Is noted for its waste and wasteful extravagance - overconsumption (Revelation 17:2 implied, 18:3, 7, 9, 14, 15)?

A: NYC is like no other in consumption - noted for its extravagance. The waste by-product volume is so enormous as to be mind-boggling, practically bringing the city to a stand-still at times. One of the first impressions a visitor gets is the dirtiness of the streets and the city as a whole.

Q: Is noted for spiritual and moral 'dirtiness' and impurity (by implication: wantonness, reveling, involvement in the occult, etc.) (Revelation 17:1-6; 18:2, 4-9, 14, 16, 20-23; Isaiah 47:8, 9, 12)?

A: NYC is morally and spiritually impure in its sensual, hedonistic lifestyle, pandering to sexual interests - prostitution, pornography, and so forth - drug use, wild "partying," and its occult connections. NYC is the largest occult merchandising center in the world. Besides the immense number of fortune tellers, psychics, and occult shops, there are mail order houses for occult items. There is also an aspect of the occult exemplified by the "Amityville Horror" (Amityville is a town in the NYC metropolitan area, next to Babylon, NY), where there are reportedly "doorways to Hell."

Q: Could be said to worship materialism or things (Revelation 18:6-7)?

A: NYC, like no other city on the earth, epitomizes the worship of materialism. NYC newspapers abound with gossip and news 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 (called "capitalism") abound. Manhattan is crammed with temples to capitalism of every kind.

Q: Reflects the image of hyper-selfishness and pride (Revelation 18:7)?

A: NYC carries an image of hyper-selfishness and rudeness, 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 sports fans pushing and shoving, and arguing, and insulting each other, along with their fickleness toward even the hometown teams and stars.

Q: Promotes itself - is extremely proud and arrogant—to the point of "self-deification" (Revelation 18:7; Jeremiah 50:29, 31, 32)?

A: NYC - "the Big Apple" . . . again, through songs like Sinatra's "New York, New York", but also through its media, through its publications, through Wall Street, and its show biz. Its leaders worship their own accomplishments in the city, and the city itself, especially the Statue of Liberty, giving a religious-like homage to the statue, to capitalism, and to liberty that the city "gave birth to."

Q: Promulgates and exports Idolatries - is "insanely idolatrous" (Revelation 17:2; 18:3-7, and 19:2; Jeremiah 50:38)?

A: The leaders of NYC and the U.S.A., through the media - the networks, newspapers, and magazines - and through Madison Avenue and Wall Street, promulgate the religion of capitalism-materialism (i.e., worship of material riches) more blatantly than does any other city/nation on the earth. Worship of sports heroes and celebrities is also pure idolatry. (Why do you think one of the most popular TV shows is called "American Idol"?)

Q: Is treacherous and deceit-filled in its political and business dealings (Revelation 17:2; 18:3, 9, 23; Isaiah 21:2; 24:16)?

A: Wall Street and American business in general is cut-throat. The U.S. government has a long history of deceiving its own people, including but certainly not limited to the effects of scientific experiments involving nuclear radiation upon innocent civilians, the reasons for invading Vietnam, Bosnia, Iraq, etc., scandals like Watergate, sexual affairs in the White House, hiding information about UFOs, detention (torture) facilities for political prisoners, tax loopholes for the wealthy elite, dealing treacherously with other nations (like Israel) ... ad nauseum.

Q: Shares a similar distinction with ancient Babylon as being the host country for the majority of the world's Jewish population (from about 600 BCE, when Israel was taken into captivity, until 400 CE, Babylon had the world's largest Jewish population) (Revelation 18:4; also Jeremiah 50:8, 28; 51: 6, 45-46; Isaiah 48:20)?

A: NYC has the largest population of Jews in America, and the U. S. is home to more Jewish people than anywhere in the world, except perhaps Israel, most of whose ancestors came to America during the Russian pogroms against the Jews between 1821 and 1905.

Q: Has been a persecutor of Jews and is treacherous in her dealings with the Jews (Jeremiah 50:11)?

A: When Hitler offered to let the Jews leave Germany just before World War II, the USA refused to accept them, in fact, sent a shipload back, where they probably died in the Nazi death camps. There is strong evidence that the American government is dealing treacherously with Israel today - claiming to be her ally, but really using her as a pawn to keep us involved in the Mideast, while setting her up to be destroyed by the surrounding, hostile Muslim nations.

Q: Is the "daughter" of another great superpower nation (Jeremiah 50:12)?

A: The USA was founded by citizens of England, the world's greatest superpower nation at the time - until the 1920s. America is the only superpower nation in history that has been produced by another superpower nation.

Q: What city/state/nation is the lone and last (“hindermost”) “superpower” in the world (Revelation 17:18; 18:7; Isaiah 47:5, 7-10; Jeremiah 50:12)?

A: Since the demise of the Soviet Union in 1989, the USA has been the only, and probably the last, “superpower” nation in the world.

Q: Is considered to be the “world’s policeman” - the “hammer of the world” (Jeremiah 50:23)?

A: The USA has over 7,000 military installations and/or bases all over the world, in 63 nations, especially in the world’s “hotspots.” For example, Iran is completely surrounded by ten U. S. air bases, located in countries bordering Iran. Just stop and consider all the incidents in which the U. S. has used military power to intervene and stop conflict: Bosnia, Somalia, Haiti, Kuwait, Panama, Grenada, Vietnam, Korea, Afghanistan, and Iraq come to mind.

Q: Has no fear and little reason to fear invasion of its home soil by foreign armies (Isaiah 18:1; 47:5, 8, 10-13)?

A: The USA has, including its Star Wars technology and massive air defense, its “stealth technology” and “black ops” project, by far the most powerful, seemingly impenetrable national defense in the world. Protected by two oceans and a gulf, America is isolated geographically from the turmoil of Europe, Asia, and Africa. It would be seemingly impossible to launch a naval/amphibious invasion against America by any or all nations combined. The world’s combined naval strength could not transport enough armed units to successfully invade America. With the demise of the Soviet Union, the main concern at the present time is the possibility of terrorist action.

Q: Has carried over and incorporated many aspects of the old Babylonian religion, particularly in regard to art symbols and figures (Jeremiah 50:2, 38)?

A: NYC is the world’s only city whose image is so closely linked to Babylonian religion. The Statue of Liberty and NYC are inseparably linked, and such a union is unprecedented in world history. Not even in Rome or Greece could a city boast of such an identification with such a profound or dominant figure as that of “Liberty.” No other city has had such an imposing statue of a woman with an ideal or philosophy to uphold or to offer to the world. Meanwhile, Revelation 17:5 refers to the woman as “The Mother of Harlots” (practitioners of false religion). The Statue of Liberty may very well be said to be the main American idol. Other examples of Babylonian-type symbols used in America include the statue of freedom on the Capitol Dome in Washington D. C., the symbols on the currency, such as the pyramid with the ‘eye’ at its top, the ‘Apollo’ (the Greek name of an ancient Babylonian god) space program, many of the Masonic symbols spread throughout the land, including those at the Denver Airport.

Q: Is noted for the natural created beauty of its land (Isaiah 13:19)?

A: "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, the Rocky Mountains, the Grand Canyon, Old Anthony Atn Christianful, Redwood Tracy Foresters, the Great Lakes, etc.

Q: Is noted for its leadership role in Outer Space Exploration (Jeremiah 50:8; 51:3)?

A: A no-brainer. Which nation other than the USA and NASA?

Q: Is noted for being highly and overly optimistic, confident of its success, with a "can-do" attitude, especially about its future (Isaiah 47:7-10 & Jeremiah 50: 24)?

A: America has always been the nation of optimism - a John Wayne type of "can-do" attitude.

Q: Is considered by the world to have had a unique and remarkable beginning, different from all the other nations before it, has been awe-inspiring since its birth with regards to its ingenuity, resourcefulness, and power, and is still awe-inspiring - considered powerful and oppressive - to the world today (Isaiah 18:2)?

A: No nation other than America has had such a unique beginning, overcoming, against all odds, her own parent nation (Great Britain), the most powerful nation on the earth at the time; then quickly establishing herself as a mighty nation with a unique, representative form of government.

Q: Is noted as a land of rebels, not only in its birth, but now in its judgment for rebellion against Yahuah (Jeremiah 51:1 & Isaiah 47:9)?

A: The U. S. started out as a land of rebels. There was the rebellion for independence, and the rebellion of the South against the North, causing the Civil War, the student rebellion against the Vietnam War, etc. Indeed, stubbornness and rebellion are practically considered virtues in America.

Q: Is noted for its cultural insanity (Jeremiah 50:38)?

A: The U. S. and NYC, Hollywood, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and much more. You pick the topic:

abortion, movies, TV, music, pornography, child abuse, cloning, drugs, murders, gangs, divorce . . . ad infinitum - a culture gone crazy.

Q: Is noted for its being a land of many fresh waters, with a broad river in its middle and divided by many rivers (i.e., abundant, clean, fresh water for drinking, which is unique in that most nations have poor water supplies) (Jeremiah 51:13, 36, 42; Isaiah 18:2)?

A: The USA is blessed with the far more fresh water sources than any other nation on the earth - tremendous numbers of rivers, including the Mississippi, which divides the country as did the Euphrates in Babylon, and other large rivers, which divide the rest of the country; hundreds of fresh water lakes, including the Great Lakes, plus abundant underground aquifers for most of the nation.

The above quiz is not exhaustive - there are numerous other identification characteristics of modern Babylon listed in Scripture. But hopefully you can tell that when the time arrives for modern, prophesied Babylon to play her part on the world stage, Jesus does not want anyone who studies and believes His Word to have any doubt about who she is; Scripture is crystal clear about that. Don't you agree? Babylon, claiming to be a good, Christian nation, is actually the ultimate false (anti-) Christian nation - the most evil, "beast" nation in the history of the world, whose true ruler is Satan himself. And can there be any doubt at all in anyone's mind who has even a tenuous grip on reality that modern Babylonia is indeed the United States of America, with her "great city," New York City? If you cannot accept that clear, Biblical Truth by now, then you might as well stop reading this essay and go on about your business, because it is doing you no good. The only question is not whether Bob is right or wrong; the question is whether or not you believe the Bible. Correct?

But, if you can now see that America is Babylon, and you want to know the destiny (in the very near future) of America-Babylon, please keep reading.

What is Modern Babylon's Destiny?

Again Jesus does not want us to be in doubt. He tells us exactly what is going to happen to prophesied Babylon, approximately when, and what He wants His people to do about it. I will share with you enough of what the Bible says about America-Babylon's destiny to help you understand her future.

So how, specifically, will the destruction of Babylon occur? Now that we understand what really happened to Nimrod's empire and the Akkadian city of Babylon, as well as how the first Babylonian empire of Hammurapi and the neo-Babylonian empire of Nebuchadnezzar fell, and if

we believe that the fall of those three empires were precursors to the fall of modern Babylon the Great, the answer is obvious, is it not?

In the same way that the first Babylonian Empire was conquered by the Assyrians and the neo-Babylonian Empire was conquered very quickly without resistance by the Medo-Persians, Scripture indicates that modern Babylon will first fall very rapidly to her enemies - terrorists and a confederation of nations led by Turkey and Iran (descendants of the ancient Assyrians, Medes and Persians) (cf. Jeremiah 50:29-30; 51:2-5; 27-31). The attack will come from within and without the borders of the USA. Since Muslims have, for many years, been allowed relatively free entry into the US, it is easy to see that hundreds of terrorist cells might be festering within America's borders. And if hundreds - or thousands - of bombs, including suitcase-size nuclear devices, are simultaneously detonated in major population centers of the USA, including New York City and Washington D.C., the resulting chaos will be unimaginable, because virtually all of America's national defense is focused on preventing attacks from outside the nation. Americans who resist them will be sitting ducks for armed, trained and coordinated terrorists to mow them down. (Millions of Americans, especially college students, who have been indoctrinated to favor the Islamists will offer no resistance to the terrorists and, in fact, will join them in their takeover of the USA.) Also, since there will be no clear direction from a paralyzed and chaotic Washington in the case of such an attack, America's foreign military installations will be vulnerable to simultaneously executed missile attacks. And Babylon-America might very well be overthrown by the same people who conquered both ancient Babylonian Empires! If that happens, the USA will truly become in every way (politically and religiously, as well as spiritually) modern Babylon the Great. Also, this may be the event that begins the Final Seven Years, because the whole world, which is dependent on America's economy, will also be thrown into chaos, giving rise to the Antimesiah going forth to conquer the world (cf. the commentary on Revelation 6:1).

But also, as is noted in the commentary on the destruction of Nimrod's empire, Scripture indicates that all life in Babylon-America will suddenly, in "one hour" or "one day" be "utterly burned with fire" (Revelation 18:8,10). R. A. Coombes, noted above as the author of *America the Babylon*, believes the destruction of Babylon in one hour by fire may come directly from Jesus, in the same way He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. In fact, both the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah compare the destruction of Babylon to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Isaiah 13:19; Jeremiah 49:18; 50:40). Coombes notes numerous Scriptures (Isaiah 13:3, 5; Jeremiah 51:48, 53; et al.) that may refer to the attack against Babylon as being carried out by "angels" from "heaven." However, the same Greek word (*aggelos*) that is translated "angels" is also translated "messengers" in Scripture. And Jeffrey Goodman, in his eye-opening book *The Comets of God* notes that the ancient Akkadians considered comets, comet fragments, meteorites and asteroids that impacted the earth "messengers" from "heaven" (far outer space). He also explains that a comet or comet fragment less than a mile in diameter exploding in the atmosphere above an area the size of the U.S.A. would immediately annihilate "by fire" all plant,

animal and human life in America. But, regardless of how it happens, according to both the Tanakh and the B'rit Hadashah, Babylon-America will be annihilated suddenly and quickly by fire.

When will this happen? Again, there are differing opinions. As stated above, this commentator believes that the political, economic and military fall of America will be the event that precipitates global chaos at the beginning of the Final Seven Years when the anti-messiah goes forth to conquer the world. Then, the total annihilation of all life in Babylon-America by fire will occur at the midpoint of the seven years, just before the "beast" (the anti-messiah) declares himself to be god and is given his global "kingdom" (singular), the Revived Roman Empire (cf. the commentary on Revelation 17:16-17). Then finally, Babylon the Great, the headquarters of Satan's horde of evil spirit-beings, will, at the end of the Final Seven Years, be totally physically annihilated, never to rise again (cf. the commentary on Revelation 18:21).

But, regardless of exactly when the annihilation of Babylon-America occurs, the events of world history and current global events, in the light of Bible prophecy, seem to be pointing to the reality that it is very near - right at the door.

And if by now your eyes have been opened to the reality of Babylon-America and you are concerned that your loved ones be so informed, before it is too late.

In spite of the USA's withdrawal of military forces from Iraq at the end of 2011, she still maintains a very powerful training, advisory, support, and mercenary presence there. Obviously, the USA intends to maintain controlling influence in that part of the world, because, in 2011, she completed and moved into her new, fantastic, sprawling embassy in Iraq - the largest in the world - located just 50 miles from the site of the ancient city of Babylon! Ironic, isn't it?

Please do not misunderstand me . . . I am not advocating passivism! Jesus was not a pacifist. He rebuked in no uncertain terms those religious leaders who perverted the Torah (instructions and commandments) of the Lord to suit their own ends, calling them "hypocrites," "serpents," and "white-washed tombs full of dead men's bones." He violently drove the greedy money-changers who were ripping people off out of the Temple. He did not rebuke Peter, who cut the ear off one who came to arrest Him, because he was carrying a sword or defending his Master; He rebuked Him because he was rebelling against those in authority. In fact, Jesus told His disciples that, after He was gone, to buy swords (for self-defense, which they didn't need while He was with them). So, I am not negating the importance of self defense, defending others, or even serving in the military to defend our country or others against evil people (if our motives are pure). What Jesus' Word condemns is rebelling against those who already have authority over us rather than

patiently trusting and waiting for the Him to rectify injustices, and imposing our will on others for the purpose of personal gain (which simple observation with the patriotic blinders off reveals the USA is doing more and more all over the world).

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