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HAS ANYTHING CHANGED IN THE LAST 50 YEARS?

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Monday June 1st

LITERAL View of Mystery, Babylon the Great

Dave Hunt - Hypothesis 1

Is “She” allegory-metaphor for ANY false religion?

Is “She” literal-geographic city built on 7 hills?

- She is a City** 17:18 *"that great CITY"* not a theological allegory-metaphor
- Located on 7 Hills** 17:9 Rome is “CITY of 7 hills”
- Reigns over Kings** 17:18 this CITY holds authority-influence across entire earth
- In Purple + Scarlet** 17:4 official colors Catholic hierarchy bishops + cardinals
- Gold-Stones-Pearls** 17:4 extreme wealth, ornaments, icons, Vatican treasury
- Gold Cup Filled** 17:4 False doctrines, idolatry, Eucharist
- Mother of Harlots** 17:4 Births other similar apostate religious systems
- Drunk with Blood** 17:6 Documented history of persecution of true believers

ORIGIN of son of perdition **Assyrian**?

Micah 5:5-6 this **One will be our peace** when **the Assyrian** invades our land
they will shepherd land of **Assyria** the **land of Nimrod** ←
He [Jesus] will deliver us [Israel] from **the Assyrian**

Genesis 10:8-12 **Nimrod** is **mighty one in earth** = 'against the Lord'
← builds Babel [Babylon] in **Shinar** ←
then he went into **Assyria** and built **Ninevah**

First nation **against the Lord** **Foreshadow/type** of global Antichrist **in direct opposition to God**

Land of Nimrod + Shinar connected to **Babylon the Great?**

HYPOTHESIS: World's 1st **global dictator** is world's **final global dictator**

HOMWORK ASSIGNMENT

- Hypothesis #1** Dave Hunt's 1994 book *A Woman Rides The Beast*
review May 4th PDF-Notes as you read **Revelation 17 + 18**
- Hypothesis #2** Read **Revelation 17 + 18** **Jeremiah 50-51** **Isaiah 13 + 14**
Common terms-names-references overlap these 6 chapters
Note: **Nimrod** and land of **Shinar** directly related to LITERAL **Babylon**
- Hypothesis #3** Allegory-Metaphor-Type-Foreshadow of ALL False Religion [next week]

MOST NOTABLE - *Babylon [LITERAL] linked directly to “land of the Chaldeans”*
NOT Vatican City, New York City, Hollywood, Jerusalem
European Parliament new Tower of Bab-El

- *Literal Babylon **HAS NOT YET** been rendered uninhabitable and
“utterly destroyed like Sodom and Gomorrah”*

LITERAL Location

- **Nimrod** = mighty one who rebels
mighty rebel who defies
- His post-Flood kingdom **Shinar** in Mesopotamia
- His city Bab-El *Akkadian Babilim = gate of God*
gateway to God
- His other city Ninevah
- Similar Semitic lineage to Abraham and Israel
- Heavenly aspirations and exalts himself

Babylon birthplace of all false religions,
apostacy, pagan practices

Hypothesis #3 in detail next week



LITERAL Location

LITERAL **Nimrod** Bab-El LITERAL **Genesis 10** gateway to God

Nebuchadnezzar's **Etemenanki** house of the foundation of heaven and earth

- 300-ft 7-story ziggurat
- 300sqft square base
- site of crumbled Bab-El gateway
- Nabopolassar started
- son Nebuchadnezzar finished
- dedicated to Marduk
- NOT super tall tower into heaven
but the gateway to heaven/God
- LITERAL geographic location



Babylon the Great - Hypothesis 2

Genesis 14

4 Shemite kings and 5 other kings = battle of 9 kings

Main link to Babylon is **Amraphel king of Shinar**

Chedorlaomer wins the battle and takes Abram's nephew Lot from Sodom
after Lots rescue Abram meets **Melchi-Sedek = king-righteousness**

His city **Salem Shalom** David conquered from Jebusites then **Jeru-Shalom**

Other main city is **Babylon** **These 2 are interconnected throughout Bible**

NOTE: **Babylon 294** times in **260** verses in Bible !!!

404 verses in Revelation **44** have Babylon !!!

Why so prominent?

Babylon the Great - Hypothesis 2

Compare cities of *Babylon* and *Jersu-Shalom*

END: Revelation 18:10 *Babylon catastrophically destroyed in 1 hour*

Isaiah 13:19 *Babylon utterly destroyed like Sodom + Gomorrah*

Jeremiah 50:40 *Babylon like Sodom + Gomorrah no man will live there ever*

Has this happened? Already fulfilled? Still future?

Revelation 21 *New Jerusalem comes down out of heaven*

This is KEY to *Hypothesis 2*

Has the city of Babylon ever *been utterly destroyed like Sodom + Gomorrah?*

TRUE for LITERAL Sodom + Gomorrah ... but not for LITERAL Babylon

IF NOT, will literal Babylon be utterly destroyed still-future?

Babylon the Great - Hypothesis 2

QUICK HISTORY

- **2000 BC** early Assyria at time of Abraham
- **1890 BC** Semitic dynasty
- **1790-1754** Hammurabi
- **1600** Hittites
- **627 BC** Chaldeans in power Nabopolassar king over Babylon

Isaiah 36-40 Hezekiah is conquered by **Babylon**

God judges for 70 years

Jeremiah 25 **Babylon** captivity will be for 70 years

2nd Chronicles 36:21

- **612 BC** Babylon destroys Ninevah
- **606** Babylon siege of Jerusalem [Daniel + friends in exile]
- **605** Babylon defeats Egypt - Pharaoh Necco at Charchemish
- **603** Babylon second siege [Zedekiah]
- **586** Babylon 3rd siege destroys Jerusalem + Temple

Babylon the Great - Hypothesis 2

Daniel 9:2	586 BC	Babylon 3 rd siege <i>desolation of Jerusalem + Temple</i>
	556-539	Nabonidus ruling Babylon
Daniel 5		his son Belshazzar stays in Babylon - father away
	539	Media-Persia takes Babylon without battle
		divert Euphrates + walk under moat [Herodotus]
Daniel 5:24-28	MENE MENE TEKEL UPHARSIN	<i>God has numbered your kingdom to end it you have been weighed in scales and found wanting your kingdom is divided given to Medes + Persians</i> U = and pharsin = plural of Peres means Persians Peres [singular] points to Cyrus [personally]

NOTE: Babylon conquered by Cyrus, but **NO battle and **NOT utterly destroyed!****

Babylon the Great - Hypothesis 2



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Babylon the Great - Hypothesis 2

Isaiah 44:27-28
45:1-6

539 Cyrus enters Babylon
Josephus writes that Daniel handed Isaiah scroll to Cyrus
Isaiah wrote **150 years** before Cyrus was born !!!

It is I who says to the depth of waters 'Be dried up!' and 'I will make your rivers dry'
It is I who says of Cyrus, 'He is My shepherd - he will perform all My desire'
*Thus says the Lord to Cyrus His anointed - the Lord God of Israel who calls you by your name - for the sake of Israel My chosen one I have also called you by your name, given you a title of honor, **though you have not known Me***
*I will gird you, **though you have not known Me** that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun there is no one besides Me - I am the Lord - there is no other*

2nd Chronicle 36:22-23

Ezra 1:1-4

Cyrus is shocked by this letter to him from Israel's God
so he ends Israel captivity - allows them to go back to their land
Cyrus says God wants him to facilitate the rebuild of the Temple
in Jerusalem [NOT Artexerxes 'decree' for rebuild Jerusalem]



Cyrus Stele/Cylinder of Cyrus

'Edict of Cyrus' says:

*I entered without battle
there was no destruction*

*I rebuilt the sacred city on
the other side of the Tigris
I assembled the former
inhabitants and returned
them to their homeland*



Babylon the Great - Hypothesis 2

- 536 BC **Cyrus keeps Babylon** as one of 2 Media-Persia capitals
- 332 **Daniel** Greece/Alexander conquers Media-Persia
makes **Babylon his capital**
- 323 **Daniel** Alexander dies in Babylon 4 generals divided up kingdom
- 162 Rome is 4th world empire after Greece
- 32 AD **Daniel 9** Jesus enters Jerusalem crucifixion [karat]
- 311 Edict of Toleration Constantinople Christianity merged with pagan
- 476 western Rome falls
- 1523 eastern Rome falls

Babylon has still not been utterly destroyed like Sodom + Gomorrah

ONLY non-Literal Babylon is **1st Peter 5:13** she who is in Babylon [Rome] greets you
non-Literal Jerusalem **Rev. 11:8** dead bodies lie in Sodom + Egypt [Jerusalem]

Babylon the Great - Hypothesis 2

Does **LITERAL** city Babylon on Euphrates **still have a future?**

- Started under **Nimrod** **Genesis 10** Capital city of 1st world dictator
- **Micah 5** *when the Assyrian invades our land they will shepherd land of Assyria*
land of Nimrod *Jesus will deliver Israel from the Assyrian*
- Ends with a mystery **Babylon the Great - a CITY Perhaps Capital of last world dictator?**

Middles Ages

13th Century

16th Century

18th Century

19th Century

20th Century

Arab Bedouins

Hillah is thriving trade route

Safavid Persians ... Ottomans

agrarian tribes under Ottomans

Bedouin tribes, farmers, European archaeologists

Ottomans to British Mandate to Iraq - Hillah growing

6 Passages + 8 Dimensions

	Many Nations	Day of the Lord	Israel in land	Gold Cup Scarlet-Purple	Drunk with wine	like Sodom + Gomorrah	Literal	Never Lived in
Rev. 17	16	---- context ----		3-4	2			
Rev. 18		---- context ----		6, 16	3, 9			
Isaiah 13	4-5	6, 10-13				19	19, 22	20
Isaiah 14	2, 26		1					22-23
Jer. 50	2, 9, 41, 46	25	4-5, 20			40	1, 8, 35, 45	13, 26, 39
Jer. 51	7			7	7		24	26, 29, 37

Drunk Cup of Immorality - Hypothesis 2

Revelation 17 kings of the earth committed **acts of immorality** - those who dwell on the earth were made **drunk with the wine of her immorality** v18 the woman you saw is the **great CITY which reigns over the kings of the earth** [sounds LITERAL]

Revelation 18 fallen is Babylon the great - she has become a **dwelling place of demons** and prison of **every unclean spirit** - a prison of every **unclean and hateful bird**
ALL the nations have **drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality**
and the kings of the earth have committed **acts of immorality with her**

Jeremiah 51:7 Babylon has been [become] a **golden cup** in the hand of the Lord
intoxicating all the earth - the nations have drunk of her wine,
therefore the **nations are going mad**

Like Sodom + Gomorrah - Hypothesis 2

Isaiah 13 **the Day of the Lord** is coming stars and constellation will not flash their light
the sun will dark when it rises and the moon will not shed its light

[Jesus quotes this in **Matthew 24:29**]

Babylon the **glory of Chaldeans** like when God overthrew Sodom + Gomorrah

[literal location not NY City, Hollywood, Jerusalem, Rome metaphor]

Jeremiah 50:40 Babylon will be **as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah**
along with its neighbors, declares the Lord,

Revelation 18:10 **standing at a distance** because of the **fear of her torment** they say
Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, or **in one hour your judgment has come**
v 18-19 they were crying out as they saw the **smoke of her burning**
saying, 'What city is like the great city?'

Never Inhabited Again - Hypothesis 2

Isaiah 13 *It will never be inhabited or lived in from generation to generation
nor will the Arab pitch his tent there
nor will shepherds make their flocks lie down there*

Jeremiah 50:3 *a nation has come up against her out of the North will make
her land an object of horror - there will be no inhabitant in it
both man and beast have wandered off and they have gone away!*

v 40 *No man will live there, nor will any son of man reside in it*

Isaiah 14:22-23 *I will rise up against them declares the Lord of hosts
and will cut off from Babylon name and survivors, offspring and posterity
I will sweep it with the broom of destruction - declares the Lord of hosts*







Saddam Hussein built a palace on top of ancient
Babylon's ruins, once ruled by King

Nebuchadnezzar III

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Babylon + Hillah Hypothesis 2

- Capital of Babil Governate
- just 3 miles from ancient Babylon
- on Euphrates
- 675,000+ residents



End Times Day of the Lord - Hypothesis 2

Isaiah 13:6 **the Day of the Lord** is near, it will come as destruction of the Almighty

v10-13 **the Day of the Lord** is coming stars and constellation will not flash their light
the sun will dark when it rises and the moon will not shed its light [Matt. 24:29]
I will punish the world for its evil and the wicked for their iniquity
I will make the heavens tremble and the earth will be shaken from its place
at the fury of the Lord of hosts In **the Day** of His burning anger

Revelation full context is that this happens in **the Day of the Lord**

Israel in the Land - Hypothesis 2

Isaiah 14:1-3 when the Lord will have compassion on Jacob and again choose Israel and settle them in their own land - strangers will join them and attach themselves to the house of Jacob [Israel] God brings them to their place

Jeremiah 50:4-5 In **those days** and at **that time** declares the Lord - the sons of Israel will come, both they and the sons of Judah as well - they will ask for the way to Zion, turning their faces in its direction - they will come that they may join themselves to the Lord in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten

v20 In **those days** and at **that time** declares the Lord - search will be made for the iniquity of Israel, but there will be none - and for the sins of Judah but they will not be found - I will pardon **those whom I leave as a remnant**

Rev. 17 +18 all happen after Israel back in the land and after the harpazo

Worldwide - Hypothesis 2

Isaiah 13:4-5 a sound of the uproar of kingdoms - of **Nations** gathered together!
the LORD of hosts is mustering the army for battle
they are **coming from a far country** - from the **farthest horizons**

Isaiah 14:26 I the Lord have intended to break **the Assyrian** in this the plan devised
against the **whole earth** and this is the hand
that is stretched out against **all the nations** not just Israel but entire planet

Jeremiah 50:2 declare this among **All the Nations**
v9 I am going to bring up against Babylon a **horde of great nations** from the
land of the north and they will draw up their battle lines against her
v23 Babylon has become an object of horror among the Nations

Jeremiah 51:7 Babylon has been intoxicating **All the earth** as
the **Nations** have drunk of her wine

LITERAL Location - Hypothesis 2

Isaiah 13:19 *Babylon the beauty of kingdoms and glory of the **Chaldeas***

NOT Rome? NY City? Hollywood? Jerusalem?

Jeremiah 50:1 *the word of the Lord spoken through Jeremiah his prophet to*

Babylon in the land of the Chaldeans

v8 *Babylon from **the land of the Chaldeans***

v35 *against **the Chaldeas** - the inhabitants of Babylon*

v45 *God's purpose against Babylon, against the **land of the Chaldeas***

Jeremiah 51:24 *I will repay Babylon and all the inhabitants of Chaldea for their evil*

Mark Hitchcock: *Old Testament prophets form the backdrop for Revelation. It would be strange for Babylon to mean literal Babylon every time it's found in the Old Testament, yet for the meaning to suddenly change in the final book of the Bible, which draws so heavily from the ancient Scriptures*

SUMMARY Hypothesis #2

God's Prophecies:

- to Babylon in the Chaldeas [LITERAL like 1st Coming + 2nd Coming]
- in the End Times '*Day of the Lord*'
- when Israel is in the land [LITERAL]
- against MANY nations worldwide [LITERAL]
- *SAME gold cup of blasphemes-apostacy*
- *SAME drunk with wine of immorality*
- THAT Babylon will be just like Sodom + Gomorrah [LITERAL]
- THAT Babylon will never be lived in again [LITERAL]

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