

Supplement to Revelation Bible Study — Babylon

Outline

INTRODUCTION

Babylon is a City.

1. Babylon explicitly identified with *the great harlot*
2. Jerusalem
3. New Jerusalem

Mystery, Babylon?

One or Two Babylons?: The Dual Concept of *Babylon*

1. Revelation 17 — the Religious System of Babylon
2. Revelation 18 — the Commercial System of Babylon

THIS IS ALL ABOUT WORSHIP

Eternal Nature of Worship is Seen as the Ultimate Fulfillment of God's Redemptive Plan.

Idolatry in all of its forms ultimately has two compelling appeals

1. Self-centered gratification
2. Self-rule

Because false religion is one of Satan's greatest weapons, it's power and influence will reach its height during the Great Tribulation.

BABYLON IN THE BIBLE

Babylon's Beginnings

Babylon: First Organized System of *Idolatrous False Religion* and Disregard of God's Word.

Different Language Groups: *Thwarting Man's Schemes to Disobey*

The Spiritual Significance of Babel

A Timeless Warning

Babylon's Connection with Satan/Lucifer

1. Origin of Babylon Religion
2. The Close Association of the Beast with the Dragon and Babylon.

Babylon the Great, the Final Babylon

POSTULATIONS AND REFLECTIONS

Postulations of What Babylon Represents.

1. **A “code name” for Jerusalem.**
2. **America.**
3. **Some say that Babylon represents the city of Rome.**
4. **The Roman papacy.**
5. **Mecca/Saudi Arabia.**
 - (a) First, the prophecy specifies that Babylon is a literal city (Revelation 17:18).
The Womb and Heart of Islam
The Womb and Heart of Radical Wahhabi Islam.
The Clash of Two Cities.
 - (b) Second, Revelation frames Babylon as a site of profound idolatry or spiritual adultery (Revelation 17:2–5).
 - (c) Third, the prophecy speaks of a power that seduces “*the kings of the earth*” through both wealth and religion (Revelation 18:3).
 - (d) Fourth, the Biblical portrait includes specific geographical clues.
 - (e) Fifth, Revelation highlights an entity “*drunk with the blood of the saints*” (Revelation 17:6), suggesting an engine of persecution.

Two Additional Considerations About Babylon from Scripture.

1. Babylon is actually the place always known as Babylon.
2. An entity that did not exist and was wholly unknown at the time the book was penned.

BABYLON’S ENDINGS: BABYLON IN REVELATION

The Destruction of Babylon

The Destruction of Babylon According to Two Schools of Interpretation.

1. **Dramatic Hyperbole.**
2. **Literal Prediction.**

Babylon’s Historic Fall Was Never *Destruction at the Hands of Catastrophic Attack*

More Facts and Postulations About Destruction of Babylon Not Yet Fulfilled

Plan of Restoration of Babylon (1944)

Zechariah Chapter 5 and the Land of Shinar

Zechariah 5 and Revelation 17 -18