

Revelation 17-18

Eating Crow: Being wrong about Two Babylons...

Or partly wrong about things like Halloween.

*Two Babylons

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Desiring Truth vs Desiring to Be Right.

Those who desire truth are excited and happy to be corrected because it reveals to them, through logic and evidence, that they had been in error, but now they are even closer to the truth. Whereas, those who desire to be right become frustrated when challenged and oftentimes it results in anger.

I love a good debate, but I also know that others aren't. It's a good reminder that different parts of the body react differently to different challenges. If you asked my feet how they would feel about the entire weight of my body bouncing up and down upon them, I doubt that they would bat an eye(since they don't have eyes... cuz they're feet!) Yet if you asked my lungs or my nose how they would feel about the entire weight of my body being balanced upon them, I'm sure they would protest greatly.

Short Summary: The Two Babylons by Alexander Hislop

-He proposed that Nimrod & Semiramis of Babylon had a son named Tammuz, and they are the root of all pagan religion, specially much of Roman Catholicism

-Nimrod appears only in Scripture

-Semiramis is a later legendary figure based on the historical Assyrian queen Sammu-ramat (850-800 BC)

-Tammuz (Dumuzi) is a real Mesopotamian deity attested as early as c. 2600–2400 BC and mentioned in Ezekiel 8:14

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17:1-6 The Vision of the Woman and the Beast

“Many waters” = “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues. v15

Jeremiah 51:12-13 NKJV — ...He spoke against the inhabitants of Babylon. O you who dwell by many waters, Abundant in treasures, Your end has come...

“made drunk”

Jeremiah 51:7 NKJV — Babylon was a golden cup in the LORD’s hand, That made all the earth drunk. The nations drank her wine; Therefore the nations are deranged.

MYSTERY = Once concealed. Now unveiled by divine revelation

BABYLON THE GREAT = This signals that Babylon is more than a city. She is a trans-historical spiritual system now coming to final expression.

THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. She spawns false worship. (within) & births corrupt religions (without)

“I love all religions... If people become better Hindus, better Muslims, better Buddhists by our acts of love, then there is something else growing there.” ~Mother Teresa

“If in coming face to face with God we accept Him in our lives, then we are converting. We become a better Hindu, a better Muslim, a better Catholic, a better whatever we are... What God is in your mind you must accept.”

~Mother Teresa

“All religions are paths to God... like different languages that express the divine. But God is for everyone, and therefore we are all God’s children.”

Pope Francis, Interreligious Meeting in Singapore — September 13, 2024

Vatican II (1965) states (and Leo XIV affirmed)

Muslims “adore the one God, living and subsisting in himself; merciful and almighty...”

Leo XIV stated

“Sixty years ago [Vatican II]... a seed of hope for interreligious dialogue was planted... Today that seed has grown into a mighty tree... bearing the rich fruits of understanding, friendship, cooperation and peace.”

Matthew 13:31-32 NKJV — Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, “which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.”

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17:7-18 The Meaning of the Woman and the Beast

“The beast that you saw was...”

Note the satanic parody: Was, Is Not, Will...

-Was, Is, Is to come...

Literally: Nero or Antiochus IV?

Was Hitler possessed by Satan?

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“mountains”

Isaiah 2:2 NKJV — Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the LORD’s house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it.

Isaiah 41:8 & 11-12 — “But you, Israel, are My servant... “Behold, all those who were incensed against you shall be ashamed... Those who war against you Shall be as nothing, As a nonexistent thing.

-Isaiah 41:15 — “Behold, I will make you into a new threshing sledge with sharp teeth; You shall thresh the mountains and beat them small, And make the hills like chaff.

Daniel 2:34-35 — You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces ... And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Daniel 2:44 — “And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

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Revelation 17:10 ESV,NIV, RSV — they are also seven kings...

NLT- They also represent seven kings.

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“The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth...”

Daniel 7:7b-8a NKJV — ...It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. “I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots...

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“these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire.”

The End of False Religion

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CHAPTER 18

Revelation 17 and 18 are not the same destruction event.

- Chapter 17 = religious Babylon destroyed by kings.
- Chapter 18 = economic/physical Babylon destroyed by God.

FRUCHTENBAUM'S EIGHT STAGES OF THE CAMPAIGN OF ARMAGEDDON

- 1. The Assembling of the Armies of the Antichrist — Revelation 16:12–16
- 2. The Invasion of Israel / Jerusalem Taken — Zechariah 12–14; Daniel 11:40–45
- 3. The Destruction of Babylon (Political/Economic System) — Revelation 18
- 4. The Siege of Jerusalem / Final Assault — Zechariah 14:1–2; Joel 3:1–2; Revelation 19:17–19
- 5. The National Repentance of Israel — Zechariah 12:10; Romans 11:26; Matthew 23:39
- 6. The Second Coming of Christ — Revelation 19:11–16; Matthew 24:29–30
- 7. The Battle from Jerusalem to Bozrah (Edom) — Isaiah 63:1–6; Revelation 19:17–21
- 8. The Cleansing and Restoration of the Land — Ezekiel 39:11–16; Revelation 20:1–3

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18:1-8 The Fall of Babylon the Great

Is Babylon Babylon?

“...some commentators would suggest that it doesn't mean a city, that is not a reference to a literal city, but only to a godless system. That could be. But in order to make such a conclusion,

you have to be a little bit bold since chapter 18 doesn't say that. It just calls it a city. So, if we're going to decide that it isn't a city, then that's an arbitrary decision." JohnnyMac

REFERENCES TO THE DESTRUCTION OF BABYLON

Isaiah 13 & 47

Jeremiah 50 & 51

Isaiah 13:1 NKJV — The burden against Babylon which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.

Isaiah 13:9-13 NKJV — Behold, the day of the LORD comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it. For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine. "I will punish the world for its evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold, A man more than the golden wedge of Ophir. Therefore I will shake the heavens, And the earth will move out of her place, In the wrath of the LORD of hosts And in the day of His fierce anger.

Isaiah 13:17 NKJV — "Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, Who will not regard silver; And as for gold, they will not delight in it.

-Isaiah 13:19 NKJV — And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, The beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, Will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

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Revelation 16:19 NKJV — Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.

Revelation 14:8 NKJV — And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

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"...the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her..."

Zechariah 5:5-11 NKJV — Then the angel who talked with me came out and said to me, "Lift your eyes now, and see what this is that goes forth." So I asked, "What is it?" And he said, "It is a basket that is going forth." He also said, "This is their resemblance throughout the earth: "Here is a lead disc lifted up, and this is a woman sitting inside the basket"; then he said, "This is Wickedness!" And he thrust her down into the basket, and threw the lead cover over its mouth. Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there were two women, coming with the wind in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between earth and heaven. So I said to the angel who talked with me, "Where are they carrying the basket?"

And he said to me, “To build a house for it in the land of Shinar; when it is ready, the basket will be set there on its base.”