

IRAQ – PROPHETIC FUTURE – THE NEW BABYLON WORLD ORDER AHEAD

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These notes, composed from 2013 on, are based on taped lectures given between 1977 and 1997 by Dr. Ernest L. Martin, Ph.D., formerly the Head of Theology for the Worldwide Church of God; he resigned in January 1974 because of his unresolved doctrinal issues with the administration. Sadly Dr. Martin died in January 2002, a great loss to the world and to those who seek Biblical truth.

This paper is based on a lecture given by Dr. Ernest Martin on 25TH February 1991 three days after the coalition went into Kuwait to deal with the Iraqi invasion with the intent to oust Hussein's forces, together with additional research and later material from different sources.

Dr. Martin starts out by saying in his lecture that the coalition forces have just entered Kuwait to oust the Iraqi troupes sent in by Saddam Hussein.

The country we know today as Iraq is in ancient Mesopotamia, the land between the rivers Tigris and Euphrates.

In the Bible, Babylon is Babylon, NOT Rome. The 'notables' and authorities of the WCG organization were told this by Dr. Martin in 1970, (now 43 years ago!) who was head of Faculty and later head of Theology in Pasadena but they chose to ignore this his clear exposition of what the Bible actually prophetically says regarding 'Babylon', rather than the absurd view that it actually meant 'Rome'.

One can only feel sorry for those who are so stuck in their own opinions, and who would not listen or heed when they were confronted with the truth then or now.

Bagdad is on the Tigris River. Baghdad is probably a combination of two Persian words meaning "Founded by God". Arabs call it "Dar Essalam" (The City of Peace). Baghdad became the richest city of the world during the 8th and 9th centuries A.D., and for nearly 5 centuries it boasted impressive and magnificent palaces, public buildings, mosques, baths, markets, gardens, all of legendary renown.

Ancient Babylon was on the Euphrates and is about 50 miles away to the South and the West.

Isaiah 13 and 14, and Jeremiah 50-51, and other parts of the Bible give great prophetic detail about Babylon. Dr. Martin has in his possession two volumes written 140 years ago about Babylon by an Englishman, D.W. Newton, stating clearly that the prophetic statements in the Bible support

the fact that all those prophecies concerning Babylon had not been completely fulfilled and definitely have a future fulfillment.

Nebuchadnezzar was the most famous and important king of the Second Babylonian (or Neo-Babylonian or Chaldean) Empire, which fell to the Persian great king Cyrus the Great in 539 B.C.

Babylon was eclipsed first by the Medo-Persian Empire, and then by Alexander and the Greeks, and its power appeared to 'disappear', but it did not, its influence continued on for centuries and to this day.

Babylon, just after the flood, under its founder Nimrod, originated the 'mind-set' and philosophy of world control.

The 'Head of Gold' in the vision interpreted by Daniel, continued the inherited 'mind-set' of world control, and although Babylon lost its political power, its worldwide psychological, religious, political and financial powers continued in a subliminal sense to this day.

"Babylon" is quietly waiting for the prophecies concerning its rebirth in our era to begin to occur.

Iraq was not helped by the eight years of war with Iran which basically was a stalemate. Then the war with Kuwait was a disaster.

Here is an extract from a recent December 2012 article from the New York Times:

For most of the last decade, Iraq occupied center stage in the Arab world, as it was swiftly invaded by U.S. Forces in March 2003. Iraq then had the fourth largest army in the world. The fairest elections in the country's history in March 2010 led to the creation of a government of notional national unity, but in reality with the country facing a political crisis.

On Dec. 15, 2011, the American military formally ended its mission in Iraq. Tens of thousands of Iraqis died in the sectarian fighting that followed, although there are no firm estimates.

At the outset of 2012, the sectarian divide between Shiites and Sunnis was on vivid display. In December 2012, a year after the departure of the United States military, Iraq found itself in a familiar position: this time with two standing armies, one loyal to the central government in Baghdad and the other commanded by the Kurdish regional government in the north, staring at each other through gun sights. The latest crisis is an ethnic one, between Kurds in the North who have longstanding ambitions for independence, and Sunni Arabs.

Many of the most dramatic images of the Iraq war were made by Iraqi photographers who risked life and limb. They set out to document what many hoped would be its rebirth, and kept shooting what they realized was its dissolution.

Iraq is in a poor state today after the invasion by the U.S. in March 2003, the ensuing war, and the Americans leaving in 2011. But Iraq has vast oil resources and therefore huge wealth under its ground.

It might seem that with all the sectarian divisions, and the wreckage of the country after so many years of war, that the notion of a new Iraqi/Babylonian Middle Eastern world power emerging might seem ludicrous. But God's prophecies are inexorable, even if their fulfillment is up to thousands of years apart. So many of them regarding Babylon (Iraq et al) clearly have NOT yet been fulfilled, but they will be as we get closer to the second coming of Christ, whenever that might be.

If anyone were to look at Germany and Japan at the end of the 1939-1945 war, nobody would have been able to foresee how both countries would be able to rise from the ashes so quickly in ten to twenty years, or to become the significant financial forces in the world. Or in thirty years to become more powerful than they previously were in the world, and the extent they are part of the financial and manufacturing controlling factors on the world scene today.

So with the prophecies in view, we should not be surprised if suddenly, it seems it will be suddenly, that a "New Babylon" arises called by whatever "cipher" or codename name it will be known by in reality, and powerfully begins to dominate the world scene.

It still sounds most unlikely, but we can trust the Christ who wrote the Bible! It is the most accurate history Book, and the most modern Book which is actually ahead of the game as always. We have to prove and then trust what the Bible actually says, and not put our own interpretation on it like those who say that Babylon is actually Rome!!

We can only understand what God wants us to know with the help of the Holy Spirit which will lead us into all truth as Jesus promised.

The Garden of Eden was in the Middle East, Adam and Eve were created there. The ark was built there, and rested in Mount Ararat in the Middle East. The entire Bible is about the countries of the Middle East and its "Centre" Jerusalem its peoples, events, history and geography, not about Europe!

The Middle East is still the centre of focus on the world scene, and not a lot of significance appears to be happening at the beginning of 2013, but we have to keep watching for signs of revival. Remember the ten nations, or the ten toes of the vision Daniel interpreted, will not arise in Europe as some still believe and preach like a broken record. They **will** arise in the Middle East where the focus of the Bible has always been.

Tracing the origins of Babylon back to just after the flood, we find some interesting information in Genesis the 10th chapter. The first time anything or subject is mentioned in the Bible is very important, as it sets the scene. The reason this detail is in Genesis is because Babylon was destined to be the “mystery” system controlling the entire Earth from the time of the flood to the second advent, the coming of Christ in Power and Glory.

Genesis 10:6 and the sons of Ham (Dark skinned); Cush (Ethopia and India), and Mizraim (Egypt), and Phut (Africa and India), and Canaan (Palestine)

Genesis 10:8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one (a hero) in the earth. 9 He was a mighty hunter before the Lord: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord.

This phrase ‘before the Lord’ repeated for emphasis meant that the first despot Nimrod put himself above God, and his subjects virtually worshipped him.

When Nimrod died, it was believed that he ascended into the heavens and became Orion which straddles the equator North and South. The brightest star in Orion is the ‘Dog Star’, Nimrod the hunter and his dog. In Hebrew, the word ‘Orion’ means ‘fool’.

Orion is the largest constellation visible from Earth, and in a sense oversees Northern and Southern Hemispheres, and indeed the whole of the Earth. The new ‘Nimrod’ will exercise control over the whole world.

Genesis 10:10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel (Babylon), and Erech (Iraq), and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar (original area of the Babylonian empire).

Erech means ‘long’ and was between the rivers Tigris and Euphrates, and undoubtedly means the Iraq of today.

Genesis 10:11 Out of that land went forth Asshur (father of the Assyrians), and builded Nineveh (capital of Assyria), and the city Rehoboth, and Calah, 12 And Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same is a great city.

It is recorded historically that Nimrod had control of the land of Assyria.

In the book of Daniel, it tells how Daniel was miraculously selected out to be favoured by Nebuchadnezzar.

Daniel 1:1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah (606 B.C.) came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.

When was this? Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became king, in 609 B.C. and reigned for eleven years to 598 B.C.

Daniel 1:2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

So Nebuchadnezzar took the Temple jewels of God's House to Shinar, or Babylon. 3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; 4 Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. 5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.

Daniel 1:6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

In the book of Daniel, there is the well known story of Nebuchadnezzar's dream, and how Daniel was miraculously brought out of prison to interpret what it meant.

The image which Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream in the 6th Century B.C., was in Babylon, but the king forgot what his dream was about, and none of his wise men could tell him, but God revealed the dream in detail to Daniel.

Daniel 2:19 Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. 20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

Daniel 2:21 And he (God) changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings:

Note that Daniel observes that God “changes the times and the seasons” which could indicate that God’s plans are not ‘set in stone’ but are flexible at His command. God also has a hand in removing and setting up kings, and is much more involved in national matters than we might think.

Daniel 2:21b He giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: 22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.

All knowledge, wisdom, and understanding comes from God, not from the foolishness of men! God created light where there was darkness, and God is light, and the light of men, and in Him is no darkness at all.

Daniel 2:23 I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.

Daniel tells Nebuchadnezzar: This is not my idea, not my wisdom, it is the true God that reveals the secrets.

Daniel 2:28 But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these; 29 As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass.

Daniel 2:30 But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for their sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.

Here Daniel now explains the dream that God revealed to him and then interpreted.

Daniel 2: 31 Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. 32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, 33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. 34 Thou sawest till that a stone (Jesus Christ) was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

The image was dreamed in Shinar in Mesopotamia, in Babylon, by the king of Babylon, not in Rome in Europe!

Daniel 2:36 This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. 37 Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. 38 And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.

Nebuchadnezzar was the head of the Babylonian Empire, inherited from Nimrod over centuries of time, and he was the “Head of Gold” of the statue. Notice that the head is where the ‘mindset’ resides, the ‘mindset’ and the philosophy of control, of domination, and of world rule. So the whole of the statue depicted eras of world rule.

Daniel 2:39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

The kingdom inferior was the Medo-Persian empire, and the third was the Greco-Macedonian empire.

Daniel 2:40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

Nowhere in the Bible does it say what the fourth kingdom was, nor identify it in so many words, only that it was a world dominating kingdom or power like the rest of the image.

The Bible does not say it was the Roman Empire, which notion is taught by some denominations, which is a story of their own devising that has no basis in the Bible or in history.

Some church leaders have made many prophetic pronouncements, which prophecies have not come to pass when they said they would, and so they qualify as “False prophets”, and should be shunned.

2 Peter 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: **20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.**
21 For the prophecy came **not** in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Daniel 2:41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided (not as unified as they might seem); but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. 42 And as the toes (ten kings) of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, (strength, but with fragile links) so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. 43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall **mingle** themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

The “mingled peoples” in the Bible are the Arab nations, who are not known for their unity of politics, religion, or purpose.

When is all this concerning the ten toes in miry clay going to happen? It will happen in the end time just before the second coming of Christ.

Daniel 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. 45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands (by God), and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

Although Nebuchadnezzar went the way of all flesh, and the Babylonian Empire, and in a sense the known world, was take over by Medo-Persians, and then by the Greeks under Alexander the Great, who it is said, wept

when he thought there was no more world to conquer, its philosophy continued.

Although the political power of the Babylonian Empire and those Empires that succeeded it diminished and dispersed, the 'mindset' of world power did not change, it merely went underground and became subliminal, and virtually invisible to most people in the world for more than two thousand years.

But that 'mindset' and that philosophy continues to this day, and plans to emerge to great power again are definitely in the minds of those (the Illuminati, the U.N., amongst others?) who still share the 'mindset' of world domination, and who are still at work behind the scenes politically and economically.

A new 'Babylon' will emerge and be built in the 'Land of Shinar (not Europe), a new 'Nimrod' and a new 'Nebuchadnezzar', a new despot, and a man of sin will arise before the coming of Christ.

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Who are these "toes", these "iron" kings who do not "cleave"? The largely Arab or Moslem nations do not see eye to eye with one another. They do not "cleave" to each other, as in a very close relationship. They are mostly fiercely independent, territorial, and despotic in nature. Who are the candidates for these "ten kings"?

We cannot know yet, for if it actually will be revealed in the Bible, it is not yet clear. However, here are some possibilities: 1. Iraq 2. Iran 3. Syria 4. Amman 5. Jordan 6. Egypt 7. Saudi Arabia 8. United Arab Emirates 9. Yemen 10. Turkey

What do they have in common? 1. They have enormous wealth in oil, and 2. The religion of Islam, although even that common religion 'divides' them, in a way it also links them but in a fragile unstable way.

The oil wealth would enable them to build the New Babylon quickly, in a way that would astonish the world.

Daniel 2:43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

So what might be the “miry clay” that binds them together in a fragile way? We are seeing around the world the rising power and influence of Islam, the Moslem religion, which is taking increasing positions of power in the Middle East, and also establishing their growing influence in the West, and all over the world, building temples and taking an active interest in political affairs. Could they all be the seeds of the coming World Power to dominate the world as we know it? Could the new despot, the Beast, be a Moslem worshipping Allah, as their true God? Saddam Hussein saw himself as a ‘Nebuchadnezzar’, but he was not the ‘one to come’, he wanted to build Babylon, and it was not the time.

There are Moslems of every type, from the most Moderate who are happy to integrate into Western type societies, to the most Fanatical who want a ‘jihad’ that will eventually kill all Christians and other ‘infidels’. Christ said that a house divided against itself cannot stand, but has in itself the seeds of its own destruction.

What is the time frame for these ten kings to assemble in an unstable confederation? Just before the second advent of Jesus Christ.

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

Daniel 7:12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

‘Prolonged’ actually ‘underground’ for over two thousand years, but the total end is to come when Babylon will NOT be prolonged.

Daniel 7:23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

The fourth kingdom is not named. Hidden behind the scenes for two thousand six hundred years, the New Babylon that will arise will be a world

government 'diverse', or different from any other, and there will have never been anything like it in history. It will use its whole power to 'devour the whole earth' and 'tread it down' and 'break it in pieces'. That is describing a destruction of worldwide proportions. Could this also be some form of nuclear war just before the second coming of Christ? There might be a hint of that possibility in Isaiah 13, and Jeremiah 51.

The prophecies telling of Babylon's total desolation as described in chapters 13 and 14 of Isaiah written in the 8th Century B.C., and those of Jeremiah 50 and 51 written in the 6th Century B.C., have NEVER been fulfilled.

Isaiah 13:17 Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them (just before the Day of the Lord), which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it. 18 Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eyes shall not spare children.

So it is the "Medes" (Is this the Iranians, a part of the coalition?) who will turn on the new Babylon, and destroy it.

Isaiah 13:19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

This prophecy has never been fulfilled in history. The area of Babylon right now in 2013 is **not** totally desolate with 'no man living there'.

What was it like when Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed? It was totally burned up, and would never again be inhabited.

Isaiah 13:20 It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.

But there are people pitching their tents and living there now in 2013!

Isaiah 13:21 But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there. 22 And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in their pleasant palaces: and her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

In this time ahead of us now, her days will not be prolonged, as it said they would be in Daniel 7:12 and which happened; this future event will be the final destruction of Babylon.

Jeremiah at the age of seventeen, about 150 years after Isaiah, was given a fourfold commission by God in the 6th Century B.C. Jeremiah was the "Axial" prophet, at the pivotal time in history when the whole world made a huge shift. Nations which were extant then began to wane and fade away, and new nations, names that we recognize to day, were beginning to form and take their place on the world scene.

Jeremiah 1:1 The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin: 2 To whom the word of the Lord came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

Josiah, literally means "healed by Yah" or "supported of Yah"; Josiah became king of Judah at the age of eight, after the assassination of his father, King Amon, and reigned for thirty-one years, from 641/640 to 610/609 BC. Josiah is credited by most historians with having established or compiled important Hebrew Scriptures during the Deuteronomic reform that occurred during his rule.

Jeremiah 1:3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

Jeremiah 1:4 Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

The Bible gives the precise timing in the historical record of Jeremiah's ordination and appointment. When is this? 627 B.C.

Jeremiah 1:6 Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. 7 But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. 8 Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord. 9 Then the Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

Jeremiah was directly inspired by God to write and do what he did.

Jeremiah 1:10 See I (God is speaking) have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms,

God set Jeremiah as His spokesman over the nations of the world, and gave him a commission.

Jeremiah's fourfold commission: 1. to root out, and 2. to pull down, and 3. to destroy, and to throw down, 4. to build, and to plant.

Jeremiah 50:3 For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: they shall remove, they shall depart, both man and beast.

Jeremiah 50:38 A drought is upon her waters; and they shall be dried up: for it is the land of graven images, and they are mad upon their idols. 39 Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell there, and the owls shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more inhabited for ever; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation. 40 As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the Lord; so shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein.

At the moment in 2013 there is plenty of water in the area of Babylon, and there are plenty of people still living in the area and tending their flocks, so this has not yet been fulfilled as a prophecy, it is ahead of us.

Jeremiah 50:46 At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.

When the 'New Babylon' finally falls, the whole world will know about it.

Jeremiah 51:1 Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against me, a destroying (nuclear?) wind; 2 And will send unto Babylon fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about.

When Dr. Martin visited the area in the late sixties, the land was not 'empty'. There were then, and there still are now people living in the area tending sheep, and living in tents, and even a U.S. army base!

He also saw at that time that they were taking rocks, stones, and bricks from the area of Ancient Babylon to build and rebuild the nearby town of Hillel. Yet God says through Jeremiah very clearly:

Jeremiah 51:26 And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be desolate for ever, saith the Lord.

So what will cause the total desolation that they could and would not even use stones for cornerstones or foundations? Could that be because there will be too much radiation? Just a thought, not a statement.

But that total desolation talked of is a future prophecy just before the “Day of the Lord” and will happen right on time.

Jeremiah 51:27 Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat (Iran), Minni, and Ashchenaz; appoint a captain against her; cause the horses to come up as the rough caterpillers. 28 Prepare against her the nations with the kings of the Medes (Iran to head a coalition??), the captains thereof, and all the rulers thereof, and all the land of his dominion.

Jeremiah 51:29: And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the Lord shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation **without an inhabitant**.

Verse 37: And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwellingplace for dragons, an astonishment, and an hissing, **without an inhabitant**.

Clearly this area being “without an inhabitant” has not happened at any time in history for there have always been people, however sparse, in the area, and there still are. This prophecy is still yet future.

Jeremiah 25:11 And **this whole land shall be a desolation**, (but not without inhabitant in Jeremiah’s time or now, yet) and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon **seventy years**. 12 And it shall come to pass, when **seventy years** are accomplished, (i.e. at the time of the end) that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the Lord, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and (then) will make it **perpetual desolations**.

Again, as unbelievable as it might sound this is for the future, just before the second advent.

But what is this period of seventy years all about, and when it going to be relevant? Daniel 9 expands on this. The 70 weeks will be 70 x 7 days or 490 days, a day for a year. This 490 years will be divided up, or the Hebrew says "cut out" into sections that are not continuous. Seven weeks, then sixty-two weeks, then a gap of two thousand or so years until the last week which is at the end time just before the coming of Jesus Christ, and is divided into two periods of 3½ weeks which are mentioned in the book of Revelation, a time, times, and a dividing of times.

Daniel 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. 26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. 27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice (in the Temple yet to be built) and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Then Jeremiah lists all the nations that are going to be desolated. Firstly, Jerusalem and the cities of Judah.

Jeremiah 25:18 To wit, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, an hissing, and a curse; as it is this day;

Then Egypt:

Jeremiah 25:19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people;

Then the mingled people, the Arab nations:

Jeremiah 25:20 And all the mingled people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Azzah, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod,

Then Edom, who are those who say they are Jews and are not! And....

Jeremiah 25:21 Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon,

Then in Palestine,

Jeremiah 25:22 And all the kings of Tyrus, and all the kings of Zidon, and the kings of the isles which are beyond the sea,

Jeremiah 25:23 Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all that are in the utmost corners,

Saudi Arabia?

Jeremiah 25:24 And all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mingled people that dwell in the desert,

Then Elam and the Medes up North:

Jeremiah 25:25 And all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes, 26 And all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which are upon the face of the earth: and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them.

There is no mention anywhere of the king of "Sheshach". This is because he never existed by that name. The word "Sheshach" is a "cipher" made up by putting the letters of the Hebrew alphabet backwards like we might have done as children, make a code a=z. b=y, c=x, and so on.

"Sheshach" is actually the Hebrew letters b,b,l backwards, or Babylon backwards! What this is probably saying is that the new Babylon will not be called that, but will have a name that is some form of cipher of the word Babylon. Interesting thought. A cipher is mysterious, difficult to fathom and understand.

In Revelation we read of a different Babylon which is a "MYSTERY", different to the one which has been underground through history, not understood or recognized, this will shock and amaze the world, but because it is a 'mystery', the world will not really understand what it happening.

Revelation 17:1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters (a

religious 'system' that sits over many waters {oceans?}: 2 With whom (all) the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and (virtually all of) the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

Associating with, and submitting to the kingdom of the great whore is spiritual fornication, and the seductive nature of her 'spiritual' enticements makes the world 'drunk', or incapable of clear thinking.

Revelation17:3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman (a religion) sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

The scarlet coloured 'beast' supports the woman.

Revelation17:4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: 5 And upon her forehead was a name written,

Mystery, Babylon The Great, The Mother Of Harlots And Abominations Of The Earth.

Now what does the dictionary say about a 'mystery'?

A 'mystery' is something that is not understood or known about. If you talk about the 'mystery' of someone or something, you are talking about how difficult they are to understand or know about, especially when this gives them a rather strange or magical quality

A 'mystery' person or thing is one whose identity or nature is not known. A 'mystery' is a story in which strange things happen that are not explained until the end.

A Latin saying: "obscurum per obscurius" fits this "Mystery Babylon"
Translated it means a "'mystery' wrapped in an enigma".

Definition of enigma: conundrum, mystery, problem, puzzle, riddle, teaser. If you describe something or someone as an enigma, you mean they are mysterious or difficult to understand.

The world will be aghast at what is happening so suddenly, and not really understand what is going on at all.

Revelation 17:6 And I saw the woman (which religion is likely to be involved in the wholesale killing of the saints?) drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration (amazement).

All of the prophesied events discussed in this article are going to take place in the Middle East, not in Europe or Rome, nor is the 'woman' going to be the Catholic Church. The 'ten kings' will be despots of the Middle East, not some conglomerate formed from the members of the European Union.

The 'mystery' world controlling force has been a continuum since just after the flood, the largely unrecognized 'Babylonian' system that has controlled the countries and the peoples of this world through millennia. Only now in this generation have some few experienced 'the knowledge' increasing, and been given greater insights into the reality of what exists now, and that which is shortly going to erupt on the world scene to the amazement of the population of the entire globe.

Thy Kingdom Come

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One of the main proofs that God is indeed God and that the Bible is His Word, is prophecy. God's Word, the Word of our Creator, and Saviour Jesus Christ is loaded with prophecies from Genesis to Revelation. Prophecy is not easy to fathom or understand, however, some keys really help.

First we need to know that: Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. Amos 3:7

Secondly, we need an important key which is that prophecies usually have a past, present, and future fulfillment, and to look for the verbs in any passage to see where they use past, present or future tenses, and assess whether those tenses are actually past, present or future, or whether they relate to more than one time or fulfillment!

Ecclesiastes 1:9 The thing that hath been (past), it is that which shall (future) be; and that which is done (present) is that which shall be done (future): and there is no new thing under the sun.

This is actually describing the fact that events and prophecies often have more than one fulfillment.

We also need to be aware of how much of any prophecy has been fulfilled, and how much remains to happen. The future fulfillment usually involves events and people during the “time of the end” period just before the second coming of Christ.

It is no wonder that so many people are totally disillusioned with religions, especially those which consider themselves to be Christian. We hear daily of ministers, priests, bishops, who have abused their positions of trust morally, sexually, financially, and politically.

The public at large, and especially Christians, are not aware of the extent to which these supposed servants of God have twisted, distorted, misrepresented, falsely interpreted, used its contents to further their own ends, and even lied about the Word of God, the Holy Bible, because either they have never studied it, or have been taught to trust and believe and study only what they were told by church ‘authorities’.