

The Mystery Babylon Debate Handbook

**A Handbook of Basic Information About The Identity Of
“Mystery Babylon” In Bible Prophecy**

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Foreword

This small publication is written with the purpose of providing a broad, general overview on the subject of what some term as “Mystery Babylon.” The term itself is actually a misnomer based upon a misunderstanding of the original Greek text of Revelation chapter 17:5 which states:

*“And upon her forehead was a name written, mystery, **BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**”*

Here is the original Greek text:

και επι το μετωπον αυτης ονομα γεγραμμενον μυστηριον βαβυλων η μεγαλη η μητηρ των πορνων και των βδελυγματων της γης

The key word in question within this verse is the Greek word – μυστηριον. This Greek word is transliterated as “musterion” and generally translated as “mystery.”

Often times, commentators and even some translators (such as the KJV) attempt to link “musterion” to the rest of the following words “Babylon the megala, The Mother of the Harlots”... Such attempts are erroneous from a purely Greek grammatical basis. Why? The Greek word “musterion” is gender neutral, but the rest of the phrase in question is feminine in gender. Greek grammar dictates that such a gender distinction means that the term “musterion” does not join the rest of the phrase and thus, musterion stands separately and apart from the phrase, which expresses a title. Therefore, the term “musterion” or “mystery” is not part of the title stated in that verse.

It seems like a minor distinction, but in reality it has major implications of sorts in that the title is NOT - “Mystery Babylon, The Great – The Mother of the Harlots.” Instead, it is saying that the title is a mystery – the title being “Babylon, the Megala (Great) – The Mother of the Harlots.”

The title itself, if misunderstood could result in a misinterpretation of the meaning of not only the verse, but the entire prophecy. By misinterpreting the verse, the reader could misunderstand meaning of the title “Mother of the Harlots,” which is a critical clue of terminology in understanding the overall context of Chapters 17 and 18.

Unfortunately, too many prophecy commentators improperly refer to the issue of a future Babylon as “The Mystery Babylon” or as “Mystery Babylon.” In an effort to correct this error, this publication will avoid capitalizing the word mystery and will surround the word with quotation marks as needed.

As noted at the beginning of the foreword, this publication’s purpose is to provide only a broad overview of the subject with a primary focus on presenting the various theories, which attempt to identify “mystery” Babylon. In other words, this book will focus on various identification theories and the pros and cons of each theory.

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Section I:

Setting The Stage for Debate

In this section of 8 chapters we will set the stage for debating the identity of a future Babylon often times referred to as “Mystery Babylon.”

In Section II – there will be 4 chapters involved in debating the various identity theories of “Mystery Babylon” which I will commonly refer to as “mystery” Babylon, for the reasons mentioned in the Foreward to this publication.

Chapter 1

An Introduction To “mystery” Babylon

The subject of “mystery” Babylon in prophecy is one of the most intriguing issues in all of the biblical prophecies. It is also one of the most important. Why?

The issue of “mystery” Babylon has garnered more word coverage in the biblical prophecies than on the Antichrist or the Gog-Magog war or even the calamities of the Tribulation period as mentioned in Revelation.

We can make this claim based upon the fact that Isaiah and Jeremiah give as much if not more coverage to a future Babylon as does the Book of Revelation. We therefore conclude that a future Babylon, a “mystery” Babylon, does play a major role in Bible prophecy.

While there are many aspects to consider in understanding the prophecies regarding a future Babylon, the one aspect that garners the most attention is the identity debate that surrounds the overall subject itself. It is the question of “whom” or “what” is “mystery” Babylon has generated heated debates among theologians in the past dozen or so years.

Before we focus on the aspects of Babylon’s identity, we need to point out entire realm of the significant aspects of the “mystery” Babylon subject because these aspects play an integral part in understanding the entire “mystery” Babylon prophetic picture.

Key Aspects of “mystery” Babylon:

1. The Identity of “mystery” Babylon
2. The “What Happens” to “mystery” Babylon
3. The “How it Happens” to “mystery” Babylon
4. The “Why it Happens” to “mystery” Babylon
5. The “Who is Involved” in the Action To “mystery” Babylon
6. The “When it Will Happen” to “mystery” Babylon
7. The Impact of the Action to “mystery” Babylon Upon the World.

As you can see from the above list, there are 7 crucial aspects to the broad subject of the “mystery” Babylon. These 7 points cannot be adequately discussed or expanded upon in this publication because our purpose here is to provide a short, general overview of the identity debate surrounding the “mystery” Babylon debate and not an in-depth treatise of all aspects of the “mystery” Babylon prophecies. For an in-depth understanding of “mystery” Babylon read the 2-Volume work – [“America, The Babylon.”](#) That 2-Volume work of 600+ pages provides an in-depth analysis of every aspect of the “mystery” Babylon subject.

We should take a moment to look at what passages in the scriptures are actually referring to prophecies of a future Babylon of the “end-times.” Those scripture passages are:

Isaiah—Chapters 13, 14, and 47 explicitly (some allusion in ch. 18, 21 & 48)

Jeremiah – Chapters 50 and 51

Zechariah – Chapter 5: 5-11

Revelation – Chapters 16:17-21 + entirety of Chapters 17 & 18 + 19:1-2

We will look at these passages further in just a moment but first let’s look at a few other comments that need to be addressed.

Many theologians and Bible Prophecy “buffs” have failed to realize that the Old Testament prophecies refer not to ancient Babylon but rather a future Babylon. Some experts have assumed those passages were fulfilled in 539 B.C. when the Persians conquered Babylon. Two central, conflicting elements indicate a future fulfillment and thus are not past history.

#1. Ancient Babylon of 539 B.C. was never destroyed at all. Jeremiah and Isaiah both speak of a total, fiery destruction of not just Babylon, but the entire nation itself not just the city. Afterwards, the city and nation would remain uninhabited forever. Ancient Babylon was never destroyed. Instead, Babylon was captured intact with very little bloodshed, unlike the prophecies of Jeremiah and Isaiah. Ancient Babylon remained a city and the functional capital of Persia for a while but even after losing its capital city status remained the major and most dominant city for generations before slowly dwindling in size and scope after the time of Jesus. In fact, the city itself, as well as the country remained inhabited for nearly 2,000 years after the Persians conquered Babylon. This despite the prophecies stating the nation and its chief city would be destroyed and uninhabited forever. Both of these aspects deny scripturally, prophetic fulfillment. Therefore, the prophecies still await fulfillment.

#2. Both the Jeremiah and Isaiah passages use Messianic metaphors within the prophecies, which indicate the passages are targeted to the Day of the Lord, when the Messiah is to come. The texts then, are telling us that the prophecies will be fulfilled at the triumphal 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, these 2 key elements signal to prophecy watchers that Isaiah 13, 14, 47 and Jeremiah 50 & 51 are referring to a future Babylon that will exist at the time of the “Coming of Messiah.” Again, we reiterate that the prophets were not writing of the Babylon of their day!

Chapter 2

Key Prophecy Passages About A Future Babylon

We earlier stated various Old Testament prophecies regarding a future Babylon of the ‘end times.’ It is not the purpose of this book to argue extensive, detailed reasons as to why these passages are referring to a future Babylon. We will however, attempt to briefly provide a short overview before we move on to the various identity theories. For an extensive, detailed look at the reasons why these passages refer to a future Babylon, read [“America, The Babylon” Volumes 1 and 2.](#)

Isaiah 13: 1-6, 8, 9, 13

This passage provides abbreviated Hebrew-Messianic idioms that when recognized, tells us that the passages in the text point to a future Babylon that will exist at the time of the coming of the Messiah.

Some of those idioms can be recognized to a certain extent in their English translations, while others need the sharp eye observations found only in the Hebrew itself. Among those idioms readily identifiable in English translations are those such as:

- #1. “Day of the Lord” – 7 year time period just before the return of Jesus Christ.
- #2. “Lift up a standard” (on the hill) – Refers to the action of raising the Messiah’s signal flag to signal that the Messiah is coming to establish His kingdom.
- #3. “the gate of the nobles” – reference to the gate for the Messiah to enter through triumphantly, prior to the 1,000 year millennial reign of Jesus Christ.
- #4. “my consecrated ones” – reference to “sinless” ones,
- #5. “My mighty warriors” -- reference to sinless ones who are angels
- #6. “Pains and anguish” ... “writhe like a woman in labor” ... self explanatory, see Christ’s prophecies.

Jeremiah 50 and 51

Again in Jeremiah 50 and 51 we see Messianic Hebrew idioms abbreviated, which indicates that the described events will occur at the time just before the Messiah comes to establish His Kingdom. Such idioms are often abbreviated or derivations of this key Messianic idiom: “banner of the Messiah”

Idiomatic variations on that particular idiom include:

“wave the banner”

“set up the standard” (or banner)

“raise up the banner”

Either of the above phrases are usually followed by the term “upon the hilltop” or “on the wall.”

Other idioms used include “day of the Lord” as well as others referring to a “return to Zion.”

For a fuller and more detailed explanation, read: [“America, The Babylon”](#)

Chapter 3

Original Babylon: A Brief History of the Facts

Genesis 10 introduces us to the story of Babel and the “Tower of Babel.” The standard, orthodox view today is that Babel’s location was in Iraq in what we now call Babylon – located along the Euphrates river (or what once was where the Euphrates river flowed). It was in an area called the “Plain of Shinar.”

What a few researchers have discovered and are challenging conventional wisdom on, is evidence that the original Babel and Tower of Babel were NOT in Iraq. Instead, they claim the original Babel and Tower were located in Turkey on a plain just below Mount Ararat called “Shinar.” There are ruins at a location on that plain, which seem to better match up to the Biblical account of a tall, temple-like structure that existed there. Also in the area are the ruins of a city. These ruins are in a dangerous and remote region of Turkey. The area has never been properly excavated nor known about by modern science and modern archaeology, save for a few individuals who’ve risked their lives in recent years to investigate the area after being tipped off by satellite photographs.

A Turkish location for Nimrod’s “tower of Babel” suggests that there was an earlier “Plain of Shinar” before the one located in modern-day Iraq. Archaeologists have also reported a “Plain of Shinar” also in western Jordan and an area along the Nile River in Egypt as a “Plain of Shinar.” Therefore, we know that there is more than one “Plain of Shinar.” This raises the question as to which “Plain of Shinar” do the future prophecies refer for a future Babylon? See Zechariah 5: 5-11 for one of the examples on the usage of that term.

The original Genesis 10 Babel narrative describes an attempt by King Nimrod to build a tower that would somehow ‘reach’ into the heavens. Many theories and explanations now exist attempting to determine what the tower looked like as well as determining its size.

Was the tower really supposed to extend physically into outer space? Was it a launching pad or a landing platform for spacecraft? Some researchers seem to think so. [Zecharia Sitchin](#) has made some controversial claims including that the tower was a landing/launching platform for the “gods” (fallen angels) whom he equates with “aliens” from another planet. We however would dispute that and claim that any ‘gods’ were but fallen angels.

Some theorists however suggest that the tower may have been something like a “stargate” device as like the TV science-fiction show: [“Stargate SG1”](#)

The Biblical text is vague even in the original Hebrew, but this passage and other Old Testament passages suggest a connection with the fallen angels whose presence in Genesis 6 therein prompted God to invoke the “Great Flood of Noah.” Sumerian records tend to confirm such a suggestion. You’ll find greater discussions on these possibilities in [“America, The Babylon.”](#)

Chapter 4

Problems With Hislop

There are aspects to the Genesis 10 account, which have been embellished by researchers such as Alexander Hislop in his book: ["The Two Babylons."](#) Hislop contends that Nimrod was married to a woman named Semiramis. He then claims that Semiramis invoked "goddess" worship supposedly worshipping Semiramis under the goddess name of Ishtar. Hislop also relates fanciful myths of Ishtar/Semiramis, thoroughly mixing stories dating from 3,000 B.C. to 300 B.C.

There Never Was a Queen Semiramis!

Hislop's works have been the foundation of errors that have thoroughly confused the "mystery" Babylon subject. Semiramis NEVER existed. Most archaeological scholars who actually are archaeologists consider Hislop to be "untrustworthy" at best. There are critics of Hislop who believe Hislop deliberately misled the world (and the Church).

The Bible makes no, repeat NO mention of any wife of Nimrod. Furthermore, there are no records found by archaeologists in the ancient ruins of Babylon's Royal Library for a "Semiramis" for any time period at all. The Babylonian Official King's records reveal that no such person as Semiramis or any name close to that existed for any time period in Babylonian history.

There is a slight possibility of one queen like Hislop's Semiramis whose lifespan dates to around 750 to 800 B.C. but her official story and biography does not even come close to matching up with Hislop's "myth" or outright lie, depending upon your perspective. This researcher leans strongly towards the idea that Hislop deliberately LIED to the public about Semiramis. Even the one possible "queen candidate" has a serious discrepancy of time. Nimrod lived around 2,500 B.C. to 3,000 B.C. depending upon how one interprets the timing of the Flood's occurrence. Those dates or even 2,000 B.C. is a far cry from 800 B.C. It would be hard for a woman to marry a man who had already been dead for 1,000 or 2,000 years before her birth. Hislop missed the time connection by at least a millennium if not 2 millenniums.

Hislop claims that Semiramis is Ishtar. Well, Ishtar did exist in Babylonian religion around the 3,000 B.C. time point, but she was not known as Semiramis. She was known as Inanna in the earlier Sumerian dialect. Ishtar was the Akkadian dialect name for Inanna. Ishtar, according to the historical records of the Sumerian/Babylonian Kings (found in the Royal King's Library of Babylon) was a member of the Anunnaki (a term meaning literally: "those who to earth came down") or better stated she was one of the fallen angels and their offspring as recorded in Genesis 6. The Hebrew words for these satanic forces were: "Benai hahelohim" and the "Nephilim" was the term for the half-human, half-angel offspring.

Nowhere in Babylonian records or literature is Ishtar (or Inanna) ever identified as Semiramis. Never.

Ishtar then is a rebel, fallen angel who manifests a presence in the feminine gender in order to promote false worship. Ishtar was the chief goddess of ancient Babylon whose appearance to men probably dates back to at least Nimrod's time or perhaps even before Nimrod.

Ishtar worship, co-joined with other deity worship in Babylon included the worship of Marduk/Mardok/Merodach/Bel/Baal. Ishtar's "brother" was the Babylonian's sun god – "Utu" (also known as "Shamesh")

It is beyond the scope of this publication to go into detail on any particular issue. Our purpose in this book is to provide a thumbnail sketch on the Babylon debate over the identity of Mystery Babylon.

In a nutshell, Ishtar of Babylon held many titles but Hislop failed to provide us with any level of accurate information. In fact, it appears that Hislop's book: "The Two Babylon's" was a designed by Satan to mislead the Church and persuade honest researchers into working in the wrong direction about the Babylon subject, once they relied upon Hislop's phony research data.

Probably the best treatise to date that we know of that exposes Hislop's errors is Ralph Woodrow's "The Babylon Connection." Ralph was originally one of Hislop's biggest defenders until he went back to Hislop's source materials several years ago and found out that Hislop was indeed erroneous in much of his claims. Consequently, Woodrow withdrew and even bought back from bookstores copies of his original book "Babylon Mystery Religion: Ancient and Modern."

Woodrow, after discovering Hislop was unreliable commented on the problem stating: "it became clear; Hislop's history was often only mythological." He also stated: "an arbitrary piecing together of ancient myths can not provide a sound basis for history. Take enough tribes ... time... tales Anything can be proved."

One key problem of Hislop was his misunderstanding and misinterpretation of who Ishtar was. She was not Semiramis or Sammu-ramat, the Assyrian queen of 800 B.C. There was no such person named Semiramis. This is why as a researcher or a prophecy student, one cannot believe Hislop's historical accountings. Hislop simply has made too many errors for much of anything he stated to be trusted.

We do not deny that paganism seeped into the Roman Catholic Church. We agree that the RCC has incorporated a great deal of paganism but it is NOT Babylonian Ishtarism or "Semiramis-ism" as falsely claimed by Hislop.

Chapter 5

Ishtar “**MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS**”

The goddess Ishtar is a key element that unlocks the “mystery” of the woman that is described Revelation 17. Understanding Ishtar and her religion will lead prophecy students to discover a correct understanding of the identity of the woman of Revelation 17. Why? The woman and Ishtar are one and the same. The Goddess Ishtar held many titles but the most ‘holy’ of her titles was “MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS.” We see that same phrase in Revelation 17:5 – “MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS.”

Another key Ishtar point for Revelation 17 is that one of Ishtar’s key doctrinal elements can be linked to Revelation 17, verse 9 indicating that the verse is clearly referring to her and her satanic role. This key Ishtar doctrine tells us that one of her assignments in the divine pantheon is to use the 7 spikes (horns) in her crown (she is a Queen – of Heaven) to reflect the occult enlightenment of the sun-god Utu (a.k.a. Shamesh) upon each of the 7 “hora” of the world and the 7 seas of the world. The word “hora” is the same Greek word as in Revelation 17:9. You should note that the KJV and the NASV translates this word “hora” as “mountain” while the NIV and other ‘new-age’ versions translate “hora” as meaning “hill.” These new age versions are wrong but even the KJV for mountain in this instance is misleading.

Revelation 17:9 is trying to tell us that Ishtar’s influence covers the 7 continents of the world – or that Ishtar’s influences are worldwide, not that she is Rome sitting on 7 hills. Instead, the woman is Ishtar, her power and influences are worldwide.

Now as we stated earlier, Ishtar held many names and titles of which “MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS.” Then in verse 9, he subtly underscores this yet again when he refers to Ishtar’s influence over the entire planet. The problem is that modern theologians, eschatologists and ordinary Bible students are simply not paying attention nor are they educated enough about Ishtar to put 2+2 together to get “4.”

As we noted earlier, Ishtar held many names and titles in ancient Babylon. Other names and titles ascribed to her included: Goddess of Liberty/Freedom, Goddess of Immigrants, Goddess of War, Goddess of Love, Goddess of Fertility, Goddess of Justice as well as Queen of Heaven, Goddess of the Evening Star and Goddess of Venus just to name some of the more important ones.

Ishtar’s religion invented the concept of money! Yes, the first gold and silver coin ever minted was for the purpose of supporting the Ishtar Temple. The Ishtar religion created money as means of conducting commerce.

The Ishtar religious dogma also included spiritual salvation by works via sexual relations with the goddess. One became “one with the goddess” during sexual

relations with a temple priest or priestess. During such an event the worshipper would become “baptized” by the secretions as the worshipper became “one” with the goddess. At that moment, special enlightenment would ensue upon the worshipper. Afterwards, the worshipper would put an Ishtar temple coin (silver or gold of varying sizes) into a temple offering. This is how and why money came into existence.

As one studies deeper into the Ishtar doctrines and practices one realizes just how much the Holy Spirit and John were attempting indicate to us today that the woman of Revelation 17 is Ishtar of Babylon.

Chapter 6

The Woman IS a City-State-Nation

To further our understanding, we need to note that Revelation 17:18 uses a “transitive” verb – the Greek word “estin” and this word links the woman of the entire chapter to the term “mega-city” or “megalopolis” in the original Greek text.

The Greek word “estin” functions grammatically like is mathematical twin – the equals sign – “=” if we could turn the passage into a mathematical equivalent for diagramming purposes. Verse 18’s phrase would go something like this:

“and the woman, whom you saw ...

... IS = (estin)

... the megalopolis (or the great super-power city/state/nation)

Therefore, the passage can be viewed in a mathematical analogy as follows:

“The woman” = “the super-power city/state/nation”

“The woman” IS “the super-power city/state/nation”

Therefore, we find that there are 2 key points in verse 18:

#1. The woman IS the super-power city. They are one and the same.
The super-power city/state/nation IS the woman. When the woman is referred to the text means the city/nation and when the city/nation is named it means the woman.

#2. Verse 18 links chapter 17 to chapter 18.

Verse 18 is the hook that connects chapters 17 and 18 together and the transitive verb “estin” is the coupler in the middle of that verse that makes the hook between the two chapters stick together. This means that both chapters are describing:

A Super-Power City/State/Nation

Chapter 17 describes this super-power nation from its philosophical-theologically symbolic perspective, or as some would say, from its patriotic perspective, in which patriotism is itself a pagan religion.

Chapter 18 describes this nation in its physical, economic perspective.

The two chapters combined, describe a single entity but from two different angles or vantage point perspectives.

These key facets to the Babylon identity are continuously overlooked by most Biblical prophecy commentators. Why? We are not sure what the reasoning is that causes these two key oversights. To us, it should seem obvious that:

#1. The woman is Ishtar, goddess of Babylon

#2. She is the symbol of this future city-state-nation that will be a latter-day Babylon “clone.”

#3. Chapters 17 and 18 refer to 2 sides of the same coin – a super power nation with Ishtar as her symbol.

This symbolism in chapter 17 itself helps to identify further the Super-Power. There is also further symbolism expressed about the in chapter 18. The physicalness of her is stressed in 18:11-13 where we find a description of various physical commodities that are traded in her chief cities. In other verses, we find references to her physicalness by the use of the terms “fire,” “smoke,” and “burning” of her. We also find in 18:21 that an angel “missiles” an object into the sea next to Babylon’s chief city and then the descriptions of society – in verses 22-23 involving weddings, art, music, business. All of this indicates again that the woman and the city are one and the same.

If you, the reader, can realize and understand these facts, then you will have a strong foundation upon which to accurately assess the meaning and identity of the “mystery” Babylon.

Chapter 7

Various Identity Theories

Background Theoreticals

“The What Is” Factor

There are various theories that attempt to provide an identity as to what the “mystery” Babylon actually is. The Biblical descriptions of the “mystery” Babylon are thought by some to be indicative of a religion and a religious system such as the Church or of Israeli Judaism. Others would say it pertains to other pagan religions such as Islam, Hinduism or other mystical religions of Asia. Still others would claim that the “mystery” of Babylon is a worldwide ‘system’ of banking – in which money is what is worshipped. Yet still others think the “mystery” of Babylon is the “New World Order” or the Illuminati or Illuminism. One large group perhaps the largest group of theorists is that the “mystery” Babylon is a merely a large or super-large city. Yet there is perhaps nearly as large if not larger or the largest group that recognizes that the “mystery” of Babylon is not merely a city, but a nation or an empire of great prominence at the time of its downfall. In fact, “mystery” Babylon’s prominence is at its seeming peak when sudden destruction strikes.

Time Is a Factor

Keep in mind that proper orientation from a time perspective is also necessary. We assume in this publication that the book of Revelation is as yet unfulfilled, as are most of Jesus’ prophecies, as also those of Paul and of course many unfulfilled Old Testament prophecies remain, especially those of Jeremiah 50, 51 and Isaiah 13, 14, 18 and 47 as well as Ezekiel, Daniel and many of the other “minor prophets.” Please do not assume that we’ve covered all unfulfilled prophecies with that short list. That list is included to provide just some examples. Time is a key element in understanding the “who is” of “mystery” Babylon.

2-Timing Theories

There are two major theoretically possible premises from a time standpoint.

- #1. Preterism (aka – historicism) which claims prophecies already fulfilled in or around 70 A.D.
- #2. Future Fulfillments – the normal, natural view.

The “Preterist” position claims that “mystery” Babylon was either Rome or Jerusalem and fulfillment came between the years of 64 to 70 A.D. For the “Rome is Mystery Babylon” theory, most Preterists point to 63-64 A.D. when Rome burned during Nero’s reign. Other Preterists claim a theory that it happened in 70 A.D. with the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Romans. These proponents claim that Jerusalem was the “mystery” Babylon.

We could expand on the fatal flaws in Preterist theories regarding the “mystery” Babylon, but why bother? Anyone who asserts that the “mystery” Babylon prophecies have been fulfilled, when clearly they have not been fulfilled, merely shows their own state of denial. Why?

The “mystery” Babylon is predicted to be destroyed forever and never to be rebuilt. Rome was rebuilt. That should end such nonsense for that particular preterist theory. Jerusalem was rebuilt and reoccupied. That fact should negate the secondary preterist theory.

The fact that the cities were rebuilt and reoccupied is in direct opposition to the Biblical Prophecies. These cities were never destroyed in one hour of one day as per the prophecies. The fact that these cities have been rebuilt, demonstrates that those prophecies remained unfulfilled. Those who wish to assert such theories do not deserve the time of day let alone recognition to have their theories presented. Their theories are utterly laughable.

The Futurist position is that the “mystery” Babylon prophecies have not yet occurred. The “mystery” Babylon prophecies will yet be fulfilled in the near future just as Christ’s Return is in the near future.

Our purpose in this work is to provide thumbnail overviews of all the various debate positions on Babylon’s identity. Remember, the prophecies tell us that the “mystery” Babylon will never again be re-inhabited. Ancient Rome was however, re-built and remains inhabited. The same can be said for Jerusalem as it also was rebuilt, which means those who claim those cities fulfilled the prophecies were wrong because God does not make errors in prophecies and under such terms, God would have prophesied incorrectly.

The purpose of this short book is to provide thumbnail sketches or we might say, an “overview” of the “mystery” Babylon identity debate. We will next present a general overview of the identity debate between various theories as to the identity of the “mystery” Babylon.

As we stated earlier, the biggest and most heated of the debates within the Mystery Babylon framework is the identity. Who is Mystery Babylon? There are 4 general branches of debate on the identity issue. They are:

- #1. A religious identity of some sort
- #2. A Global geo-political organization of some sort
- #3. A Major Urban City – located somewhere on Earth
- #4. A Major Nation of some sort.

Let's first look at these various theories in short outline summary.

Various Identity Theories

I. Religious Identity Theories

- A. The Roman Catholic Church
- B. Protestant & Catholic Denominations
- C. Moonies – The Unification Church & or other cults
- D. A new future world religion
- E. Islam

II. Global Geo-political Organizations

- A. The United Nations (UN)
- B. The New World Order (N.W.O.)
- C. World Capitalism and/or Communism

III. Major Urban Cities

- A. London
- B. Tyre, Lebanon
- C. Jerusalem
- D. Rome
- E. New York City

IV. Nations

- A. Italy
- B. Britain
- C. Iraq – (Ancient Babylon/Babylonia Rebuilt)
- D. The United States of America

Chapter 8

Developmental History

of the “mystery” Babylon Identity Theories

The Roman Catholic Church identity theory has been around since the early days of the Roman Catholic Church itself or since around the middle of the first millennium. This theory was not widely discussed amongst the clergy however, until the Reformation when Martin Luther, John Calvin, and fellow Protestant reformers made it an issue.

The Roman Catholic Church (RCC) identity theory remained as the widely accepted theory until the 1980s. In making this statement, we are not denying other theories may have existed with a handful of dissident views and theories but none of any real significance to challenge the accepted “norm” theory of the RCC as being the “mystery” Babylon.

In the 1960’s, Dr. Frank Logsdon, the pastor of Moody Church in Chicago and a translator for the New American Standard Bible wrote a very small book (only a 64 page paperback) “Is the USA In Bible Prophecy?” Published by Zondervan in 1968, the book had 4 printings before going out of print in 1970. Logsdon suggested the possibility that maybe, just maybe the United States of America was the “mystery” Babylon.

Logsdon’s book merely offered speculation based upon a few pointed facts. It was certainly not an exhaustive presentation and it was not well received by the American public. How dare anyone suggest that America might be anything other than God’s chosen, handpicked nation of righteousness, or at least as it was in its beginning. Logsdon’s work was not widely disseminated and ridiculed in Seminaries, Bible Colleges, and Institutes around the country. The proposed theory would die a seemingly ignominious death before it was even considered. Therefore, the monopolistic theory that the Roman Catholic Church was the “mystery” Babylon marched onward.

In the late 1980s a few people began to speculate that perhaps Saddam Hussein of Iraq might be about to rebuild ancient Babylon by way of his restoration of the ancient city ruins. Hussein did not rebuild the city. He’d barely started and was greatly distracted by his war with Iran and later the Gulf War and the ensuing personal battles he had with Presidents Bush, Clinton, and “dubya” Bush.

Saddam at least made a start and thus a new identity theory was not only born but also found itself garnering a “bandwagon” effect among prophecy literalists. That identity was made known to conservative Christian prophecy watchers with a book written by Dallas Theological Seminary professor Charles H. Dyer who wrote [“The](#)

[Rise of Babylon: Sign of the End Times.](#)” (Published by Tyndale House, Wheaton, IL. 1991)

Dyer’s book was written just before the first Gulf War in early 1991. It launched a renewal of an identity theory that has attracted a number of devotees. Dyer was not the first to broach the idea. There were a few commentators mentioning the idea even back a few centuries earlier, but these commentators were but a tiny minority. So Dyer’s work was the first modern-era book for those who do propose Iraq theory for identifying the “mystery” Babylon. Dyer’s book was the only such book of that venue for a number of years. Today, several new books have come forward on the subject, most notably a book by Mark Hitchcock and another by Mike Evans.

After Dyer’s work was published, a ripple of unease seemed to settle over the American Evangelical and Fundamentalist Churches. A few prophecy watchers began to do their own research on the subject in earnest. This author was already conducting research for the identity of the “mystery” Babylon back in 1987, four years before Dyer’s book became public.

Myself as merely a researcher at the time intended to prove once-and-for-all, categorically, beyond the shadow of a doubt that the RCC was indeed “Mystery Babylon.” By 1991, after nearly 2,000 hours of research my views had changed. I was no longer certain of the identity of “Mystery Babylon.” The entire subject of “Mystery Babylon’s” identity seemed to languish with no additional books being published on the subject. At least I could find no new research or books that had entered into mainstream distribution. As a result of this vacuum of information and with the urging of a former theology professor of mine, I compiled my research notes into a book format. It was published in 1998 to present the new information I had uncovered during the prior 10-year period.

Things were simmering behind the scenes during the 1990’s. In the late 1990’s, the entire subject of Mystery Babylon’s identity erupted with new theories surfacing. It began with the publication of [“America, The Babylon: America’s Destiny Foretold In Biblical Prophecy.”](#) The 256-page book received only limited distribution, as no established American religious publisher would dare to bring such a book to print that dared to suggest the same conclusion as Logsdon’s book 30 years earlier. The book itself did very well with Internet distribution. In fact, the Internet was the major facilitator for not only that book but for an explosion of personal websites by the turn of the Millennium that focused on Bible Prophecy and the idea that America was the “mystery” Babylon.

In addition to the USA as the “mystery” Babylon theory, other theories also began to find consideration, thank in part to the emergence of the internet. Among the new theories, one could begin to find newly emerging speculative theories such as: The UN, London, Jerusalem, New York City only and The New World Order

Those are but a few theories that have sprung up in the wake of Internet debates between various Bible Prophecy watchers.

These alternate identity theories for “Mystery Babylon” have had very short life spans as a theory. Were it not for the Internet, they would not likely have ever received even a passing glance. Many theories today are barely ‘passing glance’ theories. These other theories have developed quite a string of supporting evidence to make some kind of a case that others will consider. We will review all of these theories to a greater or lesser degree in the course of this book. Hang on to your hat as we take a ride through the various identity theories of the “Mystery Babylon” debate.

SECTION II: Let the Debates Begin

Chapter 9 Religious Identity Theories

#1. The Roman Catholic Church (RCC) Theory

This is the biggest and most widely held view among the futurist eschatologists. In conservative, evangelical, and fundamentalist circles, more people hold to this theoretical view than any other theory. It has been around since John wrote the book of Revelation around 90 A.D. It has had no other competition for such an understanding, according to the written early church records. There was no one writing to think that the “mystery” Babylon was referring to Jerusalem.

The most significant “modern” proponent of the RCC theory was a 19th century writer (alleged by many to be a trustworthy and scholarly researcher) named Alexander Hislop. Hislop wrote what started out as a pamphlet in 1853, which later in 1858 was published as a book entitled “The Two Babylons.” Hislop’s work has been considered by many to be a monumental work of either good or bad depending on one’s viewpoint. Hislop’s alleged “research” work is the essential foundation for advocates who believe and promote the theory that the Roman Catholic Church is the “mystery” Babylon.

The Hislop Problem

Earlier, we mentioned the problems with Alexander Hislop’s research and conclusions but we should now note that Hislop’s work was almost automatically accepted by conservative, Protestants of the mid 19th century. It was denounced by Catholics, atheists, and some liberal Protestants. Hardly any conservative, fundamentalist Protestant Christians bothered to read it with a very critical eye for 130+ years. It was assumed by conservative, fundamentalist Christians that Hislop was correct. They never really bothered to check Hislop’s research.

Secular scholars joined the RCC clergy in the middle of the 20th century to expose some of Hislop’s research errors. In defense of Hislop arose a young apologist by the name of Ralph Woodrow, who in 1981 wrote “Babylon Mystery Religion” as a defense of Hislop’s work. His book seemed so good and so thorough in its passionate rebuttal that it became the book that Hislop critics would take aim. The problem was that Woodrow had assumed Hislop’s research was accurate.

Nearly 16 years after Woodrow’s first book hit the bookshelves, Woodrow published another book, which refuted key points in his first book that supported Hislop. Why?

Woodrow had been challenged by another genuine Christian who began to show him some of Hislop's mistakes or errors in factual claims. Alarmed, Woodrow conducted his own thorough research effort. He found that indeed Hislop was not reliable as an historian but was instead extremely biased. Woodrow compiled his research into another book and published it as a rebuttal entitled "The Babylon Connection" in 1997. At the same time, Woodrow personally spent his own money to buy back his original book from customers.

Hislop made some *whopping* errors in his claims. Hislop claimed that Nimrod, the founder and builder of the Tower of Babel and the city of Babylon had a wife named Semiramis. Hislop describes the "legends" that supposedly grew up around this name and the alleged stories of Semiramis and Nimrod. The problem is that Hislop made up much of the material from thin air based on tremendous hyper-assumptions.

Hislop's evidence was a Syrian queen named Sammu ramat who lived around the 800 B.C. era. He claimed that the name was close enough to Semiramis to be in fact, Semiramis. Of course, the King's name was not even close – Shamshi-Adad V. Given the fact that Nimrod lived about 1,500 to 2,000 years earlier than Sammu ramat, Hislop apparently didn't mind that something might be just a bit "askew" with the facts, the truth, and reality.

Hislop didn't let the facts or the truth interfere with his grand plans to prove once-and-for-all that his agenda against Catholicism was justified. He kept right on twisting, distorting and most of all, out-and-out making up claims to justify his conclusions. Maybe Hislop meant well. We cannot know. However, in retrospect, his actions and efforts bear the similarities to many of the Illuminati efforts to keep humanity blinded from the truth. Hislop has done much to make the Mystery Babylon issue a muddy one that has thoroughly fooled the majority of conservative, fundamental, evangelical American Christians.

Another problem for Hislop.

Archaeological discoveries after his death and into the 20th century and ongoing translation work up to the present on official Royal documents shows that there was no such person as Semiramis as a Queen in Babylon. In fact, the women did not rule the throne in Babylon. Babylon was ruled only by Kings. This comes from the official Royal List of the Kings from the Royal archives in the King's Palace in Babylon.

In retrospect, as a researcher I find Hislop's behavior to have been outrageous. The mistakes are so bad, so extensive, and so far from the facts that we now know that we can only wonder if, Hislop was a deliberate disinformation agent of the Illuminati? He did grow in the heartland of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, as a Scotsman himself. The archaeological records prove conclusively that one could make the case for Hislop to have been a pathological liar of immense proportions.

Cautionary Note To RCC Theorists about Hislop

Please carefully examine Hislop's assertions with the facts. Read Woodrow's follow up expose on Hislop. Do some online research about the real Babylon of Sumer. You will find that there is no Semiramis ever mentioned anywhere in the very ancient past. Hislop's Sammu ramat tie to Nimrod is an absolute embarrassment to the RCC position. If any reader of this work is a devoted believer that the RCC is Mystery Babylon theory, then the one thing you must do to maintain any respect for your claims for your theory is to avoid and eliminate any reference to Hislop or his assertions. Why? Because Hislop's assertions are phony and fraudulent as they relate to the original Babylon. Yes, the RCC has some pagan issues that it has absorbed, but the problem is that they don't stem from Babylon but rather paganism found elsewhere unrelated to Babylon.

Now that we've covered a preliminary examination of Hislop, let's look at the primary tenets for the theory that the Roman Catholic Church is the "mystery" Babylon of Isaiah 13, 14, 47, and Jeremiah 50, 51 and Revelation 17, 18.

The main reason in logic for the RCC theoretical view is from its historic Protestant perspective that Protestantism promotes correct Biblical doctrine of Salvation whereas the RCC has the following erroneous differences:

1. Salvation. The RCC practices the idea of adding human effort to the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Such additions include:
 - a. church membership
 - b. baptism
 - c. communion
 - d. confession
 - e. being good
 - f. purgatory
2. Church rituals
3. Veneration of Mary, mother of Jesus as co-redemptrix with Christ (i.e. co-savior)

We won't go into the arguments on these matters other than to confirm that these are indeed heresies (and blasphemies too) refuted by scripture. On these matters, we agree with the RCC proponents. Roman Catholicism contains antibiblical, heretical doctrines.

Those three areas are but a few of the differences, which Protestants can point as proof of apostasy. Now, in regards to RCC Church rituals deriving from Babylonian occult worship, such claims are usually based on the erroneous research claims of Alexander Hislop. Whenever pagan elements in the RCC are found, they can be traced to the more modern paganism of Europe, usually date to the time of the second century A.D. Such claims can not even be traced back to the 300 - 800 BC era in Babylon, let alone to Nimrod's era of circa, 2,500 B.C.

REASONS FOR the RCC THEORY

1. The Woman of Revelation 17:1, 5 is a “harlot” and thus, the apostate Church.

The basis for such an interpretation is that the term Harlot in many passages of the Old Testament referred to Israel as a woman acting like a harlot when the people began worshipping other religions. Thus, the metaphor in the New Testament speaks of an apostate church, not Israel because the Apostle John is writing to the Church.

What most commentators fail to realize is that in every instance, the metaphor refers to Ishtar, chief goddess of Babylon. The goddess Ishtar was called by her worshippers as “MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS.” This title is then being referenced in Revelation 17:5 and it is a clear reference to Ishtar. Why? In all of my 20+ years of research into historical documents of antiquity, I have discovered that no other pagan deity held such a title as this. There is no textual evidence in Revelation 17 to support the interpretation that the woman is an apostate church.

Suffice it to say, that the Israel metaphor of playing the harlot refers to Israel endorsing Ishtar’s worship doctrines. The Israeli metaphor, as applied to the RCC theory, assumes the woman now becomes the Church (no longer Israel). The theory is then supposed to be further supported by evidence of RCC ritualism, which is claimed (thanks to Hislop’s errors) to be ritualism of the goddess Semiramis. Never mind the fact that there was no Semiramis. Never mind the fact that Semiramis was simply an invented myth. We would not argue that the RCC ritualism may have pagan origin. The problem we have is that the RCC system cannot be linked to Babylon’s chief goddess Ishtar or even to other Babylonian pagan deities.

2. “The 7 Hills of Rome” Rev 17:9

The RCC Theorists proceed from Revelation 17:5 to verse 9 as the absolute proof that Mystery Babylon is the RCC. Verse 9 states:

“And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sitteth.” KJV

“This calls for a mind with wisdom. The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits. NIV

Now for the MOST LITERAL rendering from the original Greek text.

“Here is the mind having wisdom. The seven heads – seven “hora” are ... where the woman sits upon them.”

The Greek word in question here is the word “hora.”

The original root meaning of the word “hora” is large land mass. It later came to have meaning as a “whore” of the Ishtar mystery religion in which the “whore” was a temple priestess who engaged in individual sexual relations with a worshipper in order for the worshipper to become one with the goddess and have their sins “washed away” in a total cleansing via bodily secretions.

Within the Babylonian chief goddess Ishtar worship doctrines was the notion of the 7 spikes of her crown that reflected the occult enlightenment of the sun-god Utu (a.k.a. Shamesh) upon each of the 7 “hora” of the world and the 7 seas of the world. In Ishtar doctrine, the word “hora” means a continent not a mountain, desert or a hill. This idea is generated by the original Greek root word meaning which reflects the original Babylonian concept for the 7 continents of the world.

In Greek-English lexicons, we find the word “hora” was generally used in the first century for describing a mountain or a desert. We find no justification to place the word with the definition hill. A hill is simply not big enough for the word. There are other words used for “hill” in the Greek. In fact, one Greek word for hill is borrowed from the Latin and it was T-H-E word for the 7 “hills” of Rome. Buonos is the term that should have been used by the Apostle John if indeed he were referring to the city of Rome. He did not use that term.

In point of fact, while digging deeply in the language for a number of years now, we’ve discovered that the term “7 hills of Rome” was not generally applied to the city of Rome until the third/fourth century A.D. Before 90 A.D., we have only 7 known, written incidents of the terms usage that we know of in Latin, (not Greek). It was not a commonly used term in the days of John the Apostle. In fact, the term “7 hills of Rome” itself may have been unknown to common Jew and Gentile alike in 90 A.D. and thus not the intention of the Holy Spirit for such an application to be made. Instead, it was an attempt by the Holy Spirit to connect the woman to Ishtar of Babylon via the doctrine of reflecting the enlightenment of Utu. This is the most logical conclusion that can be drawn. It is a far more logical conclusion once we understand the Greek term, “hora.”

[There is greater detailed information on this matter in “America, The Babylon” in both volumes 1 and 2.]

#3. The woman is a city. Revelation 17:18

RCC theorists desperately cling to the translation that the woman is a city as found in verse 18 of the 17th chapter of Revelation. The RCC theorists will steadfastly hold that the text is not referring to a nation, an empire, or an organization or a principle such as capitalism or communism. Instead, the RCC theorists are adamant in their interpretation that the Greek word “megalopolis” is merely just a city.

The Greek word “megalopolis” is a compound word consisting of “megala and “polis.”

Megala = Super in power, size, strength and influence.

Polis = city.

When the two words are combined, you get a compound definition of a super-power or “chief city” such as Rome – the Empire of which, Rome, the city, is the capital city. It is true for other empires of the ancient past. They defined their empires by their “chief” or capital city. We do something similar in our news media coverage today. Often times the news media will refer to London, Moscow, or Paris when in reality it is describing the governments of Britain, Russia, or France.

Let’s Review the Roman Catholic Church Key Theory Points Again:

The RCC theoretical conclusion for Revelation 17 is that the chapter is describing:

- A Harlot Woman – 17:5
- Located in Rome – 17: 9
- She is Vatican City – 17:18

The RCC Theoretical flow of logic has 2 key points about the woman:

- A. M.Babylon then must be a harlot woman located in Rome and is Vatican city.
- B. M.Babylon must be the RCC.

Of course, there is more to the RCC theory.

#4. Peter says Rome is Babylon

A fourth point made by the RCC theorists is that the Apostle Peter in his first epistle makes a reference of Babylon to which the RCC theorists interpret to mean Rome. The passage is 1st Peter 5:13 literally rendered from the original Greek:

“The co-chosen in Babylon and Mark the son of me greets you ...”

The above is the closest literal Greek interpretation of the text. The RCC theorists claim that there was no church in Babylon because Babylon was either destroyed or merely a small village and that no disciples had gone there with the gospel at that point in time. The fact is that Babylon was still an extremely large city and more Jews lived in Babylon at the time of Jesus than in all of Israel! Therefore, Babylon was quite large. It was still a prominent world city.

It has been thought by many that 1st Peter was written by Peter while he was in Rome and thus the Babylon reference was a cryptic way of indicating he was sending greetings from the church in Rome. We have no proof of this. We do have proof that Babylon was large enough to have had a church. There are indications that indeed a church did exist at Babylon. There are no indications, one way or the other, that Peter did or did not visit Babylon. This 4th proof point is in reality a washout. There is nothing to provide solid support for or against the claims of the RCC theory on this point.

#5. Killing the Saints – No one killed more Christians than Rome.

The RCC theorists point to Revelation 17:6 and 18:24 as another proof-positive that Mystery Babylon is Rome.

Rev 17:6

“And I saw the woman 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.”

Rev 18:24

“And in her was found the blood of the prophets, and of saints, and OF ALL that were slain upon the earth.”

In these verses, we see a reference to killing the saints, the martyrs in Jesus. However, note that there is nothing in the verses about the woman actually “killing” any of these saints, prophets, martyrs, or OF ALL. It merely states that she is drunk with their blood. The **assumption** is that she killed them. Thus, the logic equates killing with being drunk, but the text does not actually make the claim that she kills them. It only states that she is drunk with their blood in 17:6

In the 18:24 passage, we find the term “found.” The blood is linked to prophets, saints, and **ALL** that were ever slain on the face of the earth. The Greek tense refers to all past slayings since the beginning of slayings (i.e. Cain & Abel, Gen. 4:8) The RCC proponents and other different theoretical views often miss these key points, like the Abel reference and the drunkenness being improperly equated to murder. These points conclude that the woman/RCC killed all of these. The point of the verses however does NOT make such conclusions. Rev 18:24 merely assigns guilt or blame to the woman/city. [“America, The Babylon – Volume 2](#) explains this aspect in further detail

The RCC theorists jump to the conclusions that the RCC killed many true believers plus Jews and pagans such as Muslims, therefore the RCC is the only possible answer to the question of “Who is Mystery Babylon.” This conclusion is false and thoroughly misunderstood.

Reasons Against the RCC Theory

#1. Rev. 17:5 -- While the woman is called the Mother of the Harlots this does not automatically mean that the woman is the apostate church known as the Roman Catholic Church. In “America, The Babylon” Volume 2 you will find an entire chapter devoted to showing the errors of the RCC theory. There is another chapter, which shows that the woman is actually a rebel angel manifesting itself in feminine form as the Babylonian goddess Ishtar.

Ishtar actually held the Holy Title in Babylon “MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS.” It was a term that was **All Capitalized** meaning it stood out as a title as the term was All Capitalized by Ishtar worshippers. A title mandated capital letters. The Apostle John’s copying of the Ishtar title was a way to refer to the “mystery” of Ishtar and her “Mystery Doctrines.” Ishtar’s religion was called a “mystery” religion that worshipped a fallen angel called “Ishtar.” Her own worshippers called her religious dogmas a “mystery” or “mysteries.”

John was not referring to an apostate church, nor to Rome or to Israel/Jerusalem. I strongly assert that Revelation chapter 17 indicates that the entity described as a woman is a fallen angel who is the driving force and the symbolic leader of something found in 17:18 – a megalopolis or Super-city/state nation. The woman is the symbol for a nation and she is the subtle occult-driving force of that nation. The woman is in actuality a fallen angel who ‘guards’ and protects her special nation.

#2. Revelation 17:9. Verse 9 has been misunderstood and mistranslated. As we noted earlier, the original Greek text uses the word “hora” which in its earliest, original root form was applied to the idea of a large land mass. Now, in general usage during the first century A.D., the word was also used for mountains or deserts but **not** for hills. There was a separate Latin word carried over into the Greek for the term 7 hills of Rome. That word was “bounos.” Therefore, if the Holy Spirit was referring to the 7 hills of Rome, He should have directed John to use the term “bounos” and not “hora.” One should conclude that Rev 17:9 is not referring to Rome.

#3. Revelation 17:18. This verse links the woman to a city. In fact, the transitive verb “is” should be understood by the grammatical rules to function like a mathematical equation sign or =.

Therefore, we can diagram the sentence as:

The woman = the megalopolis or super-power city/state/nation.

Notice how we also carried over from our earlier points about “megalopolis” being a super-power in size or strength or both and polis being a city. We’ve combined those

above with the transitive verb to show that the woman is indeed a nation and not merely a city. Remember, often times an empire was referred to by its chief or capital city's name. This was especially true of world empires like Rome and Babylon. This is confirmed by Jeremiah 51:43 where the term "cities" (plural) is used.

#4. 1st Peter 5:13. This verse is not necessarily a reference to the church at Rome. The argument is made by RCC theorists that it was unsafe for the church at Rome to be referred to in a letter as the church at Rome. RCC theorists then claim that some "deception" was needed by Peter and the Holy Spirit to protect the church at Rome by referring to them as believers at Babylon. The theory extends that the term "Babylon" becomes a code-word indicating Rome's similarities to Babylon.

We note the irony that RCC theorists like to boast and pound their chests claiming their theory is the only correct one because their theory is completely literal. Oops, but forgive us for pointing out that the 1st Peter 5:13 passage is not at all literal. In fact, the logic of the 1st Peter passage connected as proof for the RCC position is about as sane as tap dancing on a railroad track in front of an oncoming freight train doing 90 miles per hour. Their 1st Peter passage is based upon complete conjecture and we believe based upon invalid assumptions.

#5. Rev 17:6 & 18:24 – passages associated with the blood of the saints, martyrs of Jesus, prophets and ALL that have been slain upon the earth cannot be linked to the RCC and the Inquisition plus the Reformation. The text indicates bloodguilt for all of prior history – clear back to the time of Abel, thousands of years before the RCC. This issue could apply to many theories including Babylon, Rome, Israel, and even America.

Yes, in reality, there is documentation that has been nearly submerged in darkness but now coming to light a bit – involving America's leaders in the 1920s through WW2 who were secretly controlling Adolf Hitler and the Nazis, both with money and with Illuminati orders. There is a lawsuit languishing in The World Court at the time of this writing, accusing President George W. Bush's grandfather, Prescott Bush of aiding, financing, and supplying Hitler and Germany's industrial corporation with money and technology in the war effort. Bush and other American Bankers also provided financing and other related assistance for the building of Holocaust concentration camps including Auschwitz.

There are charges made by former insiders to the N.W.O. movement that it was American leaders (Illuminati) who ordered Hitler to kill the Jews. Similar-related information has surfaced also showing these same men, their same group also controlled and ordered Russia's Joe Stalin to liquidate 40 million Jews and Christians as well as Red China's Mao-Tse-Tung to martyr 40 million Chinese Christians when the Communists took over China.

Therefore, on that basis, America has far more blood on her hands than the RCC ever dreamed. In fact, it could be asserted that America has more blood on her hands than all other nations in human history and the RCC combined, including Israel, too.

We can also note that the Textual passages about this future Babylon indicate the following characteristics that eliminate the RCC theory: (M.B. = “Mystery Babylon”)

1. “Mystery Babylon” is a Deep Water Port City. (Rev 18:11-19) Note the Sea captains & sailors watching from their ships decks off the coastline. Rome is not a port city.

2. M.B. is a key commercial nation and engine of wealth for the world’s economy. See Rev 18:11-19. Rome is neither a key commercial city nor engine of wealth for the world’s economy.

3. M.B. is the leading center of world imports and consumption. See Rev 18:11-19. Rome is not a leading center of world imports and consumption.

4. M.B. is a key center for merchandising and marketing. See Rev 18:11-19 Rome is not a key center for the world in merchandising and marketing.

5. M.B. is the world’s policeman (see “hammer of the whole earth” Ancient Rome was the world’s policeman, 2,000 years ago but not so today.

6. M.B. is noted for drugs and drug use. Rome also apparently has this problem but not like America.

7. M.B. is land of agriculture and Farming. When did you ever see a wheat combine running around a city, especially Vatican city, or Rome?

8. M.B. is a land of many waters.

9. M.B. is the last of the Super Powers. Rome is NOT a super-power.

10. M.B. has defenses that reach into Outer Space. Rome has no space program.

There are 56 factoids, which describe the future Babylon and rule out the notion that “mystery” Babylon is the apostate church known as the Roman Catholic Church. For a more detailed analysis with 56 Reasons why the RCC cannot be the “mystery” Babylon, we suggest you read “America, The Babylon Volume 2 and chapter 1.

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Conclusion For #1 Theory On RCC as Mystery Babylon:

Scriptural passages point to “mystery” Babylon being a nation with a woman, Ishtar, goddess of Babylon as its symbol. The references to its military and to its defenses and the references to its being a nation, completely rules out the idea that the RCC is “mystery” Babylon.

#2. The Apostate Protestant & RCC Churches

This is a basically, an alternate theory held by a few who believe that there is little if any difference between the Protestant liberal denominations and the Roman Catholic Church. Some would include or simply umbrella the concept into the World Council of Churches venue. Much of the same arguments are used as for the RCC theory. The only difference is that now the Protestants are included. Many who hold this alternate view assume that at some future point the Protestants will rejoin the RCC to at least a greater degree than at the present time of this writing.

The same reasons to reject the original RCC theory can be applied to this theory as well. Simply stated, the scriptural **facts** simply **do not match up to** an apostate church **of any kind**. The woman of Revelation 17 is describing the symbol of a nation not a church group. This symbol is the idealism of a nation and its worship of itself in patriotic ritualism such as at official government gatherings and even sporting events where the national anthem is sung and the Pledge of Allegiance is given. This is an express form of worship not generally recognized, realized, or understood by American Christians.

#3. The Cults – (“Moonies-Reunification Church, or other cults)

This is another little-known theory that we’ve come encountered. Again, as with the first two theories, the same arguments and counter-arguments for the most part can be applied. Despite a majority conclusion to the contrary, Revelation 17 is not a reference to a religion, despite the seeming allegorization using the “harlot” terminology. Instead, the “harlot” terminology is a direct identification of Ishtar of Babylon as the symbol of a nation because the woman IS the symbol of a super-power city/state/nation called “Babylon, the Megala” or “Babylon, the Great.”

#4. A New Future World Religion

This theory might be more suitable and worth consideration except for the fact that Revelation 17 is indicating the woman IS the super-power city/state/nation called Babylon, The Megala. Ishtar, the woman of Revelation 17 is fallen angel and while it/she promotes portions of her religion today in the USA it is mostly in cryptic, mystical fashions or in secret. Ishtar’s main role and function though, as noted in the prophecies is as a guardian spirit of a super-power nation of the end of the Church era.

#5. Islam as the “mystery” Babylon

There are too many problems with this theory with only a few people we've encountered presenting such a theory. It comes in the wake of 9-11 and the rise of Al Qaeda. Again, the same counter-arguments could be applied. There is no female personage at all linkable to Islam and Islam is not polytheistic in any manner. As we've stated with the first four identity theories, the problem is that Revelation 17 is not describing a religion or a church.

General Conclusions on Religious Identity Theories

We have now covered the five different theories that we have encountered over the past 17 years in our research on the subject of Mystery Babylon's identity that revolve in the realm of a religious nature. We have presented the essential notions of these differing views but only in a nutshell summation. We have presented a nutshell summary of counter-arguments to each of these theories also. You may conclude as you wish. We would however encourage you to pursue your own individual research into these various theories for themselves and not take our “counter-arguments” at face value, even though we think they are indeed valid. Each reader needs to dig into the facts for his/her self because that is the only way to understand this critically important issue. We'll now turn to another realm in the identity debate revolving around the broad scope of Global, Geo-political Organizations that are theorized as being the “mystery” of Babylon.

Chapter 10

Global Geo-political Organizations

An Overview of Geo-political and Globalist theories

This realm of thinking has been around for only a few years like most other theories. While there may have been some consideration that the UN was Mystery Babylon as early as the inception of that organization the consensus in the 1940's through the 80's was that "Mystery Babylon" was a religion, namely the apostate RCC. This view began to change as more people began to think of alternative identity theories to the dominant and original RCC theory. For the most part, this global or "geo-political" realm really began to draw adherents during the 1990s and George Herbert Walker Bush and his famous speeches about a New World Order made just before the first Gulf War with Iraq. There are 3 different identity theories that fit this category. Let's examine each in closer detail.

#6 The UN

#7 The New World Order

#8 World Capitalism and or Communism or both

Each of these various theories can be combined, as they are so similar in nature. We have found that none of these identity theories carries any specific, nitty-gritty, Biblical textual support.

The proponents of these theories base their theories upon the predication that John's Revelation passages speak of the economics of "Mystery Babylon" in Revelation 18:11-19. Other passages relate to "Mystery Babylon's" global control, influence, or power. As such, these theorists then automatically assume that "Mystery Babylon" is an organization or an economic-political principle. Theory proponents also fail to note that Revelation 17:18 specifically states that the woman IS the super-power city/state/nation and not an organization or an economic system per se.

There are as many as 19 character traits listed in the prophetic texts about the "mystery" Babylon which preclude the "mystery" Babylon from being an organization such as the UN or the "New World Order," the Illuminati or Freemasonry.

Brevity here necessitates a brief listing of only a handful of these key identity character traits such as:

1. The Jeremiah 50:12 passage alone should be sufficient to rule out the UN/N.W.O./Illuminati/Freemasonry. However, there are more to follow in case this one isn't good enough.
2. Revelation 17:18 & Jeremiah 51:44 refers to Babylon as having land as in a city-state-nation which surrounds a geographic location where the Kings (leaders) of the Earth meet.
3. Babylon is a land of agriculture. Jeremiah 50:16 speaks of sowers planting and of harvesting crops. This is the trait of a nation, not an organization.
4. In the original Greek texts, Babylon is referred to singularly. If this were an organization, such as the UN, the Koine-Greek word, by Koine-Greek grammatical rules would be written in a plural ending format. This is not the case. Therefore, it just simply cannot be an organization.

For a full list of reasons why Mystery Babylon is not a Global or Geo-political organization read ["America, The Babylon" volumes 1 and 2.](#) especially Volume 2.

Chapter 11

Major Urban Cities Theories

An Introduction

The next five theories encompass cities as being the theoretical “Mystery Babylon.” The basis for the city theory incorporates Revelation 17:18. The city theory picks up the verse’s connection between the woman and the term “megala-polis.” This verse makes it clear that the woman of chapter 17 is indeed a “megala-polis.”

What Cities?

Theory #9 – London. Some theorists think London is Babylon because of the Freemasonry connection. Some believe that the Illuminati is based out of London and not New York City. It also is a deep-water port city where lots of world trade comes. The problem is that London does not meet very many of the criteria found in Revelation 18:11-13. Those verses contain a long list of commodities being traded in Babylon, which come to Babylon via ocean-going merchant ships, i.e. ocean freighters. Notice that gold, silver and copper are among the first items to be listed.

While London does play a symbolic role in the trading of gold and silver with their morning and afternoon price-fixing announcements, London does very little volume of trade in the metals when compared with the New York Mercantile Exchange’s COMEX. The COMEX trading volume equals the rest of the world combined! In other words, NYC has more gold or silver (copper too) traded in one day than the combined markets of London, Paris, Frankfurt, Rome, Hong Kong and Tokyo and all other markets around the world combined. This lopsidedness alone rules out such theories as London, Rome, Jerusalem, or any other city.

Theory #10 – Tyre. This is one theory that has very few proponents that we’ve found. In fact, the few we’ve encountered a few years ago seem to have realized the ridiculousness of their case. The case is virtually non-existent. There is no reason why Tyre should even be considered, it doesn’t even match the identifying character traits of Revelation 18:11-13 let alone other traits. However, this theory is an excellent example of very bad hermeneutical analysis. The only possible reference in the scripture for Tyre is found in Isaiah 23. Verse 15 indicates Tyre will sing like a harlot. Thus, Tyre must be the “MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS” found in Revelation 17. Makes sense doesn’t it? Of course, there are further allusions to harlotry but Babylon is never used in the chapter. Verse 13 references the term “land of the Chaldeans” but not in the sense that Tyre is Babylon or even Chaldea. We simply have a case of people proposing this theory who simply have not properly exegeted the passage.

Theory # 11 – Jerusalem. This is a fairly new theory except in Preterist circles, in which the theory has been bounced between Rome, Babylon, and Jerusalem by Jesuit Priests and apostate Protestants for a number of years. [Preterism is the blasphemous notion that all or most of the Revelation prophecies have already been fulfilled either literally or figuratively in the first century a.d.]

I only began to encounter the “Jerusalem theory after the year 2000, but in late 1998 I did meet one person who proposed such a theory. While on a book tour around the country, I did encounter one vociferous individual who almost had to be escorted out of a prophecy seminar by officials because of his maniacal behavior. He proclaimed loud and longingly in a physically vehement manner, that Jerusalem was indeed the “mystery” Babylon because he’d had a vision from God. He then claimed he had done his own follow-up study for backup proof. When he was presented with scriptural facts that dispelled the view, as a last resort he became belligerent, verbally abusive and had to be restrained from provoking a physical attack upon this author and conference officials.

Since then, a few other writings have been found on the internet promoting the idea that the future Babylon of prophecy is Jerusalem.

The theory that Jerusalem is Babylon primarily revolves around the passage in Revelation 11:8, which uses similar term “great city” that describes Jerusalem as the location where the 2 witnesses are killed and later resurrected. That verse however specifically cites and identifies Jerusalem as being a type of Sodom and of an unbelieving Egypt. Use of that term does not automatically mean that the term must always mean Jerusalem. In point of fact, other cities could be called a Megala-polis.

Other proponent-supporting points include:

- #1. The idea that the Jews somehow control all of the world’s leaders.
- #2. Jerusalem and Israel are referred to in the Old Testament as “playing the harlot” and thus, the harlot reference in Revelation 17:5 links the verse exclusively to Israel.
- #3. There is also a proposed future thought that at some point Jerusalem will be made the world’s capital city. It will be the capital of the Antichrist.

Textual evidence that clearly eliminates the Jerusalem as Babylon theory includes all of the character traits found in Revelation 18:11-13. A couple of dozen different character traits rule out Jerusalem. Jerusalem is not a city where gold is traded in any kind of quantity like New York, London, Paris, Rome, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, or Tokyo. Ditto holds true for silver and copper. The same thing holds true for all the other commodities listed in those verses.

Another deficiency in the Jerusalem theory is that Jerusalem is NOT a deep-water port city. It is not the engine of wealth for the world’s economy. It is not where all

the world's leaders come to meet. It is not the world's policeman, nor does Jerusalem or Israel have military weapons in outer space. Neither does Israel have a navy to speak of, that shows the flag around the world. Israel-Jerusalem is not a land of many waters. In fact, Israel is dying of thirst and fighting for water. The nation is nearly bone-dry. There are no marshes, nor swamps to speak of in Israel. There is a lot of desert area though.

Ultimate Proof That Jerusalem Is Not Babylon

There is however, one very critical fact that absolutely, categorically blows the Jerusalem theory out of the water. This one cannot be argued against by any Jerusalem proponent.

Babylon or "Mystery Babylon's" destiny is eternal, physical destruction. No man will ever live there again. It will be uninhabited by humans. It will be inhabited (at least for a while) by animals of the desert and later by ocean life when Babylon sinks to the bottom of the ocean. The problem with the Jerusalem = Babylon theory is that we have the Messianic prophecies indicating, that Jesus Christ will return and rule from Jerusalem for 1,000 years. Later we will see a new heaven and a new earth created in eternity but not during the 1,000-year millennial reign of Christ. Furthermore, the prophecies are not just Babylon but her 'cities' her farmlands, or better stated – her entire nation. Babylon is a nation not merely a city. Even so...

The "New" Jerusalem does not come down until after the millennial reign of Christ ends and Satan is finally cast into the lake of fire, finally. Then the new city of Jerusalem comes down. The Messianic prophecies speak of the Messiah rebuilding a destroyed Jerusalem that will be inhabited, unlike the prophecies of Revelation 18:21, which states Babylon, will never be found again. Revelation 18 in verse 24 states that Babylon, the nation will be uninhabitable, forever. Yet, the Messianic prophecies speak of Jerusalem being the world's capital city under the Lord's reign of 1,000 years. How can you have both? Answer: You can't have it both ways.

The Jeremiah passages speak of complete and utter destruction of Babylon. Isaiah speaks of Babylon being like Sodom and Gomorrah, so too does Jeremiah. The same is true of John's Apocalypse as he denotes utter destruction and no further habitation. Jeremiah also states in chapter 51: 42, 55, 64, that the ocean comes up over Babylon and she sinks forever beneath the waves.

So, for anyone claiming that Jerusalem is the "mystery" Babylon is absolutely making a claim, an interpretation, which is in direct contradiction to the scriptures and the scriptures never contradict themselves. The only contradictions of the Bible come from people who have misunderstood and misapplied the scriptures. The theory that Babylon is Jerusalem simply doesn't hold water. It is a complete contradiction of not only the Babylon prophecies, but that theory also contradicts the Messianic prophecies. Jerusalem as a theoretical Babylon is a complete contradiction of other Biblical prophecies.

Theory # 12 – New York City. This one is close to the money. The text is indeed speaking of New York City but only in that it is an important city in the Babylonian-oriented nation. Revelation 18: 11-13 speaks of Babylon as the world’s marketplace for agricultural products. New York is not where most of the agriculture products are traded. Those are traded primarily in Chicago, except in Kansas City where the #2 hard red winter wheat is traded (#2 hard-red winter wheat) which is used to make modern-day loaves of bread. Minneapolis is where another type of white wheat is traded (for making crackers, etc).

While New York City meets much of the criteria, found in Revelation 18:11-13, New York City alone and by itself, fails to meet all of the listed character traits and items found in those verses. Plus of course, let’s not forget the nation references including Jeremiah’s usage of the plural form – cities, not merely a single city.

Theory #13 – Rome. This theory stems from Revelation 17:9, which is mistranslated and thus misinterpreted as referring to the 7 “hills” of Rome. We’ve already discussed the problem of this verse in the earlier theory, in which the verse is thought by some to be a reference to the Roman Catholic Church, Vatican City and Rome. The word “hora” in verse 9 refers to the 7 large landmasses of the world or continents of the world. See also a very detailed explanation in [“America, The Babylon” Volume 2](#) for 56 reasons why Rome can not be “Mystery Babylon.” This Rome = Babylon theory fails just as all the other “city-type” theories.

Further Evidence Eliminating the “City” theory

The city theory however, blindly follows the incorrect English translations of Revelation 17 and 18. The translators by and large ignore the Greek prefix “megala” which means “super in power and size.” Thus, the city theorists misunderstand the full power of the prefix meaning. They ignore the prefix itself and assume the term is merely indicating a city and thus they claim to have the most literal rendering. This is NOT the case. The most literal rendering is something more than merely a city. It is a city-state-nation, with armies and military capabilities in outer space.

Babylon is Cities - plural

The problem with any city theory is the character traits that are also listed throughout the various prophecies including Jeremiah 50 and 51, which clearly indicate that Babylon is the empire/nation. (See Jeremiah 50:32 – “cities”-plural) **The plural use of cities being destroyed** eliminates the idea that Babylon refers to merely the city of Babylon itself. When Jeremiah 50:32 describes the destruction of Babylon we find God saying: **“I will kindle a fire in his cities.”** Then we find in 51:43 the verse stating: **“Her cities are a desolation, a dry land and a wilderness.”** ALL of these terms indicate something more than simply a single, giant city.

The use of the plural of “cities” indicates that the prophecies indeed do cover an entire and whole nation and not merely its chief or capital city. Megalapolis then is a nation not a city.

Babylon is Farmlands

If all of the above indicators were insufficient for the most diehard city theorist then the following should finally eliminate the issue. Jeremiah 50:16 & 27 refer to her farmers and to agriculture. We don’t know about you, but we don’t recall seeing wheat combines harvesting wheat in New York City’s Times Square, or on Broadway or Wall Street. The same can be said for any other city, such as the Vatican, or downtown Rome, or London, or Baghdad, or ancient Babylon or even Jerusalem. Let’s face it. Cities are not where farms are located. Cities are not where crops of wheat, corn, oats, soybeans, or livestock are grown or raised. Those verses in Jeremiah are indicating farmlands not city blocks. However, the agriculture issue isn’t the only other dilemma for city theorists.

Babylon = “LAND OF” = Nation – not merely a city

The prophecies also speak of Babylon as a “**land of many waters.**” Here again the term “**land**” is always used to denote nations/empires and not merely a single city. There is also the issue of Babylon being called a “kingdom” in the sense of nationhood. Babylon is called “the Queen of the Kingdoms” or “**Queen of the nations.**” This of course is another direct reference to nationhood.

Jeremiah indicates other terms indicating nationhood such as wilderness, swamps, marshes, fords as well as waters and rivers. Fords is not a term to be associated with a modern urban city, which today utilizes bridges or tunnels. There are however ‘fords’ in rural areas.

The prophecies also speak of her military forces including “outer space” defenses. See Jeremiah 51:53 where it states that “though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength” ... which in the original Hebrew wording we find that this phrase indicates strengthening military defenses in the heavens or outer space. Now honestly, what city in the world has military defenses deposited in outer space? There are no cities that even have an army, navy or an air force, let alone outer space defenses. This verse alone indicates Babylon is not merely a city. Anyone who thinks otherwise is in a state of denial, which is not to be confused with Egypt and the Nile River. ☺

When you pile all of these character traits into a coherent system of data points, you are forced and really, mentally hammered into the stark realization that the Babylon prophecies and the Divine judgment are referencing an empire/nation of Babylon. Mystery Babylon really is a nation, not a church, not a religion, not an organization, not an ideology, nor merely a single city. The prophetic, future Babylon is a super-power nation the likes of which has never been seen before in human history.

On this basis, we can rule out the following cities:

Theory #9 – London

Theory #10 – Tyre

Theory #11 – Jerusalem

Theory #12 – New York City

Theory #13 – Rome or Vatican City

Therefore, we are left with only one option – that the “mystery” Babylon is simply put forth as a nation.

However, the “mystery” Babylon is not just any nation, but a Super-Power nation, a “megala” or “super-power” nation like no other in human history.

Remember the prophetic phrase of lament by the international freighter captains and merchant mariners and passengers in Revelation 18 where they are all saying: ***“What/Who is like to the super-power city”*** or “city-state-nation.”

Who was like this super-power? Were there any equals among her?

No, there were not.

The original Greek statement was simply a rhetorical statement underscoring the fact that there never existed a nation quite like the “mystery” Babylon now going down in flames.

The whole thrust of Revelation chapter 18 verses 14-19 show how no other nation in human history could be compared to this “mystery” Babylon. She had no equals. There was never a nation quite like her.

Chapter 12

National Theories for “mystery” Babylon’s Identity

There are four nations generally theorized as possibly being “mystery” Babylon. Those four include the following:

Theory # 14 – The Nation of Italy

Theory #15 – The Nation of Britain (UK)

Theory #16 – The Nation of Iraq

Theory #17 – The United States of America

We’ll now examine these theories more closely.

Theory #14 – The Nation of Italy

This theory is an offshoot of the “Rome – City theory” and closely related to the arguments that “mystery” Babylon is the Roman Catholic Church. This theory attempts to overcome the shortfalls in those other theories by incorporating everything into the nation of Italy. Everything in those earlier proposing theoretical views applies here too. The “7 hills of Rome” is still used and it is still a misinterpretation and mistranslation. Yet it is one of the supposed reasons to believe that “mystery” Babylon is Rome. Yet others would also include the nation status because it is believed that eventually Rome will be the capital of the EU. There is no basis in fact for this. The EU itself seems to be spreading out its “capital” aspects although much of its power seems to be geographically located in the Netherlands-Belgium area.

The problems with the Italy/Rome theory fall again along the lines of prophetic description. Babylon is a “super-power” nation. Babylon’s defenses reach into the heavens. Neither of these characteristics describes Italy.

Revelation 18:11-19 describes Babylon as exceedingly, extravagantly rich in wealth. “mystery” Babylon is the economic engine of wealth for the whole world. We say this by virtue of the descriptive elements in the passage about the mega-merchants of the earth, the ship’s captains, sailors, and passengers aboard ships who witness her destruction from an offshore location. They comment rhetorically that now no one is left who will buy their goods because Babylon was the key consumer of their products. See especially verse 11. Then verses 11-13 list the various commodities.

Here again, we see in the list, commodities such as gold. Nowhere in Italy is gold the world’s marketplace for trading. More gold is traded in America than everywhere else COMBINED. The same holds true for every item mentioned in that list found in Rev. 18-11-13. Italy simply does not have the economic characteristics to meet the textual description. Italy does not have the military characteristics either. Italy is not where all the world’s leaders “stream to meet” regularly. Italy does not have military defenses that reach into outer space. Italy is not considered the world’s policeman. Italy is not considered to be the sole, lone super-power left.

Let’s face it. Italy is simply unable to meet the textual requirements for the prophecies of “mystery” Babylon.

Theory #15 – Britain or the United Kingdom

This theory has developed in the last few years, as an alternative to the America is Babylon theory. We suspect it has been primarily promoted primarily out of a motivation to find a possible alternative to the America position. Its proponents are primarily Americans wishing to put the blame elsewhere.

The reasons proposed for favoring Britain as “mystery” Babylon include:

#1. Britain has a monarchy and Babylon is referred to as a Queen. See Revelation 18:7 and Isaiah 47: 5, 7 (where “lady” is actually a queen or princess in the Hebrew).

#2. Once, Britain had an empire larger than any other historical empire that included most of the Middle East, much of Asia, North America and portions of Africa as well as all of Australia.

#3. Once, Britain had the most powerful navies and armies. Britannia ruled the waves.

#4. Once, Britain was referred to as the world’s policeman, “pax Britannia.”

#5. Once, Britain was the world’s engine of wealth for the world’s economy.

#6. Once, Britain was the world’s marketplace for ocean borne freight in all the items listed in Revelation 18:11-13.

#7. London is still famous for the London “Fixing” of the gold and silver prices. (however, it’s all symbolic and has little influence in the market pricing power that is driven by the immense futures trading contracts in the New York COMEX where most of the world’s gold is traded everyday.)

#8. Her merchants were once the world’s mega-merchants.

#9. Britain gave birth to Scottish Freemasonry. Well sort-of. It came from elsewhere.

#10. Britain set the stage for the rebirth of Israel.

#11. As an island nation Britain could easily sink beneath the waves in a seismic cataclysm.

#12. London, as the chief city of Britain is a deep-water port city.

On the surface, it would seem that Great Britain could well be the “mystery” Babylon.

There are however, problems with that theory. Let's look at those problems.

Problems with the Britain theory.

The future, prophetic Babylon is described as being the 'last' of the super-power nations. See Jeremiah 50:12 and Revelation chapters 17 and 18. Great Britain's power has been eclipsed by America in both power and influence for at least a half century, since World War 2. Now, American power resides around the world including even Antarctica which is something no other nation or world empire could ever state. Only one nation truly has exerted her power and influence over each of the 7 continents of the world and Great Britain is NOT that nation.

Babylon prophecy states that there was never a nation like her. The prophetic "mystery" Babylon is unique in all history in both power and influence. America's power became far greater – reaching into outer space and even to the Moon, Mars and other planets in our solar system. No other nation can make such a claim.

British impact upon world culture was never as pervasive as America, with America's Hollywood, Television, and Internet influences, not to mention sports, transportation, and communications in general.

Britain became a former candidate for the title of "mystery" Babylon when America superseded her in power during World War 2.

While Britain did give birth to the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, it was really borrowed from elsewhere. America not only embraced it, but also under the direction of General Albert Pike, took it to a completely new level and merged it with Illuminism and the Illuminati. America's masons took everything to a whole new level with a Masonic U.S. Capitol Building and a Babylonian goddess statue atop the dome as well as a statue of Babylon's chief god Baal which stands on guard at the main entrance to the U.S. Capitol Building.

The city of Washington D.C. itself laid out in Masonic occultism as well as the Washington Monument being a powerful and key Masonic emblem. Of course, the White House being not only Masonic but also linked to the 2nd most popular temple of Babylon. The U.S. Capitol building itself is a copy of the #1 temple of Rome and also of Babylon known as "The Pantheon." We could go on and on, but suffice it to say that America, clearly surpassed Great Britain as being more Babylonian for the end times.

While Britain set the stage for Israel's rebirth, it was America's president Truman who made it happen. While Great Britain used to be the world's policeman, now the USA polices the world and enforces a "Pax Americana."

While once upon a time, London was the home to the gold and silver trade, America took over that role in the 1970s when the US began commodities futures trading that enabled America to trade more gold, silver and copper than the rest of the world, combined! Today, London's price-fixing ritual has little impact on the trading of Gold and Silver.

The rest of the commodities listed in Revelation 18:11-13 no longer apply to Great Britain as the world's marketplace in those products. Again, America has overtaken Britain as the world's market place and engine of economic wealth for the world's economy.

The only thing Britain has that America does not is a monarchy ruled by a Queen. Well at least figuratively. Political power no longer rests with the British monarchy. Power rests in the Parliament and at #10 Downing Street and the Prime Minister.

Yes, Britain fails on several crucial points to fit ALL of the character traits listed of Babylon in the scriptural prophecies.

Theory #16 – Iraq as Mystery Babylon

The only reason that Iraq could receive any consideration is that Iraq is the geographical location for ancient Babylon. This is the only possible reason for anyone to even consider Iraq as "mystery" Babylon. Proponents also cite the fact that ancient Babylon was never destroyed. It does seem logical to think that surely the prophecies must be referring to a future Babylon being rebuilt/restored. It would certainly seem a logical conclusion to make.

Proponents of this theory point to the Old Testament prophecies. The prophecies predict a fiery, sudden destruction of Babylon, forever. Proponents note that ancient Babylon was never destroyed by the Persians but instead was conquered intact and they ruled from the city of Babylon until their demise at the hands of Alexander the Great. Later, Rome took control over Babylon, but again the city was never totally destroyed and abandoned. Babylon slowly and finally became a ghost town by about 1400 A.D. It soon was buried under millions of tons of desert sand.

The Babylon prophecies state that a future Babylon will never be rebuilt again after her fiery 1-hour destruction. Clearly, those prophecies of the Old Testament remain unfulfilled. Proponents of the Iraq theory believed that Iraq and Saddam Hussein would rebuild all of Babylon. It never happened. Now, Saddam is gone and the nation is on the verge of a permanent splintering into perhaps multiple and separate nations.

Could Iraq yet qualify to become "mystery" Babylon? Given the character traits found in the prophecies, Iraq could not grow to fulfill those character traits for probably several future generations to come. But even more of an issue is another

factor we'll address shortly, which totally eliminates Iraq/Babylon from consideration because it would contradict God's promises to Abraham, Israel and the Messianic Kingdom.

When we look at the character traits listed in the prophecies we find serious roadblocks that prevent us from concluding that "mystery" Babylon of Revelation and the Jeremiah and Isaiah prophecies of a future Babylon, Iraq being the final super-power nation, the prophecies do not appear to be referring to the ancient Babylon location or her nation of Iraq. "In America, The Babylon: Volume 2" you will find an entire chapter analyzing "57 reasons why Iraq cannot be Mystery Babylon." However, there is actually a 58th reason and it is the principle and primary reason only need to be stated here or anywhere else.

If the prophecies are referring to the Babylon of Iraq, then the Messianic prophecies are contradicted. This then becomes:

The Ultimate Reason Why Iraq Can NOT be Mystery Babylon

The Messianic kingdom of Israel under Jesus Christ will not include the same little border areas of present-day Israel. The Messianic Israel will have Jerusalem as its capital city with her eastern boarder extended to include that ancient site of Babylon itself! Yes, Israel's Messianic borders on the eastern side will extend all the way to the Euphrates River itself! It will encompass most of ancient Babylonia.

See Genesis 15:18, where God states to Abraham the boundaries of the "promised land." These Promises enunciated by God to Abraham would be the Messianic Kingdom boundaries. We also find two other places in the Pentateuch (a total of 5 passages) where God states again that the eastern boundary Messianic Israel as being the Great River, Euphrates. The Messianic passages are found in Exodus 23:31 and Deuteronomy 1:7-8, 11:24 and Joshua 1:4. These passages clearly state that a large chunk of present-day Iraq will be part of the Messianic Kingdom.

This means that most of IRAQ CAN NOT be destroyed and uninhabited forever because the Messianic promises make it clear that the Jews will inhabit this area in the millennial, Messianic Kingdom. Thus, Babylon-Iraq cannot be destroyed forever, yet the Babylon prophecies clearly state that Babylon is a nation and the entire nation is destroyed forever. It is never to be inhabited again. It eventually sinks beneath the ocean waves, in a second of two distinctly different judgments that transpire at two different points of time.

Jeremiah 50 and 51 make it clear that the prophecies pertain to all of Babylon's cities and countryside or in other words the nation known as Babylonia.

The prophecies are not limited to a single city called Babylon.

Now keep in mind what the prophecies state about the final condition of “mystery” Babylon/Future Babylon. The prophecies indicate that Mystery Babylon will remain uninhabited by humans. For how long will Babylon remain uninhabited? The answer is, forever! Jeremiah hammers home the fact that the consequential results are both a fiery aftermath of desert-like conditions with no one living there, yet also prophesying that the sea would come up over her and would sink beneath the waves. This matches also with Revelation 16:17-21 and 18:21, which speak of angelic actions that destroy Babylon with it remaining uninhabited forever. See also Jeremiah 51:42, 53, and 64 for ocean references. The Babylon judgment results are contrary to God’s Messianic promises for that land. Therefore, we can only conclude that Babylon, that is Mystery Babylon has to be located somewhere else than Iraq.

Another aspect of this involves the sinking aspect. Remember, Messianic Israel’s borders include the Euphrates river and Abraham’s homeland. Yet IF Iraq is Babylon and the prophecies describe her sinking forever under the waves – what happens to the Euphrates River and Abraham’s ancestral home as being part of Messianic Israel? Answer: It would no longer exist and the prophetic verse terms would be violated. God’s promise then would not be fulfilled. Ultimately under those terms, the Babylon is Iraq theory becomes blasphemous and injures the character of God’s Word and His promises to Abraham and Israel.

No matter whether Babylon’s destruction results in her becoming a desert forever or a seabed forever, one thing is clear from the prophecies. No one lives there again. It is desolate and no one even enters the area. It is not safe for a human to traverse. It sounds like a nuclear radiation problem, doesn’t it? There is a greater problem though. How can the Messianic prophecies indicate most of Iraq is a part of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ and it is unclean, unholy, untouchable, and uninhabitable? The answer is that it cannot. Thus, we must conclude that Iraq is not Mystery Babylon. Interpretations cannot contradict other scriptures and prophetic scriptures at that.

IF, the prophecies are clearly dealing with Iraq and ancient Babylon, then God has made one very wicked, sinful error in His prophecies. I don’t think so! We are not asserting that He has sinned. Neither are we asserting God is wicked. We are only trying to point out that should those who make such a prophetic claim for Iraq being the Babylon must face up to the consequences of seeing that assertion reach its end conclusion concerning God’s character. They will find that such a theory makes God out to be a sinner. Why?

If Babylon is Iraq then He, God, will have been wrong in His prophecies. Because the prophetic judgment texts would clearly be in contradiction to the Messianic promises made to Abraham. We know that God is incapable of such an error because He does not make mistakes. Thus, “mystery” Babylon is not the lands of ancient Babylonia now known as modern-day Iraq. Instead, “mystery” Babylon must be a different nation located elsewhere on the planet Earth.

The Messianic kingdom is a vibrant, fully-engaged, living Kingdom. While He could easily restore Babylon and clean up the aftermath effects, He chooses not to do so, as per the prophecies, hence we have the prophecies' strict and multiple references to Babylon being uninhabited and even in at the bottom of the ocean. The future "mystery" Babylon is simply not Iraq and ancient Babylon because that ancient area is to be part of the Messiah's kingdom and thus, not destroyed forever as the Babylon prophecies indicate and assert. This means that ancient Babylon is not the future "mystery" Babylon. It is not the land to be uninhabited forever because portions of Iraq and ancient Babylon will one day be a vibrant, living part of the Messianic Kingdom.

The unholy "mystery" Babylon is simply not a part of what is present-day Iraq. No, the unholy "mystery" Babylon is located far, far to the west. The "spirit" of the MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS moved progressively westwards. It settled for a time in each of the succeeding empires that were established west of each other including Greece, Egypt, and Rome. In 1492, that Spirit prepared to move westwards to North America and became well established by 1776, growing into its maturity as a nation called "America." The Spirit of '76 is the Harlot Spirit of Babylon – Ishtar, the Chief Goddess of ancient Babylon.

Thus, we find that Theory #16 = Iraq, simply fails the scriptural test to be "mystery" Babylon of prophecy, for this theory contradicts Messianic prophecies. The "mystery" Babylon cannot be Iraq and ancient Babylon.

Theory #17 – The Nation of The United States of America.

By now, it should be obvious to the reader that logically, we have eliminated all other theories thus far presented. The evidence has been pointing all along to the idea that America is the "mystery" Babylon. The evidence is overwhelming in fact. It is so overwhelming that it is hard to know where to begin to give a thumbnail sketch of the reasons for such a short venue as this book. This book is simply not designed to be able to provide brief, adequate details for why America is the "mystery" Babylon.

The America is "mystery" Babylon theory is supported by a long, laundry list of scriptural proofs. Among the textual proofs, the Revelation 18:11-13 passage provides a long list of 28 commodities trading items, in which only America fits the criteria for fulfillment. There is also the other issue of trading human labor or expertise, i.e. consultants. Please note that some English translations mistranslate the passage to include the idea of slaves. There is no slavery mentioned in the verses. The term in question is from two Greek words – one meaning bodies and the other mean souls of men. One definition means physical labor and the other implies knowledge such as expertise. Babylon trades in physical, skilled labor and intellectual labor. See Revelation 18:12-13. Perhaps this is a reference to "outsourcing" that is so prominent in Babylon-America today. Perhaps it merely is referring to the immigration of migrant workers into the United States.

There is the issue of the woman of Revelation 17. We assert that the woman is the symbol for the nation and the proof for this is 17:18 wherein we find that the woman IS the megalopolis or “super-power” city/nation. The woman IS the nation. The woman in being the symbol of the nation is the nation’s guiding force. The woman is an idea, a driving force of idealism that in reality is a religion all of its own. The woman is also in reality an angelic entity revealing itself as a feminine gender in order to invoke false worship of a false gospel.

We assert that the woman is Ishtar, chief goddess of Babylon who held the title of “MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS.” She also was called “Goddess of Liberty” and Freedom, as well as “Goddess of Immigrants.” Those were but some of her many titles. Today, Ishtar is still worshipped widely, but under another name: “The Statue of Liberty.”

You can find extensive documentation of this in [“America, The Babylon – Volume 2.”](#)

In the above book, you will find numerous internet website links proving the Statue of Liberty is an idol representation of the Roman goddess, Libertas – also known originally as Ishtar, the chief goddess of Babylon who was called by her worshippers as “The MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS.”

In Jeremiah we find many other interesting descriptive applications, such as Babylon have an agricultural base as well as her military strength and her role as world’s policeman as found in the phrase “hammer of the whole earth.” Isaiah also indicates in 18:1-2 that a future Babylon will be the world’s policeman who sends “ambassadors by the sea” – a reference to the policy of gunboat diplomacy – and to a “whirring wings” sound of her naval warships – sounds like a reference to Aircraft carriers or perhaps missiles whooshing off warships.

There are some Biblical prophecy interpreters, who would argue against the Isaiah 18 passage as a reference to a future Babylon. The Isaiah 18 passage though is not central to the debate for identifying a future Babylon. Instead, Isaiah 13, 14 and 47 along with Jeremiah chapters 50 and 51 plus Revelation chapters 17 and 18 are the primary chapters detailing the prophetic issues surrounding Babylon. There is also a snippet from Revelation 16:17-21 that includes a statement about Babylon’s final demise and it’s correlation to the Second Coming.

One particularly telling description of a future Babylon is mentioned by the prophet Jeremiah. In Jeremiah 51:53, Jeremiah indicates that Babylon has outer space defenses, which she counts upon for protection against an attack from outer space by the angelic forces of God. Today, in 2008, the US Air Force is actively working with military assets in outer space including space weaponry. In addition to what we know publicly, there are unofficial reports that the US Air Force has in fact deployed special weapons to protect military satellites in outer space. We also understand there

are even rumors of secret USAF space craft unknown perhaps even to the President, which are can provide defensive capabilities in Earth's orbit and perhaps further out in the solar system.

The 2-Volume work, [**“America, The Babylon: America's Destiny Foretold In Biblical Prophecy”**](#) provides the reader with a comprehensive 600+ pages of analysis proving that why America is the Mystery Babylon of Revelation and the future Babylon of Isaiah and Jeremiah. We simply cannot begin to deal with its assertions here in a publication that is designed to be a short, easy-to-read overview of the subject and restricted to about 50 pages in length.

This book was designed to be a short overview, not an in-depth analysis of the issues of the “mystery” Babylon prophecies. We've tried to present a nutshell summary here some of the more salient points of the entire spectrum of “mystery” Babylon. We think that within the book you will find enough information to get a good idea of who we think is the identity of the “mystery” Babylon. We do think “mystery” Babylon is none other than the nation of America for dozens of very important scriptural reasons and nothing else.

[**“America, The Babylon”**](#) is not solely focused upon Babylon's identity. It is a comprehensive look at all of the various issues involved in the entire subject of “mystery” Babylon, including not only the identity but also the judgment, the attackers, the timing of the judgments of Babylon, the results of the judgment, and why the judgments take place.

Here in this handbook, we have only looked at the various identity theories. We have examined the various points for debate over the issue of “mystery” Babylon's identity. We have focused solely on the various theories and the theoretical strengths and weaknesses of each identity theory and we have only focused on a general overview without going into key details. The purpose of this book is to provide an overview that does not bog down in details but rather provides a broad, overall perspective.

We encourage the reader to pursue this subject with further individual reading and follow up studies, because there is far more to this vital subject than what has been covered in this short publication.

Do NOT take this author's word for anything. Why? For one thing, this author admits he could be wrong. Not many authors would risk making such a claim, but yet this author certainly will admit it openly. Now, keep in mind that I do not think my conclusions are wrong, but I am open to that possibility and would in fact, love to be proven wrong.

For you the reader, to study it all for yourself and not take anyone's word for anything, means that by doing your own homework and research, you will get a far deeper insight and understanding to the issue than merely reading someone else's

research and taking it all for granted as being correct. Therefore, to really learn and understand, you must do it for yourself.

We do encourage you to use the following resources for initial research work.

Read and study and use for a textbook:

“America, The Babylon: America’s Destiny Foretold In Biblical Prophecy” It comes in 2 volumes. Volume 1 is primarily Biblical textual analysis while Volume 2 is primarily empirical evidence using hundreds of Internet website links to original sources in many cases such as the U.S. Library of Congress and other U.S. government websites as well as academic websites and many hundreds of other sites.

For more on “America, The Babylon” visit the book website at:

<http://www.americathebabylon.com>

Also check out this author’s related Bible Prophecy Studies and News Magazine website: The Alpha-Omega Report. You will find it to be a valuable resource for Biblical Prophecy Studies as well as developing news and intelligence reports with prophetic analysis. Just click the link below.

<http://www.aoreport.com>

Also another great website on the mystery of “Babylon The Megala”

Babylon The Great is Falling – published by Jack Hook.

<http://www.babylonthegreatisfalling.net/>

Also, another interesting website and book involving Mystery Babylon:

“Red Moon Rising.” By Peter Goodgame.

<http://www.redmoonrising.com>

Now if you are relatively new to understanding Bible prophecy, and we’re sure many of you are relatively new, we highly recommend a great new introductory book to Bible Prophecy by Dr. Fred Fogle, a retired professor of theology at Grace Seminary in Winona Lake, Indiana. Dr. Fogle has a book entitled:

“A Road Map To The Future.”

This book is also great to give as a gift to someone you want to introduce to Bible Prophecy. It is written for the average, ordinary person to be able to easily read. For more information, visit the book's website at:

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