

# BABYLON IN BIBLE PROPHECY



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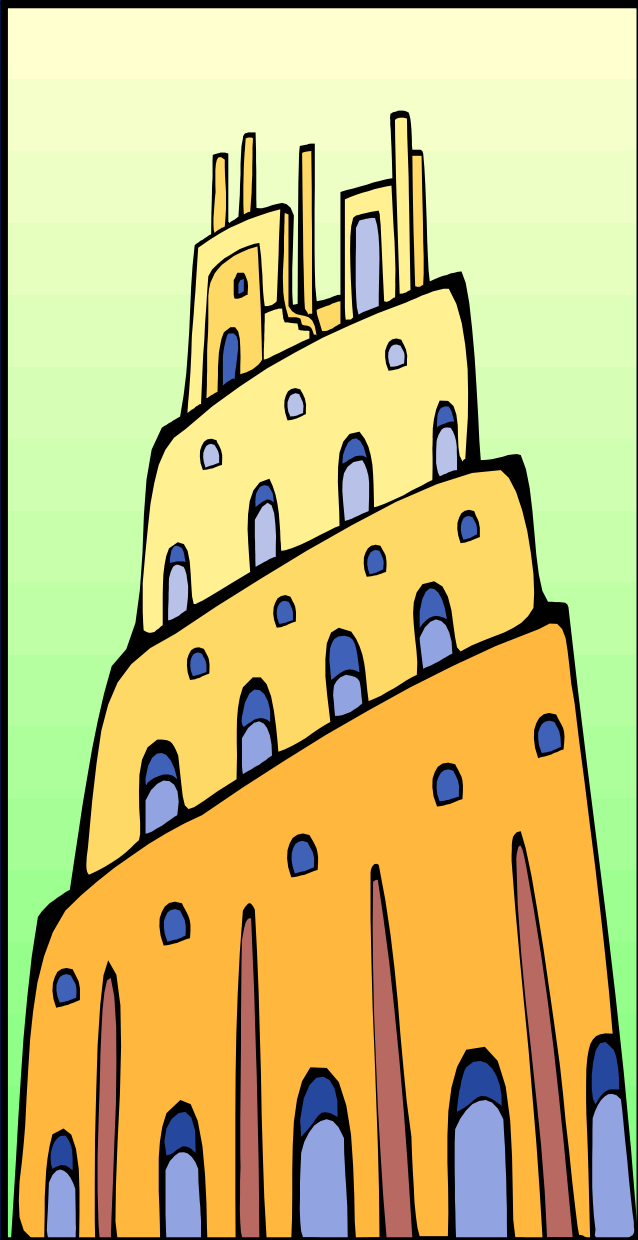
## Genesis 11:8-9

*<sup>8</sup> So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city. <sup>9</sup> Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth.*



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# Genesis 8:21

The Lord smelled the soothing aroma; and the Lord said to Himself, “I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man’s heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.[emphasis mine].



## Lord Acton

“All power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely.”



## God's Doctrine of Nations

Since Babel

Deut. 32:8; Acts 17:26

Millennium

Isaiah 2:4; 66:18; Zech. 14:16-18; Rev. 12:5; 20:3

Eternal State

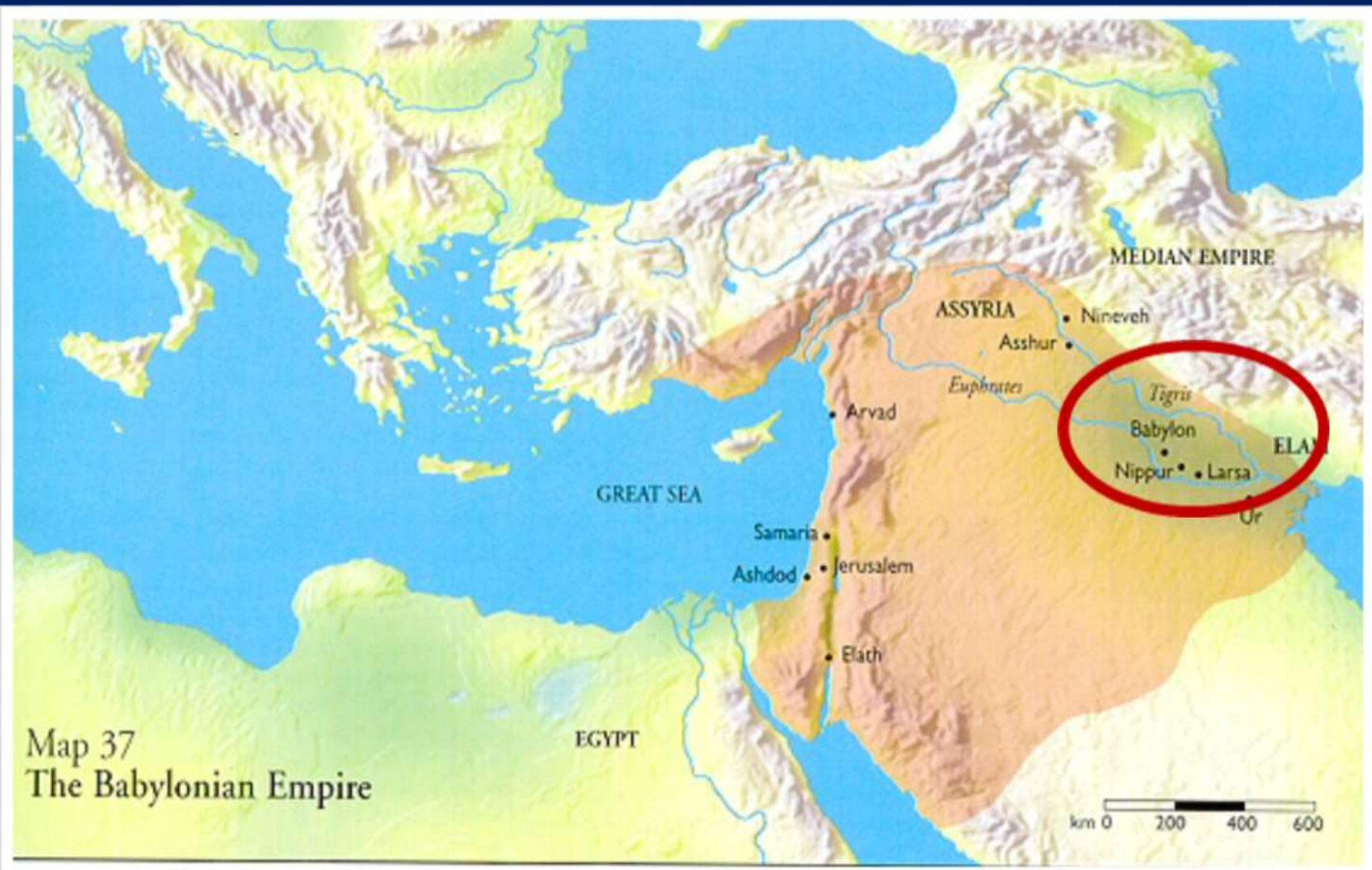
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# Spread of the Mother-Child Cult

	<b>Mother</b>	<b>Child</b>
<b>Assyria</b>	Ishtar	Tammuz
<b>Phoenicia</b>	Astarte	Baal
<b>Egypt</b>	Isis	Osirus/Horus
<b>Greece</b>	Aphrodite	Eros
<b>Rome</b>	Venus	Cupid
<b>Asia</b>	Cybele	Desius
<b>India</b>	Isi	Aswara
<b>Roman Catholicism</b>	Mary	Jesus
<b>Israel</b>	Queen of Heaven (Jer. 7:18; 44:17)	Tammuz (Ezek. 8:14-15)

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- Israel's regeneration (14:1-4)

Morris, *Revelation Record*, 348.



# Isaiah 13/Matthew 24 Connection



■ **Isaiah 13:10; Matthew 24:29**

■ **Isaiah 13:12; Matthew 24:21-22**

# Jeremiah 50-51

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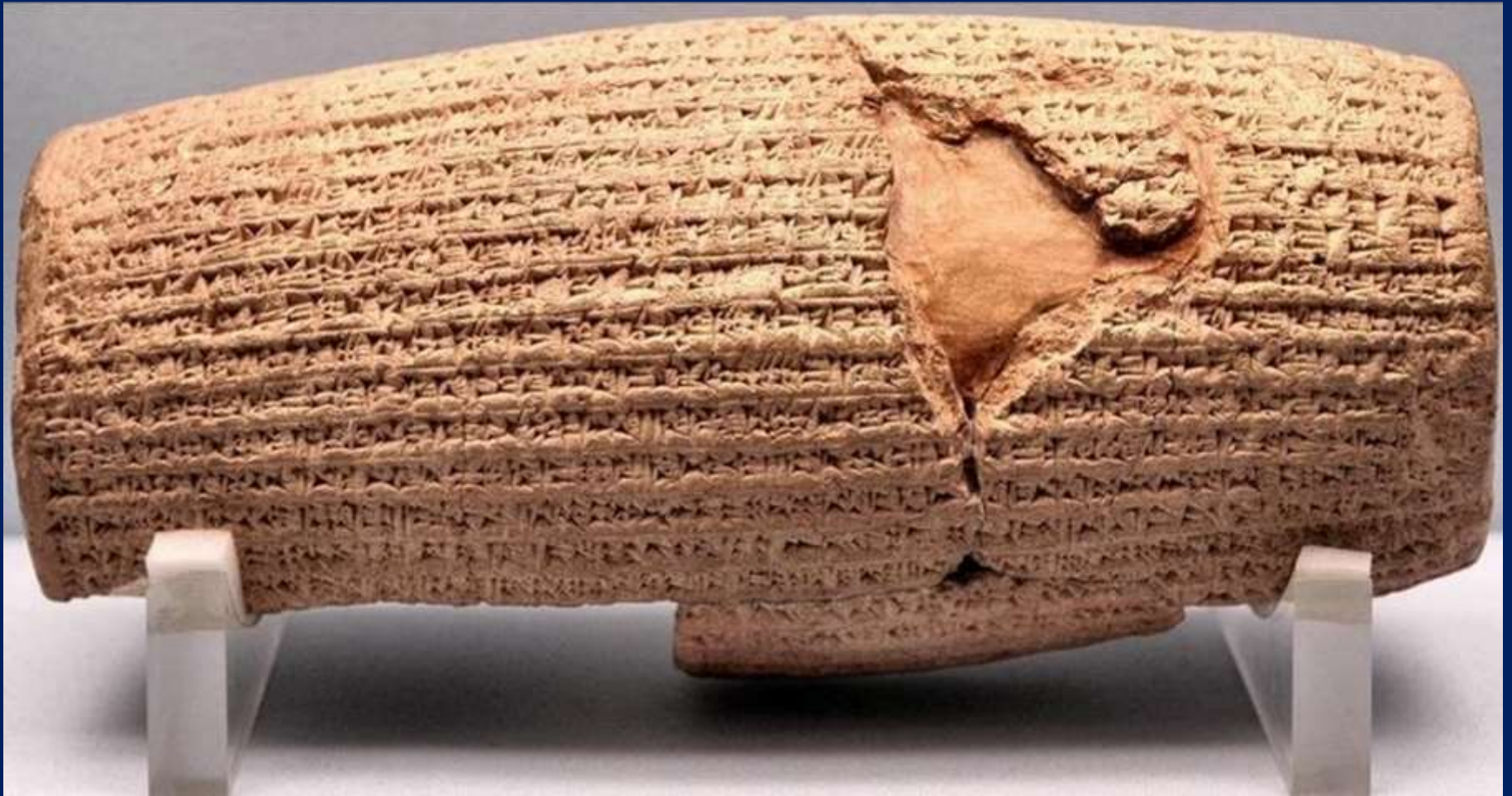


## Herodotus, *Histories*, 1:191 (450 B.C.)

“...he conducted the river by a channel into the lake...and so he made the former course of the river passable by the sinking of the stream. When this had been done, the Persians who had been posted for this very purpose entered by the bed of the river Euphrates into Babylon, the stream having sunk so far that it reached about to the middle of a man’s thigh...those Babylonians who dwelt in the middle did not know that they had been captured...”



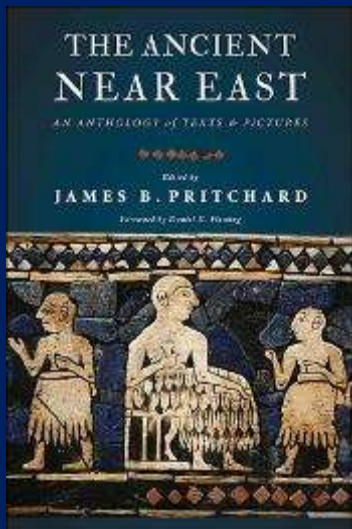
# Cyrus Cylinder





# James Pritchard

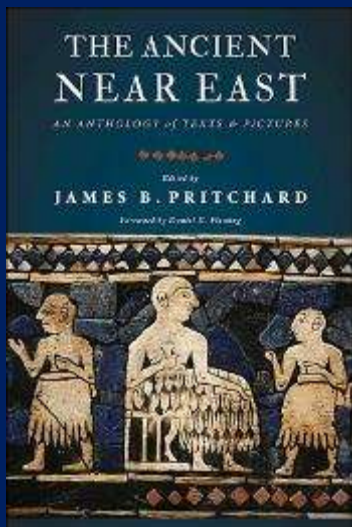
*The Ancient Near East Texts Relating to the Old Testament, 315-16.*



Without any battle. . . sparing Babylon . . . any calamity.... I am Cyrus...king of Babylon...When I entered Babylon...under jubilation and rejoicing...troops walked around Babylon...in peace, I did not allow anybody to terrorize (any place) of the [country of Sumer] and Akkad. I strove for peace in Babylon...and in all his (other) sacred cities....I returned to (these) sacred cities on the other side of the Tigris, the sanctuaries of which have been in ruins for a long time, the images which (used) to live therein and established for them permanent sanctuaries.

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I (also) gathered all their (former) inhabitants and returned (to them) their habitations. Furthermore, I resettled... unharmed, in their (former) chapels, the places which make them happy. May all the gods whom I have resettled in their sacred cities ask daily Bel and Nebo for a long life for me...all of them I resettled in a peaceful place... ducks and doves,...I endeavoured to fortify/repair their dwelling places . . .

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# Babylon's History After 539 B.C.

- Herodotus gives Babylon's measurements (450 B.C.)
- Alexander the Great visits and dies in Babylon (323 B.C.)
- Seleucus seizes Babylon (312 B.C.)
- Strabo pronounces Babylon's hanging gardens as one of "seven wonders of the world" (25 B.C.)
- Babylonians present on Pentecost (Acts 2:9)
- Talmud promulgated from Babylon (A.D. 500)
- Haukal mentions Babylonian village (A.D. 917)
- Babylon known as "Two Mosques" and "Hilah" (A.D. 1100)



## Dr. John Walvoord

*The Nations in Prophecy, 63-64*

“As far as the historic fulfillment is concerned, it is obvious from both Scripture and history that these verses have not been literally fulfilled. The city of Babylon continued to flourish after the Medes conquered it, and though its glory dwindled, especially after the control of the Medes and the Persians ended in 323 B.C., the city continued in some form or substance until A.D. 1000 and did not experience a sudden termination such as anticipated in this prophecy.”

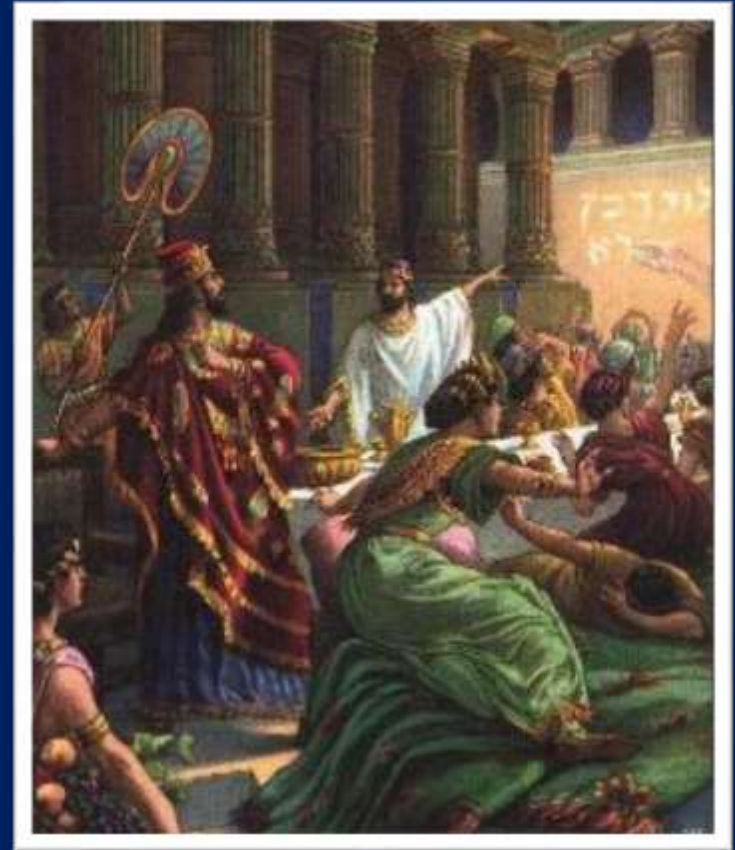
# Parallels Between Jeremiah 50-51 & Revelation 17-18

	Jeremiah	Revelation
Associated with a Golden cup	51:7a	17:3-4; 18:6
Dwelling on many waters	51:13	17:1
Intoxicating the nations	51:7b	17:2
Same name	50:1	17:5
Stone sinking into Euphrates	51:63-64	18:21
Sudden destruction	51:8	18:8
Destroyed by fire	51:30	17:16
Final, uninhabitable	50:39	18:21
Deserved	50:29	18:6
God's people flee	51:6, 45	18:4
Heaven rejoices	51:48	18:20

Dyer, "The Identity of Babylon in Revelation 17-18 (Part 2)," 441-43.

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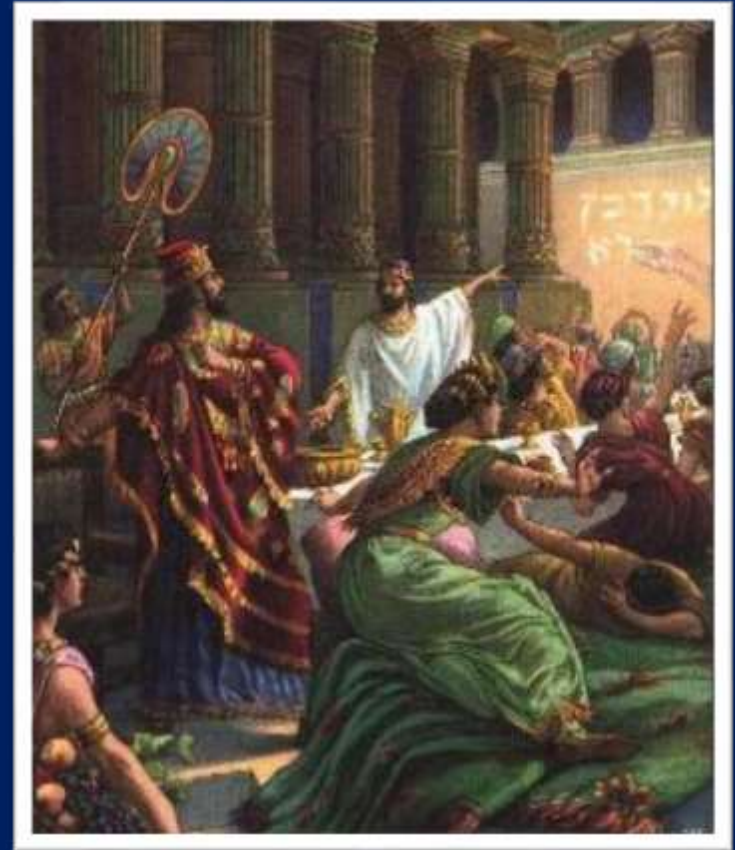
1. Babylon (13:1-14:23)
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## Zechariah 5:5-11

<sup>5</sup> Then the angel who was speaking with me went out and said to me, "Lift up now your eyes and see what this is going forth." <sup>6</sup> I said, "What is it?" And he said, "This is the ephah going forth." Again he said, "This is their appearance in all the land <sup>7</sup> (and behold, a lead cover was lifted up); and this is a woman sitting inside the ephah." <sup>8</sup> Then he said, "This is Wickedness!" And he threw her down into the middle of the ephah and cast the lead weight on its opening.



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<sup>9</sup> Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and there two women were coming out with the wind in their wings; and they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heavens. <sup>10</sup> I said to the angel who was speaking with me, “Where are they taking the ephah?” <sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, “To build a temple for her in the land of Shinar; and when it is prepared, she will be set there on her own pedestal.”





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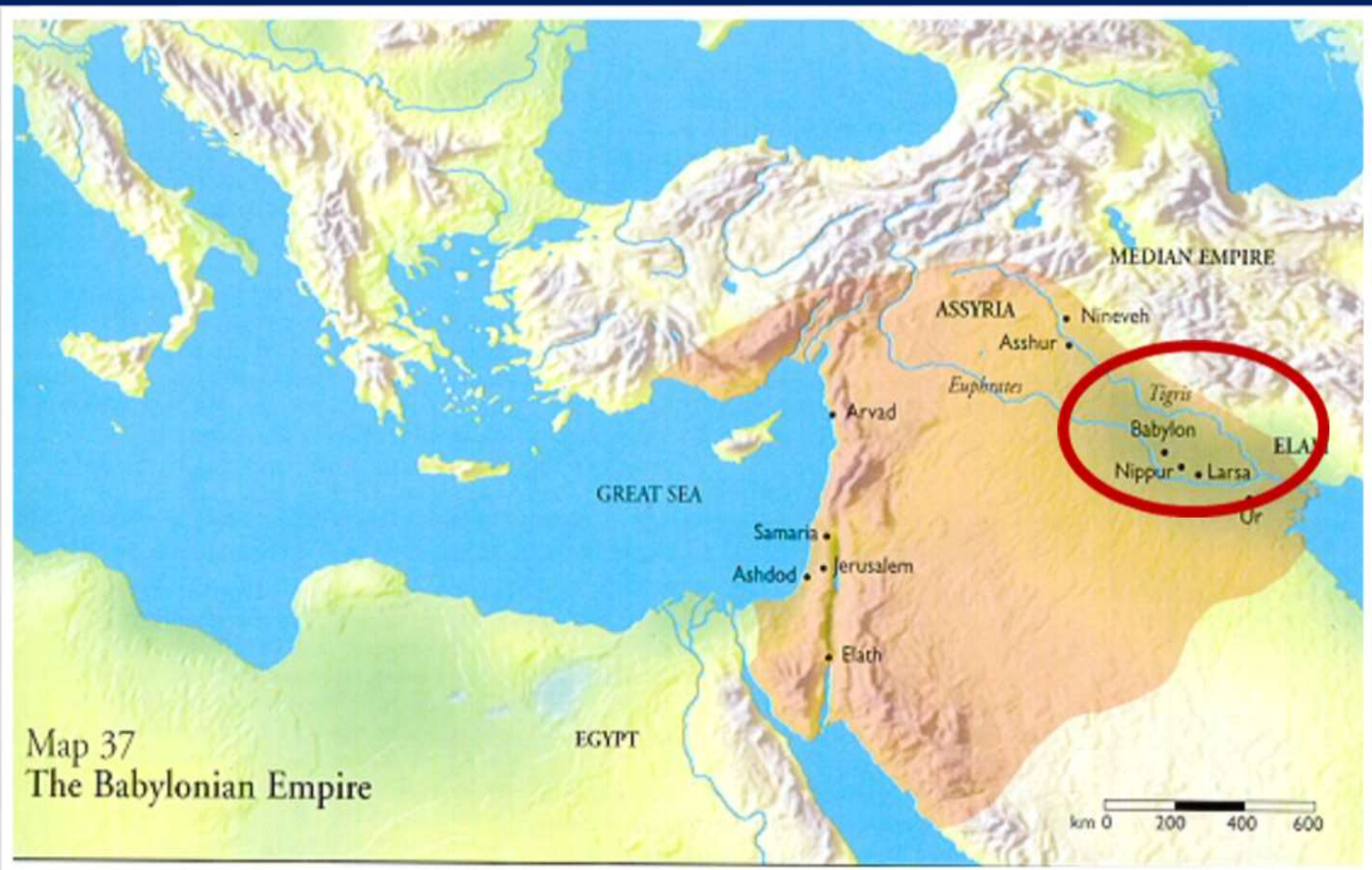
- Woman (wickedness)
- Ephah (commerce)
- House (Temple-2 Sam 7; religion)
- Shinar (Gen 10:10; 11:2; Dan 1:2)



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Map 37  
The Babylonian Empire



# Hitchcock

*The Second Coming of Babylon, 109.*

## **ZECHARIAH 5:5-11**

## **REVELATION 17-18**

Woman sitting in a basket

Woman sitting on beast, seven mountains, many waters  
(17: 3, 9, 15)

Emphasis on commerce  
(basket for measuring grain)

Emphasis on commerce  
(merchant of grain, 18:13)

Woman's name is wickedness

Woman's name is Babylon the Great, Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth

Focus on False worship  
(temple is built for the woman)

Focus on False worship (17:5)

Woman taken to Babylon

Woman called Babylon



## Pink, *The Antichrist*, 281.

“The vision or prophecy contains the germ which is afterward expanded and developed in such detail in Rev. 17 and 18.”

# Newton

*Babylon: Its Future, History, and Doom*, 1890, p. 64.

“That this event predicted in this remarkable passage remains still unaccomplished, is sufficiently evident from the fact of Zechariah’s having prophesied after Babylon had received that blow under which it has gradually waned. Zechariah lived after Babylon had passed into the hands of the Persians . . .”

# Daniel Interprets the Writing (5:24-28)



Aramaic	Noun	Verb
מנא	A "mina" – 60 gold shekels equal 1 mina	"mēnă" To number
תקל	Aramaic spelling of a "shekel" – 1/60 <sup>th</sup> of a mina	"têkâl" To weigh
פרסיין	Plural form of פרס Half-minas	
פרס	"pêrēs" = half-mina "pârās" = Persia	"pêrās" To break apart

Belshazzar's kingdom was to be taken away from him because he had been weighed in the balance of God's justice and found wanting.



## Zechariah 1:7

<sup>7</sup> On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah the prophet, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, as follows:



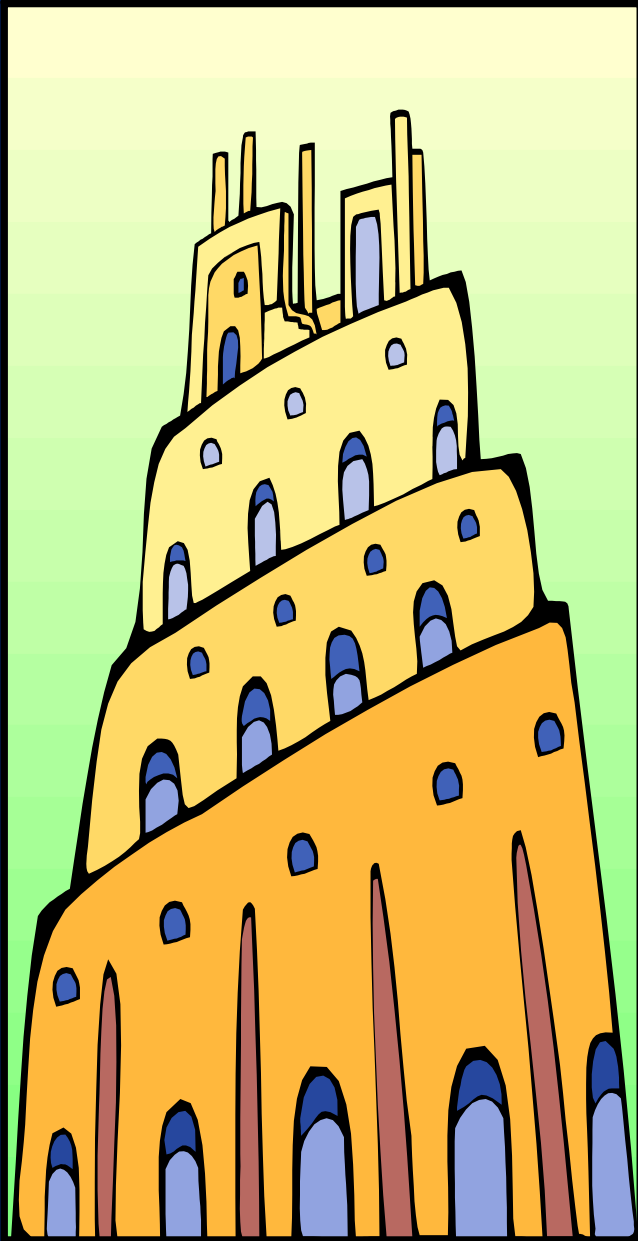
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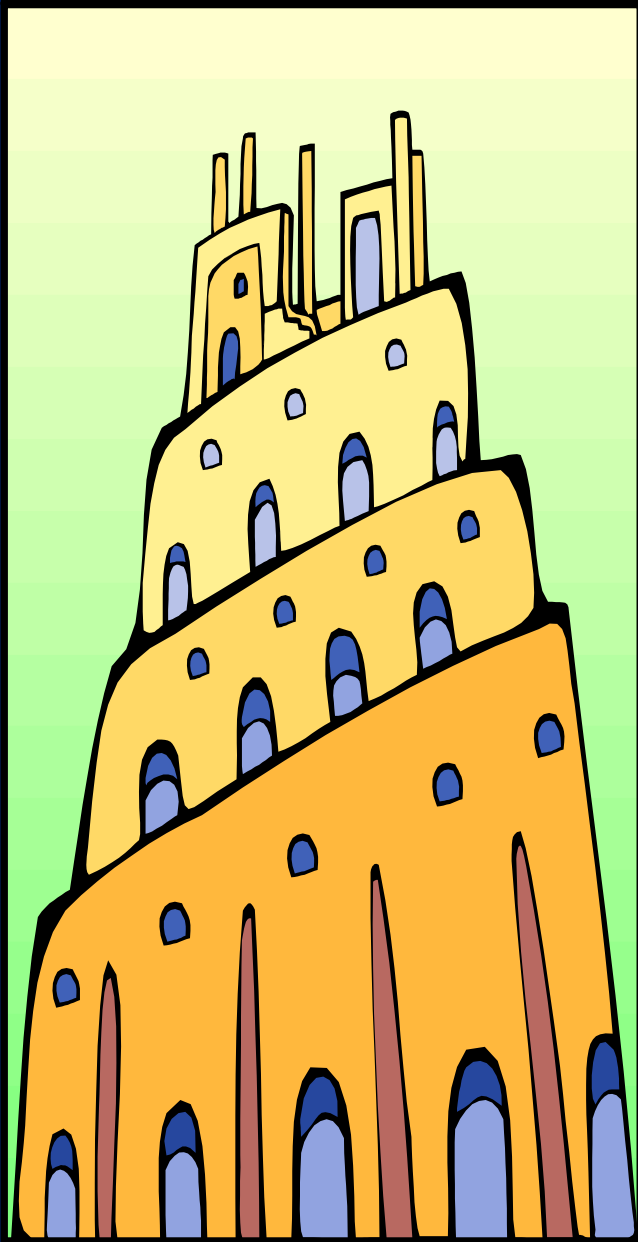
## Revelation 9:14

“one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, ‘Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.’”



## Revelation 16:12

“The sixth *angel* poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east.”





# East = Babylon

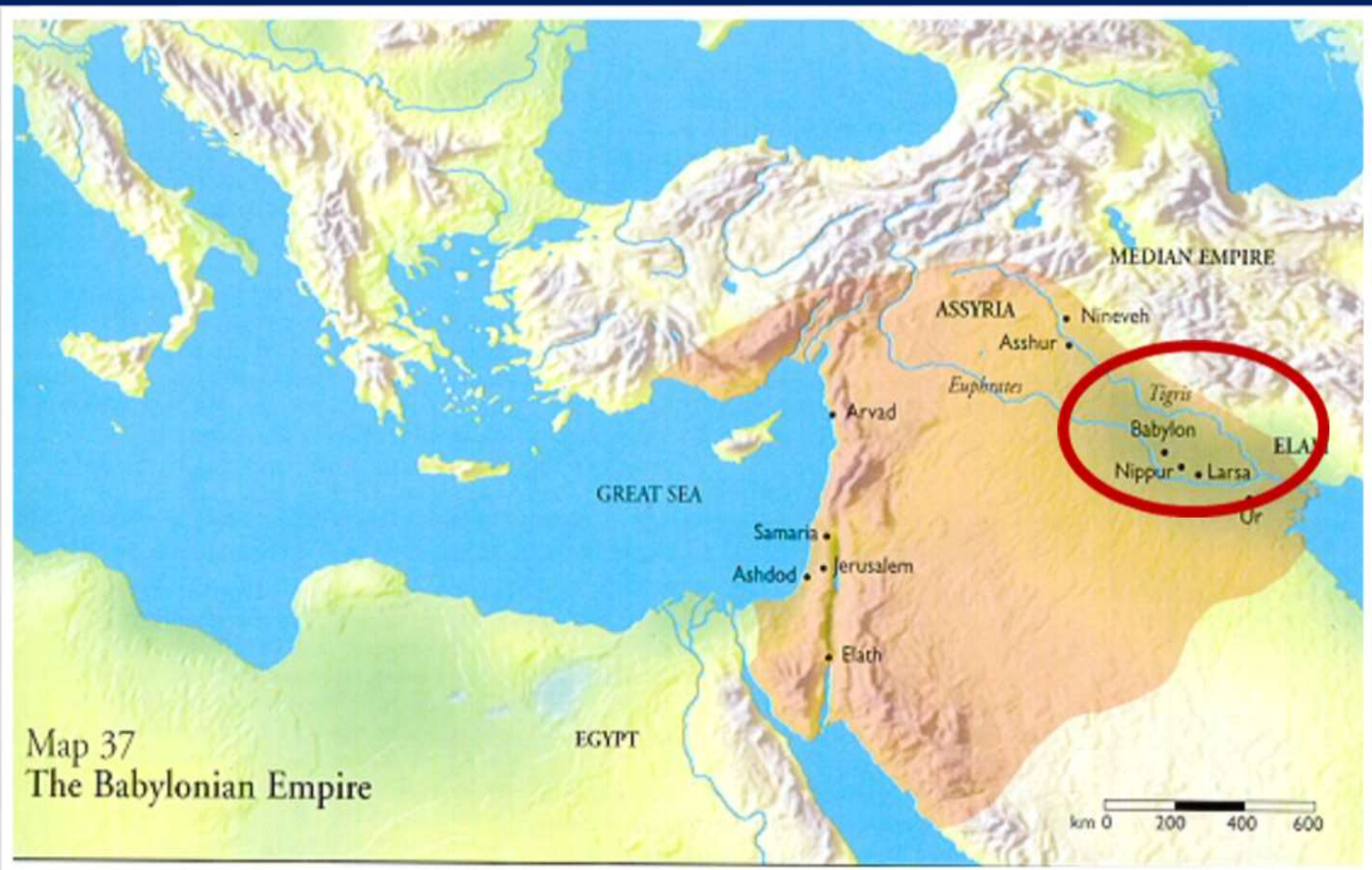
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- Genesis 11:2
- Matthew 2:2



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# 5 Non-Chronological Parenthetical Insertions

Seals (Rev 7) 144,000 JEWS

1 2 3 4 5 6 ↓ 7

Trumpets (Rev 10–11) No Delay; 2 Witnesses

1 2 3 4 5 6 ↓ 7 (Rev 12–14) Israel's flight

Bowls (Rev 16:13-16) Armageddon

1 2 3 4 5 6 ↓ 7 (Rev 17–19) Babylon falls

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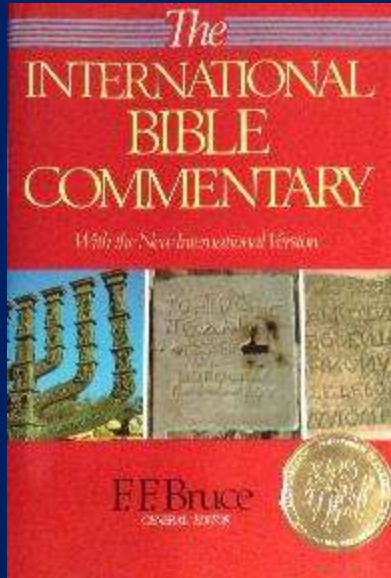
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# F. F. Bruce

*“Revelation,” in International Bible Commentary, 1986, p. 1621.*



“This title was written on her forehead: Mystery: ‘mystery’ indicates that the name she bears...is not to be understood literally, but allegorically: Babylon the Great is read, but ‘Rome’ is meant (cf. verses 9, 19).”



## **“MYSTERY” IN HARLOT’S TITLE? REV. 17:5**

**And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. (KJV, NIV)**

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

# “Mystery” Defined

“In the N.T, it [*mystērion*] denotes, not the mysterious (as with the Eng. word), but that which, being outside the range of unassisted natural apprehension, can be made known only by Divine revelation, and is made known in a manner and at a time appointed by God, and to those who are illumined by His Spirit.”

## Revelation 17:3

“And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns.”





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# Literal Geography in Revelation

*Thomas, Revelation 8 to 22: An Exegetical Commentary, 206-207.*

<b>Asia</b>	1:4	<b>Sardis</b>	3:1
<b>Ephesus</b>	2:1	<b>Philadelphia</b>	3:7
<b>Smyrna</b>	2:8	<b>Laodicea</b>	3:14
<b>Pergamum</b>	2:12	<b>Euphrates</b>	9:14;16:12
<b>Thyatira</b>	2:18	<b>Armageddon</b>	16:16

# The 7 Churches in Revelation

Rev. 1:11



# OT Descriptions of Babylon in Rev 17–18

	<b>Revelation 17–18</b>	<b>Old Testament</b>
<b>Waters</b>	<b>17:1</b>	<b>Psalms 137:1</b>
<b>Babylon the Great</b>	<b>17:5</b>	<b>Daniel 4:30</b>
<b>Mother harlots</b>	<b>17:5</b>	<b>Genesis 11:1-9</b>
<b>Fallen, fallen is Babylon</b>	<b>18:2</b>	<b>Isaiah 21:9</b>
<b>Will not see widowhood</b>	<b>18:7</b>	<b>Isaiah 47:7-9</b>
<b>Colorful attire</b>	<b>17:4; 18:16</b>	<b>Daniel 5:7, 16, 29</b>
<b>Sorcery</b>	<b>18:23</b>	<b>Isaiah 47:9-13</b>

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## Revelation 17:18

“The woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth.





## Revelation 18:10

“standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come.’”



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## Isaiah 23:17

“It will come about at the end of seventy years that the LORD will visit Tyre. Then she will go back to her harlot's wages and will play the harlot with all the kingdoms on the face of the earth.”



## Nahum 3:4

“All because of the many harlotries of the harlot, The charming one, the mistress of sorceries, Who sells nations by her harlotries And families by her sorceries.”





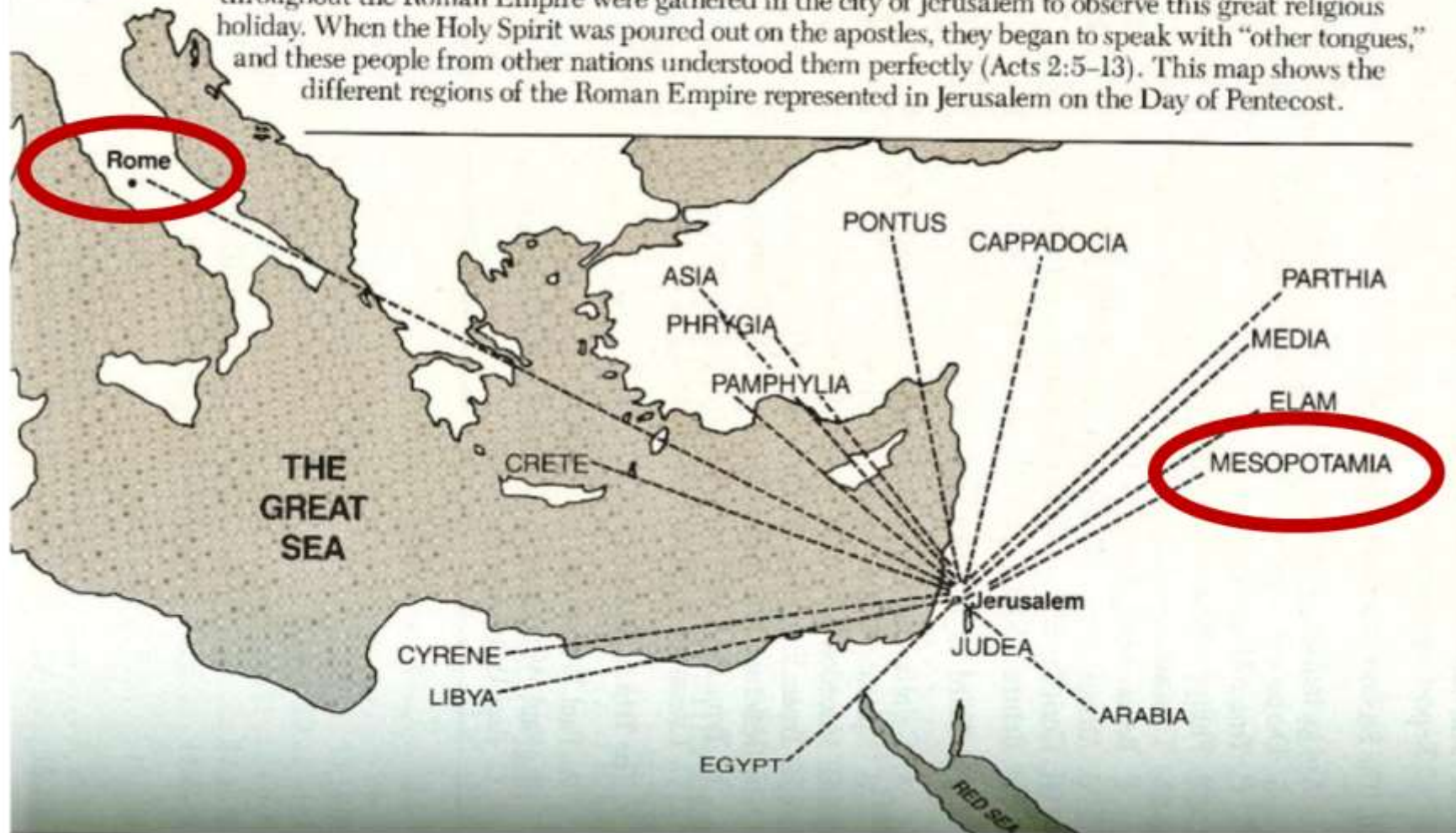
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## The Nations of Pentecost

Pentecost, a Jewish feast also known as the Feast of Weeks, marked the completion of the barley harvest. On this annual holiday about 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus, Jewish people from throughout the Roman Empire were gathered in the city of Jerusalem to observe this great religious holiday. When the Holy Spirit was poured out on the apostles, they began to speak with "other tongues," and these people from other nations understood them perfectly (Acts 2:5-13). This map shows the different regions of the Roman Empire represented in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost.



## Revelation 17:9-10

“Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits, <sup>10</sup> and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while.”





## Daniel 2:37-38 (NASB)

You, O king, are the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the strength and the glory; <sup>38</sup> and wherever the sons of men dwell, *or* the beasts of the field, or the birds of the sky, He has given them into your hand and has caused you to rule over them all. You are the head of gold.





## Revelation 17:3

“And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns.”





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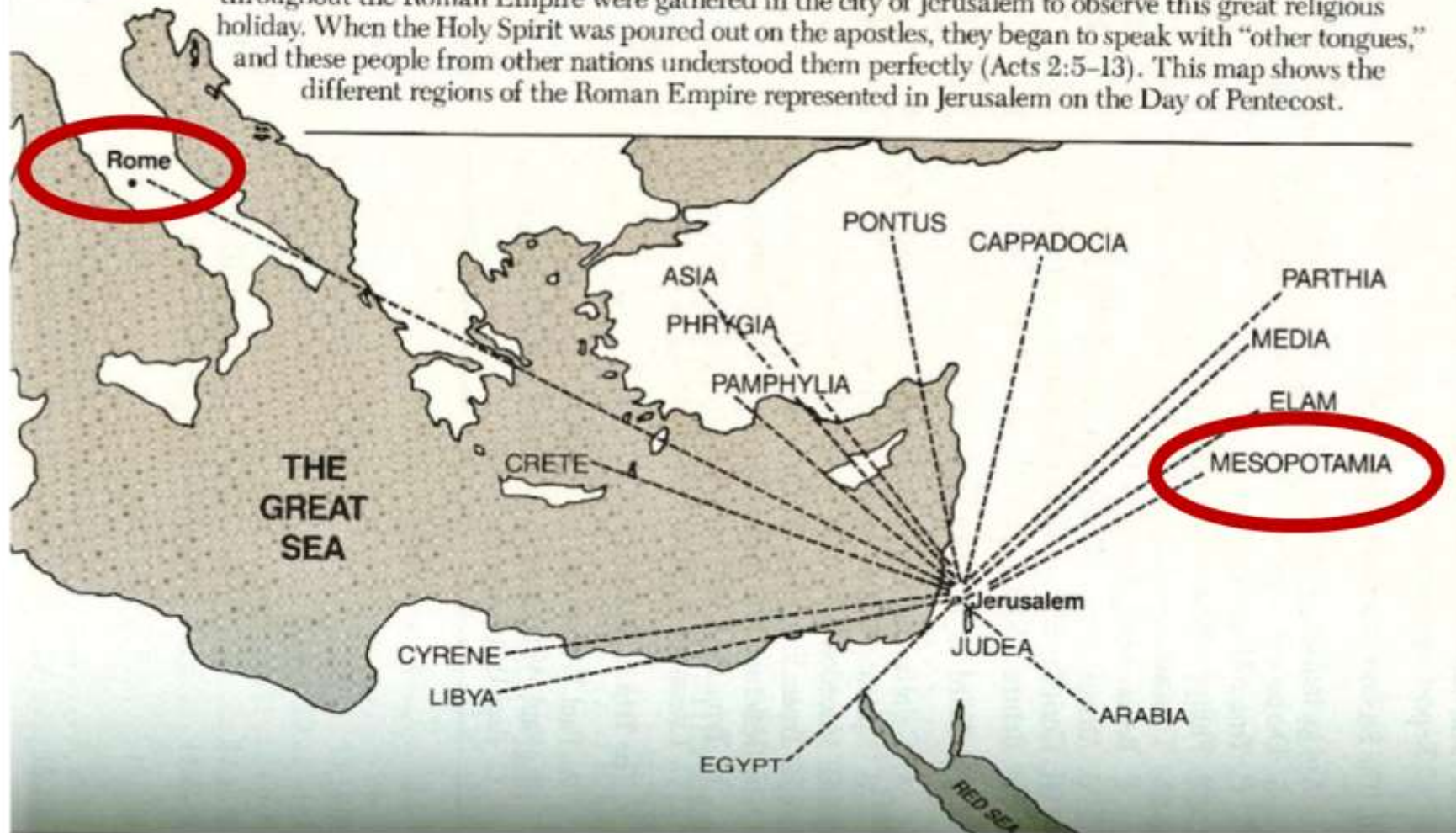
“She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and *so does* my son, Mark.”





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G. H. Lang, *The Revelation of Jesus Christ: Select Studies* (London: Paternoster, 1948), 302.

## Josephus, *Antiquities*, 15.2.2

“But when Hyrcanus was brought into Parthia the king Phraates treated him after a very gentle manner, as having already learned of what an illustrious family he was; on which account he set him free from his bonds, and *gave him a habitation at Babylon, where there were Jews in great numbers. These Jews honored Hyrcanus as their high priest and king, as did all the Jewish nation that dwelt as far as Euphrates;* which respect was very much to his satisfaction...”

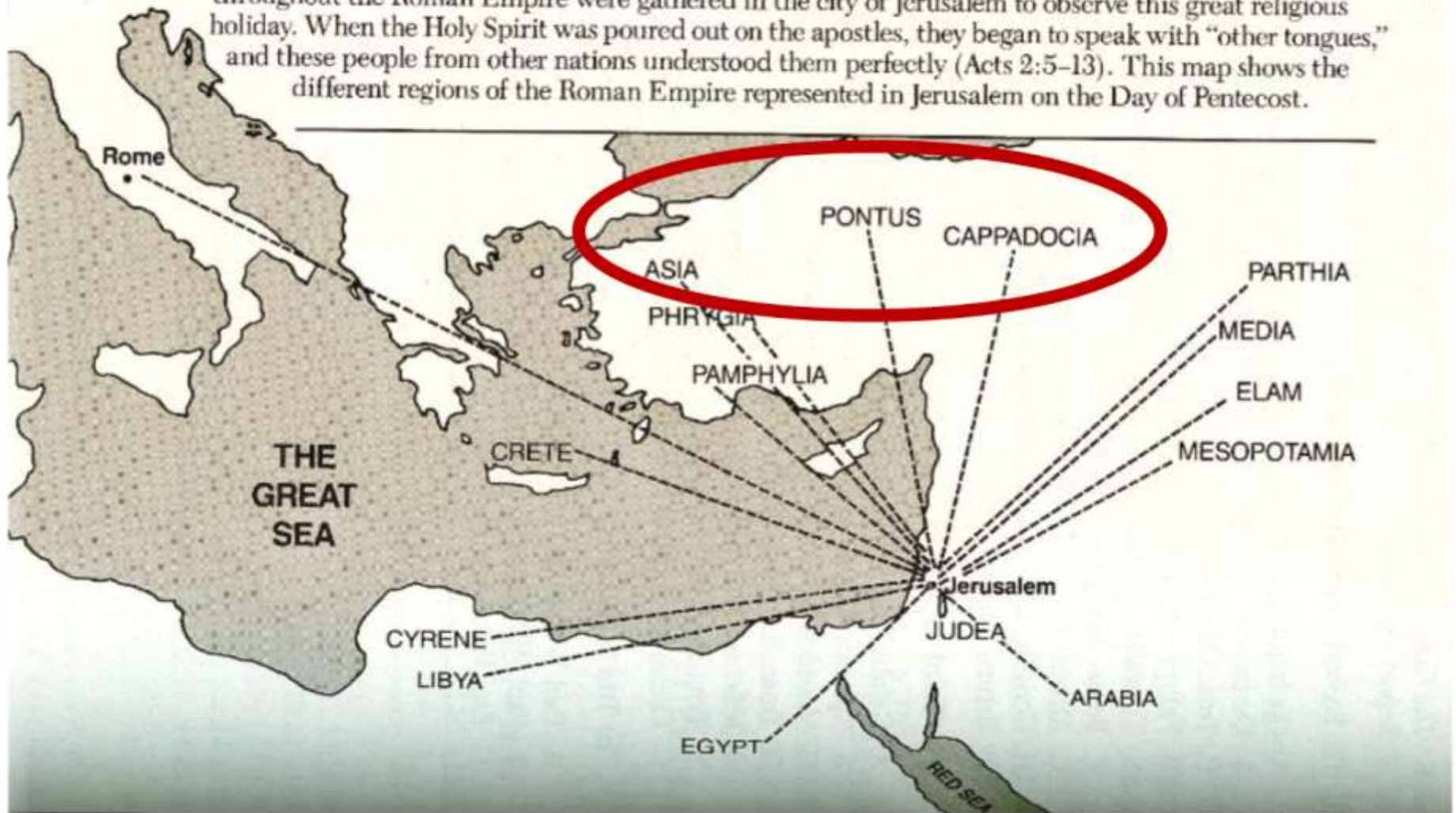
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“To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen.”



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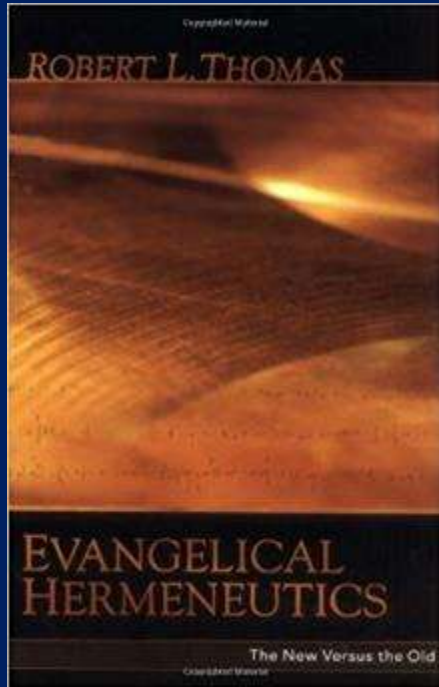






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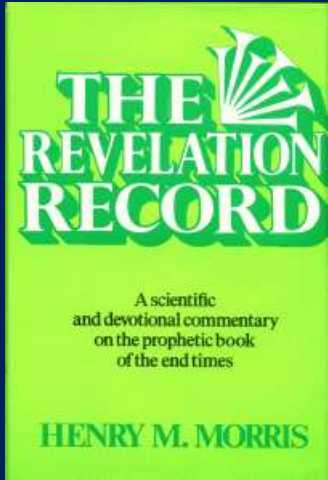
*“Evangelical Hermeneutics,” .336.*



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# Morris

*The Revelation Record, 323*



“At the very least, it would be confusing to John’s first century readers, as well as to later generations, for him to write so much about Babylon when he really meant Rome (Paul was not afraid to speak directly against Rome in his writings, so why should John be?) or ‘the false church’ (all the apostles , including John, wrote plainly and scathingly about false teachers and false doctrines in the church and would not hide their teachings by symbols). It must be stressed that Revelation means “unveiling,” not “veiling.” In the absence of any statement in the text to the contrary, therefore, we must assume that the term Babylon applies to the real city of Babylon...”



# Other Alternatives ?

- Religious system?
- Jerusalem?
- Rome?
- Revived Rome?
- Two Babylons?







# Statue & Stone

2. A Statue and a Stone



Statue is destroyed by a great stone, which represents Jesus Christ



HEAD  
GOLD

WORLD POWER  
BABYLON  
606-539

CHEST AND ARMS  
SILVER

WORLD POWER  
PERSIA  
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STOMACH AND THIGHS  
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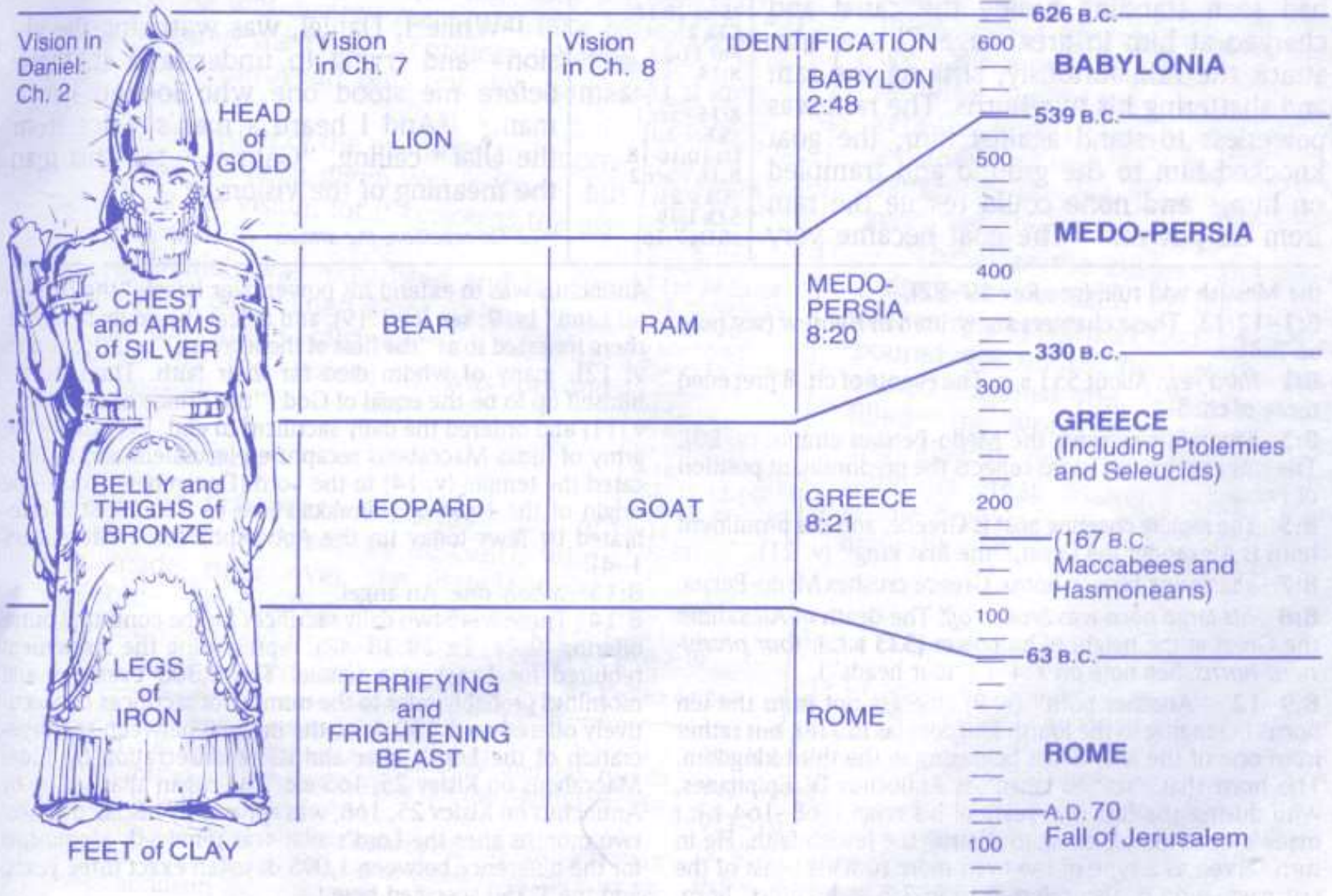
WORLD POWER  
GREECE  
331-323

LEGS AND FEET  
IRON & CLAY

WORLD POWER  
ROME  
322 B.C.—A.D. 476  
FUTURE

# Identification of the Four Kingdoms

# Chronology of Major Empires in Daniel



# Description of 4 Beasts

- 4<sup>th</sup> Beast (V.7-8)
  - Description
  - Rome
  - Legs of Iron
  - Secular History
  - 63 Bc-70 AD
  - 10 Horns & Little Horn
  - Revelation 13:2



# Angelic Interpretation

- V. 23
  - Daniel 2:40, 41-43
  - World-wide empire



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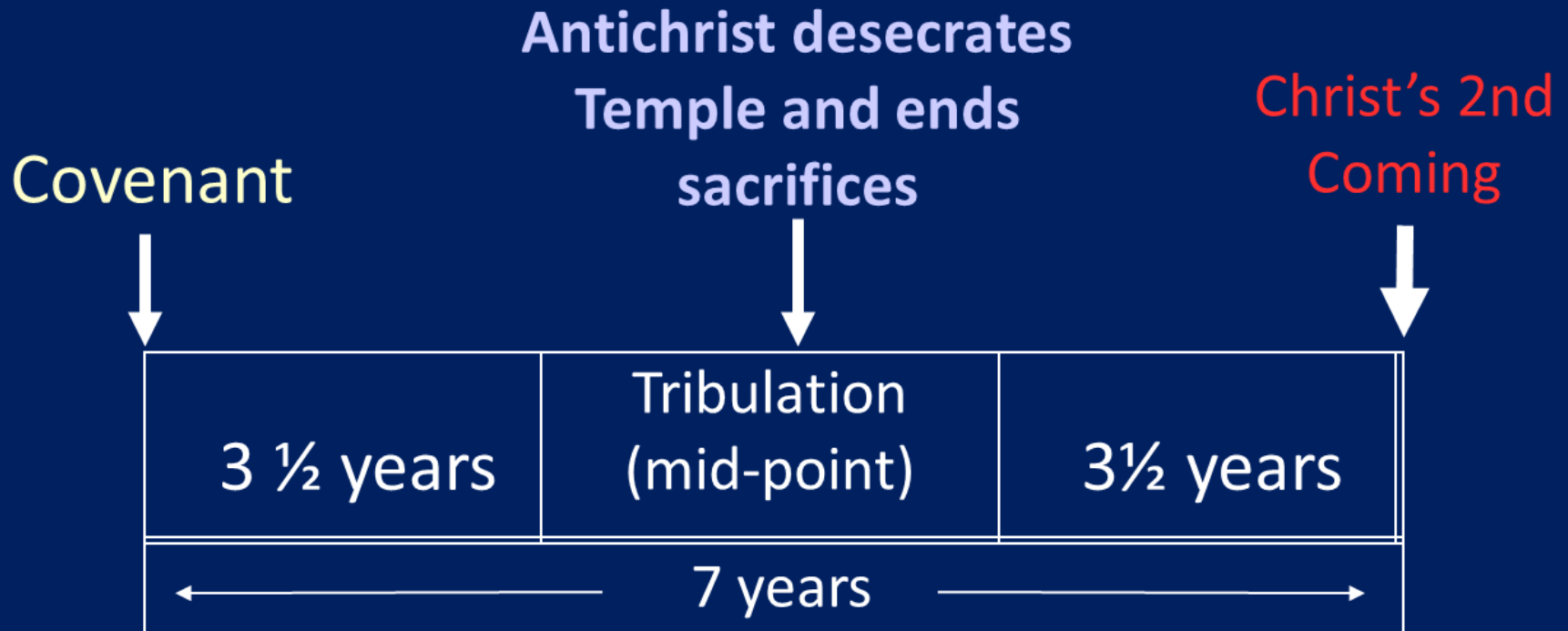
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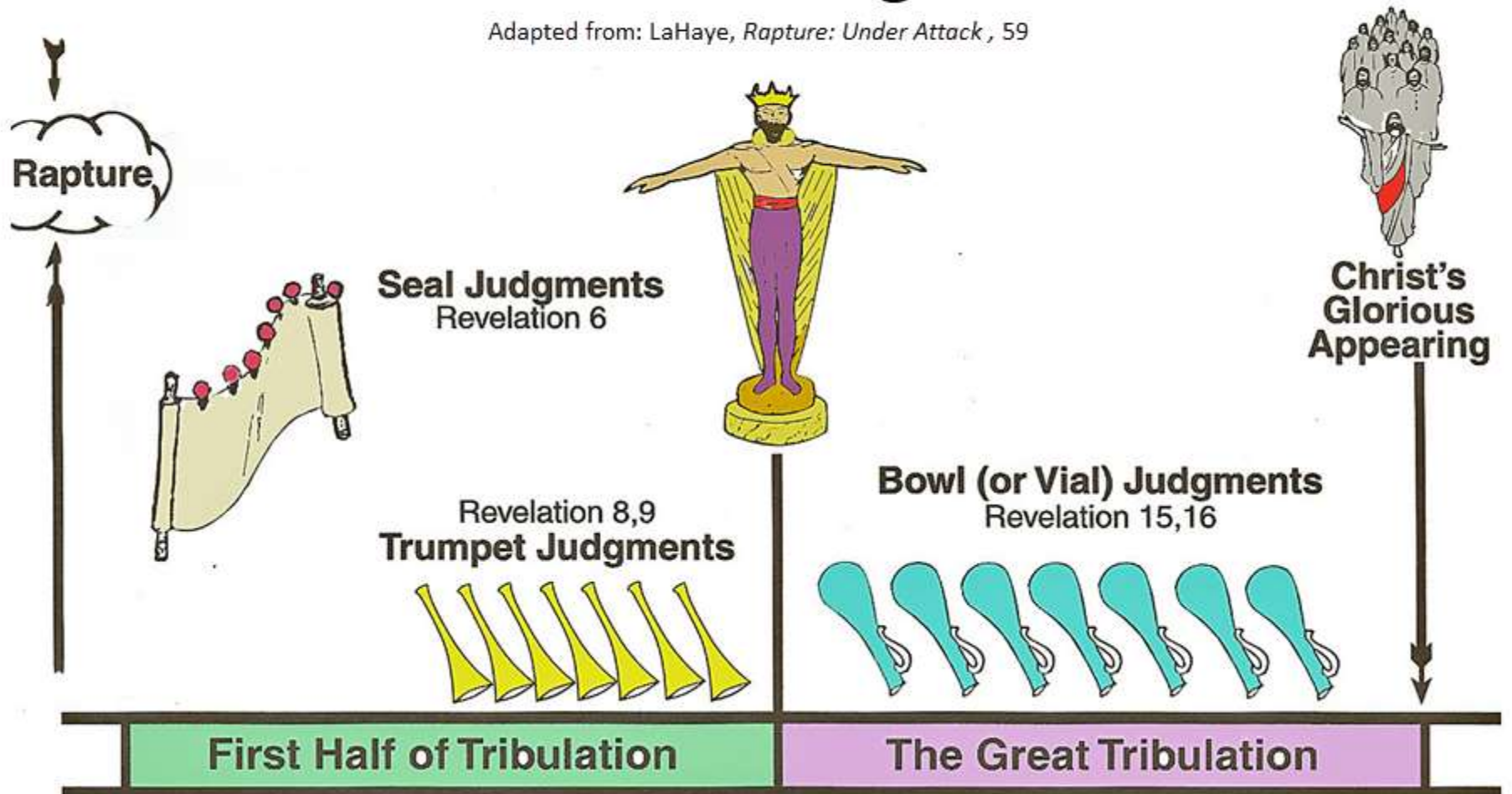
# DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD





# Tribulation Judgments

Adapted from: LaHaye, *Rapture: Under Attack*, 59



# ONE BABYLON

	<b>Rev. 17</b>	<b>Rev. 18</b>
<b>Same name</b>	<b>17:5</b>	<b>18:2</b>
<b>City</b>	<b>17:18</b>	<b>18:10</b>
<b>Same clothing</b>	<b>17:4</b>	<b>18:16</b>
<b>Holding a cup</b>	<b>17:4</b>	<b>18:6</b>
<b>Fornicating with Kings</b>	<b>17:2</b>	<b>18:3</b>
<b>Drunk with wine of immorality</b>	<b>17:2</b>	<b>18:3</b>
<b>Persecuting believers</b>	<b>17:6</b>	<b>18:20, 24</b>
<b>Destroyed by fire</b>	<b>17:16</b>	<b>18:8, 18</b>
<b>Destroyed by God</b>	<b>17:17</b>	<b>18:5, 8</b>

Dyer, "The Identity of Babylon in Revelation 17–18 (Part 1)," 311-13.

# 5 Non-Chronological Parenthetical Insertions

Seals (Rev 7) 144,000 JEWS

1 2 3 4 5 6 ↓ 7

Trumpets (Rev 10–11) No Delay; 2 Witnesses

1 2 3 4 5 6 ↓ 7 (Rev 12–14) Israel's flight

Bowls (Rev 16:13-16) Armageddon

1 2 3 4 5 6 ↓ 7 (Rev 17–19) Babylon falls

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## Revelation 17:1

“Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, “Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters.”



# Seven Areas

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- Jennings 1937
- Cooper 1942
- Lang 1948
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- Larkin 1919
- Newton 1853

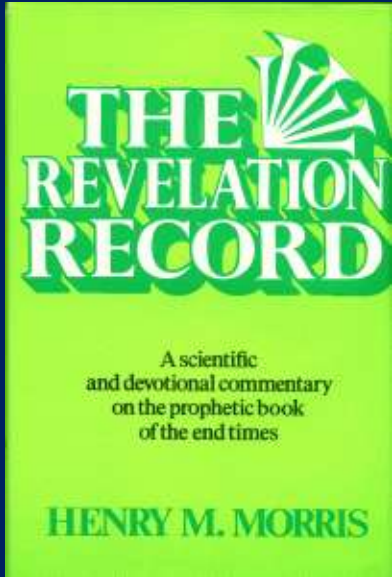


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*The Revelation Record, 349*



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# June 2007 Conventional Oil Reserves

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Percentage of oil reserves</b>
1	Saudia Arabia	21.9 %
2	Iran	11.4 %
3	Iraq	9.5 %
4	Kuwait	8.4 %
5	United Arab Emirates	8.1 %
6	Venezuela	6.6 %
7	Russia	6.6 %
8	Libya	3.4 %

David Jeremiah, *What in the World is Going On*, 207

Jan 20, 2015

## Iraq Tries to Get Babylon on UNESCO World Heritage List

“Iraqi Minister of Tourism and Antiquities on Monday said that his country is seeking to restore the ancient ruin city of Babylon onto the UNESCO world heritage list.”



# How Could Babylon Be Built So Quickly?

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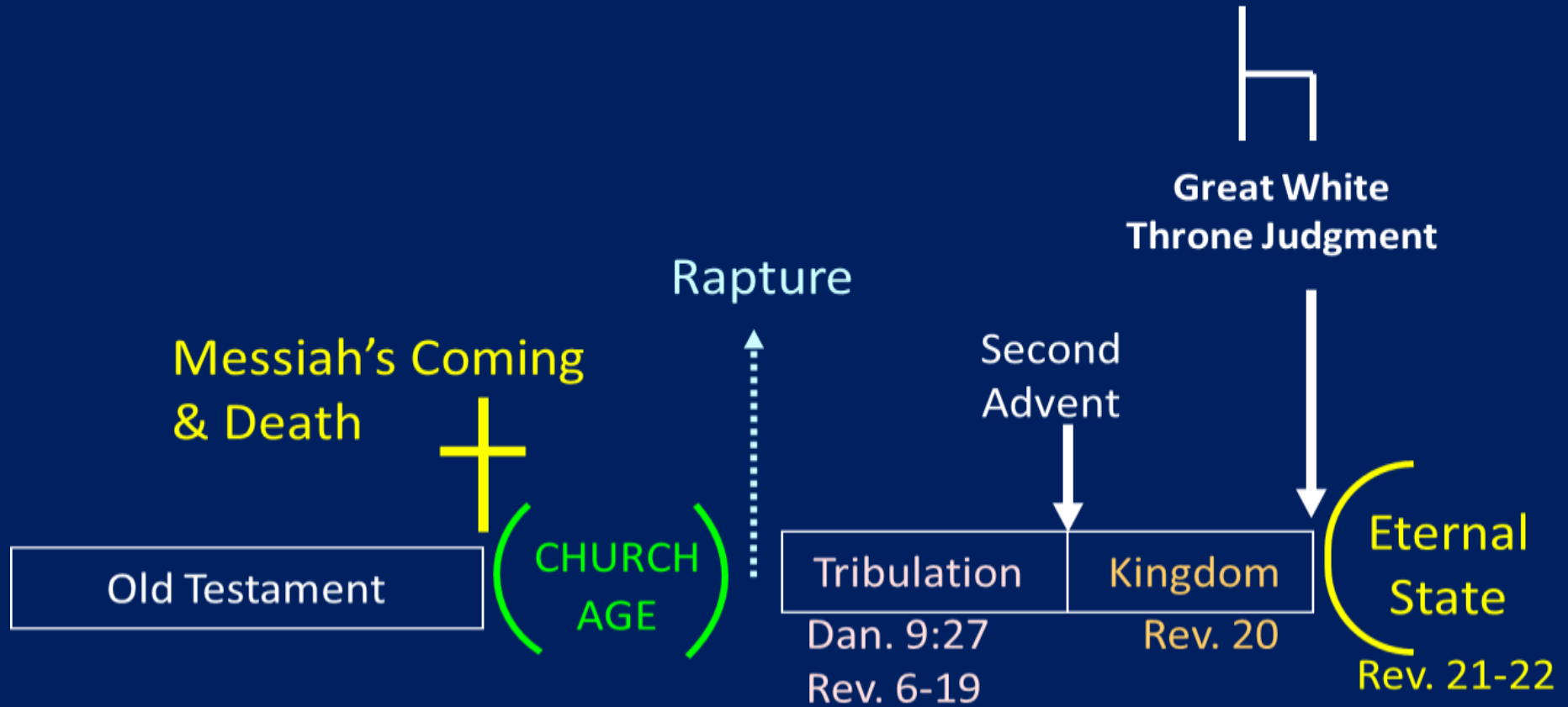


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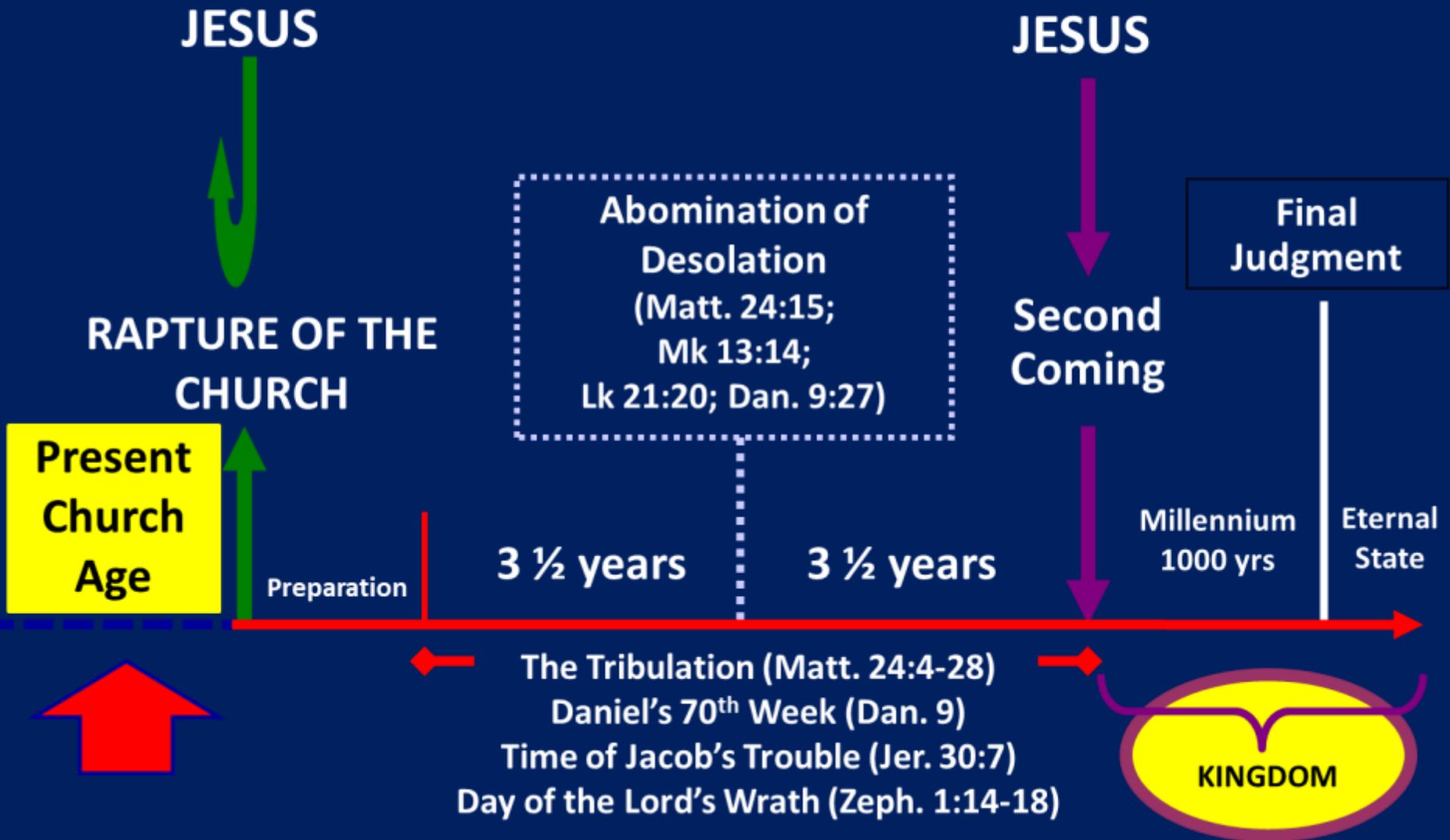
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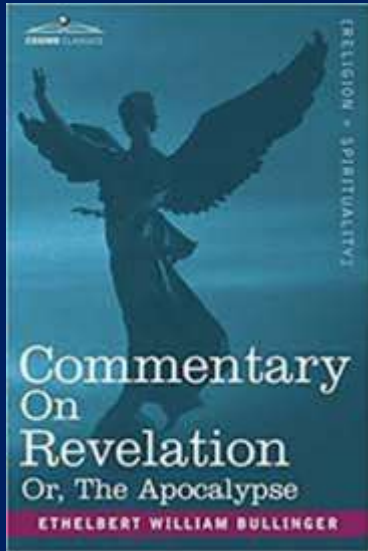
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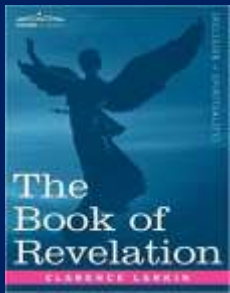


# Bullinger (1909)

*Commentary on Revelation, 577*



“And Babylon, though fallen gradually, and very low, has never suffered such a destruction. There is only one conclusion, that in the interval of, say some 30 or more years between the removal of the church and the last "week "of Daniel's prophecy, it will be revived and exceed all its former magnificence.”



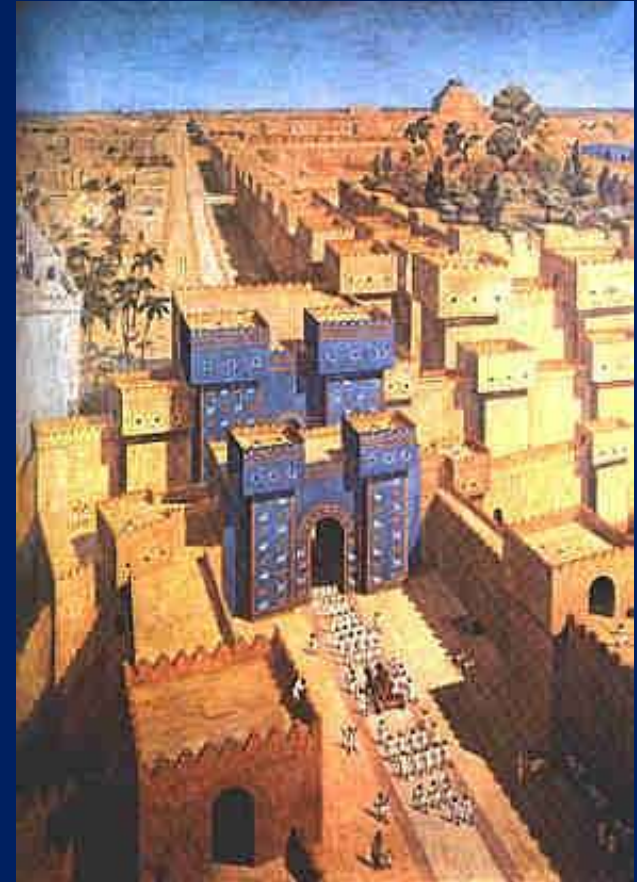
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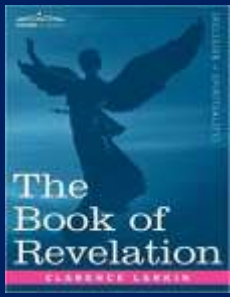
*The Book of Revelation, 162*

“But I hear the protest, how can you say we be expecting Jesus to come at “any moment,” if the city of Babylon must be rebuilt before He can come? There is not a word in Scripture that says that Jesus cannot come and take away His Church until Babylon is rebuilt. The Church may be taken out of the world 25 or even 50 years before that.”

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*The Book of Revelation, 162*

“The rapid growth of modern cities is one of the remarkable phenomena of the times. Since 1880 more than 500 cities have been built in America. Less than 100 years ago the site of the City of Chicago was but a swampy expanse at the mouth of the Chicago river. Now it has been transformed into a beautiful Metropolis, stretching 25 miles along the shore of Lake Michigan, with 5000 miles of streets, many of them beautiful boulevards 120 feet wide. In 1840 Chicago had only 4470 inhabitants, today the population is over 3,000,000. Once the Capitalists of the world are ready the revived City of Babylon will spring up in a few years.”



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