



MATTHEW 6

The Lilies of The Valley

Babylon the Great

Who is this Babylon of The Scriptures? We find so many videos, teachings and some of them far from the truth.

How we know the Truth is by seeking Scriptures and allow the Holy Spirit to reveal it to us. In Revelation 17 she is know as Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Prostitutes and Abominations of the Earth.

Babylon the Great, also known as the Whore of Babylon, a symbolic female figure mentioned in the Book of Revelation.

We can find a few other places in Scripture that makes statement of Babylon. The Whore of Babylon is the spirit of seductiveness, actively engaged in the deception and destruction of YHVH'ss people. The Scriptures revealed that she rides upon "the beast".

Many people are also familiar with the song of Boney M. By the Rivers of Babylon. The actual words derived from Scripture.

Psalm 137:1 *By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion.*

We read further in **Psalms 137 3-6**

"for there our captors requested a song; our tormentors demanded songs of joy:

"Sing us a song of Zion."

How can we sing a song of YHVH in a foreign land?

f I forget you, O Jerusalem, may my right hand cease to function. May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not exalt Jerusalem as my greatest joy!

In the next verses we read about the sons of Edom and the fallen Jerusalem.

Psalm 137:7-9

Remember, O YHVH, the sons of Edom on the day Jerusalem fell: "Destroy it," they said,

"tear it down to its foundations!" O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, blessed is he who repays you as you have done to us. Blessed is he who seizes your infants and dashes them against the rocks.

Edomites are the descendants of Esau. The abhorrence of Esau towards Jacob for tricking him into giving up his share of the inheritance was passed on to their descendants.

Edomites and Israelites were such constant enemies that there was an account in the Bible when the Edomites didn't let the Israelites pass through Edom.

They tried to conquer the country of Israel during the time of Jehoshaphat but didn't succeed.

Their brutality towards the people of Jerusalem and their cruel actions in destroying the First Temple gained criticism from the prophets.

They fought with the Jews many times and became one of the nations conquered by the Maccabees at its peak.

Under the leadership of the Maccabees, they were obliged to embrace the Jewish cultures. Their men were circumcised, and they were forced to follow the Levitical laws. Until the time came when they openly mixed themselves with the Jews and did their practices including paganism. The legendary Herod, who ordered the construction of the Second Temple, was an Edomite.

Edomites inhabited the "country of Edom" which would refer to Mount Seir and Idumea.

This is the same place Esau wanted to meet with Jacob. 1 Kings 11:1. Some of the wives of King Solomon were of Edomite origin. Psalm 137:7. The Edomites cruelly destroyed the foundations of Jerusalem.

The reference is to the Jewish exiles in Babylon after the destruction of Jerusalem and the great Temple there in about 70AD. The exiles were yearning for what they had lost and the destruction of their homes and place of worship.

The rivers referenced to are the Tigris and Euphrates, the quote is from Psalms 137. This is a reference to the exile of the Jewish people following the Babylonian conquest of Jerusalem in 586 BC, when they were taken back to Babylon.

Jeremiah 51:28

Prepare the nations for war against her, the kings of the Medes, with their governors and deputies, and every land under their dominion

Jeremiah 51:58

The broad wall of Babylon shall be leveled to the ground, and her high gates shall be burned with fire

Here we have some key points to look at:

- Babylon would be conquered by the Medes
- They would utterly destroy Babylon
- Like Sodom and Gomorrah, it would be uninhabited thereafter
- The city would lie in ruins
- Its walls and gates would be destroyed

None of these prophecies were fulfilled as yet. Even when Babylon was captured by Cyrus we will acknowledge:

- The city was not destroyed
- Its walls were not levelled
- Its gates were not set on fire
- It was continually inhabited for over a millennium afterwards

Babylon's founder, Nimrod, was an opposer of the true YHVH. (Psalm 83:18) Ancient Babylon was an extremely religious city, having over 50 temples dedicated to various pagan deities. Almost everything and everyone were contaminated with false pagan religion. These people developed astrology, the practice of magic, fortunetelling, prediction, spells, king worship, image worship, sex worship, animal worship, etc. It was a land of graven images, filthy dungy idols. (Jeremiah. 50:1,2.38) They believed in the many gods and the immortal soul. (Isaiah 47:12,13; Daniel.2:27; 4:7; Ezekiel.21:20-22)

Like ancient Babylon, Babylon the Great will become a heap of ruins. The river closest to Babylon is the Euphrates.

Revelation 18 says Babylon will once again rule the economic world, this time as a hub for the Antichrist's one world economy. In the End Times, it will rise and fall again.

Daniel 4:30

"Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?"

Daniel was carried off to Babylon in 605 B.C. by Nebuchadnezzar, the Assyrian. He was still living when Assyria was overthrown by the Medes and Persians.

A tomb attributed to Daniel is located within the Kirkuk Citadel in the city of Kirkuk, Iraq. Originally the site was a Jewish synagogue then later it was turned into a Christian church and finally into a Muslim mosque

The city of Babylon, whose ruins are located in present-day Iraq.

In The Book Of Revelation John is carried away in the Spirit into the wilderness where he saw:

Revelation 17:3–6

“a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns. The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality. And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: “Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth’s abominations.” And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the Holy People, the blood of the martyrs of Yeshua”

Advocating peace can be dangerous in the Middle East. We are already aware of the Biblical studies of Jacob's trouble.

Babylon was located in Shinar, in ancient Mesopotamia on the eastern bank of the Euphrates River. Its earliest act of defiance was building the Tower of Babel.

Babylon is referenced 280 times in the Scriptures, from Genesis to Revelation. YHVH sometimes used the Babylonian Empire to punish Israel, but his prophets foretold that Babylon's sins would eventually cause its own destruction.

The ancient city of Babylon plays a major role in the Bible, representing a rejection of the One True God

Babylon is referred to by many names in the Bible:

- Land of the Chaldeans Ezekiel 12:13,
- Land of Shinar (Daniel 1:2; Zechariah 5:11)
- Desert of the Sea (Isaiah 21:1, 9)
- Lady of kingdoms (Isaiah 47:5)
- Land of Merathaim (Jeremiah 50:1, 21)
- Sheshach (Jeremiah 25:12, 26)

Nebuchadnezzar was the last truly great ruler of Babylon. His successors were insignificant by comparison.

Nebuchadnezzar was followed by his son Awel-Marduk, the Evil-Merodach (2 Kings 25:27–30),

Babylon worshiped pagan gods, chief among them Marduk, or Merodach, and Bel, as noted in Jeremiah 50:2. Besides devotion to false gods, sexual immorality was widespread in ancient Babylon. While marriage was monogamous, a man could have one or more concubines. Cult and temple prostitutes were common.

Babylon's evil ways are spotlighted in the book of Daniel, an account of faithful Jews taken into exile to that city when Jerusalem was conquered. So arrogant was Nebuchadnezzar that he had a 90-foot tall gold statue built of himself and commanded everyone to worship it.

The story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace tells what happened when they refused and stayed true to Elohim instead.

Daniel tells of Nebuchadnezzar strolling the roof of his palace, boasting about his own glory, when the voice of God came from heaven, promising insanity and humiliation until the king recognized YHVH as supreme and Sovereign Creator.

Babylon means "gate of god." After the Babylonian empire was conquered by the Persian kings Darius and Xerxes, most of the impressive buildings of Babylon were destroyed.

An "Anointed One" would come, be "cut off", and then another people would come and destroy Jerusalem and set up the abomination in the Temple. 11:31 speaks of it in context of a great battle of Kings, and 12:11 uses it as part of Daniel's end time vision.

In the Old Testament, near Israel's beginnings, worship of a false idol called Baal began.

The religion consisted of worshiping the heavenly bodies, of which the moon is the largest in the sky. The Biblical and historical evidence shows that the Moabites worshiped Baal.

1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons.

Daniel 9:24-27

“Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place. Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed. And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.”

Lesson continue

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