



WEEKLY CHRISTIAN FOCUS

Warm Greetings!

Why is this important to know about the two Babylon?

I feel it is important because firstly they are both spoken about in the Bible extensively, so we should therefore know something about them. In this first part (of two editions) we are going to talk about the actual Babylonian empire and the city of Babylon. There are some excellent links, which I pray you will watch and read for an even deeper meanings!

There is an enormous amount of information about the first Babylon, which existed in what we now call Iraq, and beyond as an empire. Instead of writing a huge amount about this empire, I feel it will be easier to simply grasp some basic facts about it, a couple of the kings and part of the story of the prophet Daniel.



In the second Babylon, (IN A FUTURE EDITION) we are going to list most or all the scriptures we need about



THE TWO BABYLONS. PART I

'her', and what this likely means or could mean.

The First Babylon.

Babylon was the third great empire of Biblical view World History. Before Babylon became a united people, there was Egypt and then Assyria. After Babylon, came the Medo-Persian Empire, first headed by Darius the Median and then Cyrus the Great, the Persian King prophesied directly by the Lord in the Bible Isaiah 44:28 and 45:1, then Greece (Alexander), and then Rome.

The seventh Bible world empire has not yet arisen which will be the Antichrist world or most of the world Empire (See Revelation 12 and 13, Daniel chapter 7, and many more of course)

The Babylonian Civilization fully existed for about 1,350 years, lasting from approximately 1894 BC to 539 BC. It was an ancient empire located in Mesopotamia (in modern-day Iraq) and was famous for King Hammurabi's legal code and the legendary Hanging Gardens of Babylon. (links below)

The City's Rise (1894 BC): Babylon started as a small, independent city-state.

Old Babylonian Empire (c. 1894 BC – 1595 BC):

King Hammurabi united most of Mesopotamia and created one of the world's first written sets of laws. Middle Period(c. 1595 BC – 626 BC): Various groups took turns ruling the city, including the Kassites and the Assyrians.



Detail of the stela inscribed with Hammurabi's code, showing the king before the god Shamash, bas-relief from Susa, 18th century bce; in the Louvre, Paris.

Neo-Babylonian Empire (626 BC – 539 BC): Babylon reached the height of its power and splendour under kings like Nebuchadnezzar II.

Fall of Babylon (539 BC): The Empire fell to the Persian King, Cyrus the Great.

So these are some of the basic historical points.

We must remember however that the Babylonians who are derived from Chaldea, and often called the 'Chaldeans' of the land of the Chaldees, were a ruthless and powerful race, they interacted with Israel and many other nations in the Middle East. Here are a couple of Bible verses about them as a nation.

Habakkuk 1:6

For, lo, I (God) raise up the

Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwelling places that are not theirs.

Isaiah 23:13

Behold the land of the Chaldeans; this people was not, till the Assyrian founded it for them that dwell in the wilderness: they set up the towers thereof, they raised up the palaces thereof; and he brought it to ruin.

Let's quickly review the key names: Chaldeans = Babylonians or the race of the land of the Chaldees (ancient Mesopotamia) Abram was called OUT OF Ur of the Chaldees. (link below)

Just like the Assyrians before them, they believed in conquering and subjugating the nations, making them pay tribute and also at times they also completely took away the ethnic populations and brought them as slaves and workers into their own lands.

Jeremiah and the Chaldeans:

The story of Jeremiah is an amazing one which illustrates the changing of the guard and the power of a new empire coming in to conquer. Jeremiah knew that the Chaldeans were going to successfully invade Judah and Israel and 'win'. He urged the people in Jerusalem and the Royal Family to take upon themselves 'the Yoke of Babylon'. Jeremiah chapters 27 and 28.

The Babylonians destroyed the First Temple in 587 or 586 BC. This occurred during the Siege of Jerusalem led by King Nebuchadnezzar II.

When the Babylonians came in and captured everything and burned so much of the city and the temple in Jerusalem, Jeremiah was rewarded and treated well by the Babylonians as they knew all about his prophesying, and that they would take over. Look at these amazing verses:

Jeremiah 39: 10

But Nebuzaradan the captain of the

(Babylonian) guard left of the poor of the people, which had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.



11 Now Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah to Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, saying,

12 Take him, and look well to him, and do him no harm; but do unto him even as he shall say unto thee. (This is the great Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar speaking about Jeremiah!)

This shows us that the Babylonians/Chaldeans were not without mercy, but as the overflowing superpower, that hated resistance and dealt with it severely. In this case, God rewarded His great 'weeping' Prophet Jeremiah, and gave him free reign to do what he wanted.

The Yoke of Babylon.

What lessons could there be for us as witnesses for the Lord in this 'Yoke of Babylon' scenario that Jeremiah spoke about for decades? Well, the Yoke finally came, as it was inevitable, as it was God's Will for The Chaldeans to punish Israel for its sins!

Undoubtedly some of us may be, or will be living under dictatorships, authoritarian states like the UK is

now for example, or other current superpowers like Russia, and China and other smaller versions of the same. If we are under them and God shows us that's where we need to live and be, we are technically under their 'yoke'. They may have some or many beliefs that we don't share, but for some reason, as God is in control of all nations, He decides who is going up and down according to their righteousness and unrighteousness. (And other factors).

God wants us to, in such situations; take upon ourselves the Yoke of Babylon. What the ungodly like most of all is to see 'RESPECT'. We may not agree with all or most of what they do, but if we show respect as much as we can, then God will bless us with peace, even inside the seemingly most wicked of nations, or even friendly nations, Praise the Lord.

If they see you are no particular threat to them, they will very likely also show favour to you and 'bless you'. Matthew 5:16. Look it up.

Jeremiah 39 and 40.

Daniel and the Chaldeans: The Prophet Daniel himself was taken from Judah (Israel) and brought to the City of Babylon itself when he was a (young) teenager. (Probably around 586/5 BC.) He remained there or in other Babylonian locations until his death in his (probably 80's). He lived through the Medo-Persian empires also, and usually found great favour with most of their kings.

You will remember that once arrived in Babylon itself, Daniel and his three friends from Judah were given special treatment and training ordered for again by Nebuchadnezzar. (Daniel 1:1-7)

The Demons of Babylon

Most demonic religions that still influence the world today can trace their origins back directly to Babylon. Two interesting books about this are: The Devils and evil Spirits of Babylonia (Parts I and II) by R Campbell Thompson and is available

to buy in the link below. Please do check these videos out.

Many people also today believe that all the evil demons that were in Babylon are still controlling certain families and people today. They didn't go away! They may have left Babylon, but they still exist until that day of Judgement for them by God.

The fall of Babylon:

God's prophets who predicted the fall of Babylon:

Isaiah significantly prophesied the fall of Babylon in Isaiah 13:17

God told Isaiah, "Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, who will not regard silver; and as for gold, they will not delight in it" (Isaiah 13:17). The Medes captured Babylon, just as Isaiah predicted.

And to me, the most horrific text against Babylon and accurately predicting its destruction and its geographical desolation for perpetuity is found in the Book of Jeremiah as part of his several chapters of great judgements against nations of the region. His truly stupendous prophecy in all of chapters 50 and 51 are well worth reading. They are too long to include here. I have placed a direct link for them at the end.

Babylon collapsed in one night and fell just after Daniel interpreted the 'Handwriting on the Wall' for the Babylonian King Belshazzar.

Daniel 5: 29 Then Belshazzar commanded, and Daniel was clothed with purple and a chain of gold put about his neck, and a proclamation was made concerning him that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

30 During that night Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans was slain,

31 And Darius the Mede took the kingdom; he was about sixty-two years old.

You can read or view how Babylon was taken in one night on the links below.

Final words:

We should also remember that Jeremiah also specifically prophesied that the Jews would only stay in Babylon for 70 years as captive, after that they would be free to return. Here are some key scriptures:

Jeremiah 25: 11

And this whole land shall be a waste and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

12 Then when seventy years are completed, I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, says the Lord, for their iniquity, and will make the land [of the Chaldeans] a perpetual waste.

Daniel 9:2 In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

Goodbye my friends for this week. I hope you enjoy this basic review of Babylon Part I. We will cover Part II in another soon coming edition, God willing.

Please enjoy the huge amount of links below which will truly inspire and challenge you also. Praise the Lord.

We end with the first four verses of the Psalm 137!

137 By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.

2 We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.

3 For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

4 How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

Until next week,

Jerry for the WCF Team



[Code of Hammurabi - Wikipedia](#)

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[Exploring Babylon and the Prophecies Against her.](#)

This dear Brother, who grew up in the Mid-East creates the most detailed and sound and faith building videos based on archaeological studies and finds. Here he goes in to great detail about everything that was inside and around Babylon. I pray you will watch his many videos and support his terrific ministry with his sons.

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