

Recap of Last Meeting

Feast - Ezek 38/39 Rapture

Clarify and Amplify The Common Thread

Tabernacles

Ezek. 38 & 39

Timing.

Hosea 1:9-10

John 2 Wedding – Tradition

Mystery Babylon Unmasked? (Tonight's Study)

Origin of Babylon

Nimrod – Son of Cush – Son of Ham – Son of Noah

His name means rebel – 1st world dictator

Gen 10:9

Tower of Babel

Ziggurat – occult worship sight

Gen. 11

Mazzeroth – Zodiac

Tale of Two Cities

Babylon – Gateway of the gods

Jerusalem – Gateway to God – Hashem – Yahweh

Final outcome – Revelation – Rev 17 & 18

Destruction of Babylon

New Jerusalem

Early History of Significance

Total of **3 Sieges** by Babylonians

“Servitude of the Nation”

“Desolation of Jerusalem”

Desolations were a punishment for not yielding to the servitude brought by God.
Jer 27:6, 8, 11 38:17-21

Ezekiel 4:1-8 Prophecy

2520 years at 360 days per year

Sir Robert Anderson’s Work “The Coming Prince”

Note: Nebuchadnezzar began the period known as the “Times of the Gentiles”.

No King from the line of David has ruled over Israel since the Babylonian Captivity!

Time of Daniel (During) at the end of his career

Nabonidus – Elected King

He left Babylon to lead the army to Palestine and Northern Arabia, left his Son Belshazzar as co-regent in Babylon

Daniel 5:16, 29 3rd Ruler

Fall of Babylon

Armies of Cyrus under command of Ugbaru on Oct. 12th, 539 BC entered Babylon without a battle!

According to Josephus, Daniel presented to Cyrus, (16 days later when he Entered the city) with the writings of Isaiah that includes a letter addressed to Cyrus by name, written 150 years earlier.

Isaiah 44:27 – 45: 7

Jews Allowed to Return

Action got under way July 23, 537 BC
Exactly 70 years after the captivity began just as Jeremiah had predicted.
Foundations of 2nd temple were laid by spring of 536 BC

Artaxerxes I (465-423 BC) issued the decree

To rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. The decree is the trigger for one of the most Remarkable prophesies in the Bible. The famous seventy sevens of Daniel 9.

Later History of Babylon – Post Persian

On Oct. 1, 331BC Alexander (III The Great) was welcomed by the Babylonians
When he entered the city after his victory over the Medes at Gaugamela.
Alexander died on June 13, 323 BC

Alexander's Career Daniel 8

His Successors Daniel 11

Note: Seleucus took Syria, Babylonia and portions all the way to India.
Ptozemy took Egypt, Palestine, and Arabia

Atrophy and Decay of Babylon

Question: Was Babylon destroyed as foretold by Isaiah (Chapters 13 & 14) And Jeremiah (Chapters 50 & 51)?

Isaiah

- 13:10 Sun darkened, moon no light
- 13:11-12 Punish the world, mankind rare
- 13:13 Wrath of the Lord
- 13:17 Medes not for riches
- 13:19 Beauty of Chaldee's Excellency
- 13:20 Never be inhabited
- 14:1-2 Have mercy on Jacob, choose Israel
- 14:16 Is this the man
- 14:22-27 Whole earth, all nations

Jeremiah

- 50:1-3 Land of the Chaldeans, North
- 50:9 Assembly from North, Mighty expert man
- 50:10-13 Chaldea, destroyers of mine heritage
- 50:15 Vengeance of the Lord
- 50:20 Iniquity of Israel
- 50:40 Sodom & Gomorrah
- 50:41, 46 Many Kings, Earth is moved
- 51:7 Golden cup

Jeremiah

- 51:26 Shall not take a stone
 51:45 Fierce anger of the Lord
 Has this been fulfilled?

Revelation 17

Notice: The prostitute is not the beast, but rather rides the beast.
 Cup linked to Jeremiah
 Mystery Babylon as a false religious system is identified with Rome from the first century until this very day.

Revelation 18

The destruction of Mystery Babylon continues in Chpt 18, with commercial as well as religious overtones. Three groups that bemoan her fall: kings, merchants, and those who trade by sea. Listed as 28 literal commodities.

Clear references to Rome in both religious and commercial terms.

What was/is Babylon?

1. Social System – way of life “Read Daniel”
2. A Commercial System
3. A Religious System

Can we follow Babylon? Birth to death

Started on Plain of Shinar
 Religious beliefs will strongly affect all else!
 Babylon is the home of every kind of false religion.
 Every occultic practice can be traced to here.
 Zodiac traced to here.

After Babylon was conquered by Persia, did Persia adopt Babylonian Practices?

Hislop & Pember

Great!! We made progress. However, how do we get Babylon back to the Plain of Shinar? While we're at it, why does it have to return?
 Zechariah 5:5-11, Rev. 17:4-7 and Rev. 2:20