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The Harlot's End

Open your bible to Revelation 18.

We're still on the topic of the great mother of harlots and abominations of the earth. Last time we were on this subject, we looked at Joel 3:1 – Joel 3 to give us a timing of when this was going to happen, points us to a time when the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem were to be restored. We are living in that time. Both Israel and Judah (that little plot of land in the Middle East everyone wants so dearly called the nation of Israel now). Israel is everything else. Israel has been restored. It's no longer in captivity. It's the wealthiest nation in the world. And Judah, that little nation in the Middle East, is not far behind. We also looked at Revelation 18:3, ***“For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies [or strength].”***

The harlot has used her strength, which is oil, to cause the nations to be drunk with her maddening influence that leads to hatred of the nation of Judah, which is that little plot of land in Israel today; and also Israel, which is led by Ephraim.

What does the wine represent? Oil, not anointing oil, crude oil. That is the physical sense of it. In the spiritual sense, it represents the poison that is called Islam. So, Islam and oil. Mystery Babylon is in Saudi Arabia. It is not a resurrected Babylon in Iraq. The reason why it is a mystery is because it will have a new location, which it does now, and that too will be destroyed because it will be judged due to her unexplainable hatred, which she causes the nations to partake in because of her demon possessed idolatrous doctrines, the poison that is Islam. It is quite evident. Just pick up a newspaper or listen to international news. It causes man to hate and be in a rage. She's trying constantly to cause the nations to turn on Judah, and believe it or not, Israel. With Israel, it is the nations of Israel with Ephraim as the leader. It's a little bit different how it works, but the agenda is the same.

I'm old enough to remember the gas lines back in the early seventies. You couldn't get gas unless it was a certain day. Usually every other day because of the oil embargo. Once again, the influence, the extension of Islam and its strength, oil, created havoc.

“What do you mean?”

Have you ever heard of OAPEC? Now everyone has heard of OPEC, but what about OAPEC? I don't have time for details, but here is a little bit about it.

OAPEC stands for Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries. OAPEC was originally intended to be a conservative Arab political organization which, by restricting membership to countries whose main export was oil, would exclude governments seen as radical such as Egypt and Algeria. This organizational exclusivity was bolstered by an additional rule in the organization's charter requiring the three founders' approval all new members.

The three founding members were Kuwait, Libya, and Saudi Arabia.

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The original aim was to control the economic weapon of potential oil embargo and prevent its use caused by popular emotion. Iraq initially declined to join, preferring to work under the umbrella of the Arab League, considering OAPEC too conservative. Equally the three founders considered Iraq too radical to be desirable as a member. However, by early 1972, the criteria for admission changed to oil being a significant source, rather than the principal source of revenue of a prospective member nation and Algeria, Iraq, Syria and Egypt had been admitted. Consequently, the OAPEC became a much more activist organization, contrary to the original intention.

I don't believe that. I believe its original intention was to have influence around this world knowing the nations' lust for what their delicacy or strength is and that is oil.

The 1973 oil crisis was a turning point for the organization. In October of that year, the forces of Egypt and Syria attempted to overwhelm the state of Israel in an offensive later known as the Yom Kippur War. On 16 October, ten days after the war's start, Kuwait hosted separate meetings of both OAPEC and the Persian Gulf members of OPEC, including Iran. OAPEC resolved to cut oil production 5% monthly [and here is the condition] "until the Israeli forces are completely evacuated from all the Arab territories occupied in the June 1967 war".

Once again, it was trying to use its strength to influence the nations to attack Israel.

The embargo would last for some five months before it was lifted in March 1974 after negotiations at the Washington Oil Summit. The embargo's aftereffects would linger through the rest of the decade and beyond. For the oil-exporting countries, the embargo was the first instance of the exercise of their ability to leverage their production for political gains.

In 1979, Egypt was expelled from OAPEC for signing the Camp David Accords, although it was readmitted a decade later.

The OAPEC was nothing but a tool to use to advance its agenda, to have the nations turn against (at that time) the little nation of Israel, who they consider the "little Satan," and they know if it wasn't for the "great Satan," the United States of America, they would be much further down the road in achieving their agenda.

Oil is their strength. But, I got news for them. It will also be part of their destruction. Oil, in the physical sense of wine, will be part of their destruction just like in the spiritual sense Islam will be part of their destruction. In fact, that is going to wind up in the Lake of Fire someday.

Now I am going to share with you the work of someone else on this matter...and even though I don't agree with some of it, and I will briefly point out the reasons why, but it is interesting.

Many still argue that the oil in Revelation 17 is an allegory of something spiritual.

I believe it is something spiritual in the sense of an evil spiritual agenda, the poisonous Islam belief system, that is an extension of the moon god religion. I have made that very clear from the beginning. .

Once we study Isaiah 34, however, you will no longer have any doubts. In nearly identical language to what we have already read concerning Mystery Babylon in Revelation 17, 18, we read:

Now I've been to Isaiah 34 in a different teaching, if you'll remember. You can turn to it. Once again, it's one of these preachers putting the wrong war, the wrong context on these scriptures—but, it does make a point. The author quotes Isaiah 34:8-10.

For it is the day of the LORD'S vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion. And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch. It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever.

And of course, do you remember Bozrah and the Gog and Magog War? This has nothing to do with Saudi Arabia. This has to do with another area, not that far away from Saudi Arabia. In fact, it could even be in the area of northern Saudi Arabia depending on how you draw the boundary lines, but most of it is in southern Jordan near the Israeli border.

We looked at the above verses because verse 6 says, ***“...for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.”*** Verse six connects to verses, eight, nine and ten. This is where I differ from this author's work. This has nothing to do with Mystery Babylon. But the reason I am even reading this work is because it does make a point, because if we read a different translation, it says, *“For in the day of Jehovah's vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion, its streams shall be turned into pitch, and its dust into brimstone, its land shall become burning pitch. It shall not be quenched night or day. Its smoke shall ascend forever.”*

It goes on to read,

Incredibly, almost three millennia before the discovery of fuel oil, Isaiah predicted the burning of the very thing that was used in Babel to build a name for the rebellious ones – the pitch. Pitch is bitumen and tar, which technically is simply crude oil. Notice that the land shall not be “like” burning pitch but shall actually become burning pitch...

That is true because one translation says, “shall be turned;” and the King James translation is “shall be turned,” “and the streams thereof shall be turned.”

Notice that the land shall not be “like” burning pitch but shall actually become burning pitch – there is no simile here. This prophecy could only be fulfilled in an oil rich land. The words for “streams” (nachal) is not water streams but “torrent”, “torrent-valley”, “wadi/valley”, “mine,”

or “tunnels,” and thus need not be understood strictly as streams of water. Obviously water could never burn like pitch as the verse mandates. The picture painted is literally of a land that turns into a river of burning wells (tunnels) of petroleum. This is also confirmed in Revelation 18 regarding the harlot city:

Well, I believe that is going to happen to the harlot city. It is going to be burning, but these verses are not referring to the harlot city. What I mean is you can find oil in Jordan and it has been proven that there are many underground streams of oil flowing. If you want to call it a tunnel-like system, that is fine. I don't care. Whatever is going to happen, it is going to burn, and it is going to burn because of the source underground that kindles this fire and smoke, and that is oil.

It goes on to say,

“And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning” (Revelation 18:9). “And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, ‘What [city is] like unto this great city!’” (Revelation 18:18).

Let's read the King James version. I like to stick with the King James as much as I can for personal reasons.

Revelation 18:9, *“And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,*

Revelation 18:18, *“And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!”*

Now I believe what is being spoken of there is Mecca, maybe some other cities also, but the city will be Mecca. And to tell you the truth, I believe you will be able to see it from the Red Sea, and some of the other cities (because I don't box God in) that are closer to the Persian Gulf. Saudi Arabia is going to be up in flames.

And by the way, the USA? No matter who is the President, Democrat, Republican, Independent, or a man from the moon, the USA at that point will not have much of a chance, will it? They will have no other option but to tap into their own resources. And no matter what anybody tells you—and it is getting harder to hide this truth—Saudi Arabia is not the richest oil country in the world. There is no other country including Russia or anywhere else that has that much oil still in the ground than the United States of America. Science is proving that day after day. It's getting harder to hide that—which makes one wonder why we don't tap into those resources and tell Saudi Arabia and any other oil producing country that we still want to import oil from to go take a hike.

The reason why I read this author's work is because, yes, there is a scripture in Isaiah 34 that gives you the idea that maybe there will be oil wells burning up or underground tunnels of oil that will be burning up with the smoke just rises from the ground in every channel it can exit

from. I have no doubt about it. But with those of you who will go explore, I don't want you to get confused with the war that is going to include Bozrah and the war that is coming that will affect Saudi Arabia. And who is going to bring this war on? I'll get to that, but they are going to be totally different players than the war that is going to include Bozrah—which we already covered in the Gog and Magog war. (If you have forgotten that information, go back in the teaching and review it.)

Remember the oil fields during Gulf War I, when Saddam Hussein set the oil wells on fire? Even during the day, the skies were black with smoke. This is precisely how Isaiah the prophet portrays Babylon's End-Time judgment. In Revelation, we read that God will, "Mix her a double portion from her own cup. [She will have a double portion of her poison, in other words, her madness.] Give her as much torture and grief as the glory and luxury she gave herself" (Revelation 18:4-7).

Revelation 18:4, ***"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her."***

One day. Now what is one day? Is that a 24-hour period? No. It is not a 24-hour period. More than likely it is going to take place over a year's time, if one day equals a year. Back to the author:

This chalice of Mystery Babylon is the same as in Jeremiah 51: "He shall recompense her. Babylon was a golden cup in the Lord's hand that made all the earth drunk. The nations drunk her wine; Therefore the nations are deranged" (Jeremiah 51:7)

Well, Jeremiah 51 (it's a long chapter) has more to say than just that. In fact, this is where I would start in a different location in Jeremiah. It does refer to a golden cup in the Lord's hand that made all the earth drunk but there is more to it than that. So that is where I will pick up next time in this study of the harlot and mystery Babylon – and pinpoint it to an exact location as revealed in the Old and New testaments. And I am sorry, but again, it is not ancient Babylon in the Old Testament. And you are probably going to scratch your heads because you are going to read some other sources that just don't get it concerning Jeremiah 51 and wants to put this prophecy in a category that places it in ancient Babylon. I will show you how and why that is a mistake.

To be continued...

The Last Days Study Guide

The Harlot's End

1. Who founded OAPEC?
2. What does the acronym OAPEC stand for?
3. Who is the richest oil nation in the world?
4. Why did OAPEC cut oil production in 1973?
5. Why is Isaiah 34:-10 not referencing Mystery Babylon?

The Harlot's Geographical Area

Open your bible to Revelation 17:5.

“And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY [or secret], BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”

As I pointed out before, why would John pen this verse the way he penned it if he knew that Babylon the great was that ancient city? Why would that be a secret? Incidentally, Babylon was not that ancient. It kept being a city and still existed when this revelation was received, and John penned it. I am sorry, most of Christianity thinks that the Persians came in and destroyed Babylon and that was it. Do your own test. Ask people about Babylon and when it ceased being a city. You will be surprised by the answers, I guarantee you. It was still a city in John's day. So, what is the secret? What is the mystery if that was the city he was referring to? We already covered by that wasn't the city he was referring to. He was referring to some future city that would be the mother of harlots prostituting a religion upon mankind, which is an abomination of the earth; and also produced a physical abomination on the Temple Mount. It is the great whore that sitteth on many waters. It has a spiritual implication, but it also has a physical implication of where this place is. It is not a secret any longer I have said it is in Saudi Arabia.

Now I want to pick up where we left off last time and move on from there.

Remember the oil fields during the Gulf War I, when Saddam Hussein set the oil wells on fire? Even during the day, the skies were black with smoke. This is precisely how Isaiah the prophet portrays Babylon's End-Time judgment. In Revelation, we read that God will, “Mix her a double portion from her own cup. Give her as much torture and grief as the glory and luxury she gave herself” (Revelation 18:4-7). This chalice of Mystery Babylon is the same as in Jeremiah 51.

Jeremiah 51:1-2, ***“Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon”—not the Babylon of Jeremiah's time or shortly thereafter, but future Babylon, a Babylon that exists today— “and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against me, a destroying wind;”*** The key to understanding this verse is the second part of it. ***“And will send unto Babylon fanners”—*** Fanners, what are fanners in the Hebrew? Strangers, foreigners— ***“that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about.”***

I am sorry, scholars like to place this somewhere between the Persian conquest of the Babylonian Empire and Alexander the Great, which came about 300 years later. It's not. That is not the day of trouble. The land was not empty at that point nor centuries afterward. So how do you explain that away? ***“And will send unto Babylon fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land?”*** That didn't happen, my friend. Crack open a history book and apply some common sense. Don't just make up some Christian science fiction nonsense to fit into your belief on something that is fiction, that didn't happen to start with. The bottom line is the land was not emptied out during any of those conquests, whether Persian or Grecian conquest, and even the Persians after that—which I will get to.

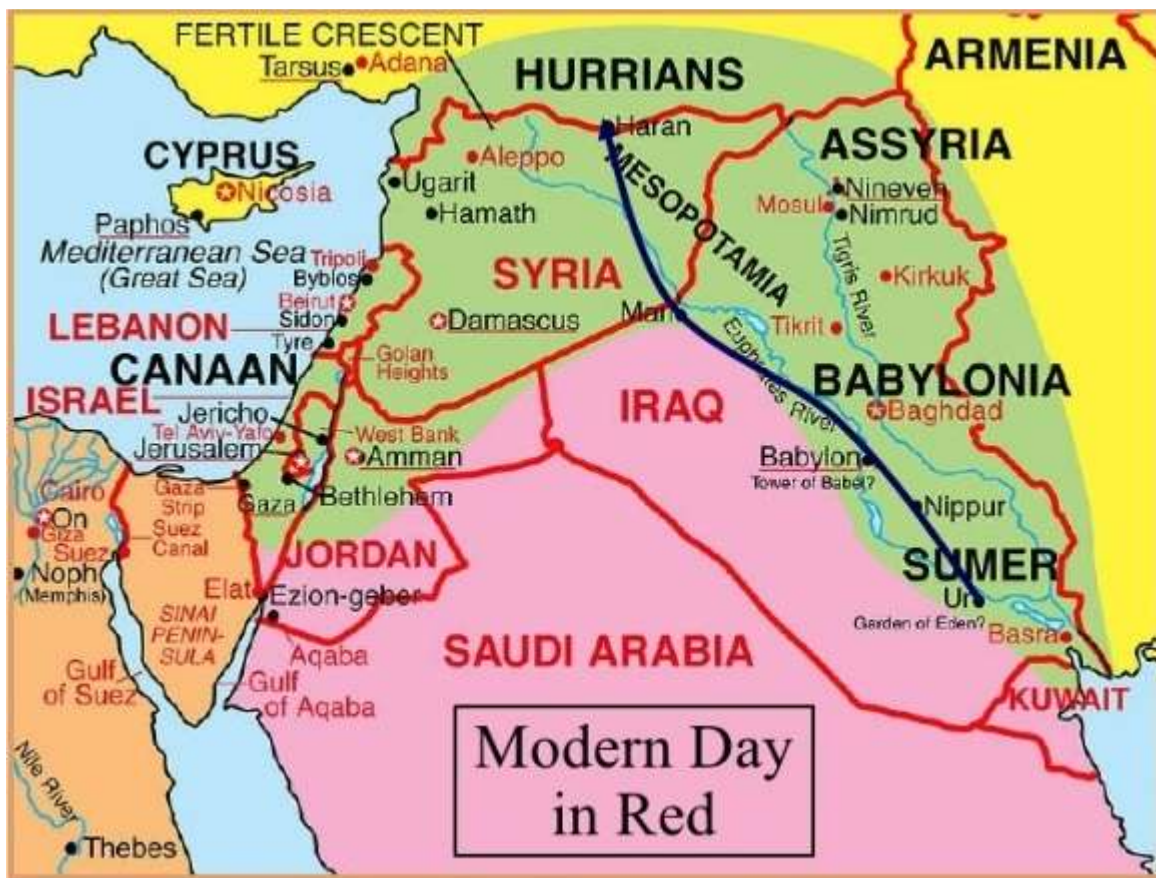
Verse 3, *“Against him that bendeth let the archer bend his bow, and against him that lifteth himself up in his brigandine: and spare ye not her young men; destroy ye utterly all her host.”*

That didn’t happen either. I encourage you, do your own research. It just didn’t happen that way. So either Jeremiah is full of it, or he misunderstood what God was trying to communicate to him so he could communicate it to everyone else, or God’s word is just mixed up because the land was not emptied and her host was not utterly destroyed.

Verse 4, *“Thus the slain shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans...”* This is what they point to, and not just in this verse but other Old Testament verses. “Ah ha! That is referring to Babylon in Iraq, that ancient city between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers because it says, ‘the land of the Chaldeans’.” Once again this is another example of poor Christian scholarship. I’m not even sure if it is poor or lazy. I am starting to believe they cannot really deliver the truth because it would upset Christianity and they would have to change practically all their Christian science fiction doctrines concerning this topic of mystery or secret Babylon.

“What do you mean by that?” Let’s read it again.

“Thus the slain shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans, and they that are thrust through in her streets.”



Do you remember I showed you this before. This is modern day Saudi Arabia, but the pink area is what Saudi Arabia use to consist of; half of Jordan, a third of Iraq today, and just about all of

Kuwait. That is what Saudi Arabia consisted of in ancient times. And if you take a close look at the pink Iraq area on the map, it came about a hundred miles close to ancient Babylon. So, what is my point? If you take into consideration the Babylonian Empire when Jeremiah was writing about this for the future, you would have to look at this whole map because the Babylonian Empire extended all the way into Saudi Arabia occupying half of it according to its present-day borders. Therefore, when Jeremiah was writing this, the ‘land of the Chaldeans’ was not just Iraq, Syria, parts of Jordan, and Israel as we know them today. The land of the Chaldeans had a far-reaching presence. So, I am sorry you lazy scholars, when you think you have anyone pinned down (and this is history because of the statements here in Jeremiah in verse 4 and other places in God’s word that mentions the land of the Chaldeans), you better know what the land of the Chaldeans consisted of in that day. And by the way some scholars, very few, believe this could be referring all the way down to the borders of Yemen. I don’t necessarily agree with that, but I do believe by everything I’ve researched out that in that day the individuals and the land of the Chaldeans territory included at least half of present day Saudi Arabia.

Verse 5, ***“For Israel hath not been forsaken, nor Judah of his God, of the LORD of hosts; though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel.”***

Here again we have two camps being mentioned, not just that little country in the Middle East today called Israel. ***“For Israel has not been forsaken”*** mean the House of Joseph, and ***“nor Judah”*** means the House of Judah, ***“of his God, of the LORD of hosts.”*** So in these end times, when this mystery or secret Babylon exists and judgment is about ready to come down, God hasn’t forgotten what this whore has done to the House of Judah and to the House of Israel. He hasn’t forgotten, and His vengeance is coming. ***“...though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel.”***

Verse 6, ***“Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the LORD’S vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence.”*** That is God’s way of saying, “House of Judah, House of Israel, get the heck out of there! Judgment is coming.”

Verses 8-11, ***“Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD’S hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine [both the spiritual and physical aspects of it]; therefore the nations are mad. Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.”*** Which she won’t be. ***“We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country: for her judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies. The LORD hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the LORD our God. Make bright the arrows; gather the shields: the LORD hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: [the kings of the Medes] for his device is against Babylon, to destroy it; because it is the vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance of his temple.”***

Now a lot of people think this is a physical temple only. Somehow Israel is going to rebuild the temple –and whether they do or not is irrelevant in this case –and somehow this whore has enough influence and power that it will either corrupt the temple by its influence inside the temple or destroy it. Well, if you want to put a physical aspect to it, all you must see is what is on the Temple Mount today, the Abomination of Desolation, that mosque, the Dome of the Rock. It would probably be more appropriate to call it the Damned of the Rock, what exists

there today. I believe there is a physical application to what this is referring to, the physical location of what is already there today, which we've covered in past teachings, and a spiritual aspect to it because we are all a temple of God.

So, continuing.

When God issues a judgment, he hands over this cup to the Harlot and makes her drink. From the very cup that she used to establish her influence, from the abundance of her oil wealth, she will be fed a double portion of punishment by the very product that she used to establish herself and her power by her own burning with it. Though she has funded the export of this Abaddon destroyer called by the West "radical Islam" and the terrorists who have turned the world upside down, so also will the radical Islamists eventually turn on Saudi Arabia and give her something twice as bad as anything that any other nation has seen. She will be burned – in one hour, she will fall. Therefore the kings of the earth shall weep and mourn for their oil, but their oil will go up in flames. All this is what the Bible declares to be, "Jehovah's vengeance, and the year of recompenses for the [legal] controversy of Zion." This cannot be ancient Babylon.

I agree, this cannot be ancient Babylon. There are a lot of things I don't agree with this author on, but this is one of those things I do.



God Himself finally executes judgment on Israel's behalf with a great destruction. The same rendering is in Jeremiah 51:11: "the vengeance for His Temple." Again, this judgment against "Edom" extends from Teman to Dedan."

Where do we get that from? Turn to Ezekiel 25. Chapter 25 starts with the Ammonites, moves on to Moab, and then we get to Edom. Verse 12 begins,

"Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because that Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah [present location of Israel today] by taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them; Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also stretch out mine hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman; and

they of Dedan shall fall by the sword.” Literally it reads, and they shall fall by the sword unto Dedan.

Now like I said earlier, some believe it goes all the way down to Yemen. I’m not that sure about that. I don’t believe so but it doesn’t really matter. That whole area will be affected by it.

Verse 13, ***“Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also stretch out mine hand upon Edom [remember Edom is not just that area of southern Jordan, it extends much further south than just that], and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman; and they shall fall by the sword unto Dedan.”***

Teman is a place name meaning “right side” that is “southern.” The Edomites were a clan descended from Esau. Teman was a city that was associated with the Edomites. Teman has often been identified with Tawilan, fifty miles south of the Dead Sea, just east of Petra, though archaeological evidence does not confirm the site as the principal city of the southern Edom. Others understand Teman to designate southern Edom in general. To others still, the link with Dedan (Jeremiah 49:7; Ezekiel 25:13) suggest Teman on the Arabian Peninsula. Because the Bible chose to identify Teman with Dedan, we need to accept that Teman is in South Central Arabia in Yemen. [Again, I am not so sure it is true it extends all the way to Yemen.] Dedan is well defined and was an ancient city in central Saudi Arabia that is now known as Al-Ula. The Lord made the geographical location of Mystery Babylon quite clear for anyone who would seek it out.

Now I believe that to be true also. Turn to Isaiah 13. This chapter is also dealing with the future Babylon. Starting with verse 17,

“Behold, I will stir up the Medes”—here is that Medes again— “against them [Mystery Babylon] which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it.”

They don’t care about silver. They don’t care about gold. They don’t care about money. They only care about one thing and that is destroying this Mystery Babylon and advancing their belief system concerning how Islam should be practiced.

Verse 18, ***“Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.”***

Look at Islamists these days who want to advance their agenda in the Middle East. They put no value on life. They are just human pawns to achieve what they feel and believe in how Islam and the Muslim life should be practiced and lived.

Verses 19-20, ***“And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees’ excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.”*** Or literally, as the overthrowing of Sodom and Gomorrah. ***“It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.”***

Sodom and Gomorrah never existed to be cities again, did they? Poof! They were gone. When Lot left, instructed by God, he wasn't even to look back at its destruction. His wife did, and you know what happened to her. This has never happened, even with other empires that conquered ancient Babylon. That never happened, and it can't be claimed to have already happened as it is described in verse 20, ***“It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.”*** Note it mentions “the Arabian,” incidentally. Isn't that interesting.

As I mentioned earlier, there is ancient Babylon that goes all the way back to Cush, Nimrod, Semiramis, and Tammuz; the people that lived during that period after the flood. Shortly after the flood, mankind went down a different path once again and started worshipping false gods and idols, evil beings, you name it. That is the ancient city of Babylon. It existed even though God confused the languages of the people and they spread from that area with a remnant remaining behind. That went from an ancient history to a more classical history if you want to put it in a timeline of the ancient city of Babylon. It kept existing. Then you had the Assyrian Empire come in, the Assyrian period, and they ruled over that area. Then there was there Neo-Babylonian Empire that came in, the Babylonian-Chaldean Empire. And of course, it kept existing (until the 500's BC period) as the ancient city of Babylon. Then there was the Persian conquest, the Medes. Now I believe the Medes in the Mystery Babylon time is more than just Iranians. It could be just the Iranians. It could be just the people who are part of Elam, which is in present day Iran. But it could include Pakistan, Afghanistan, and anywhere up to the borders of India. Even some of the southern “Stans” which use to be part of the USSR (Russia) could be included. But definitely Iran. They conquered Babylon, but they didn't destroy the city where it was similar to Sodom and Gomorrah and destroyed completely. It wasn't a city that would never be inhabited again. It kept being a city during the Medes rule over it. Following that was the Hellenistic period. That is Alexander the Great. He came in and swooped over that area conquering rapidly. And guess where he died? In Babylon. He did not destroy the city...and that is around approximately 323 BC. I think he died in 327 BC, but my dates might be off a little bit. He came in and made it his main capital of his Grecian Empire in the Middle East. And then following Alexander the Great (his empire breaking up into four different empires) a renewed Persian rule came in. Once again, the city was not destroyed. It did not become uninhabited. So, who is Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Jeremiah referring to when they speak of Babylon? According to biblical historians and scholars, it was some ancient city in the past. There is a problem with that. You would have to throw these verses out or completely erase them from the scriptures if that is what it meant. If you know how to decipher the truth, it was not referring to some old Babylonian city during these eras.

So following the renewed Persian rule in the sixth and seventh century was the Muslim conquest. During the Muslim conquest, believe it or not, that is when the city began becoming uninhabited, a place of ruins. The people just left it but it was not destroyed like Sodom and Gomorrah. It was not made uninhabited because of a forced depopulation process taking place. It was a natural process as has happened to villages, towns, and cities for the last five and six thousand years. It is like the ghost towns we have in the United States of America; whether mining or oil, it stopped producing the resources to keep that city vibrant, and people couldn't make an income, so it just vanished. The remnants are there but the people are gone. That is what happened to ancient Babylon following the Muslim conquest, but it did not stop being a city and uninhabited because of some calamity similar to Sodom and Gomorrah.

Now we know according to these scriptures and others that a calamity is going to happen to this Mystery Babylon and it will be forced not to exist anymore, and, more than likely through war. As for the type of war, who knows and what is going to come from it. Its destruction has been prophesied.

The extent of that destruction is what we are going to get into next, but I just wanted to point out that the scriptures we read in the major and minor prophets about Babylon have never meant some ancient city of Babylon. This is a present-day Babylon with its abominations as poison that is poisoning the world, who wants what they consider the “great Satan” and the “little Satan” destroyed...and if not destroyed, to be defeated...and eventually the House of Joseph and the House of Judah to bow down to Allah. It’s not going to happen.

We will get into the destruction of Mystery Babylon next time.

To be continued...

The Last Days Study Guide

The Harlot's Geographical Area

1. What is the contemporary name for the city Dedan?
2. What must one consider when determining the 'land of the Chaldeans'?
3. What other peoples may be included in the designation of 'Medes'?
4. Who are fanners?
5. What is the purpose for the Medes/Elam attack on secret Babylon, from their perspective? And God allowing it, what is His perspective and reason for doing so?

Arabia's Destruction Part 1

We are still on the great mystery of chapter 17 and the fall of Babylon in chapter 18 concerning the great whore, the harlot, and the beast. The harlot is part of the beast, and I want to be clear on this, but the beast is not the harlot, at least here in revelation 17. The harlot is describing a specific area, and a specific nation and group of people of that nation who are going to be dealt with in the near future, and where the beast (all in disguise of the moon god worship) regrouped and came into fruition again with Mohammed about thirteen to fourteen hundred years ago. And with that, open your bible to Revelation 18.

We already looked at the destruction that is going to happen in Saudi Arabia. Isaiah 34 lays out the prophecies that correlate with the rest of the scriptures including the book of Revelation. I think God's Word verifies itself many ways, the book of Revelation, the book of Isaiah, the book of Jeremiah, Ezekiel, just to name a few. I believe many are not aware of this coming destruction because they are off in some Christian science fiction world of what is going to happen in these last days and they don't even think about Islam being the final beast that the world has to suffer in, and also, which God will once and for all put an end to and cast into the lake of fire. They need to be made aware.

I haven't gotten into too much of it but you see the physical application of these beasts; Islam, its leaders, and the people who follow Islam. But there is spiritual evil, spiritual wickedness in high places, very powerful beings that are like puppeteers. They are pulling the strings as much as God allows them to pull the strings when bringing these beasts through the timeline of history; whether it was the beast that ruled in the unseen world for the Assyrian empire, the Babylonian empire, the Medo-Persian empire, the Roman, the Grecian empire, even the 7th and 8th beast. There are spiritual wicked beings following their high commander Satan's orders and carrying out all their different plans and strategies to somehow, until their last breath, destroy everything God is trying to bring into fruition including trying to destroy the lineage of Abraham. Believe me, Satan his minions know how to read the stars. They might not have had the scriptures like we have today, but they had the record in the heavenlies. They knew what was coming, that Jesus was coming to put an end to their nonsense, their evilness, their wickedness, their destruction, their power over individuals lives because of sin. Christ took care of that first, the sin issue. He is going to put the finishing touches on in the very near future and that is coming, friends. But before we get there, there is going to be a destruction of Saudi Arabia, or let's just call it the Arabian Peninsula, and probably a war with Iran and maybe other players, which I will cover soon enough. Iran will be dealt with too. So when you see wars or rumors of wars popping up here and there, the end is not yet. Certain things still need to happen including the Psalm 83 War, and, I believe the last and final war will be the Gog and Magog War, or as the scriptures have revealed and some have called Armageddon. We're going to get there in the teaching but for now let's read Revelation 18.

Revelation 18 deals with the fall of Babylon. Not ancient Babylon, not a reconstructed new Babylon in Iraq, if that were to take place, but Mecca and possibly Medina in Saudi Arabia. I believe it is the new Mystery Babylon, the great the mother of harlots. It produced different forms of Islam, so she is the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth. We know one abomination in the physical sense sits there on the Mount in Jerusalem, the Dome of the Rock. But I have news for all. No matter how much her whoredoms produce harlots—to reproduce

itself into a belief system that has over two billion plus people now, and some say is the fastest growing world religion today ... if you like to call it religion, I don't)—where this 7th and final 8th Beast resurfaced or started as a different form of the moon god religion will be destroyed.

Revelation 18:8-10 reads, ***“Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.”***

Jumping over to verses 17-18, ***“For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, and cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!”***

That is the King James Version. Another version reads,

“Therefore in one day her plagues will overtake her: death, mourning and famine. She will be consumed by fire, for mighty is the Lord God who judges her.

When the kings of the earth who committed adultery with her and shared her luxury see the smoke of her burning, they will weep and mourn over her. Terrified at her torment, they will stand far off and cry:

'Woe! Woe, O great city, O Babylon, city of power! In one hour your doom has come!'

Every sea captain, and all who travel by ship, the sailors, and all who earn their living from the sea will stand afar off when they see the smoke of her burning, they will exclaim, ‘Was there ever a city like this great city?’”

Not to them; it produced riches for them also. Therefore, what this is saying is merchant ships, probably from the Red Sea and maybe even further than that, will be able to see her destruction. Her destruction will come violently. And it's not going to take a long period of time to destroy her. It will come swiftly. The scriptures in the King James says, 'one day'. If a day equals a year, it could be over the course of a year. But in other scriptures like the latter part of verse 19 it says, ***“...for in one hour is she made desolate.”*** If a day equals a year, then we can calculate mathematically how long that hour is. She will be destroyed, and she will be consumed with fire. It is going to be so devastating, that there will be no rebuilding taking place. This is a permanent situation. This new Babylon the great will be utterly destroyed, wiped out. There won't be any more people in it. There will be no more song in it. There will be no more feasting, and this city will never, like I said, be rebuilt again. There will be nothing. All commerce will stop because there won't be any people there to have any commerce, no agriculture, no food, just straggling animals looking for anything they can survive on. All signs of human habitation will be permanently eliminated. Now outside of Sodom and Gomorrah in the scriptures, there has never been anything anywhere described this way as far as the destruction of a location. We read that in Revelation 18:1, ***“And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of***

devils [lit. demons], *and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.*”

This is saying this is a destruction and that there has never been anything like this before except for the possibility of Sodom and Gomorrah. I mean, you look at WWII when atomic bombs destroyed two Japanese cities. It took a while but even after those cities’ destruction, to a certain extent, they did rebuild. But that is the closest thing to give you as an example of an utterly destroyed landscape with cities wiped out. Look for the photographs. You could probably *Google* it online and see what the aftermath was after the smoke cleared and the dust settled from those powerful bombs. We have nuclear bombs today way more powerful than those bombs. And just look at that destruction. If you never have before, you should look at it; and if you haven’t done it in a while, I recommend you do so. We are talking about something exceeding that situation, a completely and utterly destroyed city, wiped out. Again, the only other place we find as a comparison is Sodom and Gomorrah. Furthermore, I am not talking about cities or towns that become ghost towns and eventually they are underground because through the course of time they got buried either because other conquering people came through and built on top of that city or through the natural erosion of things and so forth. I am not talking about that destruction. That is natural destruction. I am talking about destruction that is brought on by man and delivered by man and sometimes by God (e.g. Sodom & Gomorrah). There is going to be a devastation, my friend, and the only place and the only things that we’ve found are a home for demons—which I believe is already a home for demons now—but that is the only thing. And of course, we won’t be able to see those demons, but John got a look at them, or he was told about them, and this is what is to be expected, evil spirits and demons, and scavenging creatures that roam the desert trying to survive. That’s it. You can go as far back as three to four thousand years ago concerning the eastern understanding and perception concerning desert wastelands. In literature (and not just here and there type of literature), many times over it was written that these desert wastelands are a place of unclean spirits and demons; somewhat like what I taught on earlier concerning the bottomless pit and where it is possibly located. It’s also in a desert wilderness as we speak.

So, Babylon is going to be destroyed. No human life ever found there again. We see it in Jeremiah 50. He describes it as desert creatures and hyenas being the only thing found there, and the owl will dwell there also. He says it will never again be inhabited or lived in from generation to generation. Isaiah 34 says it will never again be inhabited and it shall be a habitation of jackals. Paraphrasing Isaiah 12, it says the Lord will rise up against Babylon and Babylon will be cut off from name, and remnant, and offspring, and prosperity—and, it wasn’t talking about Babylon as in Isaiah’s near future. It was a future Babylon thousands of years later, the Babylon we find in Revelation 18. Isaiah goes on to say, I will sweep it with a broom, literally, of destruction. There are so many different areas of scripture that verify this concept over and over that we should take a closer look at it. It isn’t just there to fill pages, my friend. It is there to let us know what is coming down the road. Once again, if anybody researches an atomic explosion or even a nuclear explosion (there are pictures of that also), and not destroyed cities but the kind of devastation it leaves behind, it has a fury, a force, a power and it leaves one heck of a pillar or cloud that destroys everything in its path.

Now, am I saying Mecca will be destroyed with a nuclear weapon? I don’t know for sure, but it is very possible. Joel 2:30 says, ***“I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood,***

fire, and pillars of smoke.” Could these pillars of smoke be describing a nuclear bomb that leaves a mushroom cloud from the explosion itself? It is very well possible. What can bring that kind of devastation in an hour? Even the less sophisticated bombs that we have will only destroy a much smaller circumference area. The destruction of Saudi Arabia we find in the scriptures—which I believe will be Mecca and very well possibly Medina, plus other locations—would require thousands of bombs to fulfill the scene we find described. I am not saying all the other locations will be destroyed with a nuclear weapon but there is a destruction coming.

God will have the last word and He will bring vengeance, even use people influenced by the harlot who are also part of the beast but have their own agenda. In other words, could the beast destroy the harlot? We’re going to find out. It is a very strong possibility when we look at that section of scriptures that define who will destroy this harlot’s location and how that great city that brought them many riches is finally destroyed, which the merchants will be mourning and crying over.

Now before we even get to that, I want to zero in more on Mecca and why I believe it is Mecca, and we will do that next time.

To be continued...

The Last Days Study Guide
Arabia's Destruction Part 1

1. Why is the harlot not the same as the beast in Revelation 17?

2. How does the destruction of the harlot differ in comparison to Hiroshima and Nagasaki?

Revelation 17:9 Seven Heads Are Seven Mountains

Open your bible to Revelation 17.

Revelation 17 is showing us the judgment of the great whore that sitteth on many waters. I have preached many messages, some long ago and some more recently, on the first eighteen verses of this chapter alone about this mystery Babylon the great and the abominations of the earth. If you are new, I encourage you to go to the Teaching Center on the website for the Last Days video sermons and listen to them to get caught up.

Now verse 9 and verse 10 of chapter 17 are describing two different things. I've preached extensively on Revelation 17:10 using it as one reference verse when describing seven different beasts, which now also includes the 8th. In verse 10 it says, ***“And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.”*** The seven kings is something completely different than what we find in verse 9. Part of the problem with eschatologists is they try to combine these two things, the seven heads and seven kings, as the same thing. Verse 9 reads, ***“And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains...”*** Eschatologists like to take these seven heads which are seven mountains and say they are what verse 10 is describing; the ***“seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is yet to come.”*** No, it's not. And other verses, the eighth is just more of the same, of the seventh. They are one and the same, those kings and beasts.

Verse 9, ***“And here is the mind which hath wisdom.”*** It is going to take understanding to decipher what John is relaying here. The problem is most of the Christian science fiction theories were formulated before the time arrived where we can now look back, while using the book of John and other Old and New Testament books, and say this is what John meant—not the Christian science fiction theories that are floating out there in La La Land, confusing people and not preparing them for what is to come and what they should be expecting. ***“And here is the mind which hath wisdom”*** means it is going to take some thinking, some understanding, some knowledge, some history to figure it out. ***“The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.”*** What woman? This whore, the great mother of harlots, the scarlet beast, whatever you want to call her. What John is saying is there is a location where this last push (the last days of the final two beasts; and the final two are one and the same) is going to take place. We already covered in the scriptures who the False Prophet is who was prophesied. A long time ago in this series I preached it was none other than Mohammed. He truly is a form of an antichrist. He is anti-Christ. He is not for Christ. He makes Christ his servant, not the other way around. ***“The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.”*** This is describing a last day's location we can locate; not to mention all the other descriptions leading up to this verse which we already covered. Therefore, we have another physical location detail to figure out.

Circle that word “mountains” in verse 9. This [ὄρη] is an old Greek word. Most cannot figure out where it came from to tell you the truth; and, when that happens, it is very easily concluded that it only has a certain meaning, which is the furthest thing from the truth. Now yes, ὄρη can be translated as mountain and be a physical mountain as we understand the word in our time, but

going back as far as you can it literally means *something that rises up, lifting up from a plain*. So, write that definition in the margin of your bible next to “the seven heads are seven mountains”. Again, could it mean a physical mountain with dirt, boulders, and rocks that rises up? Sure. But that is also the problem and is why most eschatologists teach this is a description of Rome. But it isn’t the only problem for that theory because the Vatican doesn’t sit on seven hills in Rome. Additionally, they are not the only nation in the world that has seven hills. Rio, where the Olympics were recently, has seven hills which that city was built upon. Now I know the Vatican and the Catholic Church looks very similar to a mystery religion because they adopted the mystery religion from ancient Babylon. They could not overcome the practices that the pagans were engaging in, the religions they were following, so they incorporated it into Christianity. So that is why they believe this is describing the Vatican, and better yet, Rome. Now that is all fine and dandy, but then it has to fit with all the other descriptions that lead up to it including the descriptions concerning the whore that sitteth on many waters. Rome does not sit on many waters. I’ve already covered this, so I’m not going to go into it.

So “mountains” in verse 9 means *something that is rising or that is risen*. It could be a physical mountain, but it doesn’t have to be. *Something that is lifting up, something that is moving up from a plain area or rising up*. That is the simplest and most basic definition for the Greek word used when researched back as far as you can.



Now it’s unfortunate but I don’t recommend very many preachers or teachers of eschatology because even though they might have one or two things right, or some very interesting points that need to be analyzed, they drift back into Christian science fiction theory nonsense for a majority of their eschatological viewpoint. Walid Shoebat is one of those but I am going to use a little bit of his work because I think he got it spot on for the most part when dealing with where this location is where this woman sitteth. [KJV] So I am going to quote him and use some of the pictures and then show you something very disgusting at the end of this teaching. It’s unfortunately that what I’m about to quote Shoebat in, it’s the only thing I can use because he just drifts back into Christians science fiction nonsense. Nevertheless, he did well describing who this woman is and where she sits.

Jedda is the entrance to Mecca and there, Saudi Arabia has embarked on building the tallest structure in the world. Currently Dubai boasts the tallest building and the mark of Islam is tweeted seen lit via LED screen, which is on the building itself as to appear from as far as the telescope can see Islam’s declaration.

The Khalifa Tower lit with “There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is his messenger”

This is a monstrous building. The white Arabic writing states there is no God but Allah and Mohammed is his messenger. That is beaming forth as far as the eye can see across that land. And of course, if you really think about it, across the internet and any other means that takes that symbol and displays it. It is quite a spectacle. As far as the structure of the building goes, it's nothing new. It's just a new tower of Babel if you really think about it.

“There is no god but Allah and Muhammad is his messenger” is the mark of Arabia, its kings and princes from Dubai and Saudi Arabia and all the way to Qatar. It is in the name of this emblem was shed the blood of millions of saints and now in Saudi Arabia, soon will crop out of the desert another ‘tallest building’ [as if this one alone isn’t bad enough] to resemble Islam’s pride and desire to break through the heavens. The Muslims are telling the world that ‘size matters’. Mecca has the largest clock in the world, Dubai has the second tallest building Khalifa Tower (The Tower of The Caliph), which houses the mosque on the highest pinnacle in the world and the building itself acts as the largest LED screen in the world (32,467 square meters). Mecca has the most massive structure ever built which sits on what they literally call Jabal Babel (Mount Babel) with the Seven Towers overlooking their effeminate cubic structure they call the Ka’ba. She is seen adorned with the largest in the world the purest quality silk Burqa etched with verses of blasphemy weaved with the purest silver and gold and made for the sole purpose to denounce the Trinity. The ‘purest’ ‘greatest’ ‘highest’ ‘richest’ ‘tallest’ ‘largest’ ‘most expensive’ ‘best’ ‘purest’... this is pride in its essence that is meant to blaspheme the truly Highest of all: The Triune God Himself.



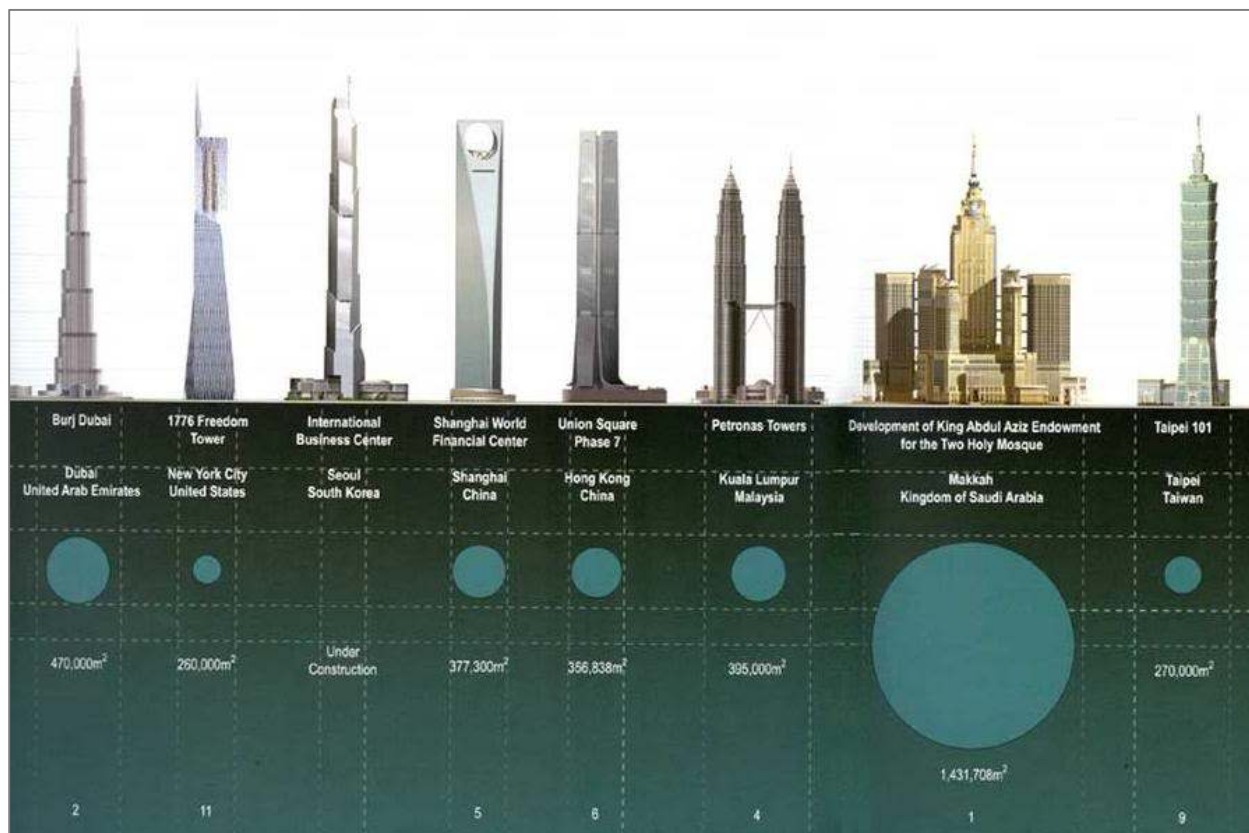
Kalifa Tower vs Tower of Babel

The picture above reminds us this is not the first time this has happened. Now we don't know for sure if the Tower of Babel looked exactly like the picture depicts, but it's probably close. So it's

nothing new. Beastly empires and kingdoms are always trying to raise themselves above the only Holy God. That is what false gods, false prophets, and false religions do.

The Kingdom Tower is a whole one complete kilometer tall built to provide views of the Red Sea. Its foundations will be 200 meters deep to withstand the salt of the Red Sea and the engineers are currently testing materials, such as concrete and steel, out of which the massive skyscraper could be constructed. Yet all one has to do is to search “Red Sea” in the Bible and will conclude that the biblical God is not going to remain silent: “The earth is moved at the noise of their fall, at the cry the noise thereof was heard in the Red sea.” (Jeremiah 49:21)

But even this ‘tallest’ building in the world despite its cost (over one billion) and its height exceeding what is at Mecca, it is no match to the height of the 607 meters Towers of Mount Babel which stands as the world’s third tallest building made to overlook the Ka’ba. It is dwarfed only by 632-meter-high Shanghai Tower and Dubai’s 828-meter-high Burj Khalifa; the project in Mecca is 15 billion dollars; this is 15 times greater than the tallest building in the world that is planned in Jeddah.



In the tower comparison chart above, the one I am referring to is “Makkah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia” with many towers. This is the one we are focusing on now. These costs a lot of money to build.

Visitors to the holy city of Makkah have been wonderstruck by the stately magnificence largest Clock Tower in the world. [Second to the right on comparison chart] The \$15 billion project, which took almost eight years to complete, is not only an architectural marvel but also a testimony to the Herculean efforts which went into its design, logistics and construction.

When two decades ago, I stated that Arabia is what God intended in prophecy, the ‘experts’ laughed, for such significant marvels were not yet built.

So called experts have a tendency to do a lot of laughing, unfortunately, because they are basing everything on their Christian science fiction nonsense.

The key when analyzing Prophecy is not to trust your senses, but to remain on a tract that is directed by God who forsees the future.

If only Shoebat had kept on track and would dig deeper in his investigation to find for himself that the Christian science fiction theories that he also believes in are completely off track. You can’t find any of it in the verifiable word of God unless you make up some Christian science fiction to justify your viewpoint. It’s a shame he doesn’t swallow a little bit of his own medicine.

Besides Arabia, who today can point to any other place to qualify as “Mystery Babylon”? Besides Arabia, there is no place on earth today that match where stands the largest structure in the world, used for a religious purpose, all worshipping in one tongue and regardless of their mother tongue, and is holy to more than 1.5 billion [more than that now] people on earth that is called Mount Babel...

That is significant. If you’re an eschatologist, you can’t overlook that without giving a strong consideration of the implications to this location, especially everything else surrounding this location and where the 7th and now the 8th Beast began and is operating from. Now it’s not there any longer but still it’s one of the main focal points when you are analyzing Islam not only in the Scripture, but in the World.

... decked with gold and silver, with a gate to God (Bab-Allah, or Bab-El), except the one in Mecca overlooking the Ka’ba, especially that since Mecca, is both a “city” and a “tower”:

“And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” (Genesis 11:4)

Al-Sharq Al-Awasat, the prominent Middle East Newspaper, even names it as such “Mount Babel,”: this to say about the massive project that was completed in Mecca:

“The project Towers Of The House is the first project in Mecca ... which carry seven towers ... “Towers Of The House” is on the area of Mount Babel in Ajyad. The site overlooks directly on the Haram al-Sharif (Holy House [Ka’ba]).”

Seven towers or *something that rises up or lifts up from a plain*. Remember that definition?

“is also the largest tower in the world in terms of area. Contractor Bin Laden Group, Saudi Arabia ... Classified as the largest building urban in terms of the total area on the face of the globe, where excess space land for the project 1.4 million square meters and consists of 7 towers”.



However, the picture doesn't really give you a good perspective of the scale of this project. But here we see the seven towers rising up from the ground with the crescent moon atop the first tower. Could this be the seven "mountains," the seven somethings that were risen from the ground, lifting up from the plain that John saw? Could it be?

What other spiritual city is built on what is literally called "Mount Babel" which is also an observatory to monitor the movement of the moon and is called "Seven Towers of the House" reminiscent to the ancient name of Babel, which was also called "The house of the seven lights of the earth"?

Where else do we find an edifice decked with gold and silver, exactly as John said in Revelation, littered with statements that are biblically considered blasphemous, treated as if it was a woman, and has a massive gate made of pure gold that is literally called Bab-Illah (Babel) "The Gate to God"?

There is no place on earth that matches such requirements than Mecca.



*Bab-Illah (The Gate of Allah) is the Gate to the Ka'ba (made of pure gold)
Even the Islamic sources discuss the Ka'ba as Babel "The Gate to God,"
or Bab-Illah in Arabic, and is mentioned in the highest authority in Islam,
the Hadith:*

*"... the Kaaba is the house of God and God's sanctuary is Bab-Illah (the
gate to God), so when they went there, they stood by the door in
supplication ..."*

*Babel, the English pronunciation, and Bab-Illah are identical in meaning.
The difference is simply in the accent.*



And what other city do we find that even the Bible precisely pinpoints a geographic location for this “Babylon” as was predicted in Jeremiah 49:21, literally, “the Red Sea” which confirms Arabia’s destruction?

The tallest building in the world is built to overlook the Red Sea which has oil in abundance. So what other city can qualify as Mystery Babylon that also has “pitch” in abundance which God promises will burn forever? “Its streams shall be turned into pitch and its dust into brimstone; its land shall become burning pitch. It shall not be quenched night or day; its smoke shall ascend forever” (Isaiah 34:8-10) And what other city is called “Teman” and “Dedan” besides Arabia? (see Ezekiel 25:12-13).

And what other spiritually significant city can we find in which it is threatened by its own worshippers besides Mecca? The Bible insists that Babylon, the harlot, is destroyed by her own lovers and today we see Iran threatening and stating that Karbala is more important than Mecca, that if Mecca reaches its pride that Allah himself will wipe it off the face of the earth and Iran is so willing to comply to Allah’s command while even God in the Bible says “I will sweep it with the broom of destruction” (Isaiah 12:15).



Now it is not just Iran. If you take 2016 and analyze all these countries around Saudi Arabia who are part of the Beast system, kingdom, Islam, Saudi Arabia is starting to sit on its own peninsula physically and not just physically. They are left on an island and they are going to be. We will cover more in the future on its own destruction.

The broom of destruction! Anyone who has seen footage of a nuclear explosion has seen the fury and the power of the ominous cloud that sweeps up everything in its path.

This photo is a daytime picture of tower one overlooking that little black dot below in that pit. If you really think about it, pit is a good description to describe where the Ka’bah is at. This massive structure, literally called The Tower, sits on Mount Babel overlooking the Ka’bah.

“And here is the mind...” There have been a lot of insane minds that have been going around teaching, preaching, and writing about where this location is, where this whore sits. As I said, it’s been claimed to be everywhere from Rome to New York City to name the two most popular theories—which I can’t even figure out how they justified New York City if they’re going to use a seven mountains theory the way they use it. But nevertheless, too many insane minds, prideful and unwilling to grow or change. When teaching about prophecy or things of the last days, I am sorry friend, you must swallow some spiritual pride and be very bendable because as time ticks away, you can see how certain things fit now more clearly than you did before the event happened. Now you must be careful using that understanding when following current events only. That is why you have to line it up with God’s Word.

“And here is the mind,” and not an insane mind, ***“which hath wisdom.”*** You are going to have an insane mind about the subject matter if you are unbendable and not constantly seeking the truth. And I am telling you right now—and I don’t care if some of you don’t like it because you want to make sure you have the sure thing—there might be things that I have said that I might have to tweak because in the future I might see things a little bit more clearly. But if it leads us to a straight forward path with a more direct understanding (without an insane mind) to the truth that we need to adhere to, then so be it. That is the difference between me and many others. God’s Word must take place front and center, not anybody’s spiritual pride, especially preachers and teachers of God’s Word.

Revelation 17:9, ***“And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads”***—which has nothing to do with verse 10— ***“are seven mountains*** [something that rises, lifting or moving up from a plain], ***on which the woman sitteth.”*** It could be literal mountains, but I don’t think in these last days it is a literal mountain like the Rocky Mountains, or the Appalachian Mountains, or the Smokey Mountains. No, it’s not those type of mountains on which the woman sitteth.

My friends, if you take all the information that I’ve preached about this whore and the descriptions concerning this whore, the physical appearance, the spiritual understanding about what she is all about, and now the physical location, I don’t believe you have many options either. There is only one option. You saw what these towers here, what John saw (and maybe he didn’t see towers), using the best descriptions he could in his day to describe something. Maybe God wanted it that way so that we would have to have a sound mind full of wisdom to see it happening when it happens; so, we who do preach it could forewarn others that the end is drawing near my friends. It is time to grow closer to Jesus than ever before. It is time to be saved by His blood. It is time for His soon return.

Now I am going to show you a video. Of course, they put spiritual music into the video to clean it up I guess or make it super spiritual. If any of you have seen the Lord of the Rings movies, the trilogy of movies, the last movie The Return of the King is the only thing this video reminds me of especially when you see that crescent moon tower overlooking the landscape. It reminds me of Mordor. For those of you who have seen that movie, (if you haven’t, you should), Mordor was an evil location where the evil eye was overlooking its dastardly deeds and potential conquests. Well, that is what this video reminded me of. But to give you a better understanding of what sits there, and what is rising up from the plain, look at this video:

[Mecca Clock Tower](#)

My friends, what we see in this video is Revelation 17:9. It has been fulfilled. Some of you who have read some of the previous teaching in this series should have recognized the wording on that tower clock. It has been fulfilled and there is nothing left to say.

To be continued...

The Last Days Study Guide

Revelation 17:9

1. What does Jabal mean in English?
2. Name the city that serves as the entrance to Mecca.
3. Explain why the 7 heads are not the same as the 7 kings.
4. What was the ancient name of Babel?
5. Who thinks Karbala is more important than Mecca?
6. What is the difference between Babel and Bab-illah?
7. What is the name of the Islamic tower in Dubai?
8. What does Bab-Allah or Bab-el mean?
9. Who will function as God's broom of destruction?
10. What is the whore expressing by her edifice in the desert island?
11. What does Jesus desire us to ultimately understand with this message?
12. What is the Greek word for mountain?
13. What is the ancient and basic understanding of the Greek word for mountain?

Destruction of Mecca

Open your bible to Revelation 17. I'm picking up where we left of on the harlot.

Verse 16 reads, ***“And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.”***

Many Christian prophecy teachers think that it can't be Islam going against Islam; or, nations that are Islamic going against other nations that are also Islamic. Well, I don't know why they would believe that because from its very existence that is exactly what it has done. You have different belief systems, practices within Islam. You have heard of the most two popular groups of Islamic believers, the Sunnis and the Shia. Well, there are others but those two for centuries have gone after each other, one trying to topple the other. We saw that in the 1980's with Iraq fighting against Iran. Saudi Arabia presently does not get along with Iran. Iran is itching for a war with Saudi Arabia. “And the ten horns” means: nations within the geographical area the Beast exists in presently, and in the future.

“And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.” Why? Verse 17, ***“For God hath put in their [these ten horns] hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.”*** These ten horns agree. They come to some type of agreement, probably a new caliphate-type system where they can join forces and come against this whore; many different Islamic nations coming against Saudi Arabia. More specifically, their target will probably be the capital, but more importantly, Mecca and Medina.

“Well, I just can't believe that nation will come against nation in the Islamic world.”

This was just recently posted:

Iran Slams Saudi Arabia in the New York Times

Iran has taken to the illustrious pages of The New York Times to attack Saudi Arabia for its support of extremism worldwide.

Talk about the pot calling the kettle black.

This is part of an escalating series of steps both countries have taken to criticize the other.

Saudi Arabia cut off relations with Iran in January after an angry mob stormed the Saudi embassy after Saudi Arabia executed a popular Shiite cleric.

Iran would be Shiites.

Earlier this month, Saudi Arabia's top cleric said that Iranians were not Muslims. Iran criticized Saudi handling of the hajj, the annual ritual pilgrimage to Mecca which was then beginning. Iran blasted Saudi Arabia as being the source of extremism in response,

with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammed Javad Zarif saying, “Indeed; no resemblance between Islam of Iranians & most Muslims & bigoted extremism that Wahhabi top cleric & Saudi terror masters preach” on Twitter.

Like I said, the pot calling the kettle black. Unless you’ve had your head in the sand so deep, the two greatest exporters of terrorism—and not just in the Middle East, but other nations in that beastly area and around the world—has been Saudi Arabia and Iran. Now they are pointing fingers at each other saying “You are the reason. You are the cause of the terrorism.” It is almost too amusing, and some will believe their nonsense.

Now Zarif has taken to the New York Times to call on the West to “Rid the World of Wahhabism,” the extremist form of Islam practiced in Saudi Arabia.

“While the 2003 American-led invasion of Iraq set in motion the fighting we see today,” Zarif wrote, “the key driver of violence has been this extremist ideology promoted by Saudi Arabia — even if it was invisible to Western eyes until the tragedy of 9/11.”

So these Iranians are now saying in so many words that Saudi Arabia is the cause for 9/11 in the United States of America; the Twin Towers, the jet that went down in Pennsylvania, and another into the Department of Defense Building. I mean, terrorist nation calling out another terrorist nation. Why? **“For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will.”**

Zarif is correct that Saudi money has been funding Islamism worldwide for decades. In 2008, UK’s Channel Four estimated that Saudi Arabia spent \$100 billion on promoting Wahhabism in the 10 years prior and that number has only increased.

Saudi Prince Alaweed bin Talal gave \$20 million each to Harvard and to Georgetown Universities to endow four professorships in Islamic studies and to expand the “HRH Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding.” It is expected that such large gifts come with strings attached.

(This is presumably why Georgetown’s “Bridge Initiative” spends so much time tackling “Islamophobia” and trying to discredit Muslim human rights activists and so little time talking about challenging extremism.)

A top Saudi official recently even admitted to the former U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan, Iraq and the United Nations Zalmay Khalilzad they had not been honest about the kingdom’s support for extremism.

“We misled you,” the unnamed top official stated. “We did not own up to it after 9/11 because we feared you would abandon or treat us as the enemy. And we were in denial.”

That is a poor excuse.

While Iran’s criticism of the Saudi’s support for extremism are true, it is breathtakingly hypocritical of Iran to excoriate Saudi Arabia in this manner.

Iran has been on the U.S. State Department’s list of state sponsors of terrorism since 1984 and is consistently regarded as the world’s leading state sponsor of terrorism.

Iran funds Shiite militias in Iraq which have been accused of war crimes and the terrorist organization Hezbollah in Lebanon which carried out attacks against both the United States and Israel, to name just two. Hezbollah is currently fighting to prop up the dictatorial Assad regime in the Syrian Civil War.

The current regime of Iran was founded on principles of the Islamic Revolution, which it seeks to export to other countries. It sees itself as the guardian of Islam against the West and wants to position itself to dominate other Muslim countries by supporting Islamic movements aligned with its goals.

I repeat: ***For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will.***

With this in mind, Iran supports the Houthi rebels in Yemen, Hamas in Gaza and as discussed, Hezbollah in Lebanon and Shiite militias in Iran.

Supporting these forces is coordinated by the Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps.

If Zarif's op-ed in the New York Times can help wake up America to the fact that Saudi Arabia is partially responsible for the global spread of extremism, so much the better.

But it shouldn't blind people to the crimes of the Islamic Republic of Iran and their role in propagating extremism.

Well this much I know, I believe Iran and Turkey will be the major influencers of forming the coalition of ten horns to come against the harlot, to come against Egypt. Which ten horns? This will be a different group of ten than what we see in Psalm 83. It will probably include countries like Jordan, Iraq, Iran, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey, and I wouldn't be surprised if it included Afghanistan and Pakistan, possibly Egypt and maybe some other "stans". But whoever they are, it is God who has put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, the then beast (the unseen powers that will put a coalition together), those who think they are the true Islamic representation that needs to rid the world of this harlot. And it shall be fulfilled.

Now to continue with what I was reading last time. Be certain folks, the redirected beast that puts this coalition together will hate the harlot, will turn on the harlot. We've already seen that happen. It will kill the harlot, devour the harlot, and burn her with fire. It's nothing new, though maybe not to the extent we're going to see, but different groups have turned on different groups in the Islamic belief system. Those who argue that Muslims will never attack another Islamic holy site just don't know too much about history, if any about this area's particular history; especially holy sites that deal with Mecca and Medina, which we find in Saudi Arabia.

When it comes to Mecca, plenty of Muslims have attacked the city before.
 [Like I said, nothing new.] ***In the late 7th Century, Al-Hajjaj bin Yousef Al-Thaqafi (a Muslim) laid siege to Mecca and destroyed much of the Ka'ba***
 [their sacred Ka'ba] ***with stones launched from catapults.***

That goes back as far as the 7th Century. That is in the 600's, my friend, shortly after Islam became another extension of the moon god religion.

During the First World War, Saudi Arabia was actually occupied by the Turkish Ottomans.

By the way, you can put the Turkish Ottomans in the category of the 7th Beast, which will also reappear in the 8th amongst others.

The Turks deeply resented Arab imperialism that had spread through the vast Islamic empire and made strong attempts to restrict Arab culture and language throughout their empire.

These are the Turks, Turkey.

This enmity and resistance was so severe that the Arabs were persuaded by the British through their envoy, T. E. Lawrence (also known as “Lawrence of Arabia”), to revolt against the Ottoman occupation and help the allies. The Turks bombarded the mosque of the Ka’ba, the most sacred shrine of all Islam. [That didn’t hold them back.] One shell actually hit the Ka’ba, burning a hole in the “holy carpet” and killing nine Arabs who were kneeling in prayer. In modern times, the same disregard for Mecca by Muslims has been seen. On November 20, 1979, over 500 militants and their leader attacked the false Islamic Mahdi, Juhaiman ibn Muhammad ibn Saif al Utaiba. In the 1980’s, on several occasions, followers of Ayatollah Khomeini disrupted the annual hajj, or pilgrimage to Mecca. Most of this was quelled by heavy security controls, but in July 1987, over 400 people died as a result of a serious riot instigated by thousands of Iranian pilgrims. Three years later, during Gulf War I, Saddam Hussein sent numerous scuds flying over Saudi Arabia, disregarding the high risk they would pose to the Islamic “holy land.” There were no protests from Muslim nations. And as recent as 2003, three al-Qaeda militants blew themselves up during an attack in Mecca. The idea of Muslims attacking Mecca or Saudi Arabia is far from impossible. The day is drawing near when the emerging Beast Empire led by Turkey and Iran [which I also agree, it will be one of the two or both in some combination] will attack Mecca and destroy the Arabian Harlot.

Why? “...until the words of God shall be fulfilled.”

Confirming what the Bible which predicts as the destruction of this Harlot by the Beast that she rides is an Islamic prophecy [they have their own prophecy] that predicts the destruction of its bride Mecca by Muslims nations: “The final battle will be waged by Muslim faithful coming on the backs of horses ... carrying black banners. They will stand on the east side of the Jordan river and will wage war that the earth never seen before.

This is their prophecy. I am not saying I agree with this prophecy, in fact I don’t agree with their prophecy because I don’t believe they have any. But they believe it is prophecy and they will try to fulfill it.

The true Messiah who is the Islamic Mahdi ... will defeat Europe ... will lead this army of Seljuks, He will preside over the world from Jerusalem because Mecca would have been destroyed ...” (Yawn Al-Ghadab, Safar Alhwaly).

That is their prophecy.

Medina is not immune of this destruction: “The flourishing state of Jerusalem will be when Yathrib (Medina) is in ruins, the ruined state of Yathrib will be when the Great War comes, and the outbreak of the Great War will be at the conquest of Constantinople and the conquest of Constantinople when the Dajjal (the Antichrist) comes forth.

This is what they think.

He (the Prophet) struck his thigh or his shoulder with his hand and said: This is as true as you are here or as you are sitting.” Yathrib is another name for Medina, the city of the Prophet Muhammed, the second holiest city to Islam. Constantinople is Istanbul in Turkey. Many radical Muslims perceive that Istanbul has been under the control of secular hypocritical Muslims until its recent restoration to the Islamists.

And we have seen more of that in the last three months [c. 2016], the restoration.

So according to this prophesy, after the fall of Istanbul to the true Muslims, (which, through recent elections 2007, has just occurred) Medina will be destroyed.

It is almost mind-blowing that people cannot see this happening, that they refuse to even consider it. They are so stubborn in their blindness, indoctrinated by their Christian science fiction. They can't even see the light at the end of the tunnel. There is no light at all, not even a pinhole. What more do you need, folks? They still believe “Antichrist” will come from the United States of America, or Europe, or Britain, or some other stupid place in their stupid opinions.

In the Last-Days, a coalition of radical Islamic nations will turn on and destroy Saudi Arabia. The prophecies by which radical Muslims live dictate just such an event. Thus, if [not if, when] the day comes that radical Muslims actually destroy Saudi Arabia, it is also very likely that this prophecy will embolden and empower them to imagine that they very are acting according to Allah's plan.

They truly believe in these Satan inspired prophecies. Because they are Satan inspired, Satan controlled people will try to fulfill these prophecies.

The harlot, in many ways, might be likened to Dr. Frankenstein. The Beast is the monster that the Harlot has created.

The Beast is a coalition of ten kings representing the seven kingdoms in the past...

That is true because you go back to verse 10 in Revelation 17.

The Harlot is a distinct and separate geographically definable entity that represents the primary religious source of the Antichrist's religion.

Unfortunately, this author says, “of the Antichrist’s religion. Nope. Not so. I wrote my own words there: The Harlot is a distinct and separate geographically definable entity that represents the primary religious source of the **moon god religion**.”

The Harlot is sitting atop a scarlet Beast. This close, seemingly symbiotic relationship of rider and steed should not be dismissed as an irrelevant component of this picture. The Lone Ranger had Silver and the Harlot has the Beast. This is a very close relationship that is evident between the two. Beyond the fact that the Harlot is riding the Beast, there are other noteworthy similarities that the two share. First, the woman is dressed in scarlet; the Beast likewise is portrayed as a scarlet Beast – the two match. Secondly, even as the Beast Empire will behead God’s people, so the Harlot is drunk on the blood of the saints. They both share in the bloodguilt of God’s people.

We have examined what “Mystery Babylon” means, but we also need to understand the meaning of the rest of her title: “The Mother of all Prostitutes and Abominations of the earth” (Revelation 17:5). The first thing that we need to understand is that this title is a typical Eastern sort of phrase – the kind of phrase Ahmadenijad uses when he says that Islam will be on top of all the mountains. Remember Saddam Hussein’s comments in the days leading up to the first Gulf War? He declared that the U.S. and Iraq were about to engage in “the mother of all battles.” Of course, in typical megalomaniacal game-talk, he also declared that America was about to experience “the mother of all defeats.” The term “Mother of” is simply an Eastern way of expressing a superlative; it is the biggest, the worst, the unmatched, and most significant of all.

I point this out because many mistakenly interpret “Mother of” here to mean the source of all other forms of idolatry. [It could be both.] The Eastern-minded reader; however, immediately recognizes that the purpose of this phrase is to portray the Great Harlot as the greatest manifestation of spiritual infidelity against the God of the Bible that has ever existed throughout the history of the world. So the Harlot is the greatest of all spiritual prostitutes, but she is not necessarily the source of all other false religions. Throughout history, many “prostitutes” or false religions exist and have existed, but the Great Harlot is portrayed here as being by far the most significant of them all. The Harlot’s false religion [which incidentally includes now over two billion people, the MOTHER of all false religions if you really think about it] is also a mystery in that like no other pagan religion, it sprouts from a mixture of a heretical Christian cult and a pagan Moon-god religion that has attempted to cloak itself with certain Jewish

and Christian elements in order to appear as a Biblical faith and the rightful successor of the Judeo-Christian tradition.

When the veil is pulled back, Islam's true nature and pagan source becomes apparent: It is a religion that denies the essence of God, contradicts His character and blasphemes His attributes.

Yes, it is. It is the “Mother” of all prostitute religions. It is the religion that says there is no Son of God. I can tell you of other religions especially in the Orient that have billions of people and followers too, but they don't rapidly close the door on other ways of getting to that “euphoria” or God dwelling state. This “Mother's” prostitutes don't make any claims but one, Jesus Christ is not the Son of God and God is Allah. As I have covered before, Allah is none other than Satan in disguise in their religion—with a slight possibility, which I haven't gotten to yet, of Azazel being included in that Allah equation. But...we will get there.

What I wanted to point out to you besides what is going to happen with Psalm 83 eventually is there will be another coalition and this coalition isn't necessarily coming against Israel, but its aim and target will be Saudi Arabia; Mecca, and possibly Medina will be destroyed, devoured with fire. It will be naked and desolate as we've already covered in previous teachings, and her flesh shall be eaten up and burned with fire. It will be destroyed. It won't be destroyed by the United States of America, or a European coalition. It will be destroyed by a coalition within the beastly Islamic system **“for God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will... until the words of God shall be fulfilled.”** And it will be fulfilled, friends. I don't talk about it much, but that coalition is being put into place even as I preach this message. I don't know how long it will take to solidify it amongst all the other things that have to happen in the Middle East, but it's coming. Most Christians are just expecting one big finale, Armageddon. I have told you for many years now, there are multiple wars that still must happen.

To be continued...

The Last Days Study Guide

Destruction of Mecca

1. What does the ten horns represent?
2. Which nation propagates Wahhabism?
3. What is another name for Medina?
4. Finish the sentence:
The Harlot is a distinct and separate geographically definable entity that represents the primary religious source of _____.
5. In Revelation, “Mother” is a superlative designating what?
6. What are some of the similarities between the Harlot and the Beast?
7. List some of the historical precedence for Iran’s attack on Saudi Arabia.

Who is rich?

Open your bible to Revelation 17.

In the last teaching, I preached concerning Mecca and Medina, areas that would see destruction. I mentioned that other Muslims are going to be a big part of that destruction. Some of you were wondering, “It can’t be. On the annual trip, they all go down there to worship their false god. They would never do that. It is a holy city to them.” The thing about that is, it is becoming less holy to a big part of the Muslim population around the world. If you look at Iran, they are encouraging their followers, their citizens, not to make that pilgrimage down the Mecca. As a review of what I’ve mentioned, I will open with an article:

Will Iranian pilgrims forsake Mecca for Karbala?

Saudi newspapers reported Sept. 15 that Shiites are expected to replace their pilgrimage to Mecca with religious visits to Iraq’s Karbala instead. According Al-Riyadh newspaper, Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has issued a fatwa allowing “going on pilgrimage to Karbala and other holy shrines in Iraq instead of Mecca this year.”

The decision came following Khamenei's scathing comments against the Saudi royal family Sept. 7, addressing it as “a damned malicious tree” and urging the formation of a fact-finding committee to probe last year's hajj stampede in which more than 460 Iranians were killed. Khamenei also denounced what he called the kingdom’s poor management of holy places. Last year, Iran and some other Islamic countries called for withdrawing management of the hajj from Saudi Arabia in favor of a joint Islamic management of the pilgrimage affairs.

Saudi Arabia will never give that up.

The news has gone viral in the Arab media and was taken as fact without any checking. However, no such fatwa by Khamenei has yet appeared.

Al-Azhar’s Council of Senior Scholars, which is widely respected in the global Sunni community, commented, “According to Sharia, pilgrimage ought to be performed at a certain time and to a certain destination. Any visit outside this time frame and location that are set in the Sharia is not considered a valid pilgrimage no matter the fatwas issued to this effect.”

The Saudi Asharq Al-Awsat newspaper reported Sept. 10 that 1 million Iranians had flocked to Karbala to perform their pilgrimage instead of visiting Mecca in the time of hajj. However, according to the Iranian consul in Karbala, there were no more than 60,000 Iranian pilgrims there at the time of the Asharq Al-Awsat report. Notably, visiting Karbala on the Day of Arafat (a day before Eid al-Adha), which is a part of the hajj period, is an old religious tradition among Shiites and could be considered unrelated to the pilgrimage issue and the recent Iranian-Saudi dispute.

Nevertheless, it appears that the conflict between the two regional heavyweights has been taken to another level and led to a rivalry between the holy sites of different Islamic sects. While Saudi Arabia seeks to exclude Iranian Shiites from world Muslim circles, Iran is trying to lower Saudi Arabia's religious status through criticism of the Saudi pilgrimage management and calls to form a joint Islamic authority.

Although both sides are employing logical religious rhetoric to drum up support for their demands, the conflict remains at its base a political one between Iranian and Saudi authorities.

Islamic holy places are clearly being exploited for the political agendas of both parties in the regional competition for political influence over the Islamic world, stretching from Iraq and Syria all the way to Yemen and Bahrain.

The same scenario had played out in previous Islamic eras. Ibn Shihab al-Zuhri (671-741), an Islamic jurist who was close to the Umayyads, issued a fatwa calling for pilgrimage to Jerusalem instead of Mecca, which at the time was under the control of the Ibn al-Zubayr caliphate, the Umayyads' main rival.

The situation prompted Umayyad Caliph Abd al-Malik to build the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem for the pilgrimage.

The Qarmatians stole the Black Stone of the Kaaba and hid it for 22 years to prevent their Abbasid rivals from reaping the lucrative hajj proceeds.

Back then, as today, the conflict was not fundamentally a sectarian struggle. Today, Iran and Saudi Arabia are continuing the tradition of exchanging accusations of using the holy pilgrimage to serve their political interests.

Prince Khaled al-Faisal, governor of Mecca and chairman of the Saudi Pilgrimage Committee, attacked the Iranian government Sept. 14, saying it was exploiting the pilgrimage for political ends. "Preventing the politicization of the pilgrimage is essential for the best interests of Muslims," Faisal said. "If we give every party free rein to raise slogans and organize marches, how will people be able to perform pilgrimage?" He also warned Iranians against carrying out any attack on Saudi Arabia. "If [Iranians] are readying an army to invade us, they should know that we are not to be diminished. We will not allow anyone to declare war on us whenever they wish to and with the help of God Almighty, we will deter every aggressor and defend this holy land and our beloved country," he said. A video recently went viral on Iranian social media threatening the Saudis that if the kingdom attacks Iran, Iranians will conquer Saudi Arabia and make Mecca their own capital.

In contrast, Iran claims that Saudi Arabia has been exploiting pilgrimage activities to spread and promote its political agenda and its bigoted understanding of Islam through the distribution to pilgrims in Mecca of booklets and pamphlets in different languages that incite against Shiites. Similarly, Iran also accused Saudi Arabia of setting political

conditions on Iranian pilgrims, such as banning them from flying on Iranian airlines to enter the kingdom, restricting their religious freedom and slandering them through official religious sermons.

For instance, last year, Sheikh Mohammed Al Mohaisany, a Saudi imam, said during his sermon in the Grand Mosque in Mecca, “We fervently ask you God to help our mujahedeen brethren in Yemen, the Levant and Iraq to defeat the atheist rejectionists [Shiites], the treacherous Jews and the hateful Christians.”

He went on, “Our war against Iran is a war between Shiites and Sunnis, a war of faith and religions. It is a sectarian war par excellence.” Of note, Mohaisany holds several high-level positions in the kingdom. There was also a recent fatwa from the Saudi grand mufti declaring Iranian Shiites infidels.

Ultimately, both parties fail to understand that expanding the conflict sphere and exploiting religion will threaten their own domestic security in the long run. In fact, there is a large Shiite minority in Saudi Arabia that shares the same doctrine as Iranian Shiites, while in Iran there is a large Sunni minority that shares the beliefs of Sunni Saudis.

This will go back and forth, friends. When you really consider it, the Iranians have been encouraging pilgrimage to other holy sites and to avoid Mecca. It has been down played that about sixty thousand went to Karbala. When you consider it, a heck of a lot more than sixty thousand went to Karbala to worship during their so-called holy days. The friction continues. Eventually, not only Iran but other nations will come against Saudi Arabia and will be part of mystery Babylon, the whore, the prostitute’s final destruction.

Now let’s look at this wealthy royal prostitute (Saudi Arabia, the desert on many waters) taking note of how this woman is clothed and what it means so that we may further identify her. We read in Revelation 17 that this woman was arrayed in purple, a royalty color, and scarlet, another royalty color – because scarlet could also be translated as crimson. You should write that in the margin of your bible. Some bibles already translate it as crimson. There is a reason for that and not just the royalty aspect of it, but it declares something else, which I will address momentarily.

Verse 4, “And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication.”

This prostitute is dressed as royalty; crimson/scarlet and purple colors with glittering jewels and gold. Matthew 27 gives us a definition for what we read in Revelation and what these colors mean. Verses 27-28 reads regarding Jesus just before his crucifixion: ***“Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!”***

Jesus was dressed up as royalty. Not to recognize his royalty as truly The King, but to mock him, not believing he was The King, the Lord Almighty. They went through the process of dressing

him up, putting the royal colors on him, the royal robe on him, bowing before him and saying hail the king. So here we have a definition of scarlet, a definition that shows us very early in the New Testament just what these colors meant by what they dressed Jesus up in. These colors were giving a visual definition of someone who either has royal blood or comes from royalty. So, if there is any question about the status that the world has placed on this harlot and how it perceives her, it should cease to be a question any longer when we look at Revelation 17 and see that this harlot “...*was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour,*” colors of royalty.

Now scarlet has a dual meaning, which I will get to in a minute, but purple does not. Well, it has dual meanings, but its meanings always surround the definition of royalty. So the world has placed this harlot, this woman in a place of royalty decked out in jewels and she is full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication.

Now the scarlet or crimson—because it can be translated either way in the Greek—royalty clothes she has on comes with an additional meaning. That is why we need to look into the other understanding. Crimson symbolizes sinfulness. It can represent royalty, but it can also represent sinfulness. I like to use the whole bible to define colors and descriptions of those colors. So go to Isaiah 1:18: “*Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet...*” Here we have the other definition for scarlet or crimson (same thing in the Hebrew). So it could mean royalty, but it could also mean a state of sinfulness. In the case of the whore, she’s both; royalty that was placed on her by how the world perceives her, but as God sees it, an abomination, in a sinful state. “*Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.*” Now this has a different application for a different reason than what we find here in Revelation 17, but it gives us a definition of both the scarlet and crimson by how it is used to help us define what these colors mean. (We went through an exercise like this when I taught on the stones of the breastplate in the Spiritual Warfare series.)

So these descriptions whether we use the Old or New Testaments matches perfectly with what God is trying to communicate about the nature of this harlot. She is murderous, sinful, corrupt, an evil prostitute that has been placed by the world to be admired as royalty.

This should cause us to stop and think. Among all the Middle East nations (whether it is Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Egypt), what other desert nation that “sits on many waters”, as we first saw at the beginning of this series, is governed by a royal monarchy? You don’t have to go very far in your research to figure this out. And is not just governed by a royal monarchy, but is known worldwide as being wealthy—and not just a little wealth, a lot—and corrupt. Those of you with eyes to see and ears to hear know about its prostitution and abominations, its false idols, its worship: where billions of people have pilgrimages to go kiss a stone if they can get that close to it, or at least put their hand on it, walking around in circles, and in some cases (a lot of cases) beating themselves with whips in the process of their acts of worshipping this false idol. What other Islamic nation can you find in the world today where people down to even our own President of the United States shortly after taking office went to meet this royal monarchy? And what did he do? Instead of shaking hands like we would normally do, he takes the hand and bows down. He bows down to this monarchy.

We briefly looked at where the billions go for hajj and have seen that square cubical of abominations all decked out in gold, all decked out in precious stones. Look at the doors of gold.

Everywhere we turn here in the scriptures, we have (if one knows how to look for it in the real world today) this prostitute decked out with gold and silver and precious stones. There is only one place in the world like that. Even at Karbala in Iraq, even the Dome of the Rock in Israel doesn't have this display of color and jewels and the meaning behind them that comes with worshipping this false god, idol, and religion created by evil forces to misguide and mislead billions of people over the course of time since its existence—or another phase of its existence that began about the 6th Century AD.

Now let me read you something else about this harlot and the great city.

The Harlot is a great city that rules over the kings of the earth.

Rules in what way? Because of its commodity, oil. Do you think the kings of the earth would even give two cents about Saudi Arabia if it didn't have that vast amount of oil to export to nations starving for its product? Think about it; they wouldn't give two cents for it: some desert land full of, in their perspective even though they treat it like royalty, lunatics as the world perceives it. But because of the oil, this monarchy, this nation has been able to influence the kings of the earth. And like I said, even our own President of the United States bowed down to that royalty. You can Google it if you haven't seen it.

From this, we know that she is a politically and geographically definable entity that exerts a significant measure of influence throughout the world.

That is exactly what it has done. And for that reason, the influence especially in the Muslim world (even though that is starting to turn) is that it is the great city that is described in the book of Revelation, especially when it compared to the New Jerusalem – which is truly the Holy City that is still yet to come. Not the Jerusalem that is there now. It's still yet to come which will take us to other chapters beyond Revelation 17.

The primary purpose however is not so much to restrict the Harlot as being a mere literal city, but rather to contrast her to the other prominent city of Revelation – the “Holy City” of New Jerusalem. One city is described as “Great” and is pictured as a foul prostitute, while the other city is “Holy” and is pictured as a pure bride, adorned for her wedding day. The intended contrast is clear: “And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband” (Revelation 21:10). “Come I will show you ... the Great Prostitute ... Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a desert. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast ... The woman you saw is the Great City that rules over the kings of the earth” (Revelation 17:1, 3, 18).

So here we have the contrast of the two cities. They want people to believe it is a great city; a city one day, according to Saudis, that will rule the world and the whole world will have to make its pilgrimage to that city or pay a price for it for not attending, either by death or monetary means. That is their goal and the kind of great city they want to project to influence people that someday what they are preaching, and teaching will come to pass. Now the Scripture says something totally different. Mecca is not the Holy City. Mecca is an abomination. But according to God, whatever Revelation 21 and that New Jerusalem is going to look like or be like, it is not

going to be something made by the hands of man. God is going to have an active participation in it. You can read it for yourself in Revelation 21. I will get there eventually. Not now, it's not time yet.

The bottom line is this royal prostitute is recognized by the world and they honor its royalty status. In fact, they have created it to a certain extent by allowing it to have so much influence, so much power. Listen, it doesn't take much for oil prices to change so rapidly with no rhyme or reason and no matter how much oil we have—unless we are willing to cut the cord completely and not be governed by its regulations of how oil moves up and down. It definitely affects the United States of America and it affects the rest of the world. Just look at how quickly things change when OPEC, one of the larger governing bodies of oil exports, decides to make that change. OPEC is comprised of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, just to name a few, even Iran. But those two will butt heads soon enough. And Iran in these last days—no matter what anybody tells you, all you have to do is read the many other sources—is setting up for conflict and there is going to be a breaking away. It's not like their holy city has not been destroyed before to near nonexistence during the different Islamic conflicts. Well, in the conflict that is coming, it is going to be destroyed. The monarchy will be broken. It's royalty status will be null and void. Everything prophesied about this whore will come to pass.

This is not a “great” city. The Great City, the Holy City is still yet to come. This one is just trying to be one. Yes, it is wealthy, rich. Yes, we can understand how the world perceives this harlot with the different colors, jewels and so forth. I may not go into the jewels, but what is more important is to recognize what these colors mean and how the world perceives it.

Even in Jesus' day, Roman soldiers and Herod's soldiers knew what these colors meant. That is why they dressed Jesus that way, to mock him: “You say you are the king of kings?” Look, they not only mocked him by bowing down to him but right after that they severely tortured him while he was dressed up in the colors they recognize as royalty.

Colors have an important meaning in the bible. And like I said, there really is no other city or other nation in the Middle East that has had as much of an impact in the last 50 years in this country and other countries because of its product it exports as Saudi Arabia does, in the desert that sits on many waters. The world has dressed it up as royalty. Of course, it starts internally with the Omar monarchy, but the world perpetuated this false monarchy of royalty. But I have news for them, it is why the merchants will sit afar looking at the great city, or what they thought was a great city, in an utterly dismayed condition, watching it burn in its own destruction, mourning for it because the wealth that it could produce will be cut off from this rich evilly royal prostitute. Its ending will be none other than total destruction.

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Who is rich?

1. Who stole the black stone of the Kaaba?
2. What two understandings does scarlet represent?
3. What two biblical verses helped us define the meaning of scarlet?
4. What does Saudi Arabia desire people to imagine they see when they look at Mecca?
5. What city did Iranians do pilgrimage to instead of Mecca?
6. Who built the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa mosque?
7. Whose perspective is being given by the use of scarlet or crimson to describe this whore?
8. How has this teaching given you a better understanding of world events as it relates to Islam?
9. Name the Holy City and who established it.

Merchants Weeping

Open your bible to Revelation 18:3.

“For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication...” Whose fornication? Mystery Babylon the great, the Mother of Harlots, that is an abomination of the earth. In this case, predominantly Saudi Arabia. ***“...and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance [or power] of her delicacies [or strength].”*** The power of her strength, what gave her the strength is the ability to pull oil out of the ground and make a fortune with that commodity.

Jumping down to verses 9-11, ***“And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more.”***

Now the merchants not only buy from her mostly oil, but they also sell to her. I will get to that in a minute.

Verses 12-19, ***“The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood [or sweet wood], and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, and cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves [or bodies], and souls of men. And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. The merchants”—and that is our focus, the merchants—“of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, and saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships [cargo ships that come and go], and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, and cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.”***

That is a lot of verses focusing on not only the merchants but what Saudi Arabia, in this case, buys and sells to keep merchants and this whore rich and prosperous. But that will come to an end, and, it will end quickly when it happens. The main reason why it became powerful and gained strength is because of its oil, Saudi oil. Merchants ships made (and this is a low figure) billions and billions of dollars and all nations have become drunken with their delicacies.

Babylon is inside a desert. Therefore, all the products and luxury objects that are mentioned in Revelation 18:11-13 must come from importation. They don't produce it, so they have to import it. This is one of the reasons why many merchants of the earth have gotten rich with her. They have made so much money by selling their greatest commodity, oil, that they didn't hold back on the purchases of things that they saw as necessities and things of luxury. They imported those

things on cargo ship after cargo ship that constantly sail into those ports. Subsequently, it only brought a stronger desire for them to have those things that they could now afford and buy to live in the lap of luxury using all the things the merchants brought to them. This is one of the reasons why many merchants of the earth have gotten rich with her. Another reason is because the land of Babylon is full of oil.

All the words in the book of Revelation are important especially Revelation 18:11-13. As biblical detectives, we must look for a city in a desert that uses all these products. Once again, Mecca fits like a glove.

The Energy Information Administration is reported in 2012 that Saudi Arabia was the world's largest producer and exporter of petroleum and other liquids, producing an average of 11.6 million barrels per day (bbl/d) and exporting an estimated 8.6 million bbl/d (net). In 2012, the average price of oil per barrel was \$50. Saudi Arabia earned about 430 million US dollars per day.

Ancient Mecca was a very lucrative business center based on large-scale commercial transactions. Their goods were transported in caravans to different countries of Asia and Africa. Africa, mostly imported resin, ivory, gold and ebony; in Yemen, leather, incense, spices, sandalwood and saffron; from Egypt and Syria, oils and food grains, armor, silk and wines; from Iraq, especially clothing; and from India, gold, tin, precious stones and ivory. Sometimes wealthy merchants of Mecca offered to kings and nobles foreign goods of Mecca, the most appreciated were the leather products. Mecca was then the main mall of Arabia and its people were rich. Returning from Syria, the caravan of Quraish, who participated in the battle of Badr, included hundreds of camels carrying goods valued at more than 50,000 dinars.

Today Saudi Arabia and Mecca import from India, Africa and the Middle East cargo destined for the luxury and ornamentation of mosques, buildings, houses and hotels: gold, pearls, linen, silk, precious woods, marble and ivory objects. Saudi Arabia being an arid desert, it is a place where almost nothing can grow. Therefore, agriculture (cattle, sheep, flour, spice), textiles (linen), livestock, are quite difficult to find there. This country produces nothing at all. It is forced to import foreign knowledge, lust and property from around the world.

Verse 13 reads, *“And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.”*

Sheep: Australia sends most of its exports of live sheep to the Middle East, with its main client Kuwait followed by Bahrain, Jordan, and Qatar. Other countries demand live sheep exports from Australia also: Oman, UAE, and Saudi Arabia.

During 2009 and 2010, Kuwaiti imported 953,587 sheep representing 31.7 percent of total sheep exports from Australia. Bahrain imported 597,893 sheep with a value of 55.1 million according to the official statistics. Saudi Arabia imports 17.9 million sheep each year and more than one million are killed in Mecca during the Islamic pilgrimage.

Live animals from Australia are renowned for their high quality and disease-free status and are in high demand in the Middle East particularly during the religious festival.

Linen: Linen is one of the first fibers that men made into string and cloth. Linen comes from the flax plant which grows all over the Mediterranean region and Central Asia.

In the first millennium BC, the Egyptians wore mostly linen, while Greeks and West Asians and Germans mostly wore wool. By the Roman period, however, many Europeans wore linen tunics for comfort with wool robes over them for warmth. And in the Middle Ages in Europe, this continued to be common so that “linen” got to mean something like “underwear”. Our word “lingerie” is related to linen. In the Islamic Empire, on the other hand, people started to wear mainly linen and cotton, and not so much wool.

The leading markets for made-ups are the USA, Germany, UAE, UK, Italy, France, Spain, and Saudi Arabia. The fast-emerging markets during 2006 and 2007 are Germany 28%, UAE 31%, Saudi Arabia 19%, Nigeria 207%, and Egypt 134%. It has emerged as one of the most dynamic segments in India’s MF Textile export industry because of its rich and varied range, from traditional and unique designs to production techniques.

Biblically linen was used by priests during the service inside the Temple. In Ezekiel 44 it reads, *“They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge. And it shall come to pass, that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within. They shall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with any thing that causeth sweat.”*

Because this material prevents sweating and protects from the sun, it makes sense to focus Babylon in a hot place. Saudi Arabia and Mecca fits like a glove. Arabs use white linen to protect from the UV of the sun. Women’s burqas are made of linen also.

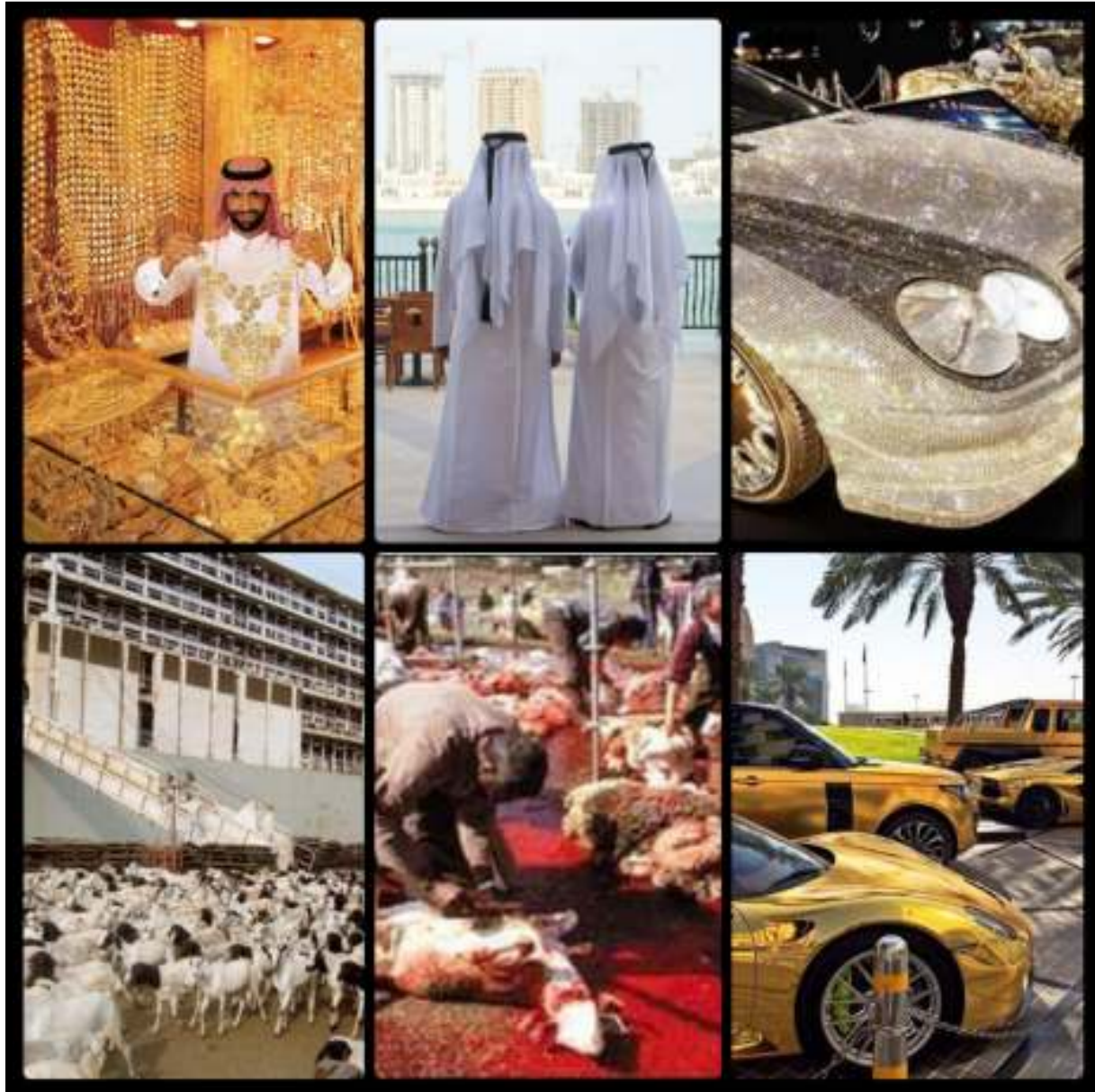
Concerning the four-wheeled carriages or “chariots”: John had possibly seen modern cars that didn’t even exist in his time because Babylon loves in luxury. It is common knowledge she imports very expensive cars. These cars belong to the rich Saudis and they are made with gold and diamonds.

Saudi Arabia is very famous for the Arab horses. They are one of the top ten most popular horse breeds in the world. You can find them in the United States and Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, continental Europe, South America (especially Brazil), and its land of origin, the Middle East.

Concerning Human Souls and Slaves: Foreign workers in Saudi Arabia are about 15% Saudi’s population. Many foreign workers, estimated at over 5 million, are employed in Saudi Arabia. The influx of foreign workers started soon after oil was discovered in the area in the late 1930s. It began with Arab and Western technical, professional and administrative personnel. Since then the nation has become increasingly dependent on foreign labor, and although foreign workers remain present in technical positions, most are now employed in the agriculture, cleaning and domestic service industries.

The hierarchy of foreign workers is often dependent on their country of origin. Workers from Arab and Western countries generally holding the highest positions not held by Saudis and the lower positions are occupied by persons from Africa, the Indian subcontinent, and Southeast

Asia. Babylon is devoted to the importation of bodies and souls of men. But notice that John dissociates “slaves” from the “souls of men”. This great city participates in physical and intellectual slavery as well. This is exactly what happens to all immigrants from Africa and Indonesia relegated to be the domestic slaves of the rich Saudis. Notables and wealthy Saudis also buy slaves from Asia and Africa and employ them as prostitutes or sex slaves.



Let me continue from a source I was reading last time.

Revelation 18:16-17, “Woe! Woe to you, great city, dressed in fine linen, purple and scarlet, and glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls! In one hour such great wealth has been brought to ruin!” (NIV) God speaks to the heathen. Isaiah 46:5-6. “To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like? They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, and hire a goldsmith; and he maketh it a god: they fall down, yea, they worship.”

They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver on the scales; they hire a goldsmith, and he makes it a god; they prostrate themselves, yes, they worship” (Isaiah 46:5-6) Muslims decked the black stone idol that they likened to God with gold and silver and prostrated themselves to it as Isaiah predicted. Mecca and Medina are decked with much gold, gems and pearls. Arabia is also famous for its gold markets or souqs. The Mall of Arabia is the home of the Gold Souq, which has over 450 jewelry & gold shops in one location.

And not just in one location.

Mystery Babylon prides itself on such imports: “The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her because no one buys their cargoes any more—cargoes of gold, silver, precious stones and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk and scarlet cloth; every sort of citron wood, and articles of every kind made of ivory, costly wood, bronze, iron and marble; cargoes of cinnamon and spice, of incense, myrrh and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, of fine flour and wheat; cattle and sheep; horses and carriages; and bodies and souls of men.” (Revelation 18:11-13) Remarkably, these are the very imports of Saudi Arabia today. The items may be divided into three categories—but they all things that she cannot produce herself. The three categories are luxury items, food items—both livestock and produce—and human slaves. Saudi Arabia imports humans for various reasons; some may be legitimate, but others clearly are not. Above, we saw that there will be many foreign workers living in Mystery Babylon who will have the freedom to flee. However, we are also told that there are many slaves in Mystery Babylon. Obviously, they will not have the freedom to flee. While most would like to imagine that slavery is a thing of the past, slavery thrives in various forms in many parts of the world today. Mystery Babylon imports men, women, and children, no doubt to maintain and bolster her excessively luxurious and sinful lifestyle. Saudi Arabia has been repeatedly condemned by numerous human-rights watch groups for its horrific treatment of its vast foreign labor-force. They have been repeatedly reported to have a serious problem with importing young women and children as sex-slaves. How in the world could this description be made to conform to the city of Rome?

The Last-Day Babylon's excessive luxury and debauchery which the Harlot expresses that no one is aware of, is typical of the Saudi Monarchy that is known for its hypocritical outward life of public piousness and secret debauchery.

The point I am making concerning these merchants is what they deliver and what they pick up and then deliver to other parts of the world, and, it happens to be a desert city, a desert location. You can't find that anywhere else in the world. Sure, there are people importing and exporting things all over the world, coming and going from numerous ports all over this world, but you have to pinpoint it to a desert. All this information isn't put in the Scripture by accident. It is giving us an idea of what the location would be like, this future but now present Mystery Babylon, this whore that not only imports and exports material things that merchants can traffic, but most importantly they traffic their false doctrine created by Satan and his evil forces to mislead, misguide, and bring what truly Islam means in the first place, submission. You would have to submit to Islam or die or pay a very severe price just to stay alive, through a taxing system. The details function as a homing device to help us discern the right place and the right time by what comes and goes in this harlot city and cities, to let us know what God was referring to in these last days that we are living in. If you really think about it, God's Word is remarkable: all this was written thousands of years earlier, not just the New Testament, you can go back further than thousands, but also the Old Testament. This is just another piece to precisely fit into the puzzle and gives us the big picture from God.

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The Last Days Study Guide

Merchants Weeping

1. Who clothed the harlot in royalty?
2. How did the harlot become wealthy?
3. What percentage of Australia's sheep are exported to Saudi Arabia?
4. How are 'human souls' and 'slaves' differentiated in God's Word?
5. Why do the Saudi's wear linen?
6. How are the items in Revelation 18:11-13 accounted for?
7. What is Saudi Arabia's most influential export?

Delusional Queen

Open your bible to Revelation 18:7.

“How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.”

I have people ask me what that ‘one day’ means. That is not the topic of this message, but using some of the time definitions I used previously in this series if you take a day as meaning a year, then what is one hour? Using that definition, it is about two weeks’ worth of time. But that is just a sidebar.

Now go to Isaiah. Here we supposedly have a self-made queen. She claims she is no widow and she shall see no sorrow. But God has something else to say about that. Her plagues shall come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be burned with fire: for strong is the Lord who judgeth her. She might think one thing, but God has a whole different plan for her. Of course, I am referring to Saudi Arabia, more specifically the kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its cities. Mecca being the most recognizable city in Saudi Arabia because of the hajj, where Mohammed began his demonic possessed creation called Allah, and what came forth from that point on including the Koran, the hadiths, and everything else; a beastly system that eventually became the 7th and 8th Beast, with the 8th Beast existing today in these final last days. God has different plans for her. She might think she’s invincible. She might think she will never see sorrow, but God has a different plan. And of course, we see that prophesied in the book of Isaiah that speaks of a latter time Babylon. Not the Babylon of today’s Iraq but the mystery Babylon in Saudi Arabia.

Isaiah 47:7, ***“And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever:”—***in the book of Revelation, she calls herself a queen—***“so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it. Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow,”—***sound familiar—***“neither shall I know the loss of children: But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments. For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me. Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou shalt not know.”***

What Isaiah’s prophecy does is confirm the prophecy we see in Revelation 18:7 and the surrounding verses. Now this harlot in chapter 18 and what is prophesied in Isaiah 47 (in the midst of all she’s doing, all her harlot activities), she actually believes no one sees her. Verse 10 makes it very simple, ***“For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me.”*** None seeth me; Revelation 18 shows the same arrogance concerning this harlot. In Revelation 18, she says, ***“I sit as a queen, and am no widow, and shall see now sorrow,”*** or as

another translation puts it, *I will never mourn*. And like I said, God has a different outcome that she's not expecting, but it will come. She will not sit forever as an eternal queen. Now it also says in these passages that destruction is coming, and it will overtake this harlot in a moment, in a single day.

Now I am not going to get stuck on a single day. It could be two weeks, it could be less, it could be more. That is not the point I am trying to make. The point I am making is it is coming. The destruction of this queen that thinks she's invincible is coming.

“Well, I am thinking the passages you referred to in Isaiah are about ancient Babylon.”

The problem is what is described here never happened to ancient Babylon. If you are going to tie it in with ancient Babylon, then it must tie in or God's word is confusing. And if it is confusing, can you really rely on it? If you ever considered the history, you would understand this never happened to ancient Babylon. Its eventual destruction, its decay was gradual and very slow, in fact over hundreds of years. So once again, either God's word is inaccurate, confusing, or is it referring in the book of Isaiah to some future professed queen concerning what is going to happen to her and how she proclaims herself to be like. Revelation 18 gives the outcome of what Isaiah 47 prophesied, not the ancient Babylon but the Babylon that exists today, this mystery Babylon—which by the way is no longer a mystery. At least this ministry has revealed who it is, though not the only one. I want you to be clear because I get questions asking if Isaiah 47 is talking about ancient Babylon. It's not. You should study further on your own what happened to ancient Babylon. In fact, it's amazing to me that some people think after Nebuchadnezzar Babylon was done with; that when the Medo-Persian empire came in, Babylon ceased to exist. No, it didn't. It still controlled. It was still a vital city in the area and in fact hundreds of years after that Alexander the Great came on the scene and made that his main capital when he was conquering the territories of the Middle East all the way to the borders of India. And even after Alexander the Great came and went it still existed. Therefore, don't confuse the two.

What Isaiah 47 and Revelation 18 is referring to is a present-day mystery Babylon you can see for yourself that is no longer a mystery. It exists today, and it is in Mecca and the kingdom of the Saudis.

Now that I have cleared that up for you, let me continue reading and kind of put a finishing touch on this particular section of this particular last day's topic that we have been looking at for several months.

“I always get an array of objections from those who don't want to recant their previous teachings.”

Sounds familiar. That is because they are stuck in the Christian science fiction teachings that have been passed along for several hundred years now.

“Some of them have written several books claiming that Rome or Europe is the focus of end-time bible prophecies. In their view, Rome is the most fitting fulfillment of the mystery Babylon prophecies because it sits on seven hills. But the truth is, even if we take the seven hills in Revelation 17 to be literal hills, modern Rome actually encompasses more than seven hills.”

You can check that out on your own.

“And the Vatican hill was not counted as one of those original seven. But why restrict this definition to Rome? Ancient Babylon did have seven artificial hills within its walls. Constantinople is often called the second Rome and also has seven hills within its boundaries. But these hills are not to be taken literally. The context of the passage clearly shows that these hills (a better translation would be mounts or mountains or kingdoms – the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits) ...”

And of course, he goes on with his interpretation. I covered this before, I am not going to repeat what I already taught.

“Another objection I often heard is that the Greek word used for the place where John was taken is eremon and does not mean a literal desert. John was taken to this place simply to see a vision.”

If he was just taken to see a vision, why not just stay put? Why travel (however that was done) to a different location to see a vision?

John was taken in the spirit to this place simply to see a vision; it was simply the theatre for this vision. But “Eremon”, according to Strong’s, does mean: “desert, wilderness, deserted places, lonely regions, an uncultivated region fit for pasturage.” Those who try to claim that the desert was simply the theatre for John to see the vision have rendered this portion of God’s Word completely irrelevant. According to this interpretation, John could have been taken to Mars or the Moon to see the vision and it wouldn’t have made any difference in terms of the meaning of the passage. This is just plain silly.

I agree. The desert location John was taken is not irrelevant. In fact, it is a crucial aspect of the vision. The desert is an important description of where the woman, mystery Babylon, can be found. And as I already covered many messages ago, what better place than a desert kingdom; Saudi Arabia.

Mecca sits on a barren valley surrounded by mountains. Eremon is the best fitting term to describe Mecca and is used throughout Scripture to describe deserts: “Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; (eremon) go not forth behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not” (Matthew 24:26). This, by itself, hints that trouble and false messiahs will come from a desert. Also, John wasn’t taken to the desert to see a movie (vision), but to see a woman/city. He would not have been taken to a place unassociated with the event.

I agree because why go anywhere if you are just going to see a movie or a vision. You could have just stayed put. God didn’t need to have you travel, however that travelling took place to see this vision.

If you are studying the book of Enoch, Enoch could probably see all those things that he saw without taking one step forward to any of the directions he was eventually taken in his journeys.

We already covered this in some of the teachings, including going to Antarctica and the route he took to get there. And I believe there were no exceptions from what I just read to you. He did take him to a desert. He did take him to a place where eventually the 7th and 8th Beast would arise; the last effort for Satan's push to try to destroy everything that Christ accomplished even though he knows he's already lost. He's been defeated. But that doesn't change one iota, he's trying to take as many down with him as possible. And he has always used, throughout history delusion, lies, deception. And for most of the time of mankind's existence on this planet, it's been with false religions and false idols. And he used a version of it throughout the millenniums and it evolved into what Mohammed produced by being demon possessed to be Satan's instrument, for Satan's last-ditch effort to take as many as he can down with him through these beastly kingdoms.

Finally, perhaps the best argument against Rome being this harlot city, is the fact that certain European countries (Rome, Spain) are specifically mentioned in the Bible, yet none with a single reference to destruction. Why?

Spain is mentioned in Romans 15:24,28 and Rome in Acts 2:10, 18:2, 19:21, 23:11, 28:14, 28:16; Romans 1:7, 1:15; Galatians 6:18; Ephesians 6:24; Philippians 4:23, 1:25; Colossians 4:18, 2 Timothy 1:17, 4:22. The prophets never mentioned the destruction of Rome by name. Has the Almighty forgotten to literally mention it? Yet, He never forgot Arabia by name, she is mentioned in numerous passages. Are we to simply forget all of these because we don't want to contradict the teachings in so many prophecy books?

Arabia does have great influence over the kings of the earth, and offers an addictive intoxicating commodity – oil.

That is the physical element of it. I believe there is also a spiritual element of the intoxication and it is the spreading of Islam. Well over two billion people now, about a third of the population and growing. It has a physical intoxicating commodity in oil but it also has in a spiritual sense a polluted, diseased spiritual intoxication by using the means of Islam and its false teachings.

Rome has no such addictive substance, which the Harlot city needs in order to burn forever.

The other argument that some make for Rome is that the products mentioned in Revelation are what Rome exports. Rome produces marble, gold, silver, precious stones, pearls, fine linen etc. Many think that the list of goods is what the harlot city produces: marble gemstones, fine clothes. Yet a closer look at the text reveals that the Harlot city does not produce any of these items. In fact, she is an importer of these goods and not a producer: 'And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore ...' (Revelation 18:11).

See, the merchants can't sell to Saudi Arabia any longer because of her destruction.

This is crucial for it nullifies the Rome argument. Why would Rome import the very items that she already manufactures? In fact, all Saudi goods are imported via the Red Sea, and the lists of goods match Saudi imports perfectly – gold, silver, precious stones, pearls, fine linen, vessels of ivory, fine wood and copper ware, iron, marble, spices, perfumes, liquor, sheep, horses, slaves, and the souls of men.

The Harlot city also imports slaves, horses and even ivory. Arabia imports all of these, yet Rome doesn't. By the way, if you think that Saudi Arabia does not import wine because of the Islamic prohibition, guess again. Just because it's done in secret doesn't mean that it doesn't take place.

So what will the supporters of the Rome theory do once they examine Revelation 18:11? Will they recant their theory? I sure hope so.

Most won't, I can almost guarantee you that, because of every person like me or like this person that declares these truths there are a hundred if not more doing just the opposite. They keep pushing forward the agenda of the Christian science fiction theories that just don't add up.

Arabia has a tremendous foreign work force, Rome doesn't. Arabia does not allow citizenship for immigrants, Rome does. Arabia persecutes the saints, Rome doesn't. [At one time they did. They don't do it now.] Arabia promotes beheading, Rome doesn't: "and I saw the souls of the martyrs who were beheaded." Historically, Rome mainly practiced burning, drowning, or crucifixion while Arabia has always beheaded believers. There are many parallels in Scripture: John the Baptist, crying out in the wilderness was beheaded for exposing the truth. So it will be before Christ comes again.

We see that happening on almost a daily basis. The news doesn't report it. The sensationalism of it is gone I guess to them. How sick can that be? But it is happening every day of the week, 365 days a year (beheadings, stoning's, torture, rapes).

The John the Baptists of this world (Christians) will be sacrificed, and very few will mourn them. Who desires to behead us today? Who are these Last-Days Edomite Herods? Where are they doing their killings? Who represents that Harlot, the daughter of the Edomite? Where is biblical Edom? Mecca exerts more spiritual influence of false theology on more people than any other city on earth. Today major Universities such as Harvard, Cambridge, Georgetown and many others have been bought by the Saudis to create Islamist friendly indoctrination programs. Saudi Arabia exports radical Islam to every nation in the world. Why are we having so much trouble today with the radical Islam? It's because Saudi Arabia has exported Wahabbism throughout the world. Today, we have over a billion people who bow down daily towards an image in Arabia while no one bows towards Rome or even Jerusalem.

Arabia is on a desert, Rome isn't. Arabia has oil, Rome doesn't. Arabia imports slaves, Rome doesn't. Arabia imports all of specific merchandise in Revelation 18, Rome doesn't.

On all counts, this just leads us in one direction. The only nation on earth that precisely matches all of the descriptions necessary to qualify as Mystery Babylon is most clearly the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The professed queen that will be destroyed, for strong is the Lord God who judges her. (Revelation 18:8) God will have the last word. He will use who He wants to use to bring this destruction. But don't second guess God's word, destruction is coming. For the Lord God is the one who judges her and He is strong and fulfills all His word as promised.

I will have more to say about this in the future. For now, I have given you enough information and teaching, both Old and New Testament to identify who this is that God is referring to. It is not some ancient city in Iraq nor a present-day city in Iraq. I mean, Sadaam Hussein tried to build ancient Babylon; he put up a few walls and so forth, but it just sits there. It is not an active city or location. It's more a museum piece of what he thought he could accomplish and revive that ancient city of Babylon again. God had a different plan and we all know how that turned out.

These chapters in the book of Revelation (17 & 18) and all the Old Testament scriptures that point to it clearly identifies who this actor is, and it is none other than Saudi Arabia and Mecca, Medina where it's poison is trying to influence and have people bow down to their false god Allah. God will have the last word on it. I will continue this when the time is right concerning this mystery Babylon – which is no longer a mystery. It might consider itself great now, but God will have the last word, and the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth will meet her destruction because thus saith the word of the Lord and what He says comes to pass.

To be continued...

The Last Days Study Guide

Delusional Queen

1. How has your view of the “seven hills of Rome” been changed by this teaching and why?
2. Define *eremon*.
3. How have flawed eschatology teachers made the Word of God void where it pertains to John’s vision?
4. Both Arabia and Rome are mention often in scripture, but this is not mentioned about Rome.
5. How does the biblical text make clear the Harlot is an importer of goods?
6. List some of the differences between Rome and Arabia in their economic practices?
7. How do the execution methods differ between Rome and Arabia?
8. How has Saudi Arabia affected higher education in the USA and around the world?
9. How has your trust in God’s Word been strengthened by this teaching?

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In 2 Corinthians 9:7 it reads, “God loveth a cheerful giver.” The Greek word for cheerful is Hilaros which means when someone is prompt to do something, they are ready in mind, with a joyful heart. In the Septuagint it also means to cause to shine. Today I am looking for Hilaros Givers who are ready and full of joy for the opportunity to cause others to shine by hearing, learning and growing in God's Word. Join with us today and participate as a Hilaros Giver. If you wish to participate use the following link: <http://www.teachingfaith.com/giving>

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