

Babylon

- I. Babylon- 1st use- 2 Kings 17:24-The King of Assyria brought men from Babylon and planted them in Israel (God's House)
 - A) Babylon comes from Babel- "confusion"
 - 1) Gen 10:10- 1st use- Beginning of "his kingdom" (Nimrod- "rebel")
 - i. First kingdom to appear other than God's Kingdom
 - 2) Babel comes from *Balal*- "to overflow" (like a river flows over banks)
 - i. Also translated mix, mingle, confound, temper
 - 3) Babylon is located on the Euphrates River ("overflowing, fruitful, sweet")
 - i. Josh 24:2 & 14-15- Euphrates called the "flood"
 - ii. Gen 15:18- Euphrates is the boundary of the Promised Land (House of God)
 - B) Josh 7:21- Babylonish "garment" condemns all Israel when it is brought into the house
 - 1) It is this same "garment" that condemns men today- Babylon teaches righteousness is attainable by man's efforts
 - 2) Matt 22:11-12- Man at wedding without garment
 - 3) Rev 19:7-9- Garment of saints is righteousness
 - 4) Jer 13:1-7- Garment buried at Euphrates and marred
 - i. Isa 64:6- Man's righteousnesses as a filthy rag
- II. 2 Kings 20:12-19- King of Babylon sends letters and presents to King of Judah, who shows him all the glorious vessels of his house
 - A) Isa 14:12-17- Lucifer saw the glory of God's Kingdom and coveted it
 - 1) He overcame Israel by first "mixing" in with them and ultimately by carrying them away completely
 - B) 2 Kings 20:17- Vessels to be "carried away" (like with a flood)
 - 1) A river overflows its banks and swallows up all it touches and then returns with its spoil
 - i. This is in imitation of God's river which flowed from Eden and of the future fountain to flow from Jerusalem (*Zech 14:8, Ezek 47:1-12*)
 - ii. Gen 11:1-9- Babylon first went into all the earth from Babel and corrupted all mankind
 - iii. Isa 8:5-8- Babylon again overflowed its banks and carried away Israel
 - iv. Babylon finally went forth spiritually from Rome and has done the same
 - v. Rev 12:15-16- Water as a flood out of Satan's mouth
 - a) Nah 1:7-8- Lord to destroy with a flood (words)
 - 1. Gen 9:11- The Lord never to destroy with flood of water
 - b) Luke 6:46-48- Flood doesn't carry away house built on Rock

- C) *2 Kings 20:18*- Men of Judah made eunuchs (unfruitful)
 - 1) *2 Kings 17:6*- All this had already happened to the House of Israel
 - i. *Jer 3:6-8*- Judah witnessed this and still repeated it
 - 2) *2 Kings 24:11-16*- Judah carried away to Babylon
 - i. *1 Chr 9:1*- Carried away for their “transgression” (sing.)-*Lev 26:40-41*
- III. *2 Kings 25:1-3*- Once captured, Babylon cuts off Israel’s bread and there is famine
 - A) This is the same thing Rome did in the Middle Ages
 - B) *Jer 39:6-7*- Once captured, Babylon killed the king’s sons and put out his eyes
- IV. *Jer 50:11*-Babylon is the “destroyer of God’s heritage”
 - A) *Joel 3:2*- Israel was God’s heritage
 - B) *1 Pet 5:3*- The church God’s heritage today
- V. Terms used for Babylon and King of Babylon
 - A) *Isa 14:19*- Abominable “branch”
 - B) *Isa 14:20*- Has “seed” (*Gen 3:15*)
 - C) *Isa 14:21*- Has “children”
 - D) *Isa 14:29*- “Rod” and “root”
 - E) *Jer 51:25*- A destroying “mountain”
- VI. *Isa 51:6*- Flee out of the midst of Babylon
 - A) *2 Cor 6:17*- Come out from among them
- VII. *Ezek 12:13 & 17:20*- Israel taken in a “snare” unto Babylon
 - A) *2 Tim 2:26*- Taken captive in Satan’s snare (spiritual Babylon)
 - 1) *Rev 17 & 18*- The Great Whore Babylon
- VIII. *Ezek ch 23*- The parable of Aholah and Aholiab
 - A) Aholah = “her own tent”
 - B) Aholiab = “My tent in her”