



“The Daughter of Babylon”

Lesson 17: Revelation Addendum

Is the United States the End-Times Babylon the Great (Part 1)

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Introduction

Babylon is one of the Bible’s great prophetic themes. From Genesis to Revelation, the name appears again and again as a symbol of rebellion, pride, false religion, wealth, power, persecution, and ultimately divine judgment. Yet one of the most fascinating things about Babylon is that **Scripture uses the term in more than one way**. Sometimes it refers to the literal ancient empire ruled by Nebuchadnezzar. At other times, it describes a spiritual system, a corrupt world order, or a future prophetic entity that reaches far beyond the sands of ancient Mesopotamia.

Most Bible students recognize at least three major prophetic dimensions connected to Babylon:

1. **Ancient Babylon** — the historical empire of Nebuchadnezzar dealt with in Daniel.
2. **Religious Babylon** — the great apostate spiritual system pictured in Revelation 17.
3. **Commercial and political Babylon** — the vast end-time power described in Revelation 18.

As we move deeper into the prophetic scriptures, another title begins to emerge alongside these: ***the Daughter of Babylon*** or ***the Virgin Daughter of Babylon***. This mysterious entity appears repeatedly in Isaiah and Jeremiah and is portrayed as a powerful latter-day nation tied to wealth, influence, arrogance, and catastrophic destruction. I will use the acronym “**ETB**” to refer to this entity throughout these addendum lessons.

Over the next two lessons, we will examine the biblical clues surrounding this prophetic power. We will compare Scripture with Scripture and allow the prophets themselves to build the profile. Jeremiah, Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Revelation all contribute pieces to the puzzle. Some clues are geographic. Others are economic, military, cultural, or spiritual. Individually, these details are interesting, but once placed side by side, a striking picture begins to form.



The Bible declares that God “removeth kings, and setteth up kings” (Dan. 2:21). Nations do not merely rise by accident. Empires appear on the stage of history according to divine appointment. Egypt had its hour. Assyria had its hour. Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome each had their appointed season. Scripture indicates that another great global power would exist in the last days immediately before the rise of the Beast kingdom.

One of the great questions of prophecy is this: **Who is that nation?**



That question becomes even more compelling when we remember that Revelation describes this latter-day power as:

- wealthy beyond measure
- influential over the kings of the earth
- dominant in global commerce and military
- morally corrupt
- spiritually intoxicated
- and destroyed suddenly “in one hour.”

The prophets also describe this nation as proud, secure, pleasure-filled, globally connected, and convinced that judgment could never happen to her. Isaiah records her boast:

“I shall be a lady for ever.” (Isa. 47:7)

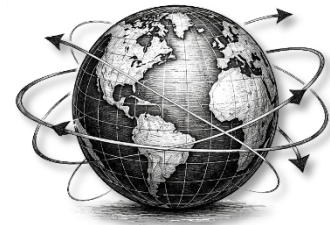
And again:

“I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.” (Rev. 18:7)



Those are not merely the words of an ancient desert kingdom. They sound like the confidence of a superpower at the height of its influence.

As we go through these two lessons, watch how often the prophets emphasize their **global reach**. The Daughter of Babylon is tied to merchants, ships, nations, ambassadors, luxury, influence, and worldwide commerce. **She affects the entire earth**. Kings grow rich through her. Merchants mourn when she falls. The world stands astonished at her destruction.



Something else makes these passages fascinating: many of the descriptions seem to point **beyond the ancient world entirely**. Ancient Babylon **never ruled over global maritime trade**, exerted military control worldwide, nor gathered ambassadors from around the globe. She was never connected to a worldwide commercial marketplace with other nations by oceans and shipping lanes. Yet scriptures repeatedly echo these descriptions. That immediately raises the possibility that the prophets were seeing something far beyond their own age.

More and more Bible teachers are coming to realize that Revelation 17 and 18 describe a global end-time nation existing immediately before the Beast system fully emerges. They believe the “daughter” of Revelation precedes the final world empire and exercises extraordinary international influence before being destroyed. Now here is where things become especially provocative. When the prophets describe this latter-day Babylonian power, many students of prophecy cannot help but notice uncomfortable parallels with the modern United States:

- ✓ unmatched economic influence,
- ✓ military reach across the globe,
- ✓ dominance in world trade,
- ✓ immense cultural exportation,
- ✓ unprecedented luxury,
- ✓ spiritual decline amid prosperity,
- ✓ and increasing moral confusion.

The comparison becomes even more intriguing when Isaiah calls this end-time entity “**the lady of kingdoms**” (Isa. 47:5), language that sounds remarkably similar to a dominant world superpower presiding over international systems and alliances.

Spiritual Metonymy and Dual Fulfillment in Prophecy

One of the most important keys to understanding Bible prophecy is recognizing that the prophets often spoke on **more than one level simultaneously**. A prophecy could have an immediate historical fulfillment near the prophet’s own lifetime, while also pointing forward to a much greater future fulfillment in the last days. This prophetic layering appears repeatedly throughout Scripture.

In simple terms, the prophet may begin speaking about a real king, nation, or event standing directly in front of him, and then suddenly the language expands beyond that immediate situation into something far larger and more future-oriented. The near event becomes a pattern, shadow, or prophetic template for a later fulfillment. This is sometimes called:

Prophetic Extension or Dual Fulfillment or Spiritual Metonymy

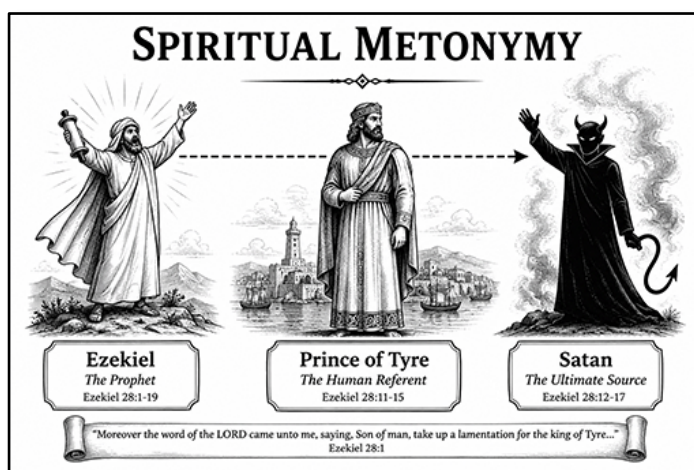
The important thing to understand is this: **the Bible itself uses this method constantly.**

A classic example of **Spiritual Metonymy** is found in Ezekiel 28. The prophet begins addressing the literal ruler of Tyre:

“*Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus...*” (Ezek. 28:2)

At first, the description clearly fits a human ruler. But then something dramatic happens. The language suddenly stretches far beyond any earthly king:

“*Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God...*” (Ezek. 28:13)



But no earthly king of Tyre was ever in Eden. The prophecy has shifted from the visible earthly ruler to the sinister spiritual power operating behind him. Ezekiel moves from the *Prince of Tyre* to the deeper spiritual reality embodied by the *King of Tyre*. The earthly ruler becomes a prophetic doorway into something much greater — namely, the rebellion and fall of Satan himself.

Isaiah does something similar in Isaiah 14. The prophet begins speaking about the king of Babylon, but then the language expands into descriptions that clearly transcend a mere human monarch.

Many prophecies concerning Babylon certainly had an ancient fulfillment involving Nebuchadnezzar’s empire and the historical fall of Babylon to the Medes and Persians. But when we carefully read Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Revelation together, we begin encountering descriptions **that do not apply** to ancient Babylon alone. These descriptions are not allegory or just spiritualized references. **These are actual descriptions of future entities.**

What the prophets are doing is using historical Babylon as a **prophetic archetype** — a prototype of a **future end-time system and nation** that would embody the same spirit of pride, rebellion, luxury, persecution, and defiance against God. A few examples:

- Ancient Babylon was not destroyed in “one hour.”
- Ancient Babylon did not dominate global maritime commerce.
- Ancient Babylon was not connected to merchants and shipmasters from all nations.
- Ancient Babylon was not present during the regathering of Israel in the last days.
- Ancient Babylon did not exist immediately before the rise of the Beast kingdom.

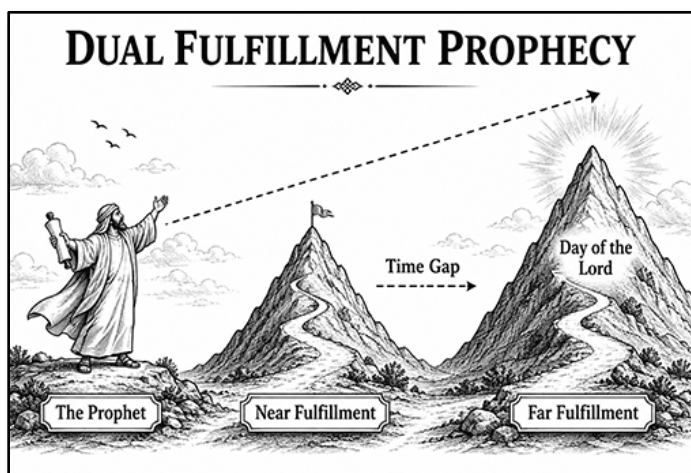
This is called Dual Fulfillment

Watch how this type of prophecy often works:

- **Near event** → immediate fulfillment
- **Far event** → ultimate fulfillment

The near event **validates** the prophet. The far event **completes** the prophecy.

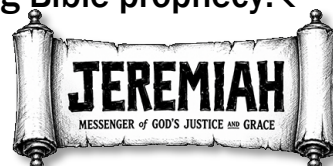
Jesus Himself used this prophetic structure in Matthew 24. Some portions clearly relate to the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70, while other statements plainly leap forward to the end of the age and His Second Coming. The prophecy moves in layers.



→Again, this is a very important key to understanding Bible prophecy.←

Now, let’s start looking at some of the more intriguing prophecies.

1 Clue A Latter-day Jewish Population:



Jeremiah 50:4] In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God.

Jeremiah places Babylon's existence at the exact time Israel returns to her land in the latter days. **That alone is huge.** Ancient Babylon cannot fulfill this passage because the prophet ties this Babylon to the regathering of Israel in the end-time restoration.



For nearly 2,000 years, the Jewish people were scattered across the earth. Then, in 1948, Israel was reborn in a single day exactly as the prophets declared. Since that moment, Jewish people from around the world have steadily returned home. Jeremiah says Babylon exists during that prophetic window. Now notice something else. Jeremiah later warns the Jews to *flee out of Babylon....* “Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans...” That means end-time Babylon (ETB) must contain a large Jewish population living there peacefully before the final crisis erupts. There is only one modern nation outside Israel that has historically become such a major refuge and safe haven for Jewish people—the **United States.**

America became home to one of the largest Jewish populations on earth. Especially after World War II, millions of Jews found prosperity, freedom, protection, and influence there. But Jeremiah foresees a future moment when fear, instability, and rising hostility trigger a mass departure back toward Israel. Look how this aligns with Ezekiel’s vision of the dry bones “. . . *and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone... but there was no breath in them.*” (Ezek. 37:7,8). Israel has physically returned, but nationally remains largely in unbelief. The regathering is underway exactly as the prophets described.



The phrase “**In those days, and in that time**” is a prophetic time marker frequently used by the Old Testament prophets to point beyond their immediate generation into the **latter days** or “**the time of the end.**” Jeremiah uses this phrase repeatedly when describing events connected to Israel’s final restoration and God’s end-time dealings with the nations.



Clue Flee



Jeremiah 50:8] *Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he goats before the flocks.*

God warns His people to get out of Babylon before judgment falls. This is not merely a casual relocation — it carries the urgency of escape before catastrophe. The wording is important. The command implies that ETB contains a significant Jewish population living in relative safety and prosperity, and something terrifying is about to happen.



For generations, America has become one of the safest havens for Jewish people in the world. Jewish communities flourished economically, politically, academically, and culturally. But Jeremiah foresaw a future shift. A **rumor** would spread through the land, violence would rise, and fear would grip the people.



Jeremiah 51:46 may offer us a clue as to why there would be such panic and dread — “*And lest your heart faint, and **ye fear for the rumor that shall be heard in the land; a rumor shall both come one year, and after that in another year shall come a rumor, and violence in the land . . .***”

Check this out—Jeremiah describes rumors, instability, fear, and violence escalating in stages before Babylon’s destruction. That sounds remarkably like a nation unraveling internally before catastrophe strikes. The phrase “*be as the he goats before the flocks*” pictures leaders moving quickly ahead of the herd. In other words, once events begin accelerating, the flight out of Babylon becomes urgent and organized.



Watch: In recent years, there has been a **dramatic increase** in Jewish emigration inquiries, aliyah preparation, and concern over rising antisemitism throughout the West. Many Jewish leaders openly discuss whether another major exodus may eventually become necessary. Jeremiah saw a future moment when the atmosphere inside ETB would change rapidly—and God’s people would run (Jer. 51:6; Jer. 51:45; Ezek. 39:23-29; Rev. 18:4).



3 Clue A Safe Haven for God’s People.


“Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans...” Why would Jews need to *flee* ETB unless ETB had first become a place of refuge, prosperity, and protection?

This single verse immediately eliminates many nations. Historically, very few countries have served as a major refuge for both the Jewish people and Christians seeking liberty and opportunity. For centuries, persecution and oppression followed Jews and believers across much of the world. Yet one modern nation uniquely opened its doors, protected religious freedom, defended Israel, and became home to one of the largest populations of both Jews and Christians on earth—the United States.

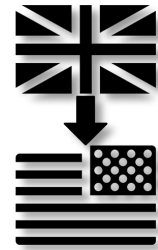
Jeremiah describes a Babylon that contains God’s people before judgment falls. Revelation gives the same warning: “Come out of her, my people...” (Rev. 18:4). That phrase is broader than Israel alone. God still has a remnant inside Babylon right up until the final hour—Jew and Gentile believers alike.




4 Clue Was Born In A Motherland.

 **Jeremiah 50:12]** *Your mother shall be sore confounded; she that bare you shall be ashamed: behold, the hindermost of the nations shall be a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.*

This is a fascinating clue because Jeremiah describes Babylon as having a **mother nation**. Ancient Babylon was **never described this way**. But the latter-day Daughter of Babylon is portrayed as a nation born from another parent nation or empire. Right away, **the field narrows dramatically**.



Most nations on earth were not “born” from a distinct mother country in the modern sense. Yet America’s historical identity is inseparable from one phrase repeated for centuries—*the mother country*. From its earliest founding, the United States openly acknowledged England as the nation that “bare” her.

 When you read the Old Testament, you will notice that the prophets often use family language when describing nations: daughters, mothers, sisters, and harlots. These terms are not accidental. They point to relationships, origins, and shared spiritual characteristics between kingdoms and peoples.

5 Clue A Mother Who Lost Her Strength.

Also, in Jeremiah 50:12, he says the *mother* becomes “ashamed” and “confounded.” The Hebrew carries the idea of humiliation, disappointment, and **loss of former strength**. That is striking when you look at the decline of the old British Empire. The once-dominant world power that ruled the seas and controlled vast territories has steadily faded from global supremacy.



There is another layer here. Scripture often portrays nations as family lines and inheritances. America and Britain share intelligence networks, military alliances, banking structures, legal systems, and cultural exports, which continue to tie them together. ETB is not merely an isolated political system—it is a civilization that springs from an earlier root system and then exceeds its mother in global dominance.

6 **Clue** An Ashamed Motherland

Continuing in verse 50:12, Jeremiah says, “Your **mother** shall be sore confounded; she that bare you shall be ashamed...” Britain today often mirrors America’s moral and cultural decline. The same abandonment of biblical foundations, national identity, and historic faith has spread through much of the Western world. Yet the former “**mother**” nation increasingly appears politically fractured, economically strained, and spiritually exhausted. Jeremiah foresaw a motherland connected to Babylon that would one day stand ashamed as judgment approached the daughter (Isa. 47:5-7; Jer. 51:41; Rev. 18:2-3).




7 **Clue** The Youngest of Nations

One more clue from 50:12, the phrase “*hindermost of the nations*” is fascinating. The Hebrew carries the idea of being last, **youngest**, or coming afterward. Jeremiah is describing a latter-day Babylon that would arise comparatively late among the great nations of the earth. That makes this verse especially interesting prophetically.



Unlike ancient empires such as Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, or Rome, the United States is practically newborn. Yet in just a few generations, this young nation exploded into unmatched global influence across economic, military, technological, and cultural spheres.

8 **Clue** A Sinful Nation

 **Jeremiah 50:14]** *Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about: all ye that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against the LORD.*

Here, the reason for ETB’s destruction is stated plainly—“**she hath sinned against the LORD.**” Check this out—ETB is portrayed as a nation that once possessed enough light, truth, blessing, and accountability to be held directly responsible before God. The language implies rebellion against known truth, not simple ignorance. That fits perfectly with a nation founded upon biblical principles and blessed beyond measure, yet later turning against the God who prospered her.

Jeremiah’s ETB is not described as weak or primitive. She is wealthy, influential, militarily powerful, and globally connected. Yet underneath the prosperity lies moral decay:

- Pride replacing humility
- Pleasure replacing holiness
- Materialism replacing dependence on God
- Sorcery, immorality, and rebellion are becoming normalized

Isaiah gives the same picture in 47:10 “*For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness...*”, and Revelation expands it further in 18:3 “*...the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication...*”

Modern culture increasingly celebrates what Scripture condemns while condemning what Scripture once honored. The collapse of moral boundaries, hostility toward biblical truth, occult fascination, pornography, addiction, and open rebellion against God all mirror the prophetic portrait of latter-day Babylon. Jeremiah saw a powerful nation whose greatest danger was not foreign enemies—but sin against the Lord Himself (Isa. 47:8-11; Rom. 1:21-32; Rev. 18:1-5).

9 **Clue** Fallen Foundation

Jeremiah 50:15] *Shout against her round about: she hath given her hand: her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down: for it is the vengeance of the LORD: take vengeance upon her; as she hath done, do unto her.*

Jeremiah describes ETB, whose collapse begins from within. **The foundations fail first.** America's earliest foundations were openly biblical. The Founders repeatedly acknowledged God's providence, biblical morality shaped the legal system, churches flourished openly, and Scripture saturated public life. Even critics of Christianity admitted the nation rested upon Judeo-Christian assumptions.



But Jeremiah foresaw an ETB whose foundations eventually crumbled. Not merely attacked—fallen. The picture is one of internal decay:

Truth becomes relative
Evil becomes celebrated
Law loses consistency
Institutions lose trust

Families weaken
Faith becomes marginalized
National unity fractures

Isaiah says in **5:20**, *“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil...”* Once a nation loses its moral compass, every structure built upon it begins cracking. Economies weaken. Governments polarize. Social trust collapses. Violence increases. Eventually, the walls themselves come down. ETB's future fall will be tied to this exact pattern: covenant blessing followed by pride, apostasy, and internal corruption **right before final judgment arrives.**



Watch: One of the clearest signs of civilizational decline is when foundational institutions lose legitimacy simultaneously—government, media, education, churches, courts, and even the family itself. Jeremiah's Babylon is not destroyed merely by foreign enemies. Its foundations are already collapsing long before the final blow arrives (Ps. 11:3; Isa. 5:20; Rev. 18:2; 2 Tim. 3:1-5). America's foundations are collapsing now.

10 **Clue** Agricultural Center

Jeremiah 50:16] *Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land.*

Jeremiah describes ETB as a nation deeply connected to agriculture and massive harvests. The imagery is unmistakable: sowers, harvesters, and active fields. This is not a barren desert empire, but a land of enormous agricultural output.



But notice the warning: **“Cut off the sower...”** The agricultural engine suddenly stops. In the middle of harvest, workers abandon the fields and flee in panic: **“...for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people...”** The image is one of an abrupt national crisis. **Normal life stops.** Harvests are left unfinished. Fear overtakes productivity.

Throughout Scripture, harvest failure often signals divine judgment. The point is that even those living in rural areas, which are usually considered a refuge and place of safety, will someday run and flee.

11 **Clue** The Hammer of the Earth

Jeremiah 50:23] *How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations!*

Jeremiah calls ETB “*the hammer of the whole earth.*” A hammer is an instrument of force, power, correction, and military dominance. This is a nation whose reach extends globally—one capable of projecting its power and striking anywhere on Earth.

No nation in the history of the earth fits that description like the United States. Ancient Babylon was a powerful entity, but not a worldwide force; it projected only regional power.

But the shocking contrast in this passage is important. The hammer is not slowly weakened—it **is shattered**. That perfectly dovetails into Revelation 18, where kings, merchants, and nations stand astonished at Babylon’s sudden collapse:

- “*In one hour is thy judgment come.*”
- “*In one hour, so great riches is come to nought*”
- “*In one hour is she made desolate.*”

12 **Clue** Striving Against the Lord

Jeremiah 50:24] *I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against the LORD.*

Here, the Lord reveals the true reason for Babylon’s downfall—she has “*striven against the LORD.*” That phrase means far more than simple unbelief. It carries the idea of resisting, opposing, contending, and fighting against God Himself. ETB is not judged because she lacked knowledge of God. She is judged because she knowingly rebelled against Him.

Jeremiah says ETB is suddenly trapped in a snare, “*and thou wast not aware.*” The nation believes itself secure, untouchable, and protected right up until the moment judgment closes around her.

That perfectly parallels Isaiah 47:10,11 - “*For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness... therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth...*”

The frightening part is that ETB does not recognize how far she has drifted. **Pride blinds her.**

13 **Clue** Storehouses

Jeremiah 50:26] *Come against her from the utmost border, open her storehouses: cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left.*

Jeremiah describes Babylon as a nation possessing enormous storehouses filled with abundance. The imagery points to a land overflowing with agricultural production and material prosperity. In Scripture, storehouses symbolize blessing and provision from God:




How many nations on earth truly fit that description like America? Drive across the Midwest, and you will see massive grain elevators, silos, rail depots, and food reserves stretching across the landscape. For generations, the United States has helped feed much of the world. When famine, war, or disaster strikes internationally, nations often look to America for aid and provision.



But Jeremiah’s prophecy takes a dark turn. The storehouses are not merely admired — they are opened by invading forces. The abundance of ETB becomes exposed during judgment. The picture is one of invasion, exposure, looting, and collapse. What had been accumulated over decades is suddenly emptied and consumed. The passage hints at an enemy coming “**from the utmost border,**” fitting Jeremiah’s broader theme of **danger approaching from the north** against the Daughter of Babylon.

14 Arrogance


 **Jeremiah 50:29]** *Call together the archers against Babylon: all ye that bend the bow, camp against it round about; let none thereof escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her: for she hath been proud against the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel.*

Jeremiah now identifies Babylon’s defining spiritual disease—**pride**. Not just national confidence. Not healthy patriotism. This is arrogance directed *against the LORD*. Check this out—Babylon reaches a point where she no longer merely ignores God. She exalts herself above Him. That is the repeating pattern throughout Scripture:

- Babel said, “*Let us make us a name.*”
- Nebuchadnezzar boasted, “*Is not this great Babylon, that I have built?*”
- Lucifer declared, “*I will exalt my throne...*”

Pride **always** precedes judgment. ETB begins speaking almost like a deity itself—as though she is untouchable, indispensable, and immune to collapse. The Hebrew word translated as “archers” can mean projectiles.

15 Many Cities

 **Jeremiah 50:32]** *And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up: and I will kindle a fire in his **cities**, and it shall devour all round about him.*

Notice the wording carefully—“*cities,*” **plural**. Jeremiah is **not describing a single isolated city-state**, such as ancient Babylon. He is describing a vast national power containing many major population centers spread across the land. This fits a continental-scale nation far better than a solitary rebuilt city in the Middle East. ETB will be a land of many “cities”.



Jeremiah says fire spreads through these cities until devastation consumes the land “*round about.*” The imagery is widespread destruction, not a localized military defeat, echoing Rev. 18. Jeremiah connects the destruction of the cities directly to Babylon’s pride. ETB latter-day Babylon is not merely a city but a powerful nation-state with global reach, infrastructure, commerce, and influence extending through many population centers.

16 Clue People on the Go

[+] **Jeremiah 50:37]** *A sword is upon their **horses**, and upon their **chariots**, and upon all the **mingled** people that are in the midst of her; and **they shall become as women: a sword is upon her treasures; and they shall be robbed.***

Jeremiah paints a picture of a nation constantly in motion. In the ancient world, horses and chariots represented transportation, commerce, military movement, and national mobility. Babylon is portrayed as a fast-moving society filled with travelers, trade, and activity..



17 Clue Mixed Multitude

Jeremiah also mentions “*mingled people*.” The Hebrew word for “mingled” literally means ‘**mongrel people**’ or b The phrase suggests a mixed population gathered from many nations and cultures. ETB is not ethnically or culturally isolated—it is multinational, diverse, and globally connected.



The ancient Babylonians did not tolerate immigration other than for slavery. The ancient Assyrians had an intermixing policy. Scholars believe what is being referenced here is a young and vibrant melting pot of all nationalities!

18 Clue Role Reversal in Society

Referring again to verse 37 (**Jer. 50:37**), “*...and they shall become like women...*” is one of the more provocative statements in Jeremiah’s description of ETB. The context is military collapse, fear, weakness, and societal instability. The imagery here centers on role reversal, fearfulness, and the collapse of the masculine in a society under judgment. ETB reaches a point where strength gives way to softness, courage gives way to confusion, and traditional sexual distinctions begin to dissolve.

The issue is not women leading in society. The issue is disorder, inversion, and the collapse of healthy structure and responsibility within the culture. ETB’s fall to moral inversion is the condition Jesus compared to the days of Noah and Lot.



Watch as modern culture increasingly blurs distinctions that civilizations once considered foundational. Family structure, masculinity, femininity, authority, and even biological identity have become subjects of confusion and conflict. Jeremiah foresaw a Babylon where societal inversion would accompany national decline and spiritual collapse (Rom. 1:24-28; Isa. 3:1-5; 2 Tim. 3:1-4).

19 Clue Treasures Robbed

Jeremiah describes Babylon as possessing enormous treasures—wealth accumulated on a scale large enough to attract the attention of the nations. But in the end, those treasures are plundered. ETB is not poor, struggling, or isolated. She is rich beyond measure. The prophet pictures a nation overflowing with prosperity and treasure, only for sudden loss to overtake her. That description fits the modern United States remarkably well.



The idea here is not gradual decline alone—it is sudden stripping away. Wealth evaporates. Markets collapse. Assets are seized. Confidence disappears. What looked permanent vanishes rapidly. ETB’s role will be the financial engine of the world system prior to its catastrophic downfall.



Modern economies are increasingly fragile, debt-driven, digital, and interconnected. A major financial disruption affecting America would ripple instantly across global markets, currencies, pensions, banking systems, and trade networks. Jeremiah foresaw a Babylon whose treasures seemed limitless—until the day they were suddenly stripped away (Rev. 18:15-17; James 5:1-3; Matt. 6:19-21).



20 Clue Drought



Jeremiah 50:38] *A drought is upon her waters; and they shall be dried up: for it is the land of graven images, and they are mad upon their idols.*

Jeremiah now describes a devastating drought striking ETB. Water—one of the greatest symbols of life, blessing, prosperity, and stability in Scripture—begins drying up. This points to literal environmental distress. That becomes increasingly striking when you consider how dependent modern America is upon massive water systems. Large portions of the nation already battle severe drought cycles, shrinking water reserves, and agricultural stress. Again, this is not referring to a desert area like Iraq, which experiences continual drought.



But there may be an even deeper layer here. In Scripture, water often symbolizes spiritual life as well. Jeremiah’s ETB becomes spiritually dry before becoming physically destroyed. The nation that once overflowed with blessing, revival, gospel influence, and spiritual vitality eventually becomes barren (Amos 8:11,12).



21 Clue Land of Idols

Referring to verse 38 (**Jer. 50:38**) Jeremiah gives the reason for the drought: “...for it is the land of graven images, and they are mad upon their idols.” That is powerful. ETB’s drought is connected directly to idolatry. Modern idols may not always look like carved statues; they can encompass wealth, pleasure, technology, power, celebrities, sexuality, government, and self. America’s entertainment industry alone creates an unhealthy obsession with idolizing people and promotes that obsession to the world.



22 Clue Evil Influence ~ Jeremiah 51 ~



Jeremiah 51:7] *Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD'S hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.*

ETB is pictured as a golden cup that has used the contents of the cup to make the nations of the earth “drunk”. Babylon’s greatest power is not merely military or economic. It is its cultural and spiritual influence. Jeremiah says the entire world drinks from her cup. Her ideas, entertainment, values, morality, commerce, pleasures, and ideologies result in madness. That fits modern America with stunning precision. No nation in history has exported culture globally on such a scale.


The world consumes American culture constantly. Her movies, music, television, social media, fashion, technology, consumerism, political ideologies, and moral revolutions. Notice how global the influence is, “all nations,” making the entire “*earth drunken*.” ETB shapes the world's thinking.

23 Golden Cup

Referring to verse 7 (**Jer. 51:7**), this phrase is very important in helping establish the **identity of ETB**. No Islamic or pagan nation in the history of the earth has ever been considered “...**a golden cup in the LORD'S hand**.” This verse indicates that God has richly blessed ETB and that, for a time, she were a great blessing to the whole earth on the Lord's behalf. History shows that no other nation has ever been so generous in feeding the poor, providing emergency relief, and sending forth missionaries worldwide. But once ETB becomes corrupted by pride and rebellion, the same cup that blessed the nations becomes a cup of judgment.



24 Dwelling on Many Waters

 **Jeremiah 51:13]** *O thou that **dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness***

This is a prime example of prophetic extension. Jeremiah describes ETB as a nation connected to “**many waters**.” In Scripture, waters can symbolize peoples and nations, but here the context also points naturally to literal waterways tied to commerce, wealth, and prosperity. Ancient Babylon could never be described as a country that sat on many waterways or controlled many nations.

Few nations, if any, possess such extensive navigable waterways that support trade, agriculture, transportation, and military projection as America does, and the waters are connected directly to ETB's prosperity. Revelation echoes the same picture of ETB controlling worldwide commerce and sitting at the center of international trade networks.

There may be another layer here as well, as Revelation 17:15 explains: “*The waters which thou sawest... are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.*” Babylon dwells not only upon literal waters but also upon vast populations and international systems. Her influence spreads across the globe economically, politically, culturally, and spiritually.


Then Jeremiah gives the chilling conclusion: “**thine end is come...**” Despite the wealth, trade, and global reach, Babylon's judgment arrives suddenly because her covetousness has reached full measure.

25 A Wealthy Nation

Referring to verse 13 (**Jer. 51:13**). Jeremiah leaves no doubt about Babylon's condition—she is “**abundant in treasures**.” This is not a struggling nation or a minor regional power. Babylon stands at the center of global wealth and prosperity. Modern economies are increasingly built upon debt, speculation, consumption, digital finance, and centralized markets. America's financial system remains deeply interconnected with the entire world economy. Jeremiah foresaw an ETB overflowing with treasure and wealth whose covetousness eventually reached full measure before sudden judgment fell, “**in one hour**.” (Rev. 18:3; Rev. 18:15-17; Luke 12:16-21; 1 Tim. 6:9-10).



26 Intellectually Stupid:

 **Jeremiah 51:17]** *Every man is brutish by his knowledge; every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them*

What a stunning statement. Jeremiah describes ETB as a society overflowing with knowledge yet spiritually and morally foolish. The word **“brutish”** carries the idea of becoming senseless, irrational, or spiritually stupid despite possessing intelligence and skill. ETB is not primitive. She is advanced, educated, technological, inventive, and sophisticated. Yet all her knowledge fails to produce wisdom. That sounds remarkably modern. Never in human history has mankind possessed more:

- ✓ Information
- ✓ Technology
- ✓ Science
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Artificial intelligence
- ✓ Medical advancement


...and yet society grows increasingly confused about the most basic truths:

- What is truth?
- What is morality?
- What is a man or woman?
- What is marriage?
- What is life?
- What is evil?



Jeremiah’s ETB becomes intellectually brilliant but spiritually blind. Paul described the same condition in **Romans 1:22**, *“Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.”* The danger is that knowledge without God eventually produces arrogance rather than wisdom. Babylon trusts human intellect, human systems, and human innovation while rejecting divine truth. Jeremiah connects this foolishness directly to idolatry: *“...every founder is confounded by the graven image...”* In other words, the culture becomes intoxicated with the works of its own hands.

26 Against Israel:

 **Jeremiah 51:24]** *And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the LORD.*

ETB will ultimately be against Israel, and God will punish them for their actions. America used to be Israel’s staunchest ally. And while it currently has some friends in the administration, there is a growing hatred fomenting in the country. Antisemitism against the Jew, denying Israel the right to exist in the Middle East, and wanting to divide Israel’s lands are just a few of the growing signs that America will turn against Israel as prophesied in scripture (Zech. 12:2,3; 14:2).

Next Lesson: Lesson 18 “The Daughter of Babylon” - Revelation Addendum - Is the United States the End-Times Babylon the Great (Part 2). We will look at several more identity clues from Jeremiah 51, Isaiah 13, 18, 47, Rev. 18, and Ezekiel 39, with some of the most provocative clues yet to come.