



“The Daughter of Babylon”

Lesson 18: Revelation Addendum

Is the United States the End-Times Babylon the Great (Part 2)

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In Lesson 1, we examined how the biblical prophets often spoke with dual-fulfillment patterns, in which historical events and nations pointed forward to a greater end-times reality. We also explored how the “Daughter of Babylon” described by Jeremiah cannot be limited to an ancient desert kingdom in Mesopotamia, but rather points toward a future global entity in the last days.

Using the clues left by Jeremiah, we examined 27 identifying characteristics of this latter-day Babylon—an influential nation marked by wealth, pride, military power, global commerce, moral decline, and worldwide influence.

Now in Lesson 2, we continue following the trail left by the prophets. Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Revelation add even more striking details about this mysterious end-times power we call end-times Babylon (**ETB**). As we compare Scripture with Scripture, the prophetic picture becomes sharper, more sobering, and increasingly difficult to ignore.

28 Praise of the Earth


 **Jeremiah 51:41]** *How is Sheshach taken! and how is the **praise of the whole earth** surprised! how is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations!*

Jeremiah describes Babylon as “*the praise of the whole earth.*” That phrase speaks of admiration, influence, prestige, and worldwide fascination. ETB becomes a nation looked upon with envy and wonder by the nations. In world history, few countries have been praised globally like the United States. For generations, America represented freedom, opportunity, wealth, innovation, military strength, entertainment, technology, and culture.



Right up to her fall, Jeremiah's ETB is not hated universally, and that perfectly matches Revelation 18, where the kings and merchants of the earth mourn Babylon's destruction. The shocking part of the verse is the word "**surprised.**" The praise of the earth falls suddenly and unexpectedly.

29 Idol Worship

 **Jeremiah 51:44]** *And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up: and the nations shall not flow together any more unto him: yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall.*

God declares that He will "**punish Bel**" when He sends destruction upon ETB. "**Bel**" was one of Babylon's chief false gods. The point is clear—ETB becomes saturated with idolatry. Again, idolatry is not limited to statues carved from wood and stone. Anything exalted above God becomes an idol. Some scholars repeatedly emphasized that latter-day Babylon would not abandon spirituality altogether—it would replace biblical truth with counterfeit systems, materialism, mysticism, entertainment, and self-worship.


30 Nations Gather

Also, referring to verse 44 (**Jer. 51:44**). The phrase "*...and the nations shall not flow together any more unto him:...*" is fascinating because it reveals what ETB was like before judgment fell—the nations were flowing toward her. That fits modern America remarkably well. For generations, the United States has functioned like a global magnet, drawing nations to her (the United Nations), commerce (the **NYSE**), immigrants (**Ellis Island**), and wealth (**Wall Street**). In the U.S., only one city best combines commerce, wealth concentration, immigration, and international connectivity—the clear answer is: **New York City**.

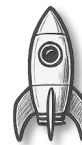


There is another layer here as well. Babel in Genesis represented mankind unified in rebellion against God. End-times Babylon appears to become the final gathering point of global commerce, culture, politics, and spiritual corruption before divine judgment scatters the system once again.

31 Mount up to Heaven:

 **Jeremiah 51:53]** *Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet from me shall spoilers come unto her, saith the LORD.*

Jeremiah describes ETB **reaching upward** with astonishing power, achievement, and technological capability. The imagery is almost identical to Babel in Genesis, where mankind sought to build a tower reaching into heaven. Babylon's spirit has always been about **human exaltation**. In modern times, America has become a leader in Aviation, Space travel, Moon exploration, Satellite technology, Global surveillance systems, Internet infrastructure, Advanced weaponry, and aerospace engineering. But Jeremiah says even if ETB reaches the pinnacle of human strength, "*...yet from me shall spoilers come unto her.*" The nation believes its advancements make it untouchable, yet God declares judgment still comes.




32 Military Strength

Also in 51:53, Jeremiah speaks of a nation confident in its security, weaponry, and defense. No modern nation has projected military strength across the globe like the United States.

That is the shocking theme repeated throughout Scripture. Nations often believe their military power guarantees permanence: Ancient Babylon trusted its walls, Egypt trusted chariots, Assyria trusted armies, and Rome trusted legions. Yet every empire eventually fell. ETB will stand as the dominant military force on Earth before its sudden destruction reshapes the geopolitical world order.




33 Great Voice

 **Jeremiah 51:55]** *Because the LORD hath spoiled Babylon, and destroyed out of her the great voice; when her waves do roar like great waters, a noise of their voice is uttered:*

Jeremiah describes ETB as possessing a “**great voice**” that reaches outward like roaring waters. In Scripture, roaring waters often symbolize overwhelming power, influence, multitudes, and worldwide reach. ETB’s influence would spread globally through communication systems, media power, and cultural dominance, unlike anything seen before in history. Then Jeremiah gives the reversal. The roaring voice that once dominated the nations is silenced under judgment.



34 Drunken Leadership

 **Jeremiah 51:57]** *And I will make drunk her princes, and her wise men, her captains, and her rulers, and her mighty men: and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the King, whose name is the LORD of hosts*

Jeremiah describes ETB’s leadership as intoxicated. The imagery is not limited to literal alcohol, although it can encompass that—it speaks of confusion, arrogance, corruption, impaired judgment, and moral blindness **at the highest levels of power**. Its leaders lose the ability to think clearly and govern wisely. Scripture often uses drunkenness as a symbol of spiritual and moral disorientation.



The passage uses an extensive list, princes, wise men, captains, rulers, and mighty men, to portray that **every level** of leadership becomes compromised. This is not just one political party or another, it is **ALL levels of governance**. Isaiah gives a similar warning regarding ETB:

“...they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.” Isaiah 28:7

The frightening part is that ETB still appears powerful outwardly while her leadership decays inwardly. One of the major signs of ETB’s decline would be the corruption and blindness of its leadership class—political, cultural, intellectual, financial, and even religious.

Then comes the terrifying conclusion: “**...and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake...**”




Throughout history, collapsing civilizations show the same pattern—leaders become disconnected from reality, consumed by corruption, unable to govern effectively, and blind to the dangers surrounding them. **Nations in this state do not recover!** Jeremiah foresaw an ETB whose leadership class would become spiritually intoxicated **shortly before catastrophic judgment fell**. Isa. 29:9-10; Hos. 4:11; Rev. 18:23; Eccl. 10:16-17

Isaiah is somewhat unique because his prophecies shift between clearly identified references to Babylon and mysterious end-time descriptions of a nation left unnamed. Yet scholars recognize that these passages employ “**prophetic extension**,” reaching far beyond Isaiah’s own era toward a future fulfillment. One thing stands out clearly in Isaiah: the nation he speaks about **did not yet exist** in Isaiah’s day. Because of this, the prophet could only portray it through its defining characteristics, conduct, and ultimate condition. That makes the descriptions especially important. If they were just generic descriptions, the nation could easily be confused with countless others.



One particularly provocative detail is that parts of Isaiah’s prophecy were **intentionally sealed until God chose to reveal them to a future remnant** (Isa. 8:16-17). Isaiah paints the picture carefully, leaving behind clues that appear designed for a generation living much closer to the fulfillment than his own.

35 Land of Iniquity


 **Isaiah 13:11]** *And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.*

Isaiah now broadens the scope beyond ancient Babylon and connects this judgment to **the entire world system of the last days**. ETB becomes a center of iniquity, influencing the nations and exporting moral corruption internationally. Her entertainment, media, technology, ideologies, and commerce spread spiritual darkness far beyond her borders.

36 National Arrogance

Referring to verse 11 (**Isa. 13:11**), Isaiah identifies another defining mark of latter-day Babylon—arrogance. Not simple confidence. Not healthy patriotism. This is national pride elevated into self-exaltation against God. The phrase “**haughtiness of the terrible**” points to a powerful and feared nation. One of ETB’s greatest sins would be pride after blessing—a providentially raised nation becoming intoxicated with its own greatness and forgetting the God who allowed it to prosper.


37 Glory of Kingdoms

 **Isaiah 13:19]** *And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees’ excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.*

Isaiah describes ETB as “**the glory of kingdoms**.” Babylon becomes the showcase nation of the earth. That fits the modern United States remarkably well. But Isaiah immediately delivers the shock: “**...shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah**.” The greater the glory, the greater the shock when collapse comes.

Reality check: Is Isaiah 13:19 actually an end-times verse? Yes, the surrounding verses (such as Isaiah 13:9-10) use apocalyptic language (such as the sun and moon being darkened) that points to the final “**Day of the Lord**” and the ultimate judgment of worldly systems. The **context** makes this part of Isaiah’s dual-fulfillment prophecies concerning ETB.

38 Clue Shadowing With Wings

 **Isaiah 18:1]** *“Woe to the land shadowing with wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia:”*

Isaiah now introduces a mysterious latter-day land marked by “wings.” The imagery is unusual and highly symbolic. Check this out—the phrase **“shadowing with wings”** carries the idea of overshadowing, spreading outward, protecting, covering, or extending influence over great distances. Many students of prophecy immediately notice how remarkably this fits a powerful modern nation identified with wings and global reach, as America’s national symbol—the eagle—is one of the most recognizable winged emblems on earth. But there may be more here than symbolism alone.




There is another fascinating layer here. In Scripture, wings often symbolize speed, protection, and power, such as the Eagles’ wings, the Cherubic wings, and Swift movement among the nations.

39 Clue West of Jerusalem

Isaiah also says this land is *“beyond the rivers of Ethiopia, (Cush)”*, a metaphor pointing to a distant region far removed from Israel and Mesopotamia **to the west**. Ancient Babylon was **east** of Jerusalem. The description feels strikingly global and maritime rather than local to the ancient Middle East. The Hebrew word translated as *“beyond”* is better translated as *“over beyond.”* This gives credence to the fact that this end-times nation is **far to the west** of Jerusalem.

40 Clue Ambassadors - Going and Coming

 **Isaiah 18:2]** *“That sendeth ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters, saying, Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation scattered and peeled, to a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden down, whose land the rivers have spoiled!”*

Isaiah describes a nation deeply involved in international diplomacy and global affairs. This is a nation constantly sending representatives, negotiators, envoys, and messengers across the world. America maintains one of the largest diplomatic networks on earth, with embassies, alliances, treaties, and global political influence (Rev. 17:15; Ezek. 27:3-4).



41 Clue A Scattered Nation

This phrase, *“nation scattered and peeled,”* can have two meanings. First, in Hebrew, *“nation”* is a gentile nation, *“scattered”* means ‘stretched or drawn out’, and *“peeled”* means ‘independent’ or ‘obstinate’. Rephrased *“a gentile nation that is stretched out and independent”*.

Second, some scholars believe the phrase points to a people dispersed broadly and spread abroad. Some connect this to Israel’s worldwide scattering in the latter days, while others see a broader picture of a globally dispersed and multinational population. America became home to immigrants, exiles, refugees, and people gathered from every corner of the earth (Deut. 28:64; Ezek. 36:19).

42 **Clue** Feared and Respected

From the phrase “...to a people terrible from their beginning hitherto...”, the word “terrible” means awe-inspiring, feared, powerful, and formidable. Isaiah describes a nation respected and feared internationally because of its strength and influence. The United States rose rapidly into military, economic, and technological dominance, becoming one of the most powerful and feared nations in modern history (Dan. 7:7; Jer. 50:23). The American people, in the past, had a fierce sense of pride, exemplified by the Gadsden motto “**Don’t tread on me!**”



43 **Clue** A Nation Measured Out

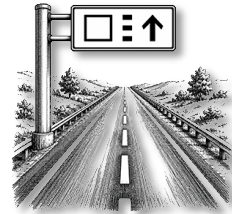
A “...nation meted out...”, the Hebrew for “Meted” means measured precisely as with a string or cord. The phrase suggests division, surveying, expansion, and measured boundaries. America is uniquely characterized by surveyed land divisions, mapped territories, state lines, county grids, and systematically measured expansion across a continent. The nation literally expanded through measured allotments and territorial division (Josh. 18:4-10; Ezek. 40:3).



We were the first country ever to survey and divide the land according to the ranges with the North Star, and all our land from the western edge of Pennsylvania to the Pacific Ocean, and from Canada to Mexico, has been surveyed by lines of measurements, then staked out in quarter sections after this law of General Surveys had been passed.”

44 **Clue** A Nation Trodden Down

The phrase “and trodden down...” could have two meanings. First, some scholars see that “...a nation meted out **and** trodden down...” together referring to a nation that has been measured out and well traveled. They believe this refers to a land of many roads and highways.



Second, the “trodden down” evokes imagery of pressure, conflict, unrest, and internal distress. Though powerful outwardly, the nation experiences increasing division, violence, moral decline, and social fragmentation. A civilization can appear mighty while simultaneously being spiritually and culturally trampled from within (Luke 21:24; Isa. 5:5).


45 **Clue** Many Rivers

Like Jeremiah 51:13 (lesson 17), the phrase “. . . whose land the rivers have spoiled . . .” (Isa. 18:2), describes a land shaped and divided by great river systems. America is dominated geographically and economically by massive waterways. Also, some Bible scholars understand this to mean polluted rivers, while others believe it refers to a land that has become prosperous because of large rivers and the ability to transport goods on the nation’s waterways. End-time Babylon will be a land characterized by rivers. However, the mere existence of more than one river (rivers) again confirms that the prophet was not referring to a vast desert wasteland such as modern-day Iraq, the land of ancient Babylon.



Isa. 18:2 can be rephrased using the literal Hebrew to read: “Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation repressed and independent, to a people respected from their beginning hitherto; a nation stalwart and trampling, whose land the rivers have spoiled.”

46 A Call for National Repentance

 **Isaiah 47:1]** *“Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.”*

Far less ambiguous than Isaiah 18, Isaiah 47 directly identifies its subject as the **“*virgin daughter of Babylon.*”** The chapter opens with the striking declaration: *“Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon...”* immediately making it clear that the prophecy is aimed at this end-time entity. From that point forward, Isaiah unfolds a series of vivid descriptions revealing her character, arrogance, corruption, and ultimate judgment.

Isaiah opens with a direct warning to the **“*virgin daughter of Babylon.*”** The language is powerful because it pictures a proud and prosperous nation being humbled before the world. God is essentially calling ETB to come down from her position of pride, luxury, and self-exaltation. The nation that once sat elevated among the kingdoms is brought low into the dust.

Isaiah’s warning is **more than punishment**—it is a final divine confrontation with a nation consumed by pride and rebellion. The phrase *“virgin daughter”* also implies a nation that feels secure and untouched:

- ✓ Untouched by invasion
 - ✓ Untouched by collapse
 - ✓ Untouched by judgment
- Babylon believes disaster could never happen to her.

But Isaiah says the nation must **“come down.”** America’s greatest danger was falling into **spiritual complacency after extraordinary blessing**. Historically, before judgment falls publicly, God often sends repeated warnings through preaching, prophetic voices, economic shaking, and moral exposure (See Appendix A).




Periods of national instability (think Pearl Harbor **vs.** September 11) often expose deeper spiritual problems beneath outward prosperity. Economic uncertainty, social division, moral confusion, and loss of trust in institutions can serve as wake-up calls for repentance; if unheeded, **the nation will collapse**. Isaiah foresaw an ETB that refused to humble itself until God Himself brought the nation down into the dust. 2 Chr. 7:14; Dan. 5:20-30; James 4:6-10; Rev. 18:7-8

47 Innocence Lost

“...thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.” This is an indictment against a nation that was once youthful, blessed, and morally restrained, but has now descended into sin and corruption. Those who remember what our nation once stood for are grieved to watch her abandon the very Godly foundations that helped make her great.

48 National Embarrassment

 **Isaiah 47:3]** *“Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man.”*


Isaiah describes a dramatic public humiliation coming upon ETB. The imagery is deeply personal and national at the same time. A nation that once appeared glorious, powerful, and untouchable suddenly has its shame exposed before the world.

Throughout Scripture, nakedness symbolizes: Exposure, Shame, Vulnerability, Loss of honor, and Public humiliation. But Isaiah says God removes the covering and exposes what lies underneath. That fits the pattern of collapsing civilizations throughout history. Before final judgment comes:

- ⚠ Corruption surfaces
- ⚠ Hypocrisy is revealed
- ⚠ Scandals multiply
- ⚠ Institutions lose credibility
- ⚠ Moral decay becomes undeniable
- ⚠ National weaknesses are exposed publicly



49 **Clue** Tarnished Testimony


 **Isaiah 47:5]** *“Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms.”*

Isaiah describes a nation that once possessed greatness, honor, and influence, yet slowly lost spiritual awareness and moral sensitivity. Babylon becomes convinced that its prosperity and dominance will last forever. A tarnished testimony affects more than the nation itself. When a civilization once associated with biblical truth abandons that foundation publicly, the watching world becomes increasingly cynical toward truth itself.



Watch and note the rapid decline of biblical literacy, church influence, and shared moral foundations throughout the West. Nations once shaped strongly by Christianity increasingly treat faith as irrelevant or even hostile to progress. Isaiah foresaw a great end-times nation whose testimony would deteriorate as pride and complacency replaced humility before God (Deut. 8:11-14; Hos. 13:6; Rev. 3:17; Judg. 2:10-12).

50 **Clue** Self-Confident


 **Isaiah 47:7]** *“And thou hast said, I shall be a lady forever, so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it.”*

Isaiah reveals ETB's mindset—**absolute self-confidence**. That is one of the **most dangerous** moments in the life cycle of any civilization. Prosperity creates the illusion of invulnerability. ETB says: *“I shall be a lady forever...”* In other words: **“Nothing can stop us.”** | **“We are too powerful.”** | **“We will always dominate.”** | **“Our system is permanent.”**

But Scripture repeatedly warns against trusting in human strength rather than God. **Proverbs 16:18** *“Pride goeth before destruction...”* The frightening part is that ETB ignores warning signs because her self-confidence **blinds her**, and Isaiah describes a latter-day Babylon that possesses extraordinary confidence right before catastrophic judgment arrives.



51 **Clue** Devoted to Pleasure

 **Isaiah 47:8]** *“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, neither shall I know the loss of children:”*

Isaiah describes ETB as a civilization consumed with pleasure. The issue is not enjoyment itself. The issue is a society **addicted** to comfort, entertainment, luxury, and self-indulgence **while ignoring God**. ETB becomes a nation where pleasure is no longer occasional—it becomes a way of life.

Entire industries now exist to keep society entertained, stimulated, distracted, and emotionally sedated around the clock. The civilization slowly loses spiritual seriousness. **Jesus warned** this very condition would characterize the last days: **Luke 17:28** *“Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot...”* People become so absorbed in pleasure and routine that judgment arrives unexpectedly.


52 **Safe and Secure**

The phrase *“dwellest carelessly”* carries the idea of feeling untouchable—living without fear because prosperity, power, and abundance appear permanent, or “securely.” A society anesthetized by comfort and entertainment ignores foundational cracks quietly spreading beneath the façade of stability. Again, the danger is not merely comfort itself. The danger is complacency.

53 **Arrogance**

“...that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me...” may be one of the boldest statements in all the ETB passages. ETB begins speaking with near-divine arrogance. Throughout Scripture, that spirit **always** precedes judgment. A civilization once rooted in sacrifice and dependence upon God slowly becomes convinced it can redefine morality, truth, identity, and even reality itself without consequence.

54 **Magic and Witchcraft**


 **Isaiah 47:9]** *“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.”*

Isaiah reveals something deeply disturbing about latter-day Babylon—beneath the wealth, power, and sophistication lies widespread spiritual darkness. The Hebrew words carry the idea of magic arts, hidden knowledge, mystical manipulation, and supernatural deception. Ancient Babylon was famous for astrology, divination, occult priests, and mystery religions. **Isaiah says the same spirit returns in the last days.** But modern sorcery does not always wear ancient robes. The frightening part is that ETB no longer recognizes the danger. Occultism becomes fashionable. Darkness becomes therapeutic. Spiritual rebellion becomes commercialized.




Notice that Isaiah says the enchantments are in **“great abundance.”** In other words, the dark corruption is everywhere.

55 **Hidden Sin, Arrogance, and Humanism**

 **Isaiah 47:10]** *“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.”*

Isaiah now exposes ETB's inner mindset. It is hidden sin wrapped in pride, intellectual arrogance, and self-deception. The nation says: **“None seeth me”**: A civilization drowning in information yet starving for wisdom, technologically connected yet spiritually hollow, endlessly entertained yet internally collapsing. Intelligence detached from God becomes distorted or **“perverted.”**

56 **Clue** Sudden Calamity, Unrest, Terrorism

 **Isaiah 47:11]** *“Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from where it riseth, and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off, desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou shalt not know.”*

Isaiah describes ETB entering a period of sudden terror, fear, and national shock. The nation that once felt secure is overtaken by unexpected calamity. The language is abrupt: *“evil **shall** come” – “mischief **shall** fall” – “desolation **shall** come suddenly.”*

America understands that atmosphere more than previous generations ever imagined:

- ⚠ Terror attacks
- ⚠ Domestic unrest
- ⚠ Cyber threats
- ⚠ Mass violence
- ⚠ Infrastructure vulnerability
- ⚠ Growing fear and uncertainty




A nation once insulated by oceans suddenly realizes it is vulnerable. The transition from confidence to unease, from stability to nervous exhaustion. Beneath the noise of entertainment and technology lies a growing sense that something is deeply wrong and that modern systems may be far more fragile than people assume. The frightening part is that ETB cannot stop what is coming: *“...thou shalt not know from whence it riseth...”* The civilization’s technology, intelligence systems, military power, and wealth fail to prevent the sudden shaking that overtakes the nation.



Modern societies are increasingly vulnerable to asymmetric threats, cyberattacks, terrorism, infrastructure disruption, financial instability, and psychological warfare amplified by nonstop media and digital communication. Fear now spreads globally within minutes. Isaiah foresaw a Babylon overtaken by sudden terror and destabilization shortly before catastrophic judgment arrived (Luke 21:25-26; 1 Thess. 5:3; Rev. 18:8-10; Ezek. 7:25-26).

57 **Clue** Endless Committees

 **Isaiah 47:13]** *“Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee.”*

Isaiah describes Babylon drowning in endless counsel, planning, advisors, and human solutions. The nation becomes overwhelmed by committees, experts, bureaucracies, analysts, and intellectual systems—all attempting to solve problems the civilization itself created. The phrase *“wearied in the multitude of thy counsels”* paints the picture of a civilization exhausting itself through endless human reasoning while drifting further from God. **That sounds remarkably modern.**



End-stage societies repeatedly carried this atmosphere of institutional exhaustion—a civilization buried beneath administration, management, procedure, data, and noise while losing the moral and spiritual foundations necessary to hold society together.


58 Astrology

Isaiah says, “...let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee...” This reveals another shocking characteristic of ETB—its dependence upon occult guidance and counterfeit spiritual wisdom. ETB turns to astrologers, prognosticators, and mystical voices for direction instead of seeking God.

America is experiencing this eerie spiritual drift—a society abandoning biblical foundations while desperately experimenting with substitute spiritualities, self-created truth systems, and psychological mysticism to fill the vacuum left behind.

Then Isaiah delivers the crushing irony from God: “...**stand up, and save thee...**” All the astrologers, experts, mystics, and spiritual advisors ETB trusted prove powerless when judgment finally arrives.

59 Abandoned


 **Isaiah 47:15]** *“Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou has labored, even thy merchants, from thy youth; they shall wander every one to his quarter; none shall save thee.”*

Isaiah says, “...none shall save thee.” What a chilling conclusion. After all the wealth, power, technology, military strength, commerce, advisors, and global influence, ETB ultimately stands alone, despite trading with the world “... from thy youth.”

That perfectly matches Revelation 18, where the kings and merchants of the earth stand afar off, watching Babylon burn. They mourn her destruction—but **they do not come to save her**. That detail matters. When judgment falls, the world distances itself from Babylon rather than risking destruction alongside her.


Let's now circle back to Revelation 18, which we studied in Lesson 16 (Commercial Babylon), and review a few passages.

60 Luxuries and Abundance

 **Rev. 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.”*


Not only does this passage echo Isaiah 47:15 by showing foreign merchants and shippers trading with end-time Babylon, but it also declares that they “became rich through the abundance of her delicacies.” The Greek word “delicacies” is better translated as “luxuries.” In other words, the merchants of the earth grow wealthy by supplying and feeding Babylon's extravagant lifestyle.

61 Arrogance and Overconfidence

 **Rev. 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.”*

Babylon speaks with absolute confidence and pride. She believes herself untouchable echoing **Isa. 47:8** — “I am, and none else beside me...” The civilization becomes convinced that its prosperity, technology, military strength, and global influence guarantee permanent security.


62 Clue Money Makers

 **Rev. 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,”*

ETB becomes the engine of global wealth and luxury. Nations, rulers, corporations, and merchants all profit through their connection to her.



63 Clue The Great City

 **Rev. 18:10]** *“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.”*

Just as London represents Britain, Paris represents France, and Moscow represents Russia, so the mere mention of a great city called “Babylon” will represent a huge and powerful end-time nation. Some scholars believe “Babylon” represents a large city that is also synonymous with the end-time nation, thus the comingled reference.

If Babylon does represent the United States of America, and no one can say with absolute certainty, only one city is the global financial capital (Wall Street), has massive wealth concentration, centers international diplomacy (UN headquarters), controls global commerce and maritime goods distribution, and exports cultural (media, finance, policy).




One thing is for certain: although God’s wrath will fall upon the great city, His judgment will impact the entire ETB nation: *“I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him.”* **Jeremiah 50:32.**

64 Clue Broken Hearted Merchants

The merchants mourn because Babylon made them rich. The world economy becomes so dependent upon Babylon that her collapse devastates global commerce. The businessmen of the world stand helpless, watching the system that enriched them **disappear in a single hour**. That sounds remarkably modern in an interconnected global economy tied heavily to American finance, trade, shipping, technology, and consumption.

65 Clue Consuming Goods From All Over The World

 **Rev 18:12-13]** *“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, 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, and souls of men”*

Toward the end, ETB appears less like a manufacturing nation and more like the world's marketplace. She is the largest consumer of luxury goods, raw materials, manufactured products, and global cargo flowing constantly inward. Revelation foresaw an ETB heavily dependent upon worldwide imports shortly before a sudden collapse disrupted global commerce.

66 Clue Iron

Years ago, America was the world's leading steel producer. Babylon imports industrial materials on a massive scale. Iron represents infrastructure, manufacturing, machinery, weapons, and industrial dependency. Check this out—despite its wealth and power, modern America increasingly relies upon foreign steel, metals, manufacturing components, and industrial supply chains tied to overseas production.



67 Clue Oil

Oil was one of the most valuable commodities in the ancient world, tied to commerce, energy, transportation, and wealth. The oil mentioned here refers to olive oil; however, it could have a dual meaning in this context. Even while producing enormous quantities of oil domestically, America remains deeply connected to global energy markets, foreign oil systems, shipping lanes, and international energy dependence.



68 Clue Slavery


Babylon's commercial system ultimately commodifies human beings themselves. The phrase "*souls of men*" suggests more than ancient slavery alone. It points to exploitation, trafficking, corruption, and a civilization where human life becomes merchandise. As ETB becomes a more technologically advanced civilization, it slowly reduces people to consumers, data points, labor units, and commodities while losing sight of the image of God in man.



Ezekiel 39 contains some phrases that some scholars believe refer to ETB. These references are found along with the words of judgment coming upon Gog and Magog (Russia). This is associated with the time of the Ezekiel 38/39 war.



69 Clue Dwelling Securely

 **Ezekiel 39:6]** *"And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the LORD."*

Ezekiel describes a people living with a deep sense of safety, distance, and security. The word "carelessly" in Hebrew means a place of refuge, safety, or "securely" and carries the idea of confidence without fear—life continuing normally while danger quietly approaches. Few nations in history have enjoyed the geographic security America has possessed.

70 Clue The Farthest Parts

Some scholars read this phrase "*...them that dwell carelessly in the isles...*" as imagery that points to distant coastlands, remote regions, and nations separated from the central biblical world by great distances and waters basically "beyond the sea" or "farthest parts." They connect these "*isles*" and distant coastlands with powerful latter-day nations far removed geographically from Israel, yet central to end-times commerce and influence.

The same Hebrew word is also used in several interesting verses in conjunction with definitive locations - Jeremiah 25:22 - "*...the kings of the coasts which are beyond the sea...*"

Also in Isaiah 41:5 – “The coasts saw it, and feared; the ends of the earth were afraid...” Around the time the destructive fires fall on Magog (Russia), they will apparently also descend upon the “coastlands,” which are “beyond the sea” and at “the ends of the earth.”

Recap

I believe God did not provide these vivid prophetic word pictures merely to be ignored. There is a reason He wants us to understand that judgment will one day fall swiftly upon Satan’s earthly system. His purpose is not to produce fear and terror, but to bring men into a right relationship with Him.

The Bible describes a powerful end-time nation as both “Babylon” and “the Daughter of Babylon.” This latter-day Babylon is portrayed as the youngest of the great nations, born from a motherland and composed of a mixed multitude—a true melting pot of peoples and nationalities. She is depicted as the wealthiest of nations, a global center of commerce, manufacturing, and agricultural abundance, once described as a golden cup in the Lord’s hand. Her location is west of Jerusalem, “beyond the rivers of Ethiopia.” This end-time power is also shown as a massive consumer of the world’s goods, with merchant ships filling its many harbors. Her land is fully developed and measured out, marked by vast cities, advanced infrastructure, air travel, and immense military strength.

Babylon and her people, once known as the “lady of kingdoms,” become consumed with pleasures, luxuries, and worldly knowledge. In time, she grows arrogant toward the Lord of Heaven. She gives herself over to drugs, occult practices, and widespread immorality. Perversion becomes normalized, while the sins and corruption of her leaders are exposed before the world. Rumors of coming calamity and terror drive many to flee her great cities and seek refuge elsewhere. The once “glory of kingdoms” ultimately comes under the chastening hand of the very God who made her great.

– Who do you think fits the identity of the end-time Babylon/Daughter of Babylon? –

Next Lesson: Read Revelation Chapter 19, **The Return of the King!**

