SOUND THE ALARM!

One of the first things you learn when you begin military boot camp is to stay awake on guard duty. NEVER FALL ASLEEP ON GUARD DUTY! The Sergeant of the Guard or Officer of the Day may come strolling through your post about 4:00 in the morning and you had better be alert and sound the alarm! Believe me, dozing off or keeping still comes at a painful price!

After I got out of bootcamp back in the days before the Vietnam War, a young Marine on guard duty at Camp Pendleton had an interesting experience. A civilian car drove through his post early in the morning and the guard yelled – “Halt. Who goes there?”

The car kept going with his lights off so the young PFC cranked a live round into his M-1 and shot out one of the tires. Then he sounded the alarm – “Sergeant of the Guard . . . post number 3!”

By the time the Sergeant of the Guard got there, the young Marine had a Marine officer spread eagled against his car . . . and the officer just happened to be the Officer of the Day . . . “just out checking the security of the guard posts”!

The young Pfc. was called into his Company Commander’s office the next day . . . and PROMOTED to Lance Cpl. “Good job, Marine! You did the right thing!”

There IS a time to SOUND THE ALARM!

One of the most amazing and mysterious prophecies in the entire Bible is found in eighteenth chapter of Revelation. The prophecy describes an end-time city that is called “Babylon” . . . and the identity of the city is pretty much ignored by most Bible teachers. Afterall, whoever this Babylon is must be “over there somewhere” in the Middle East and it doesn’t have anything to do with us over here! Oh?

Maybe we would be wise take a closer look at that prophecy. The Lord doesn’t write things down in His Word just to fill pages in a book and to be ignored. The prophecies concerning end-time Babylon were put into the Scriptures for a reason.

The Lord issued a serious warning to the Prophet Ezekiel and to us today:

“Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore, hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from Me.” (Ezekiel 3:17-20)

We are to be watchmen on the wall and there is a time to SOUND THE ALARM!
A BRIEF PREVIEW OF END-TIME BABYLON:

The Bible describes a powerful end-time city and the nation it represents as “Babylon” and “The Daughter of Babylon.” Babylon will be the youngest of the great nations, born from a motherland, composed of a mixed multitude, a literal melting pot of all nationalities. Babylon is depicted as the most-wealthy of all nations, the world center of manufacturing, commerce, and agricultural production. Her location is to the west of Jerusalem, “beyond the rivers of Ethiopia.” This end-time society will also be a great consumer of the world’s products with merchant ships filling her many harbors. The land will be fully developed and mapped with many cities. Air travel and military security are some of her greatest assets.

Babylon and her people, who were once recognized as the “lady of kingdoms,” will become preoccupied with pleasures, luxuries, and higher education. She will also become arrogant in her attitude toward the Lord of heaven. She will give herself to drugs, occultic practices and great immorality. Perversion will become her accepted lifestyle. The sins of her national leaders will be exposed for all the world to see. The rumor of coming terrorism will cause multitudes to flee from her cities and seek shelter in their own homelands. The once “glory of kingdoms” will come under the chastening hand of the Lord Who Himself made her great.

described as a city perched out in the middle of the Iraqi desert fifty miles south of Bagdad!

The pronouncements of coming judgment upon end-time Babylon should capture our attention, or at least tickle our curiosity. Since it is described in the Book of Revelation, it will obviously be a major player during the time of the Tribulation and if you believe that we are living in the latter days before the Rapture of the Church and the onslaught of the Tribulation, Babylon must obviously exist somewhere in the world today.

Join me as we take a closer look and see if you can identify this great end-time city that is facing total annihilation in just one hour.

WHICH BABYLON?

There are a multitude of prophecies in both the Old and New Testaments that describe this mysterious end-time city and the nation it represents.

Historically there are several different “Babylons” identified throughout the Scriptures:

ANCIENT RELIGIOUS BABYLON: The first “Babylon,” of course, is the oldest, which I refer to as “ancient religious Babylon.” The original city was established by Nimrod and was characterized by the “tower whose top may reach heaven.” The followers of Nimrod began the cult that still exists today as theyworshipped Nimrod’s mother Semiramis whom they called the “The Mother of god.” Details of God’s judgment upon this ancient society can be found on the pages of Scripture in Genesis, chapter 11.

HISTORICAL BABYLON: Historical Babylon was the first great world empire which came to the zenith of its power under the leadership of King Nebuchadnezzar. Eleven years before the devastating destruction of Jerusalem in 586 BC, Daniel and a number of other young promising Jews were taken to the city of Babylon during what is called the First Deportation (597 BC). It was there that God propelled Daniel to national leadership and influence in the King’s palace, and God gave him many wonderful opportunities to be a spokesman and witness of the greatness of the one true God, Jehovah.

SADDAM’S REBUILT BABYLON: Some Bible students believe that all the prophecies about Babylon have already been fulfilled or are related to the destruction of a future rebuilt city in the desert sands of Iraq. Before Desert Storm, there had been a modern rebuilding effort that had taken place by

WHO IS THIS BABYLON?

Many scholars and Bible teachers believe that Babylon will be the rebuilt city where King Nebuchadnezzar once ruled his impressive empire. The city will supposedly be suddenly and miraculously rebuilt and become one of the greatest cities in the modern world . . . a global economic center . . . the consumer of products from all over the modern world.

There are a couple of problems with that thinking:

#1 The rebuilding of Babylon hasn’t even begun . . . and the rebuild would put a timeline on the events that will occur during the Tribulation. This would also put a timeline on the coming of Jesus for His born-again Bride . . . the event that we refer to as the Rapture of the Church.

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 1 Corinthians 15:51-52)

#2 Whoever this end-time Babylon is, it will be a great seaport city with merchants coming from all over the world. End-time Babylon is not
Saddam Hussein, the infamous “Butcher of Baghdad” who envisioned himself as the reincarnated King Nebuchadnezzar.

Saddam made quite an impressive attempt to rebuild the famous city of Babylon, but the restored city was anything but the great economic and military power that is described in the eighteenth chapter of Revelation. Whoever the modern-day Babylon is will impact the rest of the world, economically, politically and militarily. With the fall of Saddam and his tyrannical government, it is uncertain what the future of his ancient “city” will be, but it is doubtful that it will ever equal the splendor or power of the city under ancient King Nebuchadnezzar or that is presented in the Book of Revelation.

**THE DESCRIPTION OF END-TIME BABYLON**

**Revelation Chapter 18**

1. **THE CENTER of GREAT ABUNDANCE and LUXURY:** End-time Babylon will be a land that overflows with wealth and luxury as we read in Revelation 18:7 – “How much she has glorified herself and lived luxuriously . . .” Her wealth will be the envy of the world as we see in verse 3 – “… the merchants of the earth are grown rich through the abundance of her delicacies.”

   Babylon will apparently be an economic trading center as the merchants of the world will “become rich through the abundance of her delicacies.” “Delicacies” is better translated “luxuries” in the Greek language. The merchants of the earth will become wealthy because of the luxurious and consumptive lifestyle of the end-time Babylonians.

2. **PRIDE and ARROGANCE:** “How much she hath glorified herself and lived luxuriously.” (Revelation 18:7) This prophetic description expresses the great spirit of pride and arrogance that will permeate end-time Babylon. She will boast of her great success and riches, not realizing that the God Who Provides is the One to whom all glory is due. He will not share His glory with anyone. Truly, pride cometh before a fall.

3. **OVERCONFIDENCE:** Babylon will be at rest in overconfidence when her people declare – “I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.” (Revelation 18:7) This self-confident spirit that “nothing bad can ever happen here” will be suddenly upended. “We can handle it” will be the attitude of the people of end-time Babylon even as they careen down an immoral and reckless pathway that demands eventual judgment.

4. **A GREAT CITY:** “… Babylon, that mighty city…” (verse10) Just as London represents Britain, Paris represents France, and Moscow represents...
Russia, so the mere mention of the great city called “Babylon” will represent a huge and powerful end-time nation. Babylon also represents a nation with many cities as we discover in the writings of the Prophet Jeremiah who devoted two entire chapters describing Babylon and its downfall – “I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him.” Jeremiah 50:32

5. THE GREAT CONSUMER: “And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more . . .” (verse 11) What a reason to mourn – when Babylon is destroyed there will be no one to buy their trinkets!

The point should be emphasized again – at the time of her destruction, end-time Babylon will be the greatest consumer of merchandise the world has ever seen and her sudden demise will undoubtedly affect the economy of the entire world.

6. IMPORTS: Revelation 18:12-13 presents an extensive list of the “merchandise” consumed by Babylon. The list includes many precious and expensive items, spices, foods and even “oil”, “iron”, “chariots” (automobiles?) and the “slaves and souls of men (human trafficking?)”.

7. DRUG CAPITAL OF THE WORLD: Apparently, the people of end-time Babylon will be addicted to drugs, whether legal or illegal. We read in Revelation 18:23 – “. . . for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.” “Sorceries” is the Greek word “pharmakeia” from which we derive the word pharmacy.

**Jeremiah Chapter 50**

Two entire chapters in the Book of Jeremiah (50 and 51) are given to the description and pronouncement of judgment upon a future society to be known as Babylon. The LORD begins by declaring – “The Word that the LORD spoke against Babylon.” What a sobering and over-whelming statement that is.

God, by His very nature, is the Lord of love, forgiveness, mercy and grace. 2 Peter 3:9 says – “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise . . . but is longsuffering toward us, NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH, but that all should come to repentance.”

The statement that the LORD is “against” Babylon is an indication that they will have apparently pushed the limit of His patience and grace. They may have had ample opportunities to turn to Him in repentance but rejected His pleas.

The God who extended His mercy to a godless society like ancient Nineveh invites all men and nations to turn to Him and live . . . but woe to any nation that has had the Word of God and has carelessly spurned it! God’s mercy eventually comes to an end.

8. LATTER DAYS: Babylon is described as a nation that exists during the time that the people of Israel will begin returning to their land. “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 50:4)

What an incredible time to be living! We are witnessing the early stages of God’s chosen nation returning to their land. Jewish immigrants from all over the world are once again turning their hearts toward the land of their promised dreams.

However, most of them are not yet returning in repentance and faith in their Messiah. Like the valley full of dry bones (Ezekiel chapter 37) they have begun coming together, bone to bone, but as a nation, there is no spiritual breath in them – “. . . there was a noise and behold, a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above, but there was no breath in them.” Ezekiel, 37:7-8

Genuine, born-again believers who have placed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, rejoice at seeing the prosperity of the people of Israel. They are once again returning to their land, and we rejoice with them. But God’s greatest work, turning the hearts of the nation toward Him and re-gathering them in mass, is yet future. Scripture tells us that someday the nation of Israel will recognize their Messiah whom they have rejected and crucified, and then millions will return to the land of their forefathers. It is during these last days when the people of Israel are once again beginning to return to their land, that the “the daughter of Babylon” will exist.

9. FLEE! The people of Israel will flee out of Babylon – “Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land . . .” (Jeremiah 50:8) The day is coming when thousands, perhaps even millions of people will panic and abandon their homes to seek a place of safety and refuge. The fact that they will flee from everything they have known and loved paints a pathetic picture of calamity that is destined upon the end-time “daughter of Babylon.”

Such panic that would create this kind of mass exodus from a modern-day nation is beyond our comprehension. Jeremiah 51:46 may offer us a clue why there would be such a fearful evacuation – “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 . . .”

What kind of rumor would cause such mass hysteria that people would flee their homes and seek refuge in their ancestral homelands? Will it be fear of weapons of mass destruction in the hands of madmen and terrorists? Time will tell.
10. **A SAFE HAVEN FOR JEWS:** There is another important description to observe in the preceding verse (Jeremiah 50:8) as God warns His people – “**Flee out of the midst of Babylon.**” This statement would imply that multitudes of the people of Israel will have been dwelling in end-time Babylon, and God tells them to run.

This cannot possibly be referring to modern-day Iraq where efforts had been made to revive the historic city of Babylon by Saddam Hussein. Iraq is far from being a safe refuge for Jews. End-time Babylon however, will have obviously been a safe haven for Jews, and God warns the people of His chosen nation to flee to their homeland before the fires of judgment fall.

11. **BORN FROM A MOTHERLAND:** End-time Babylon will be born from a motherland – “Your mother shall be completely confounded, she that bore you shall be ashamed.” (Jeremiah 50:12) This passage obviously does not refer to the oldest of nations which was historical Babylon. How many nations can we name that claim they were “born” from a “motherland?”

12. **A SHRIVELED-UP MOTHER:** Referring to the “mother of Babylon,” the LORD uses very interesting language in describing her. According to Jeremiah, she will become “completely confounded.” The Hebrew word for confounded means “completely dried up or pale.” The word describes a nation that has shriveled up and lost all its strength.

Such a description would make us think of a nation like England who has given birth to many nations. On January 16, 1968, the United Press International released an article under the caption of “The Nightfall Of An Empire.” The article states, “Britain yesterday abandoned her role as a world power. British Prime minister Wilson’s announcement before the House of Commons came after more than thirty-one hours of agonizing soul-searching by the British Cabinet.”

There was a time when Brits proudly claimed that the sun never set on their empire. Those days are gone forever, and the British world-wide empire has literally vanished.

13. **A SHAMEFUL MOTHERLAND:** The “mother” of end-time Babylon will be ashamed – “Your mother shall be completely confounded, she that bore you shall be ashamed.” (Jeremiah 50:12) One wonders what would cause such shame: Will the “mother” of end-time Babylon forsake her “daughter” in the hour of her daughter’s greatest need?

14. **THE YOUNGEST OF NATIONS:** End-time Babylon will be clearly identified as the youngest of the great nations – “**Behold the hindermost of the nations**” (Jeremiah 50:12). Hindermost means last, or youngest. Whoever this great nation is, it will be one that is relatively young compared to the ancient nations of the world.

15. **A SINFUL NATION:** End-time Babylon – “**. . . hath sinned against the LORD,**” (verse 14) What nation has NOT sinned against the holiness of God? But this nation, the “daughter of Babylon,” is destined to judgment and total ruin because of some sin that God deplores. What sin could possibly be so grave as to trigger the destructive wrath of the Righteous, Holy and Just God?

Could it be the thrusting of His Name out of all public life, or the acceptance of evil and perversion? Could it be the terrible slaughter of the innocent as performed at so-called “women’s health clinics?” Whatever it is, God is not pleased with end-time Babylon, and judgment WILL someday fall!

There is a very revealing text in the Bible that details the downward spiral that caused God to destroy ancient Sodom – “**Behold, this is the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. And they were haughty, and committed abomination before Me, therefore I took them away as I saw good.**” Ezekiel 16:49

Pride, prosperity and perversion were the trademarks of ancient Sodom and the other cities of the plain. God’s wrathful judgment upon that whole society fell suddenly, and only a few who believed in the Lord escaped His sudden fury.

There is nothing sinful about having plenty of food to eat or even an abundance of pleasant things and leisure time. But, when pleasures and possessions become the full end of man, he becomes proud, greedy, and often very immoral. Perversion is only one step away from a totally immoral and depraved society. These were the downward steps that led to Sodom’s destruction.

16. **FALLEN FOUNDATIONS:** End-time Babylon will have lost her moral sense of direction – “her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down.” (verse 15) When any nation begins to throw off restraint by outlawing the God of heaven and His laws, that nation faces unbelievable trials and just retribution.

It should also be noted that end-time Babylon obviously had “foundations” at one time. In stark contrast, ancient Babylon never did have any kind of moral foundations.

17. **AGRICULTURAL GIANT:** Babylon will be a great agricultural production center, but the day will come when the workers will suddenly abandon their crops in the field and run in panic. “**Cut off the sower in Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest; for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn everyone to his own land.**” (verse 16)

One day Jew and Gentile alike (as well as immigrant farmworkers) will
flee from Babylon in sheer panic. Even those living in rural areas, which are usually considered a refuge and place of safety, will someday run in terror. What a terrible picture of future mayhem.

18. THE HAMMER OF THE EARTH: End-time Babylon is referred to as “the hammer of the whole earth.” (Jeremiah 50:23) End-time Babylon will be a nation that is a great manufacturing giant. Babylon will be a nation that works and gets things done. The hammer in this verse is not speaking of a destructive weapon but of a mighty hammer of production and tool of commerce and development.

19. STRIVING AGAINST THE LORD: Babylon will be characterized as a land that is “striving against the LORD.” (Jeremiah 50:24) End-time Babylon will apparently have liberal justices, legislators and educators who will make every effort to expel God and His moral standards from their society.

20. STOREHOUSES: Jeremiah 50:26 refers to the many food “storehouses” of end-time Babylon. Whoever this end-time Babylon is, it is a land of great plenty!

21. ARROGANT: Babylon will be a proud nation. National pride is one thing, but a haughty proud spirit is hated by God. “. . . she hath been proud against the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel.” (Jeremiah 50:29)

The people of end-time Babylon will exalt and defy man in the place of God. Humanism will become the accepted religion of the land. Children will be taught to trust in themselves and the “system” because man thinks that he is able to determine his own destiny without the LORD.

22. MANY CITIES: Babylon will be a land of many “cities” (Jeremiah 50:32). This verse all by itself should convince us that end-time Babylon is more than the forty-acre project of Saddam Hussein in rebuilding ancient Babylon!

23. A PEOPLE ON THE GO: Babylon will be a land with a fully developed transportation system and numerous roads. Verse 37 makes reference to their “horses and chariots” which is the term that an ancient prophet would use to describe vehicles of transportation.

24. MIXED MULTITUDE: Babylon will be made up of a mixed multitude. She will be the melting pot of the world. Verse 37 mentions the “mixed people,” and the word mixed is literally translated “mongrel people” or “mixed race.” It should be noted that immigrants are not knocking down the doors trying to enter Iraq, the homeland of ancient Babylon. Obviously, the prophet was not speaking about old, historic Babylon, but about a young and vibrant melting pot of all nationalities.

25. FEMINISTIC SOCIETY: “They shall become like women . . .” (Jeremiah 50:37) may be referring to the society becoming feministic. The feminists’ agenda is world-wide, but especially in the United States where it is having a devastating impact upon the entire nation.

College campuses are beginning to complain about the decreasing number of male students. On many university campuses men are outnumbered by women nearly two to one. Little wonder! With the exorbitant cost of education, who wants to be continually lectured about the evils of manhood?

26. TREASURES ROBBED: “A sword is upon her treasuries, and they shall be robbed.” (Jeremiah 50:37) It is interesting to note that inflation continues to rob people of their wealth, to say nothing of the graduated income tax which is a world-wide curse.

27. DROUGHT: Verse 18 declares that “a drought is upon her waters and they shall be dried up.” This is surely not referring to a desert area like Iraq which experiences continual drought.

28. LAND OF MANY INVENTIONS: Babylon shall be the land of ingenuity and inventions – “. . . it is the land of carved images, and they are mad over their idols.” (verse 38) In addition to being a land of idol worship, the people of end-time Babylon will be obsessed with their possessions . . . look around some day and observe people’s infatuation with their cell phones and modern gadgets!

29. DAUGHTER OF BABYLON: The phrase “daughter of Babylon” is found in verse forty-two of this fiftieth chapter of Jeremiah. This obviously was referring to a younger descendant of Babylon and not to the ancient nation.

Jeremiah Chapter 51

30. GOLDEN CUP: Babylon is described as “a golden cup in the LORD’s hand.” (Jeremiah 51:7) This obviously was not referring to the wicked and ruthless nation under Nebuchadnezzar but points to an end-time nation that will have been greatly blessed by the Lord of Heaven.

31. EVIL INFLUENCE: End-time Babylon is also accused of making the nations of the earth “drunk.” (Jeremiah 51:7) The cultural, materialistic, and immoral impact of Babylon will be deplorable.
An example of this type of evil world-wide influence can be observed in our own beloved country which is leading the world in the production and printing of porn and filth. When you travel abroad you will be amazed at the impact of the filthy lyrics and the rancid “music” of MTV. I visited Russia several years ago and felt ashamed that the people were watching the worst of our entertainment industry. While people from other countries enjoy our foul entertainment, their opinion of “Christian” America is that she is a land of moral pollution . . . and they are right.

32. DWELLING UPON MANY WATERS: “Thou that dwellest upon many waters” (Jeremiah 51:13) probably refers to a nation with many coastlands and ocean ports . . . such is not the case with Iraq, the homeland of ancient Babylon which has no ocean port.

33. A WEALTHY NATION: The phrase “abundant in treasures” (Jeremiah 51:13) is crystal clear. End-time Babylon will be wealthy beyond comprehension. It is estimated that 7% of the world’s population owns 50% of the world’s wealth!

34. INTELLECTUALLY STUPID: Verse 17 seems so ironic -- “Every man is stupid by his knowledge.” How can a person become stupid by knowledge? The fact is, “the fear of the LORD is the be-ginning of wisdom.” Higher education without the knowledge of the LORD is vain and totally bankrupt.

35. AGAINST ISRAEL: God refers to the “evil that they have done in Zion.” (Jeremiah 51:24) On the surface, that couldn’t possibly apply to the United States of America. After all, we have been one of Israel’s most loyal friends. But the fact is, in past years our State Department has supported the Palestinians time after time and our leaders have pressured the State of Israel to trade land for peace.

It would appear that every time we have sided against the people of Israel in giving up their God-given land for peace, some kind of natural disaster has befallen our country. It may be more than mere coincidence that soon after we were involved with brokering the agreement to give the Gaza Strip to the Palestinians, we were faced with several severe hurricanes. God’s promise to Abraham is still in effect – “I will bless them that bless you and curse them that curse you.” Genesis 12:3 Who are we, or any nation for that matter, to give away the land that God claims as His own? Even Israel’s leaders may have to learn that God’s land is not theirs to barter away.

36. PRAISE OF EARTH: Babylon is referred to as “the praise of the whole earth.” (verse 41) Such was certainly not the case of wicked ancient Babylon under the cruel leadership of King Nebuchadnezzar.

37. IDOL WORSHIPPERS: God declared that He will “punish Bel” (Jeremiah 51:44) when He sends wrathful destruction upon Babylon. “Bel” refers to the wicked worship of Baal which was characterized by the ungodly slaughter and sacrifice of children.

38. MOUNT UP TO HEAVEN: Jeremiah 51:53 is one of the most remarkable verses that describes end-time Babylon – “Though Babylon should mount up to heaven . . .” Could this verse be referring to the remarkable ventures of end-time Babylon in flight or possibly space?

39. MILITARY STRENGTH: Jeremiah 51:53 continues -- “. . . and though she should fortify the height of her strength . . .” This description may refer to the strength of the armed forces of end-time Babylon. This passage may also be referring to the development of a powerful air force or space missile defense system.

40. DRUNKEN LEADERSHIP: The next description is very sobering – “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.” (Ezechiel 31:8)

We learn from the Bible that “perpetual sleep” is another grave judgment that falls upon mankind when he forgets the God who created him. Whenever men boast “I will not believe,” soon they cannot believe.

When people fail to give glory to the Creator, God gives them over to immorality. (Romans 1:21-24)

When a nation fails to repent of immorality, God gives them over to perversion. (Romans 1:26-27)

When a nation fails to repent of perversion, God gives them over to a reprobate mind. (Romans 1:28)

A “reprobate mind” is a mind that is incapable of making wise choices. It is a mind that is 180 degrees out of phase from the wisdom and counsel of God. The most insignificant decisions become continual blunders. Example: This is the current spiritual condition of the United States. Our public school system is incapable of making wise choices. Many young people graduating from high school cannot even read. Our answer to this problem is to invest more money and continue to convince youngsters there is no God and no right or wrong. We will have nothing to do with anything that remotely hints of the Judeo-Christian ethic and then wonder why we can’t solve our social problems.
The thirteenth chapter of Isaiah deals primarily with the final destruction of that great end-time land called “Babylon.” We will deal with that in depth in another section. There are several phrases, however, which add to the clear descriptions of end-time Babylon.

41. LAND OF INIQUITY: “I will punish the world for their iniquity.” (verse 11) Babylon, along with many other nations, faces the judgment of God for its evil.

42. NATIONAL ARROGANCE: The LORD declares – “I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible . . .” (verse 11) Nothing is more deplorable in the eyes of a holy and righteous God than pride and arrogance.

Ancient King Nebuchadnezzar once congratulated himself for the greatness of his kingdom and glory. You can read about his humbling experience of eating grass with the cattle of the field for seven years in Daniel chapter 4.

43. GLORY OF KINGDOMS: God refers to end-time Babylon as the “glory of kingdoms.” What a wonderful title but it could not possibly be referring to the wicked ancient Babylon.

Isaiah Chapter 18

No actual reference to “Babylon” or the “daughter of Babylon” is made in Isaiah chapter 18. However, there are striking verbal descriptions that apparently apply to an end-time nation that sounds remarkably like a highly technical end-time nation. You be the judge who the prophet may be describing.

44. SHADOWING WITH WINGS
“Woe to the land shadowing with wings.” (verse 1) Is this a reference to the land whose national insignia is an eagle? Possibly but unlikely. I prefer to think it is probably referring to a land whose skies are filled with aircraft.

In the Hebrew language the word “shadowing” is actually translated “quivering,” “ rattling” or “vibrating.” Speak to anyone who lives under the flight pattern of large commercial or military jets coming and going and ask them if their house ever vibrates or rattles. If their house doesn’t rattle, their nerves probably do! End-time Babylon will apparently be a nation with an incredible amount of commercial air traffic!

45. WEST OF JERUSALEM: Verse one of Isaiah chapter 18 even pinpoints the general location of the end-nation destined for judgment and destruction – “beyond the rivers of Ethiopia . . .”

In this passage, the Lord is describing a nation that is located to the west beyond Ethiopia. Ancient Babylon was east of Jerusalem, but this end-time nation is to the west, “beyond the rivers of Ethiopia.” The Hebrew word “beyond” is better translated “over beyond.” What a remarkable prophetic description of a nation beyond Africa and the seas!

46. MANY AMBASSADORS: “That sendeth ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters . . .” (Isaiah 18:2) Whoever this end-time nation is, it will be a nation that dispatches ambassadors and peacemakers all over the world.

47. A SCATTERED NATION: “Go ye swift messengers to a nation scattered . . .” (Isaiah 18:2) “Scattered” can be translated “planted and developed.” This reference is apparently about a country with great agricultural production, not to a country that is primarily a desert wasteland like so much of the Middle East and Iraq.

48. “DON’T TREAD ON ME!” “. . . to a people terrible from their beginning . . .” (Isaiah 18:2) In this passage, the ancient prophet was describing a people that are to be feared or respected. In the world’s vernacular, the people of this end-time nation will be a people “not to mess around with!” The military might and expertise of end-time Babylon will win the respect of nations all over the world.

49. A NATION MEASURED OUT: “. . . a nation measured out and trampled down . . .” (Isaiah 18:2) “Measured out” is thought by many to refer to a land that is plotted and mapped. Much of the modern world is on detailed maps that show topographical elevations, private and public lands, buildings, governmental lands and easements, and the list goes on and on. Totally mapped . . . a good description of an end-time nation!

50. A NATION TRAMPLED DOWN: “. . . a nation measured out and trampled down . . .” (Isaiah 18:2) This probably refers to a land of many roads and highways.

51. POLLUTED RIVERS: “. . . whose land the rivers have spoiled . . .” (Isaiah 18:2) Some Bible scholars understand “spoiled” to mean filthy or polluted rivers. Others believe that this is referring to a land which has become prosperous because of large rivers and the ability to transport goods on the nation’s waterways.

The mere existence of many rivers leads us to the conclusion that the
prophet was not referring to a vast desert wasteland such as modern-day Iraq, the land of ancient Babylon. End-time Babylon will be a land characterized by many rivers filled with commercial traffic.

**Isaiah Chapter 47**

Isaiah chapter 47 is ripe with many descriptions of “the virgin daughter of Babylon.” The prophet begins the chapter—“Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon.” There is little question as to whom this was directed—a young end-time descendant of ancient Babylon.

52. **A CALL FOR NATIONAL REPENTANCE:** God calls out to the “virgin daughter of Babylon.” (Isaiah 47:1) This is God’s call for national repentance very similar to Isaiah 1:18—“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.”

The “virgin daughter” is probably an appeal to a nation that has experienced the Lord’s protective care just as a father would protect and preserve the purity of his daughter.

53. **INNOCENCE LOST:** “. . . thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate” (Isaiah 47:1) is an indictment against a nation that was once young and innocent and has now turned to sin and debauchery. Example: Those of us who love our great land and know what it stood for and innocent and has now turned to sin and debauchery. Example: Those of us who love our great land and know what it stood for who have been mutilated and sacrificed in sadistic rituals. When this “game” matures, will children be at risk?

54. **NATIONAL EMBARRASSMENT:** “Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen . . .” (Isaiah 47:3) The purity of end-time Babylon will become polluted by ungodly, dishonest and immoral leaders and representatives . . . exposed for all the world to see.

55. **TARNISHED TESTIMONY:** “. . . for thou shalt no more be called the lady of kingdoms . . .” (Isaiah 47:5) The testimony of moral integrity and purity will have become greatly blemished in end-time Babylon. Some Bible commentators have gone so far as to suggest that this reference to “the lady of kingdoms” could be speaking of our nation as depicted by our Statue of Liberty. Perhaps this is so, but I would personally hesitate to make this direct connection.

56. **SELF-CONFIDENT:** “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 47:7) End-time Babylon will be confident that her dress will never be wrinkled and that she cannot be brought down.

57. **FUN CAPITAL OF THE WORLD:** This description of end-time Babylon is very revealing—“thou are given to pleasures.” (Isaiah 47:8) The people of end-time Babylon will spend their time and efforts (and money) to be entertained.

58. **SAFE AND SECURE:** “thou dwellest securely . . .” (Isaiah 47:8) This Biblical phrase is without doubt referring to the security that will be enjoyed by the people of end-time Babylon and may refer to a land that is blessed with strong military and police protection.

59. **NO SORROW:** “. . . thou 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 47:8) The people of end-time Babylon will take pride that they have not known the pains of military invasions and national defeat.

60. **BEWITCHED BY WITCHCRAFT:** “. . . for the multitude of thy sorceries and for the great abundance of thine enchantments, . . .” (Isaiah 47:9) The Hebrew word for “sorceries” is literally “magic” or “witchcraft.” The people of end-time Babylon will become totally enamored with evil and the likes of Harry Potter. The theme of witchcraft is also a major part of video games and children’s cartoons which are capturing the minds and imaginations of an entire generation.

We have every reason to dread the future when we have abandoned spiritual values and embraced the occult. This is a very real problem on our school campuses where a growing number of students often dress in black and even wear black makeup as a symbol of their angry defiance and of the evil they openly embrace.

Infatuation with spiritual darkness and wickedness is justifiably, a great reason for alarm. Police officers tell us that they are finding dead animals that have been mutilated and sacrificed in sadistic rituals. When this “game” matures, will children be at risk?

61. **HIDDEN CRIME:** “For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness; thou hast said, None seeth me.” (Isaiah 47:10) White collar crime is growing at an alarming rate. This passage could very well be describing modern-day computer and identity theft where would-be criminals think they can remain invisible.

62. **INTELLECTUALLY STUPID:** “Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me.” (Isaiah 47:10) Knowledge without acknowledgement of God is
the goal of public schools and universities pretty much all over the world. No wonder so many parents here in America have opted for home-schooling . . . but multitudes of parents are not aware until it is too late that their children have been negatively impacted by a humanistic worldview thrust upon them by liberal college professors. These teachers seem to take special delight in shipwrecking the Biblical faith of their students.

63. ATTACKED BY TERRORISM? “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 off, desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou shalt not know.” (verse 11)

This passage could very well be a description of end-time terrorism. Many western countries now have numerous enemy terrorist cells living amongst their citizens who are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to shed innocent blood and wreak havoc. When an attack comes, people will be confused as to who the real enemy is and where the attack came from.

This verse even declares “thou shalt not be able to put it off, desolation shall come suddenly.” Terrorism thrives on the unsuspecting and ill-prepared. Our public leaders are even warning the public regarding future terrorists’ attacks – “It is a matter of when, not if.”

64. TALK, TALK, TALK

“Thou are wearied in the multitude of thy counsels.” (verse 13) End-time Babylon will apparently be the peacemaker of the world. Sometimes we all become weary of the unending rhetoric. Wherever or whatever the crisis, America is right in the middle of it. We have assumed the role of the “defenders of freedom,” but sometimes it seems that America makes enemies by forcing ourselves into the center of every dispute.

65. ASTROLOGY: “Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee.” (Isaiah 47:13) It may surprise many people that our military leaders consulted mediums and astrological charts in selecting attack dates for many of the battles of World War II.

To this day, horoscope readings and mediums play a major role in what many modern-day people do and when they do it. In mockery, God challenges all these mediums to give direction for rescuing a nation now doomed to judgment.

66. ABANDONED BY HER FRIENDS: “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 47:15)

This prophecy shall be more fully developed as we consider the destruction of Babylon in the following section. The prophets were simply declaring that all of the merchants that bring goods to Babylon will abandon her when her day of infamy begins.

**Ezekiel Chapter 39**

The Prophet Ezekiel does not specifically identify one of the nations involved in the Battle of Gog and Magog which apparently occurs at the beginning of the Tribulation and possibly immediately following the Rapture . . . but the descriptions are quite revealing: “And I will send a fire on Magog, and among those who dwell securely in the coastlands; and they shall know that I am the LORD.” Ezekiel 39:6

67. GREAT MILITARY MIGHT: “. . . those who dwell securely . . .” Whoever this nation is that enters a devastating conflict with “Gog of the land of Magog” (Russia), it will be a mighty military power. To dwell securely means simply that the people have no fear of foreign invasion or distant armies. This description certainly could fit the United States. No other nation on earth has such sophisticated weaponry and a well-trained military.

68. BEYOND THE SEA: “. . . in the coastlands . . .” This can be understood as “beyond the sea” or “farthest parts.” The same Hebrew word is used in several interesting verses in conjunction with definitive locations - Jeremiah 25:22 – “. . . the kings of the coasts which are beyond the sea . . .”

Isaiah 41:5 – “The coasts saw it, and feared; the ends of the earth were afraid . . .”

When 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.”

The Lord does not provide such clear word pictures just to be ignored. There is a reason that He wants end-time people to know that judgment will one day fall quickly. His purpose is not to cause terror, but to urge mankind to come into a proper relationship with Him through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Do you know Him personally as Redeemer and Lord?

“But God showed His love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 6:23

“For whosoever will call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved.” Romans 10:13
THE DESTRUCTION of “END-TIME BABYLON”

Writing this chapter is not a pleasant task. When I first began to seriously consider the Biblical prophecies of Babylon over forty years ago, I became overwhelmed with a sense of foreboding and sorrow.

I felt the same dismay when I visited the historic sites of Sodom and Gomorrah on the shores of the Dead Sea in Israel in 2005. As my three friends and I collected a bucket of sulfur pellets all of us were overwhelmed as we began to visualize what had actually happened there. We were standing on the site of a terrible and devastating judgment of God and it was a bit overwhelming.

The prospect that such a terrible scene of death and destruction will be repeated again on an even larger scale is almost too much to bear. Some-times we have to pick up the ash and rub it between our fingers to get the full impact of a story we have all grown accustomed to and the prophecies of things to come.

A BRIEF PREVIEW OF THE DESTRUCTION OF END-TIME BABYLON

According to the Prophetic Scriptures, the youngest, most wealthy, and mighty nation on earth will be suddenly attacked from the north and will be left in smoke and smoldering ashes in just one hour. What appears to be a full-scale nuclear war between two end-time nations will annihilate approximately 1/3 of the earth’s population (probably the entire northern hemisphere) and cause the earth to begin the pains of nuclear winter and fallout. The Old Testament prophets even described the earth reeling through space like a drunkard as the earth is apparently jolted off its orbit.

Jesus spoke of such calamity when He described the horrors of the Tribulation – “For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.” Matthew 24:21-22

I will list the Scriptures that speak of the future destruction of the “daughter of Babylon” . . . beginning with Jeremiah chapters 50 and 15:

God presented the details that are before us for a reason, and we must not ignore that which He has made so clear.

Jeremiah chapter 50

1. THE LORD SPOKE AGAINST BABYLON: The destruction of end-time Babylon will come at the direct command of God. “The Word that the LORD spoke against Babylon and against the land of the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the prophet . . .” (Jeremiah 50:1)

   It is interesting in this verse that God pronounced judgment upon Babylon AND the land of the Chaldeans. This may be an indication that His judgment will not only fall upon Babylon whom we have identified as a mighty end-time world power, the youngest of nations and center of commerce, but His judgment may also be directed against the “land of the Chaldeans,” the historic area of ancient Babylon which is in Iraq. The prophets often wrote with local and distant implications just as they prophesied of contemporary and future events.

2. SOUND THE ALARM: The message of Babylon’s doom is to be published to the nations – “Declare among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish and conceal not; say Babylon is taken . . .” (Jeremiah 50:2) There must be an urgency to warn the nation(s) of coming judgment. I, for one, am so prone to keep words of doom and gloom to myself, but the Lord of Light would have all of us warn others of impending darkness and the hope of the Gospel.

   We do not have to be hateful in warning our modern-world of coming judgment by presenting the message of God’s righteousness and coming wrath. In fact, if the message of the prophets does not break our hearts there is something terribly wrong with us. This was the heart of the psalmist when he declared – “They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.” Psalm 126:5-6

   The entire message of this booklet has been a heavy burden upon my heart for many years, and I present it with tears for those who are not ready.

3. ATTACK FROM THE NORTH: The attack against end-time Babylon will come from the north. “For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell in it; they shall remove themselves, they shall depart, both man and beast.” Jeremiah 50:3
Verse 9 of this chapter re-asserts the same declaration – “For lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country…”

It is interesting that “Gog of the land of Magog” (the king of Russia) has been described by the Prophet Ezekiel as coming “from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many peoples with thee.” Ezekiel 38:15

4. WHOLLY DESOLATE! The attack from the north will devastate the land of Babylon. “For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate.” (Jeremiah 50:3) The destruction is so thorough that any surviving men and animals will flee in utter panic. Most of us cannot even imagine such a dreadful day of calamity!

Verses 12 and 13 add to this descriptive fury – “…the hindermost (youngest) of the nations shall be a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert. Because of the wrath of the LORD it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate…”

What a horrific and graphic picture of total destruction – “wholly desolate!” Ground Zero at the devastated site of the Twin Towers was just that – “wholly desolate.”

5. MISSILES RIGHT ON TARGET: The taking of Babylon sounds like a pre-empted missile attack as we learn from Jeremiah 50:9 – “…from the north country…they shall set themselves in array; from there she shall be taken; their arrows shall be as of a mighty expert man; none shall return in vain.” Arrows (like missiles) are “launched” from one place to another. This is the picture the prophet was apparently painting for us.

The sudden attack from the north will be so effective that none of the “arrows” will miss their mark. There will be no deterring this massive air-strike as it descends suddenly from the north. God often uses one ungodly nation to bring judgment upon another. For example, the ruthless and wicked kingdom of ancient Babylon, under King Nebuchadnezzar, was used to bring chastening upon the sinful people of Jerusalem. The vile and cruel Assyrians were also used to disperse the ten tribes of northern Israel, just as God had warned.

6. SHOCKING BEYOND BELIEF: The destruction of Babylon will shock the nations. “…everyone that goeth by Babylon shall be appalled, and hiss at all her plagues…” (Jeremiah 50:13) We are often shocked at televised images of death and destruction from natural disasters, but nothing will match the aftermath of these coming days of utter ruin! The entire world will be stunned at the sudden devastation and aftermath of continuing death and suffering.

7. THE SOUND OF BATTLE: The SOUND of battle – “A sound of battle is in the land, and of great destruction.” (Jeremiah 50:22) How incredible that the prophets were given this kind of insight thousands of years before weapons of mass destruction were even invented!

8. THE EARTH IS MOVED: Whatever this “sound of battle” is, it must be very great with awesome power, because we read in Jeremiah 50:46 – “At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.”

The weapons that the LORD calls against Babylon (and Magog) will be so great that the earth will apparently and literally be moved out of orbit. Can you imagine such destructive power? Isaiah 13:13 adds to this terrible image of world-wide terror – “I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of its place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of His fierce anger.”

Isaiah also declared – “The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is thoroughly dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed…” Isaiah 24:19-20

9. MANY CITIES DESTROYED: According to the prophet, many cities will be destroyed during this time of international calamity. 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.” Who can deny that this sounds like the devastating power of nuclear warfare?

Add to this the words of Jeremiah 51:43 – “Her cities are a desolation, a dry land, and a wilderness, a land in which no man dwelleth, neither doth any son of man pass by it.”

10. JUST LIKE SODOM AND GOMORRAH: Babylon will be left in ashes just like Sodom and Gomorrah as the prophet proclaimed. “As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and their neighboring cities, saith the LORD, so shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell in her.” Jeremiah 50:40 God declared that the destruction of end-time Babylon will be total and complete…just like Sodom and Gomorrah!

11. PANIC: The knowledge that such an attack is forthcoming causes the leader of Babylon to panic as we read in Jeremiah 50:43 – “The king of Babylon hath heard the report of them, and his hands become feeble; anguish took hold of him, and pains as of a woman in travail.” Can you imagine the stress upon a leader who is aware of classified documentation of a forthcoming attack?
12. **DESTROYING WIND:** Little more needs to be said. We already get the picture of total devastation, but God continues with the terrible description of Babylon’s day of judgment and utter destruction – “Thus saith the LORD: Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against those who dwell in the midst of those who rise up against me, a destroying wind.” Jeremiah 51:1

We are all aware that one of the most destructive forces of a nuclear weapon is the incredible “destroying wind.” Who can deny that this ancient description would appear to be modern-day weapons of warfare?

13. **SUDDEN DEVASTATION:** The destruction of Babylon will come SUDDENLY, and there will be no time for protective measures. When the holocaust begins there will be no time to run and no place to hide. Jeremiah 51:8 – “Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed.”

The New Testament book of Revelation reveals the same overwhelming truth: “... For in one hour is thy judgment come.” Revelation 18:10

“For in one hour so great riches are come to nothing.” Revelation 18:17

“. . . for in one hour is she made desolate.” Revelation 18:19

Before the advent of our weapons of mass destruction, such a claim of total destruction in one hour seemed totally impossible. In today’s world we know that such devastation can happen in a moment’s time.

14. **NO SURVIVORS:** “And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwelling place for jackals, an horror, and an hissing, without an inhabitant.” (Jeremiah 51:37 See also vs. 29)

It should be noted that ancient Babylon was NOT destroyed. It was taken without a shot when the Persian army drained the Euphrates River and walked in under the walls of Babylon. The wicked King Belshazzar was assassinated, and the Babylonian Empire became the empire of the Medes and Persians!

The total destruction of Babylon as prophesied is a FUTURE EVENT!

15. **TSUNAMI!** This is an amazing prophecy and certainly could not be referring to a rebuilt city out in the sands of Iraq – “The sea is come up upon Babylon; she is covered with the multitude of its waves.”

Hollywood makes movies of this type of disaster . . . and the ancient Prophet Jeremiah spoke of this nearly 3,000 years ago! Can you imagine a huge tsunami wave coming in and wiping out a huge city like New York or some other ocean port?

16. **FROM THE END OF HEAVEN:** “They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the LORD, and the weapons of His indignation, to destroy the whole land.” Isaiah 13:5

The sudden attack against Babylon will apparently come as an air-strike from a great distance, and the entire land will be totally destroyed.

17. **THE DAY OF THE LORD:** The timing of this destructive judgment is detailed in Isaiah 13:6 where we read – “Wail, for the DAY OF THE LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.”

The message is repeated for emphasis in verse 9 – “Behold, the DAY OF THE LORD cometh, cruel, both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and He shall destroy the sinners out of it.”

According to the New Testament, the “Day of the LORD” will come suddenly and unannounced. “For yourselves know perfectly that the DAY OF THE LORD so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child, and they shall not escape.” 1 Thessalonians 5:2-3

Any woman who has ever given birth will tell you that the pains of birth come suddenly and without warning. In the middle of the night, often in the deepest of sleep, the pains begin, and there is no turning over and ignoring them. This is how God describes the “Day of the LORD.” Much more could be said about the “Day of the LORD” but one main observation is important in our brief study–The “Day of the LORD” is just the beginning of God’s direct intervention once again into the affairs of man and the people of Israel. The “Day of the Lord” marks the beginning of the Tribulation, and it will come suddenly and unannounced. That “day” will commence with a terrible night of suffering and destruction for those who are not prepared and are left behind.

There is cause for great hope in the midst of all of this. We read in 1 Thessalonians 5:3 and 4 – “. . . and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that day should overtake you as a thief.” A few shall escape this day of wrath. We will attempt to further develop this hopeful thought below.

18. **DARKNESS AND NUCLEAR WINTER:** Isaiah seemed to be describing a nuclear missile exchange and the aftermath of nuclear warfare.

“For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light; the sun shall be darkened in its going forth, and the moon shall not cause its light to shine.” Isaiah 13:10

Isaiah Chapter 13

The entire thirteenth chapter of Isaiah is given as another solemn warning to end-time Babylon and is deserving of much more study than we can present here. It seems like the Lord repeats His warnings time and time again so that some of us will take His words seriously and warn others to escape by placing their faith in the God Who Saves. There are no excuses for those who choose to ignore such clear warnings. SOUND THE ALARM!
In the terrible aftermath of this nuclear nightmare, as multiple nuclear weapons are detonated, darkness and sub-zero nuclear winter will inflict additional suffering upon the survivors. After the initial destruction of heat and wind, other terrible and devastating effects of this kind of weapon continue to be felt for months and even years. This type of weapon and its terrible results are described again in Isaiah 47:14 – “Behold, they shall be like stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame; there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it.”

I believe this passage is graphically describing the effects of nuclear winter. Suddenly, when the atmosphere is destroyed by fire and the air becomes too thick to breathe, winter darkness descends upon those that escaped the initial blast and fire. The survivors of such a nightmare may be the greatest victims.

19. THE UNFORTUNATE SURVIVORS: God is so explicit in His description of coming destruction that He gives us a picture of nuclear radiation and its misery. “Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man’s heart shall melt; And they shall be afraid. Pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; and they shall be in pain like a woman that travaileth. They shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames.” Isaiah 13:7-8

Imagine the utter panic that will fall upon the world when an all-out nuclear exchange takes place. There are no words that can fully describe such chaos and misery.

20. PEOPLE AS RARE AS GOLD: Isaiah 13:12 tells us that man will become rare in the aftermath of the destruction of Babylon – “I will make a man more rare than fine gold, even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.”

When I was younger, I spent some time dredging for gold in the streams of Colorado and California. I can assure you that gold is extremely rare and difficult to find. Even little nuggets hide themselves under rocks and sand in a gold pan, and only the discerning miner can find them. After the destruction of these mega-nations, man will become as rare as gold. It is hard to imagine such total devastation.

CONCLUSION: God is not a sadistic tyrant anxiously awaiting the opportunity to cast misery upon mankind. He has expressed His love to all men by sending His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to pay the penalty of sin for us by dying on the cross. His offer to mankind is forgiveness, eternal life and hope to all that will believe on Him and trust Him as Savior and Lord. Warnings of coming destruction are written because God is a God of mercy. He desires that all men everywhere will repent and turn to Him for forgiveness and the promise of eternal life through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The only place of real peace and security in this desperate world is in the shelter of His wings.

A FEW SHALL ESCAPE!

We have discovered that the ancient prophets of God painted a gloomy and depressing picture of death and destruction destined upon end-time nations as they hurl their weapons of mass destruction at one another. But despite these vivid prophecies there is reason to have hope.

GOOD NEWS: There were a few fortunate people who were delivered from the fiery destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Lot and his two daughters escaped because of the direct intervention of God.

Just as a few escaped the downpour of burning sulfur of those ancient cities’ judgment, so a few can confidently expect to be evacuated before the fires fall upon the unsuspecting end-time nations.

Let’s take a closer look at Sodom and Gomorrah and see how this confidence of deliverance can become ours:

“As it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.” Luke 17:28-29

GOD DELIVERED THE RIGHTEOUS, BEFORE HE DESTROYED THE UNRIGHTEOUS: Lot’s deliverance from Sodom before the blazeng fireballs fell is a pattern that was first seen in a previous episode in the Bible. The first example of God’s deliverance before destruction was demonstrated in the days of Noah.

“And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the day of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark and the flood came, and destroyed them all.” Luke 17:26-28

What happened during the days of the flood and the day when Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed will be repeated again in the future. After Noah and his family were DELIVERED into the ark, the floods came and DESTROYED the ungodly. That same pattern occurred with Lot and his two daughters who were believers in Jehovah. As soon as the angels had delivered them from the city of Sodom, the brimstone began to fall and totally destroyed the entire godless society. The New Testament Scriptures tell us that deliverance is the direct act of God.

“The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.” 2 Peter 2:9

The theme of the entire book of 2 Thessalonians is the assurance of the
believers deliverance from the wrathful Day of the Lord. The believers in Thessalonica were terrified that they had been “left behind” so Paul wrote to assure them that they would be spared from the wrath to come:

“... God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through the sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.” 2 Thessalonians 2:13

If you have never prayed to receive Christ as your personal Savior, I would encourage you to study the following illustrations and hopefully you will understand that you can have eternal hope by placing your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ Who died so that you can live:

**Got Questions?**

God bless you and help you to come to a personal knowledge of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ! If you have questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me. I will personally respond to any questions you may have.

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