

Overcoming the Spirit of Babylon (Dan 2:35-45)

There are **THREE Babylon(s) in the Bible.**

1. Tower of Babel
2. Ancient Babylon
3. Harlot Mystery Babylon

So far, we've left out one major player in the Middle East prophecy - Babylon. The study of prophecy is incomplete without Babylon. Babylon is both empire and a city. It has the longest Old Testament prophecy - 110 verses in Jer 50-51 (C.f. Is. 13-14, 47). They were responsible for destroying Judah and the Jerusalem temple. It has the longest NT prophecy (Rev 17-18). More than 10% of the book of Revelation is devoted to the subject (44 verses out of 404 verses). It is the last principality the saints of God will face worldwide.

Daniel faced the principalities of Babylon and Persia as the principalities of Greece and Rome were making their way in (c.f. Dan 10:13, 20). Daniel was victorious over both principalities. So also must God's people be.

A. Ancient Babylon

1. Overview of the World Power in Daniel's Vision of the Great Image (Idol) (c.f. Dan 2:31-45)

Image	Material (Hardness)	Empires	Parallel Beast (Daniel 7:2-7)	King	Year
Head	Gold (2.5-3.0)	Babylonian Empire	Lion with wings	Nebuchadnezzar	605-539BC (~70 years)
Chest & Arms	Silver (2.5-4.0)	Mede-Persian Empire	Bear with 3 ribs	Cyrus	539-331BC (~210)
Belly & Thighs	Bronze (3.0-4.0)	Greek Empire	Leopard with 4 wings	Alexander	331-146BC (~185)
Legs	Iron (4.0-5.0)	Roman Empire - Western Rome - Eastern Rome	Different Most dreadful Beastlike creature	Augustus 1 st empr *Antiochus Epiphanes	146BC-395AD - Until 476AD - Until 1453AD
Feet & toes	Iron mixed with clay	Revived Roman Empire	Composite beast with 10 horns (Rev 13:1-2)	Antichrist	21 st century

2. This is the most comprehensive blueprint of the human governments until Christ's return at 'the end of the age' (v28).

- a) The four successive kingdoms of man are listed with descending quality. Each is replaced by inferior material but of greater hardness (harshness). Human governments will increasingly degenerate to the point of falling apart (iron and clay) when suddenly the kingdom of God comes to replace all human governments.
- b) In Daniel 7, each kingdom is likened to a beast. This is heaven's perspective on human government.
- c) Although there are four parts of the statute, it is still one whole connected piece, speaking of the 'interconnectedness' between each kingdom. It was an idolatrous statue Nebuchadnezzar erected to receive men's worship.
- d) The last beast is unlike any other, a composite beast of grotesque monstrosity with iron teeth and bronze nails to devour (c.f. Dan 7:20; Rev 13:1-2).



3. **What is the stone cut without man's hands?** Its origin is not man. It is the kingdom of God (C.f. 1 Pet 2:7-8). It struck the feet with ten toes (i.e., 10 horns). The stone then became a mountain that filled the earth. The little horn (antichrist) has eyes (intelligence, surveillance?) and a proud mouth and pulls out three bigger horns. Then suddenly the little horn is destroyed by the Son of Man (Dan 7:24-27). Then the saints were made to reign with God after a short time of persecution by the beast.

Tough times are coming. It is important that we face the future head-on. Covid has changed the world and we are not exactly going back to the world as we've known it before. We are accelerating into the future, not going back. Not only pandemic, but more is coming. God is in control of the world!

B. Where are we in the Timeline according to Daniel's Prophecy?

Between the feet and the toes. What is happening in Europe? As per the Bible prophecy, the EU is (27 nations) is coming off at seams (C.f. Brexit). They don't mix, just like 'clay and iron'. The dividing line is 'economy' (single currency – straitjacket), 'culture/ideology (left/right), and 'religion/race' (exacerbated by the influx of immigration from the Middle East), but the feet with 10 toes have not been formed yet. Currently, there are more than 10 toes mostly on 'one foot' right now. It needs to be rearranged and become 10 toes - '10 horns confederation.'

1. Therefore, I believe there must be a breakup of the current EU and a Regrouping over a much broader geographical area, reflecting the former Western Rome and Eastern Rome, or Mede and Persia. Note Western Leg (Rome) and Eastern leg (Constantinople/Istanbul) - Turkey has been changing its policy, away from the USA and shifting toward Russia.

What will trigger the collapse of the current EU and its reformation into a new EU? Crisis. 'Economic crisis' or 'war in the Middle East' or both. The currency crisis and banking crisis is rife in the EU. In Sept 2019 there was a huge repo-market liquidity crisis. FED had to inject hundreds of billions into the banking system each day to re-liquify the credit market from ceasing up. Now I am hearing that there is a reverse-repo problem. Banks do not want to receive the central bank's currency with which they can lend it to the public to make more money. Why? Too much risk. What do they know that we do not know? (Why was Wells Fargo closing the personal line of credit in July?)

What keeps up US global hegemony? The US Dollar & the US military-industrial complex.

Bill Yount's vision on economic collapse, triggering a massive Jewish relocation from the comfortable West to Israel.

<https://www.charismamag.com/blogs/prophetic-insight/33414-prophetic-vision-i-will-begin-to-manifest-myself-alive-at-the-wailing-wall>

2. Who may be the possible 5 eastern toe nations and 5 western toe nations of the EU? **SPECULATION ONLY**

Western Leg - Spain, France, Germany, Italy, Greece. Why? (i) Former empire builders – Napoleon, Hitler, Alexander the Great, etc. (ii) Catholicism - main national religion.

Eastern Leg - Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Egypt, Jordan. (Lebanon?) Why? (i) Must involve the Middle East, the focal field in the Bible prophecy (ii) Islam - main national religion (iii) the antichrist's origin? (Dan 8:9 c.f. Is. 10:24) The 'little horn' that grew toward the south, east, & Glorious land (Israel).

3. Will the antichrist eventually have the powerbase in 'Pergamum' (in Turkey) again? (i) Satan's throne was there in the past (Rev 2:13 - Temple of Zeus). It is now moved to Berlin and a copy is also in Russia. (ii) Asclepius worship (god of healing) – the origin of living 'emperor worship.' (It was used to deify the 'dead emperors' only).
4. The only threat to the false religious union movement in the Middle East of Islam, Christianity and Judaism is Jesus Christ.
- a) Islam's Mardi (from Eastern Europe) fits the picture of the antichrist.
- b) The last pope fits the picture of the false prophet (from Western Europe).

C. Babylon – World’s First Totalitarian System combining Politics, Economy & Religion

1. **Unmatched Political and Military Power** Babylon was the destroyer of the earth and God’s people. They were called ‘hammer of the whole earth’ (50:23), ‘God’s battle axe’ (51:20) and ‘destroying mountain’. *‘You are My battle-axe and weapons of war. For with you I will break the nations in pieces... Behold I am against you, O destroying mountain who destroys all the earth.’* (Jer 51:20, 25) – *Babylonians adopted total warfare!*

Therefore, God will avenge the blood of His people on Babylon. *‘Let the violence done to Me and My flesh be upon Babylon.’* (Jer 51:35). C.f. *“Flee from the midst of Babylon, and everyone, save your life! Do not be cut off in her iniquity”* (Jer 51:6) because the day is coming when God will utterly destroy Babylon through ‘Mede’. Afterwards, it will not be inhabited again after this devastation (Jer 50:39).

True to His word, Babylon was taken by Cyrus 539BC and devastated by Media/Persia in 482BC. 150 years later, Alexander the Great took over the region and tried to rebuild it to its former glory. After he died without success, General Seleucus built Seleucia nearby and moved the population to Seleucia and left Babylon buried under the sand of time. Saddam Hussein tried to rebuild it in the 1980s but he was killed without success. So, the city is still deserted.

I believe the ancient city of Babylon is not going to be rebuilt. (There are different views). So, in the book of Revelation, it is called, ‘mystery Babylon.’ It is a code. Peter refers to Babylon as a code name for ‘Rome’ in 1 Pet 5:13 when physical Babylon was a mound of dirt in his days.

2. **Dishonest Economic System** It was a city located by water channels, and they built a massive greed-based economic system. *‘You who dwell by many waters abundant in treasures, your end has come, the measure of your covetousness.’* (Jer 51:13)

a) The city had the Euphrates River running right through it, a transport advantage over other cities.

b) It created the fraudulent clay tablet currency, printing clay tablet IOU for silver, and artificially boosted wealth by increasing the money supply and charged interest on the money they did not have. This is how they got so many slaves to build the Seven Wonders of the ancient world. *Who was in charge of this fraudulent central banking system?* Babylonian temple priests! Ziggurats.

Remember Jesus’ anger at the moneychangers? The same thing was happening in Herod’s temple, the priests created temple currency and ripping people off with a high exchange rate! The modern fractional reserve banking model traces its roots to Babylon.

c) They exported moral corruption throughout the ancient world – Jer 51:7, *‘Babylon (compared to) a golden cup in the LORD’s hand that made all the earth drunk. The nations drank her wine therefore the nations are deranged.’* – *moral, sexual filth.*

3. **Religious Centre** It was the occult centre of the Ancient Near East.

a) It was the centre and the originator of the occult practices and false religion. Jer 50:36 (c.f. Is 47:9-15) prophesies its utter destruction because of the multitude of sorcery, enchantments, astrologers, stargazers, prognosticators. It had the University of ANE for sorcery. It was the home of ancient Ziggurats, tracing its roots to the Tower of Babel.

b) Nebuchadnezzar commanded the worship of his image at the cost of death. As a result, Nebuchadnezzar lost his mind for seven years, but later recovered when he humbled himself.

D. What is God Saying to those Who Face the Last Days?

1. I heard the voice from heaven saying, *‘Come out of her My people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues...’* (Rev 18:4)
2. This is the voice of God to His people.

*‘But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can **STAND** when He appears?’* (Mal 3:2)

*‘For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to **STAND**?’* (Rev 6:17)