

## Revelation 18 - Questions:

### 1. Read 11:1-9 – The tower of Babel

- 1.1. What was unique about the people on the earth at that time? (Gen 11:1)
- 1.2. Why did the people want to build a city and a tower? (Gen 11:4)
- 1.3. What was God’s response to the people building a city and a tower for themselves? (Gen 11:5-8)
- 1.4. Why did God call that city Babel? (Gen 11:9)
- 1.5. “from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth” (Gen 11:9b)  
Do you think God’s intention for scattering people with their differences over all the earth still apply today?
- 1.6. Do you think that Babylon is named after the root word “Babel”?
- 1.7. Do you think that the people building the tower of Babel had a “one world” agenda?
- 1.8. Is there therefore a possibility that the future prophesied Babylon will also revert back to the same intent that the people of that time had?
  - One world government / political system (physical)
  - One world economical system (physical)
  - One world religion (spiritual)

### 2. V1-3

- 2.1. What is the angel coming down from heaven saying? (v2, Rev 14:8, Is 21:9b)
- 2.2. Is Babylon a literal place?
- 2.3. Some of the other cities in the Bible that are referred to as great cities are Resen (Gen 10:12), Gibeon (Joshua 10:2), Nineveh (Jonah 1:2) and Jerusalem (Rev 11:8).  
What do you think therefore is the meaning of Babylon being “great” or being a “great city”?
- 2.4. When will the end time Babylon be destroyed? (Rev 16:19)
- 2.5. Babylon “is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.” (2b)
  - 2.5.1. How do you think one would recognise when a place has become the “habitation of devils”? (1 Tim 4:1, 1 Cor 10:20-21)
  - 2.5.2. What do you think is the meaning of Babylon being “the hold of every foul spirit”?

2.5.3. How can Babylon be “a cage of every unclean and hateful bird”?

2.6. “All nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her”. (v3a)

2.6.1. What do you think is the meaning of “fornication” in this context?

2.6.2. How can all nations drink “the wine of the wrath of her fornication”?

2.6.3. Why do you think does it say the “wrath of her fornication”?

2.6.4. Who do you think are the “kings of the earth”?

2.6.5. How can the kings of the earth “commit fornication” with Babylon?

2.7. What influence has Babylon had on the “merchants of the earth”? (v3)

3. V4

3.1. “Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”

3.1.1. Who are the “my people” that God is warning here?

3.1.2. Do you think this is a literal or figurative call for God’s people to come out of Babylon?

3.1.3. How can these “people” be “partakers of her sins”? (2 John v9-11)

4. V5-7

4.1. What will the sins and iniquities of Babylon be? (v2-3, v5, v7, v23b, Is 47:9-10)

4.2. What do the following words in v7 say about Babylon?

- she has “glorified herself”
- she “lived deliciously”
- she says in her heart “I sit a queen”

4.3. Why do you think Babylon says she is “no widow and shall see no sorrow”? (v7)

5. V8-10

5.1. How will Babylon be destroyed? (v8, Rev 17:16-17, Rev 16:19)

5.2. How long will it take for the destruction of Babylon? (v8, v10, v17, v19)

5.3. What will the reaction of the “kings of the earth” be when they see Babylon burning? (v9)

6. V11-19

- 6.1. What will the reaction of the “merchants of the earth” be when they see Babylon burning? (v11, v15, v19)
- 6.2. What is the reason why they will respond this way? Do you think it is because they feel sorry for the people of Babylon that have died?
- 6.3. What merchandise is mentioned in these verses? (v12-14)
- 6.4. Do you think Babylon will be a city that is built on the sea? (v17-19)
- 6.5. Do you think Babylon being “clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones and pearls” should be taken literally? (v16)
- 6.6. Read Rev 16:19. Why do you think “the great city was divided into three parts”? Are the “three parts” literal or symbolic (physical or spiritual)?

7. V20

- 7.1. Why will heaven rejoice when Babylon is destroyed? (v24, Deut 32:43)
- 7.2. Why would God avenge the “holy apostles and prophets” on Babylon?

8. V21-23

- 8.1. Why do you think are each of the following mentioned in these verses?
  - Musical instruments (v22)
  - Craftsman (v22)
  - Millstone (v22)
  - Candle (v23)
  - Bridegroom and bride (v23)

- 8.2. What do you think is the meaning of “for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived”? (v23)

9. V24

- 9.1. Is there a specific place/city in the world where “the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth” can be found?
- 9.2. Would this apply to all prophets and saints throughout the ages?
- 9.3. Do you think this verse should be taken literally or symbolically?

10. Read Jeremiah 50 and 51

In the table below there are some verses from Jer 50 and Jer 51 that might apply to the future destruction of Babylon.

Examine these verses and answer the questions below:

Jeremiah 50 & 51 - Verses	QUESTIONS:
Jer 50:1 "The word that the Lord spake against Babylon and against the land of the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the prophet."	a) Who received the prophesy about Babylon?
Jer 50:3 "For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: they shall remove, they shall depart, both man and beast." Jer 50:41 "Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth."	b) From where will the nations come from who will destroy Babylon? (Jer 50:41)
Jer 50:12 "Your mother shall be sore confounded; she that bare you shall be ashamed: behold, the hindermost of the nations shall be a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert."	c) What word indicates that Babylon will originate from some other previous nation/empire? d) What do you think is the meaning of "hindermost" in this context?
Jer 50:13 "Because of the wrath of the Lord it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate: every one that goeth by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues."	e) Why will God ultimately destroy Babylon? (Jer 50:15) f) What will people's reaction be towards the destruction of Babylon?
Jer 50:14-15 "Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about: all ye that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against the Lord. Shout against her round about: she hath given her hand: her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down: for it is the vengeance of the Lord: take vengeance upon her; as she hath done, do unto her." Jer 50:29 "Call together the archers against Babylon: all ye that bend the bow, camp against it round about; let none thereof escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her: for she hath been proud against the Lord, against the Holy One of Israel."	g) What type of warfare do you think will be used for the destruction of Babylon? (Jer 50:29) h) How do you think has Babylon "sinned against the Lord"? (Rev 18:2-3) i) What do you think is the meaning of "as she hath done, do unto her"? (Jer 50:29)
Jer 50:26 "Come against her from the utmost border, open her storehouses: cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left."	j) What do you think would be an "utmost border" of a country? k) How bad will the destruction of Babylon be? (Jer 50:29)
Jer 50:37 "A sword is upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mingled people that are in the midst of her; and they shall become as women: a sword is upon her treasures; and they shall be robbed."	l) Who do you think are "all the mingled people that are in the midst of her"? (Jer 51:9) m) What do you think does it refer to when it says "and they shall become as women"? (Jer 51:30) n) Will Babylon be a wealthy nation?

Jeremiah 50 & 51 - Verses	QUESTIONS:
<p>Jer 50:39 "Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell there, and the owls shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more inhabited for ever; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation."</p> <p>Jer 51:62 "Then shalt thou say, O Lord, thou hast spoken against this place, to cut it off, that none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate for ever."</p>	<p>o) Will the nation that will be the end-time Babylon ever be rebuilt again?</p>
<p>Jer 50:40 "As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the Lord; so shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein."</p>	<p>p) How was "Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed"? (Gen 19:24-25)</p>
<p>Jer 51:1 "Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against me, a destroying wind;"</p>	<p>q) How will Babylon be destroyed? (Jer 51:1) r) What do you think is the meaning of a "destroying wind" in this context?</p>
<p>Jer 51:6 "Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the Lord's vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence."</p> <p>Jer 51:45 "My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the Lord."</p>	<p>s) Do you agree that "fleeing out of the midst of Babylon" agrees with Rev 18:4? t) What do you think is "the time of the Lord's vengeance"?</p>
<p>Jer 51:7 "Babylon hath been a golden cup in the Lord's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad."</p>	<p>u) Why are the nations that will come against Babylon "mad"? (Rev 18:2-3, Rev 14:8, Rev 17:4)</p>
<p>Jer 51:8-9 Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed. We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country: for her judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies.</p>	<p>v) How long will it take for Babylon to be destroyed? (Rev 18:10, 17, 19) w) What do you think is the meaning of "let us go every one into his own country"? (Jer 50:37)</p>
<p>Jer 51:30 "The mighty men of Babylon have forboren to fight, they have remained in their holds: their might hath failed; they became as women: they have burned her dwellingplaces; her bars are broken."</p>	<p>x) What does this verse say about the men in Babylon?</p>
<p>Jer 51:37-39 <sup>37</sup> And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwellingplace for dragons, an astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant. <sup>38</sup> They shall roar together like lions: they shall yell as lions' whelps. <sup>39</sup> In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the LORD.</p>	<p>y) Does "a dwelling place for dragons" correspond with "habitation of devils" (Rev 18:2)?</p>
<p>Jer 51:42 "The sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof."</p>	<p>z) What could the meaning of "the sea is come upon Babylon"?</p>
<p>Jer 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."</p>	<p>aa) What does this verse say about Babylon?</p>

Jeremiah 50 & 51 - Verses	QUESTIONS:
Jer 51:63-64 "And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, that thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates: 64 And thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her: and they shall be weary. Thus far are the words of Jeremiah."	bb) Do these verse perhaps match up with Rev 18:21?

11. To think about:

- 11.1. How will the religious Babylon (one world religion) be destroyed?
- 11.2. What do you think will the religious Babylon look like in the end times?
- 11.3. Do you think the "holy apostles and prophets" still speak to us today? How?
- 11.4. Are there people today that blatantly ignore the teachings/sayings of God through His prophets and apostles?