

## **Who is Babylon in Bible Prophecy? Revelation 13, 17 & 18**

### **Babylon in Prophecy is Religious, Political, and Commercial**

We are prefacing our comments on the “**Meat**” and “**Wine**” of Babylon by addressing the controversial question of **Babylon in prophecy**. Bible scholars all agree that the Tower of Babel, as described in Genesis 11, furnished the prophetic “roots” to the Kingdom of Babylon in the Book of Daniel. However, Babylon, as re-emerging in prophesy, according to Revelation 13, 17, and 18 describes a greater union of religious, commercial, and political powers in a **New World Order** that clearly exceeds the current traditional view of the Revived Roman Empire.

### **Religious Babylon**

Therefore, Babylon in prophecy remains controversial, and is more than a continuation of Daniel’s fourth Beast, as described in its latter phase and traditionally accepted as the Revived Roman Empire. However, we do believe that **Religious Babylon**, in prophecy will be a continuation of the Roman Catholic System that emanates from Daniel’s Fourth Beast. However, we contend that, in time, Religious Babylon will merge with Mainline Protestant Churches forming “Mystery Babylon” in Rev 17. There, Mystery Babylon is characterized as a Mother religion with her Daughters.

### **Political and Commercial Babylon**

However, we also contend that Political Babylon and Commercial Babylon, most likely, emerged as the “**Little Horn**” on Daniel’s fourth beast suggesting a phenomenal rise of a very young kingdom, which describes the rise of the **United States** as a “hindermost” or a very young nation. Though the United States, in its infancy, descended primarily from Britain they are also ethnically rooted in Europe as Daniels fourth beast. The “**little horn,**” as described above, will also be personified in the latter days by a man speaking great swelling words. This describes the eventual rise of “**the Man of Sin**” as the **Anti-Christ**, who will implement the **system of 666**.

### **A Fifth Beast - Revelation 13**

There is much to be understood as we await the future rise of a **Fifth Beast as John’s Beast**, which will rise out of the sea of the Gentile world as described in Rev 13. **John’s beast** is clearly distinctive from Daniel’s Fourth Beast even in its latter phase, as described in Dan 7. Therefore, the **fifth beast as John’s beast** demands separate consideration as it will clearly be headed by a Lion, presumably with Eagles Wings emerging as “**Daughter Babylon**” bearing the same emblems as “**Mother Babylon**” as described in prophecies found in the Books of Isaiah and Jeremiah. Therefore, the **fifth beast, as John’s beast**, undoubtedly describes a **New World Order** that will yet rise out of the Sea of the Gentile world headed by a **Lion**, but collectively will bear the characteristics of all four of the Beasts described in Daniel 7. Therefore, we believe this **fifth beast** represents the future rise of a **New World Order** headed by Political and Commercial Babylon but in union with Religious Babylon.

### **Who is “Mystery Babylon” in Prophecy – Described in Revelation 17?**

We believe that though Religious Babylon has been identified as the Roman Catholic System, they will merge with Mainline Protestant Churches under the umbrella of “Replacement Theology” forming “**Mystery Babylon.**” This theology, while recognizing Israel as a Democratic nation is called “Replacement Theology” and contends that the nation rejected their Messiah and the Church has replaced them spiritually, including their Messianic promises.

### **Who is “Babylon the Great” in Prophecy – Revelation 18?**

“Mystery Babylon” or Religious Babylon, as described above, will be joined unto Political and Commercial Babylon, as described above. This union will merge into “**Babylon the Great,**” as described in Rev 18. This union will characterize **John’s fifth beast** as a **New World Order** and will seek to counterfeit the **Messianic Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ promised to Israel.**

### **A Prophetic Overview of Babylon in the “Last Days”**

This Ancient system of Babylon, as **Mother Babylon**, foreshadowed Babylon of the “**last days,**” as “**daughter of Babylon**” who is destined to become Babylon the Great in Rev 18. The emblems of Ancient Babylon, as a **Lion with Eagle’s wings** is helpful in typifying two end time powers: **(1) United States - Eagle’s Wings (2) Britain - A Lion.** These two end time powers share a joint heritage and are predominately Christian. As such, they should be commended for their humanitarian and political support of the Jews, desiring to return to their homeland under the Balfour Declaration in 1917. They have also furnished a covering for the nation Israel during the "seventy years" from their nationhood in 1948. However, it is also a fact that these two nations overwhelmingly embrace Covenant Theology or “Replacement Theology” which holds to the spiritual replacement of Israel by the Church. This theology accepts Israel only as a democratic nation restored in 1948 – 1967 and has extended friendship on this basis. However, this theology contends that when Israel rejected their Messiah, at the First Advent of Christ, they forfeited their spiritual restoration in favor of the Church. Primarily Evangelicals, Fundamentalists, and Pentecostals hold for Israel's national restoration but not spiritual restoration and their kingdom. Therefore, these two Christian nations as the "Lion with Eagles Wings" will, most likely, be joined by other Christian nations embracing “Replacement Theology.” This combination will recognize **Christendom, as the Roman Catholic Church joined by mainline Protestants,** forming **Mystery Babylon in Rev 17.** This religious combination joining with **Political Babylon and Commercial Babylon** will become “**Babylon the Great,**” as described in Rev 18.

**Note: We anticipate greater prophetic understanding of the above union and its evolvment, as prophetic events continue to unfold.**

We recommend that you visit the following website and review the article “Who and What is Babylon.”

<http://www.thebookofrevelations.cc/WhoandwhatisBabylon.html>

We believe the 99 verses listed support our view that the United States is End Time Babylon.