

Transcript – Bible Study – Revelation 18

Shabbat shalom. Let us start in prayer. Dear heavenly Father, we come before Your throne. And we bless You, and we thank You, Father, for another wonderful week. We thank You, Father, for allowing us to enter Your rest. And we thank You, Father, for everything that Your Shabbat represents, especially as family members in Your soon coming Kingdom. Father, we thank You for the wonderful rain from heaven. And we thank You, Father, for everything that You're doing here with the sons of men in the last days. We thank You for each and every person here and everybody that will hear this message later as we go through the book of Revelation and see it opening before our eyes. So, Father, we give You all praise and honor and glory. In the name of Your Son Yahshua, we pray. HalleluYah.

So last week we went over Revelation 17. And I think between Revelation 17 and 18, both on Babylon, I think 17 is probably a little harder to discern just because it has to deal with history—and *five were, one is, one's to come*, those kind of things like that. But I think as we get into Revelation 18 there's really no doubt in the mind what's happening here and who is end time Babylon. Like we've said, we have many, many messages, Bible studies, all kinds of things on end time Babylon being United States of America. And I think this chapter is kind of like the closing argument for showing that Babylon can only be one nation.

The other thing is ... we've said all along through this study we've been doing months now on the book of Revelation ... is it's really, really exciting to live in this time and see the book of Revelation being opened before our eyes. So there are certain books in the Bible, and every book in the Bible always has a meaning at one time or another. If you remember in our class with Abi on Sunday, remember he was saying one of the points of those four points he was going over is that basically all Scripture is contemporary. So, meaning that any Scripture at any given time you can assess it to the current time you're living in. That it's ... so it's limitless, even though it specifically has a point, right? David and Goliath. It's a real story. It happened at a certain time. There were real consequences there. But you could read that story and relate it to something in your life. There could be a giant you're fighting in your life, dealing with something.

So when we're looking at Revelation, it's a book—just like the book of Daniel, much of the book of Isaiah—that although there's lessons you can get for any time, it also is literally for a specific time, the time we're living in now. So I find it extremely exciting to go through Revelation as we're living it, as you're seeing these things happening. And some of the things we know are going to happen very, very soon—Revelation 11, 12, 13, all these things that are happening.

But there's nothing that is, as far as the sense of fulfilled prophecy, that's more exciting than reading Revelation 17 and 18. Because, like I said, 100 years ago you couldn't know who Babylon was. So these things of Babylon being a church ... like I said, number one, church is something that comes later from third, fourth, fifth century. There's no such word in your Bible as church. It's a pagan word. It comes from a deity called Circe.

In the Bible the word we have is congregation—edah in the Hebrew. But church is something ... because church connotes a building, where edah connotes the people. So it's the same way **now** with thinking that Babylon is a Catholic Church or something like that. That came from the Protestant Reformation 500 years ago. And like I said, if you were back then and you were being persecuted by the Catholic Church, you probably thought, "Wow! It really fits." But 500 years later, let's be honest, it's actually is ridiculous for somebody to say that the Catholic Church is end-time Babylon.

When you're looking at the characteristics of Babylon being the most ... the military might of the world, right? And granted, Rome is a country. They are a separate—or not Rome but the Vatican is a separate country from Italy. They do have a guard. They have a couple of guys to stand out there. But they are certainly not the number one military in the world. They're not the hammer of all the earth. They're not sending military into all these places to attack it. All the nations of the earth do not meet in Italy. They meet at the United Nations in New York.

And as we're going to see here, the economic power of Babylon ... the two most ... even though there's 100 different characteristics that we see about Babylon: she's a new superpower on the earth, the newest one. Babylon has a mother, same way America had Great Britain. Babylon is a democracy, like it talks about in Isaiah 47. But the two most important characteristics, or overwhelming characteristics, are two things: **Number**

one, Babylon is the economic steam engine of the world. And, come on, there has never, ever, ever been an economic system like we see today.

When you're looking even at world empire, there weren't even a lot of world empires in the world. **But to think of a world empire where you have trillions of dollars and just like hundreds of thousands of containers being shipped daily and weekly and monthly. The world has never seen a trading system like we have today. Nothing even close to it. Absolutely nothing.**

I mean, you come here to Middle East, and we think it's amazing when we're looking at the caravan routes of the Nabateans. And it was pretty amazing in that day. To come with hundreds of camels, and to be coming from the area of southern Jordan and some of these areas out there, and come all the way across, and go over the sea, and wind up even reaching Greece with some of these spices and different things was amazing in that day. **But the world has never, ever, ever seen an economic steam engine like the United States has created.**

And I'm going to go over some of these numbers that are absolutely shocking. And like I said, **America was not Babylon 200 years ago. Babylon is end time Babylon. That's why it's called the daughter of Babylon. Because there are seven trading systems, seven world empires, that are symbolically called Babylon. But there is also a literal country. Babylon is a land in the end time. And there's only one land that fits all of these things.**

And like I said sometimes, the newest thing: Babylon is Saudi Arabia. It's like people just can't accept the simple truth of something. Or, even the most absurd thing that I've heard: Babylon being Jerusalem. I mean, if you think about that. Because as we went over last week, that Babylon is the most wicked, evil, sinister thing in the mind of Yahweh. It has every filth and abomination, and Yahweh is going to destroy it forever. There will not be one person living in Babylon for eternity. And there couldn't be different than Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is the opposite. It's a city where Yahweh is going to dwell forever. It's the city that is our inheritance with Yahshua, the actual dowry that Yahshua is going to give. So this is why I say sometimes things really aren't as complicated as they seem, especially when you don't just have to open up your Bible and guess it, as we're going to see here. You can open up a Wall Street Journal, and it will tell you the facts are the facts, they don't change. There's only one country that even *remotely* fits all of these Scriptures that we're going to go over. So, let's start in Revelation 18.

Revelation 18:1-2 *And after these things I saw another cherub coming down out of Heaven having great authority, and the earth was lighted up from his glory. And he cried in a strong, great voice, saying, Babylon the great has fallen! It has fallen, and it has become a dwelling-place of those possessed by demons, and a home of every foul spirit, and a home of every unclean bird, even the home of every unclean and hateful beast,*

So clearly, again, we see Babylon is a land. It's a dwelling place, right? But what is it the dwelling place of at this point? It's a dwelling place of every demon and every foul spirit. And I don't think that America has got to this point yet, but they're getting there ... they're getting there. Because, I mean, you just look at the ... in the last let's say three to five years, the amount of demon-possessed things that are going on in America is just shocking.

It's everywhere you look somebody is killing somebody, raping somebody, all of this stuff. And it's not just crime. It's not just violent crimes. There's a lot of it that literally is dealing with demon possession. People running around naked, like jumping into windows of cars. And then, even when the cops are shooting the people, they're getting up with bullets in them. A human being can't do that. So, literally, as the Scripture says here, and it does say *Babylon the great ... Babylon the superpower, right? ... has fallen! It has fallen.*

Usually whenever you see something like that twice it always has to deal with dual prophecy, showing that Babylon would **not only** be Iraq in the Middle East ... which, again, would be absurd to think that Babylon today in the Middle East, the country of ancient Babylon, is the number one military might in the world, and the number one economic power in the world, and all those things. It just isn't there. But if we go to Isaiah 21, verse 6 and 9 ... Isaiah 21 and verse 6 and 9.

Isaiah 21:6-9 *For so YAHWEH has said to me: Go, set a watchman; he will declare what he sees. And he sees a chariot, a couple of horsemen; ... Right? So, very interesting. So when this is happening here in Isaiah 21, we're seeing horsemen. And in Revelation what do we have? We have four horsemen, so ... he sees a chariot, a couple of horsemen; a chariot of a donkey; a chariot of a camel; and let him give ear attentively, very attentively. And he cried, A lion! YAHWEH, I always stand on my watchtower by day; and I am stationed at my post all the nights. And, behold, here comes a chariot of a man, a pair of horses. And he answered and said, Babylon has fallen, has fallen! ... Just like we just read ... And He has smashed the graven images of her gods to the earth.*

So that's another thing we see, that Babylon is mad in her idolatry. And the idolatry has to do with **all** types of graven images. And, it's very interesting. Because, what is a graven image? A graven image is something that is made out of metal, right? And if you look at America, all of these gadgets they had, all the smartphones, all of the computers, all of them are all made out of metal. And they really are. They don't necessarily have to be a graven image, but to many people they are a graven image. Because if you're addicted to something, then it's an idol.

And as we've been seeing with some of those things we've been watching, believe me when I say it's worse than what you're even seeing. Because when you're seeing something like a short video or something, they're really not telling you it all. But when you think that ... I don't know what it is ... 80%, 90% of Americans are on some form of social media, and you see the addictive process to it, and you see the lack of self-control, then I can guarantee you it's much, much, much worse.

And just think, like the man was saying on the video. Think about if it was ... take social media out of there and put in the word casino. Say that 90% of Americans were going to casinos every single day. And they were waking up in the middle of the night and running to a casino. And there was a casino in every single town so you didn't have to go that far. Would it be an epidemic? You'd have a real big problem on your hand. And this is worse than a casino. Because, like I said, you can't carry a slot machine around your back, but you certainly can carry the iPod around your back, so—or around your hand. And it is something that, really, the idolatry that's there is absolutely shocking. Jeremiah 51:37 says:

Jeremiah 51:37 *And Babylon shall become heaps, a home for jackals, a horror and a hissing, without even one inhabitant.*

Just like we're reading over here, *it's become the dwelling-place of those possessed by demons, and the home of every foul spirit, and a home of every unclean bird, and the home of every unclean and hateful beast.* And here it's saying the same thing, that it becomes the home for jackals. And getting to hear the way jackals ... they don't sound too enticing, right? I wouldn't want to have a feast of jackals because they really ... they howl. They sound real creepy even, so it's not something you would like. Verse 3, Revelation 18.

Revelation 18:3 *because of the wine of the anger of her fornication which all the nations have drunk, even the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her; and the merchants of the earth became rich from the power of her trade.*

And our footnote says: "Babylon is the world's engine of the economic machine and the biggest importer and exporter nation. Only the USA fits this criteria." So, very clearly here, it's pretty simple that **all the merchants of the earth became rich from the power of her trade**. And like I said, if China went down tomorrow would the world miss a beat? No. You'd have a blip in the world economy, but certainly you wouldn't have a crash of the whole system. It's the same with Germany, and the same with Russia.

Really be honest. What country is buying all the products? It's one country. It's United States. They're the ones that are buying all the products. And that's why *the merchants of the earth became rich from the power of her trade*. And as we're going to see, the merchants of the earth are crying and sighing. Why? Because no one's **buying** their merchandise. So it's just not about producing, which Babylon also does, but it's about purchasing power and buying power that comes in. Jeremiah 50 and verse 8 ... Jeremiah 50 ... You know what? No, I'll wait. I'll wait for the next verse for this. And verse 4.

Revelation 18:4 *And I heard another voice out of Heaven, saying, **leave the land of her, My people, that you may not share in her sins, and that you may not receive of her plagues;***

And many translations say "come out of her," But if you look that phrase up, **it's literally talking about to literally leave the land of someplace, to leave a physical place. So it's not just a spiritual condition.** Because many times when people come to faith, many churches will go to this verse and they'll say that. They'll say when you leave Sunday keeping, and you leave Christmas, and you leave all the paganism, that you're **leaving** Babylon. And maybe ... maybe, to a degree, religious confusion of false religion.

But that is not what the Scripture's saying. It's not telling you to leave Sunday worship or to leave Christmas and Easter. You can apply it to that if you want to as an analogy, but if we want to stay with the Scripture's literally saying, **it is literally saying to leave the homeland of Babylon. Babylon is a physical land, so it has to be somewhere.**

Because there is more said about end time Babylon than any other place on earth except for Jerusalem. Jerusalem is the only city that's mentioned more than end time Babylon in Scripture. So it's not a small point. May have been a small point hundreds of years ago, but it's not a small point for us living in the last generation when we see this.

And He clearly says ... **why** does He tell her people: *leave the land of her, My people? **That you may not share in her sins, and you may not receive of her plague.*** Because you know the Bible says, **Romans 13**, we have to obey the civil authorities. And yet when you're in Babylon, and you're paying taxes, and you're going to the store, and you're buying, right, you're buying toilet paper, and you're buying food, and you're paying your electric bill, **everything you're paying is also paying taxes. And those taxes are going to abort babies. Those taxes are going toward the number one military might in the world. That the next 10 countries together don't spend as much as what America spends in military.**

They ... there was ... America was making a big deal this last year because China's military budget, I think it went up to something like 40 billion dollars, and it was never that high. And they were all complaining, and they have to stop China. This year America's military budget is **740 billion**, might even be over 800 billion ... **billion! Just the military in one year!** So, it's more than the next 10 put together.

So like I said, let's be honest about it. There really is no way to miscalculate who Babylon is. Because it's important to Yahweh. Because it's important to His people. Because, like He said, that Babylon is destroying the souls of His people.

And yet when we look all around the earth, what's happening? The work of Yahweh is growing every single place. I told you, a week or a couple weeks does not go by where I'm not getting brand new emails from pastors from congregations who want to join this work. I, literally, in 2019 I could go all year long just traveling around the world to new places. I'm going to go to as many as I can, but I can't go to all of them.

The only place that that's not happening is Babylon. Babylon is the only place where people are falling away. They're not coming to faith. And it's sad. **It's sad to see it because at one time Babylon was a golden cup, right? That was where the headquarters of Yahweh's work was, from the Philadelphia era going back to the Pilgrims all the way up until maybe 20, 30, 40 years ago.** But no more ... no more is Babylon.

And not only isn't it where Yahweh's working anymore, as we're going to see, the voice of the bride and the voice of the bridegroom will never, ever be heard in her again. So whoever is staying there, and I'm not saying leave tomorrow ... **but leave tomorrow. Really!** I mean, because if the voice ... **that means nobody there is part of the bride. You're not going to stay there and make it through the end time.** It's that simple.

So unless you plan on dying between now and then ... and who knows? It could be five years, ten years, twenty years. I have no idea. I think it's very close to Babylon being destroyed. But to me it doesn't really matter if Yahweh is going to destroy it in ten or twenty years, because what I know is spiritually it is the cesspool of the world. Spiritually ... I say like if the Apostle Peter or the Apostle Paul was resurrected today and they got to see the whole world, and Yahshua said to them, "You know what? I'm going to give you the choice. I'll let you go wherever you want to go to go bear fruit for the Kingdom because there's only a couple

years left.” What do you think would be the last place on earth they'd be choosing to go? It would be America. It really is.

It's a cesspool not only of religion, it's a cesspool of filth of everything with sexual exploitation. I mean, it's just an evil, evil, evil place. And there's not a lot of good things coming out of there. And that's why He's telling His people get out of there, so you don't share in her sins and receive of her plagues. **Because if the people of Yahweh don't get out of there, they are also going to go through those plagues. It's that simple.** Jeremiah 50 and verse 8.

Jeremiah 50:8 *Flee from the midst of Babylon, and go out of the land of the Chaldeans, as be as the he-goats before the flock.*

Comment: So, very clearly, flee the land of Babylon. It's not a religion. It's not a pagan festival. Babylon is a place. It is a literal place. Verse 44 and 45. The same chapter.

Jeremiah 50:44-45 *Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of the Jordan against the home of the brave. But I will make them suddenly run away from it. And who is a chosen one I will appoint over it? For who is like Me? And who will summon Me? And who is a shepherd who will stand before Me? So hear the counsel of YAHWEH that He planned against Babylon, and His purposes which He has purposed against the **land** of the Chaldeans: Surely they shall drag them, the least of the flock. Surely He will make their dwelling place desolate over them.*

Very, very clear. It's going to become a desolation forever. Zechariah 2 and verse 7, He says:

Zechariah 2:7 *Woe, O Zion! Escape, you who live with the daughter of Babylon.*

So, also to the Jews that are living there, right? You have six million Jews living in America. And the same kind of thing, many of them chose not to come to the homeland that they have here. And Yahweh is saying the same in the end time. It may have been a safe haven during the Holocaust for many of the Jews, but it's not going to be a safe haven for what's coming now. Back to Revelation 18. And *why?* Why is He saying, *My people, you ... leave the land of her, My people?* **That you may not share in her sins, and you may not receive of her plagues.**

Revelation 18:5 *because her sins joined together, even reach up to Heaven, and YAHWEH remembered her unjust deeds.*

Her sins joined together, have reached up to Heaven. And like I said, man, when you look on that land that's filled with all kinds of wickedness of homosexuality, teaching children five, six years old, having transgenders come in and do reading to them. I mean, just messing up children for life over there. The sins that are going on in that country, beside the fact of it just being a land of covetousness, of greed, and every kind of wickedness that Yahweh says. Jeremiah 51 and verse 7 says:

Jeremiah 51:7 *Babylon **was** a golden cup in the hand of YAHWEH, making all the earth drunk. The nations have drunk her wine, therefore the nations are mad.*

Comment: And like we said, it was a golden cup at one time. It was the Philadelphia congregation at one time. They brought the most Bibles. They sent the most missionaries. But, no more.

Jeremiah 51:8-9 *Suddenly Babylon has fallen, and it is broken. Wail for her, take balm for her pain, if perhaps she may be healed. We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed. Forsake her, and let us go, each to his own country. For her judgment reaches to the heavens and is **lifted up** to the skies.*

And like we've said before, that word "lift up," it's NASA—nasa. Her sins are lifted up. And if you look into NASA, NASA is very, very demonic. With everything that they're doing there, and a lot of stuff with demons and it's ... I'm not going to get into it now, but it's something to really check on. But it's not a good organization. Because Yahweh didn't make us to go up to the planets, right? He gave dominion to human beings on the earth. And I think there's enough to handle down here, right? That they're ... **human beings are trying to**

figure out how to get up to the planets up there! And then what? What is the purpose of it? Revelation 18, verse 6.

Revelation 18:6 *Give back to her as also she gave back to you, and double to her, according to her works. In the cup which she mixed, mix to her double.*

And there's a double punishment that comes on Babylon. The first one is going to be Babylon's sovereignty taken away. It's a group of nations coming from the north—Russia, China, North Korea—and they'll overtake Babylon, right? But then, later, right before Yahshua returns, it's going to be an angelic, cosmic event that will happen, where everyone that's left there in Babylon will die. It's that simple.

But He says "give back to her double," Why? Because of all the things ... when you look ... and it really is ... it's so much hypocrisy when America tries to come up with this exceptionalism that they say. And they try ... this whole thing now with Russia, right? The evil empire Russia, Russia, Russia. And you look at these congressmen that are really very, very evil. So they're only using Russia as a ploy because it fits them now. But Russia has been meddling in elections for the last 50 years as America has.

America ... when the last election here in Israel, when Bibi Netanyahu was running again, President Obama, he set up a pact here and put a lot of money in trying to get Netanyahu to lose. So America does the same thing. Look what they do all over the place, how they ... they go into a country, they destroy it and then they bring their own people in—Afghanistan. Now they want to do it with Iran. So if there's anybody that's meddling in other people's business, it's Babylon. **That's why they're called, in Jeremiah 50:23, the hammer of the earth. Because it means they're a nation who pounds other nations** ... they pound other nations. And tell me, who's pounding other nations, right?

So we can discuss ... maybe Russia's wrong for going into Ukraine, or Crimea, but they're not pounding everyone all over the earth. If they're trying to rebuild their empire, whatever, you ... maybe it's right, maybe it's wrong. But why would America be coming to Afghanistan? Why would be going to Iraq? Why would they be going to all these places all over the earth? And there's nobody else on earth that has military bases everywhere on earth except United States. Nobody! Not even close. So that's why these countries **hate** ... like we read last week ... they hate the whore. They hate Babylon, and they want to destroy her. *Give back to her double. In the cup which she mixed, mix to her double.* Verse 7.

Revelation 18:7 *By what thing she glorified herself, and luxuriated, by so much give back to her torment and mourning. Because she says in her heart, I sit as a queen, I'm not a widow; and I shall not see sorrow.*

Comment: So what other country on earth ... ? Be honest. I'm not talking about the sheiks in Saudi Arabia. I'm talking about the regular people there. Are they living like kings? Of course not. But the average American is living better than 80% of people in the world. It's that simple. So it's a country that's, like He says here:

Revelation 18:7 *By what things she glorified herself, luxuriated, give back to her torment and morning. Because she says in her heart, I sit as a queen, I'm not a widow; I will not see sorrow.*

And I probably had it told to me more than 100 times, "Nah, American can never go down. We're stronger than anybody. We'll take care of it. No one can beat us." And I say, "You just fulfilled this prophecy. Thank you very much. You just fulfilled chapter 18 and verse 7." Because that's what Babylon says: she'll never see sorrow; she sits as a queen. If we go to Isaiah 47:5 through 9. And it starts out:

Isaiah 47:1, 5 *Go down and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; sit on the earth; a throne is not to the daughter of the Chaldeans; ... Right? So let's go down to verse 6 now—or verse 5, rather ... Sit in silence, and go into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans, for they shall no more call you the lady of kingdoms.*

Comment: Right? The lady of kingdoms. United States of America. The Statue of Liberty, right? The lady of kingdoms. I'll read our footnote there. It says: "Babylon is represented as a woman. In the archives found in Iraq it states that Ishtar the false goddess of Babylon was the mother of immigrants, she had a seven spiked crown on her head and either a torch or a golden cup in her hand and the law book of Hammurabi in the other hand. She also had red and purple garments." Like we saw in Revelation 17. So, wow! If that's not the Statue

of Liberty ... or Libertas is where it comes from, the Roman goddess Libertas, **who is Ishtar**. The Romans call her Libertas, the Babylonians call her Ishtar, or Ishtari. So, very, very interesting.

Isaiah 47:6 *I was angry with My people; I defiled My inheritance and gave them into your hand. You gave them no mercy; you made your yoke on the aged very heavy.*

Comment: And it's really ... it's evil in Yahweh's eyes what they're doing to the older people, right? They're keeping them all drugged up. They're keeping them on all these pills. And then they want to hold it against the people. They have the price of all this medicine really, really high. And they're getting the people addicted and hooked on it. And then, "If you don't do this, you're not getting your medicine." And then Yahweh's saying here, it's evil. It's evil what they're doing to the older people in Babylon.

Isaiah 47:7-9 *And you said, I shall be a mistress forever, until you did not set these things on your heart, and did not remember its end. Now, then, hear this, O pleasure seeker, who lives carelessly; who says in her heart, I am, and none else is; I shall not sit as a widow, nor shall I see the loss of children. But these two things shall suddenly come on you, in one day: loss of children, and widowhood; according to completeness they come on you, **for your many sorceries, for the power of your great spells.***

Right? And we'll see as we get into Revelation 18 and verse 23, right? *By your sorceries all the earth was deceived.* The word is pharmakeia—by your medicines, right, that they're using ... not that all medicine is bad, but Babylon is *overusing* medicine. They're trying to get people ... I think my dad takes nine pills a day. This pill is because of the side effects of this pill, and that pill is for the side effects ... half the pills I don't even think he knows what they're even for. But it's evil.

They're just ... because every pill ... they're charging \$40 a pill! And there's been times he said there was pills they wanted him to take for something, and like one pill was like \$500. I mean, what could be in that pill? But it's the evil, evil system that Babylon has how they're taking advantage of people with this. So back to Revelation 18. So that's what she says, and we all see it, right? We've seen it. "Nobody can beat us!" "Babylon is the—or America is the greatest." "We can take care of ourselves." Everywhere you look.

Revelation 18:7b-8 *Because she says in her heart, I sit as a queen, and I'm not a widow; and I will not see sorrow; Because of this, ... Verse 8 ... in one day her plagues shall come: death, and mourning, and famine; and she will be consumed with fire, for YAHWEH Elohim judging her is strong.*

And we saw a little taste of that in the last month, horrible as it was, in California with those fires. There's still hundreds of people that are missing in those fires and whole towns. The irony of it, the town called Paradise is completely gone. Whole towns just wiped away. So one thing is certain: money and possessions and mammon in the day of calamity is not going to save you. Because these areas where this happened, some of the most famous, richest people in the world live over there and had their houses destroyed. So when Yahweh's judgment comes, like it says in Ecclesiastes, to the rich or to the poor, one thing happens to all of them. To dust we come, to dust we shall return. Yahweh judging her is strong. Revelation 17:16.

Revelation 17:16 *And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will **hate** the harlot, and will make her desolated and naked. They will eat her flesh, and burn her down with fire.*

So it's talking about, like we said, this beast power, whether it will still be called United Nations or something else. But this global government that Babylon formed, and Babylon was riding and controlling, they're going to overthrow her and destroy her, and they hate her. And it's very interesting because even now Europe, that since the end of World War II has been a big ally of America, even Europe now is coming out and saying, "We need our own army. We can't rely on America anymore." And there's a lot of friction that's going on. And, who knows where it's going to? Except, we see what Revelation says here:

Revelation 18:8-10 *Because of this, in one day her plagues will come: death, and mourning, famine; and she will be consumed with fire, for YAHWEH Elohim judging her is strong. And the kings of the earth will weep for her, and wail over her, those having fornicated and having luxuriated with her, when they see the smoke of her burning; standing from afar because of the fear of her torment, saying, Woe! Woe to the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour her judgment came.*

So, first of all, sometimes people will say, "Well, look. Why is it called a city and not a nation?" And we already said this, in ancient times ... Matter of fact, our guide in Jordan couple weeks ago was just saying the same thing, that in ancient times, how, the name of the city was the nation. Assyria was a city, it was a nation. Rome was a city, it was a nation, right? Babylon was a city, it was a nation. So this is what it's saying here. The city is reminiscent of the country.

Revelation 18:10-11 *But they're standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Woe! Woe to the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment came. And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their merchandise any more.*

Our footnote, verses 9-11: "The merchants of the earth are weeping and wailing because no one is buying their merchandise. The United States of America is the **only** country in the world that if it were destroyed overnight it would completely crash the world economy. The USA imports about 25-30% of the **whole world's goods** and is by far the greatest consumer nation on earth. If one is honest with themselves no other nation on earth even remotely fits this Scripture but USA."

So we have, I think, officially 188 or 192 countries that are recognized by United Nations. And then you have about another 10 or 20 that are territories. So you have more than 200 places on earth where people are living. **And America is almost 1/3 of the whole earth with consuming people's junk!** So that's why China can put all this junk together, with all this bad paint and lead that's hurting children. And as long as you can get it in a dollar store, people think it's great. But be careful ... be careful, because you get what you pay for, as like they said.

But what I want to do is ... we're here now, right? Babylon has 70 years to rule, and then Yahweh's going to destroy them. And we're right at the end of those 70 years. We don't know exactly, but we know we're not in the first five years, or the second, or even third decade. We're right toward the end of Babylon's reign. But what I want to show you is, when Babylon started, when this whole New World Order started, right, around 1950, do you think it was very hard to know who Babylon was in the very beginning?

Because, remember, Babylon is the world's greatest power. But, as we're seeing here, Babylon is losing that power. So, now, we're looking at it at the end of Babylon, and she's still the biggest power in the world militarily, economically, financially, socially. Who created the Internet? Not Al Gore. But it was America, right? That created the Internet.

But look back in 1950. Let me read you some of these statistics from 1950 just to show you how strong America was. World petroleum output in 1950 was almost 33,800 million barrels. Of this total, the United States **alone** produced more than half—52%. So, now, when ... **if you're living in 1950, and now it's the beginning of the end time, and you're trying to figure out who Babylon is ... world petroleum—America, one country out of 200 is producing more than half!** But that's not the end of it.

In 1950 Britain and America mined one and a half times as much coal as all the other nations combined. Every nation on earth would mine coal, and America and Britain mined one and a half times every other nation on earth combined! In 1950 United States **alone** produced **60%** of the steel worldwide ... 60%. 60% of **all** steel came only from United States.

Of the foodstuff, including milk, cheese, butter, beef, United States produced about 1/4 of the world's total in 1950 ... **1/4 of all the food in the world!** And think about this as I'm going to read everything that Babylon will not be producing anymore. In 1950 United States alone produced **73%** of all the automobiles in the world ... **73%** in 1950. In 1948 Americans owned 47% of the world's radio sets and 69% of the world's television sets. **All of them in the whole world. Like I said, you have 200 countries, entities, whatever, and one country is owning 69%,** almost seven tenths of every television set that's there.

Then you have United States produced one and one third—**only United States**—produced one and one third times as much pig iron as every other nation on earth combined ... **one and a third times as much pig iron.** 1948, US possessed nearly **95%** of the world's nickel ... **95% of all the world's nickel in 1948, 80% of the world's aluminum, 75% of the world's zinc.**

So, come on, let's be honest. **I mean, you're talking about one nation monopolizing everything. And this is what I'm trying to say, America did not just become Babylon from nothing. Yahweh put the resources there so that they could fulfill this end time Babylon. And from this time they've only been going down, because they have not been fulfilling what Yahweh wants them to fulfill.**

But 95% of the world's nickel, 80% aluminum, 75% of the zinc! America produced in 1950 2/3 of the world's rubber and dominated the world's copper, lead, tin, and other precious metal outputs. In 1950 United States had three times as much gold reserve as the total of the rest of the world combined ... **three times! So if you put all the world together with their gold, times that by three, that's how much America ...**

And you want to know something? Before World War II ... one of the reasons for this is because many of those countries, even Germany, put their gold in America. They had their gold in Fort Knox. And even today Germany's trying to get some of that gold back in the last few years. **But all the gold in the world, and America had three times that.**

America produced and utilized **2/3 of the world's output of electricity** in 1950. Great Britain and United States possessed well over half of the world's merchant fleet tonnage. So in 1950, **every single fleet around the world that's going, more than half of it was coming from America and Great Britain.**

And what happens when these ship masters are standing off the shore, and they're signing and crying because no one buys their merchandise anymore? **As you come into the harbor of New York where the the ships would come, what's the first thing you see?** "Welcome to Babylon," in the big water tower, coming from Babylon, New York.

And somebody was telling me at the feast ... I'm trying to remember who it was ... they said, "I looked it up on Google map, and I actually saw it." They said you could see it on Google map, the big water tower. It's ... I've been there many times. I used to have a courier service, and I used to have to go to New York. It's in Long Island. It's a town called Babylon. Only other place in the world beside Babylon in the Middle East that's called Babylon. There's no coincidences with Yahweh.

And, also, in 1948 America produced half of the world's railroad mileage ... half of it. So in this last generation that starts with Israel being a nation, and also Babylon is a part of that at that time, right? How could **anybody** ... how could anybody with a straight face, or anybody that could look at this, and say **anything but** that Babylon is United States of America? And especially where we see things now.

And like I said, they're ... even though in more than six decades, that every decade Babylon's strength has declined, **even today they're still by far ... there is nobody on earth** ... and a matter of fact, if you watch the news, it's the same thing over, and over, and over. Right in the regular news they'll say, "Well, how does it feel to be the world's only superpower?" There is no other world superpower. They're afraid in the next 10, 20 years China could become a world superpower. Russia has been trying to become a superpower. They don't have the economy to do it. **But there is no other superpower in the world than United States of Babylon.** It's that simple. So now, as we go into this, let's look now. So as I'm reading all of these statistics, let's look what happens in verse 11 of Revelation.

Revelation 18:11-13a *When the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, ... Over Babylon ... because no one buys their merchandise any more. Never again will there be trading of merchandise of gold, ... Right? How much—who had all the gold? America ... silver, precious stones, pearls, fine linen, purple, silk, scarlet, all aromatic wood, every ivory vessel, every vessel of precious wood, and of bronze, iron, marble, cinnamon, perfumes, ointment, frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour, ... Right? The wine, the oil, and the flour is not in Babylon anymore, meaning Yahweh's blessing is completely gone. ... wheat,*

Comment: Nobody produces more wheat in the world than America. And America used to have years of stored grain. And America, far more than anybody, gives that grain all over the world, right? But not so much anymore.

Revelation 18:13b *and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and bodies and souls of men.*

And that's the sad part, that most people there have no idea that they are slaves to that system. They don't realize they're slaves to that system. And it really, it is a system of slavery. Because this evil, wicked, world trading empire that these world bankers have created in United States has enslaved the people there as much as the other people around the world.

And when you look around the world, like Ivory Coast, right? And they're selling children for \$50 to go into cocoa fields **because all these companies from America, right? Kellogg's, and Nestle, and all these big conglomerate countries ... companies in America, they're enslaving all these people and literally using children slavery.** And parents will sell their child for \$50 because this system of Babylon has kept the poor poor and the rich richer.

So with all these trillions of dollars Babylon has and, still, 80% of the world lives on \$5 a day or less. How can that be? Because it's an evil, wicked system. **And they're not even happy to have all the money;** they want to enslave every single person on earth. And either you come under the yoke, or you're gone. And this is why Yahweh has had it, and Yahweh is going to punish Babylon.

And the people that have been living these good lives over there, and living in luxury, and saying, "It will never happen to us." "We're the greatest military." "Oh, let them try! Who's going to attack us ... who's going to attack us?" You'll see. You will see who will attack you. Because it really doesn't matter who does it. What matters is Yahweh's Word said it, and it's going to happen. And it's going to happen pretty soon ... it's going to happen pretty soon.

So, here it is ... and the other thing that's interesting: when it mentions all these 25 things that Babylon trades, **only ... only in United States is there commodity market to trade these things. So if you want to, tomorrow, you want to trade any kind of grain, you want to trade wheat, go tomorrow. You can trade a million dollars of wheat. You can buy it. You can sell it. You can buy it one hour, sell it another hour.**

Only in United States do they have the commodity exchange to trade all these things every day you want. So, even then, you don't ... there's always going to be a buyer and a seller. That's the way it works. That's the way it works with Babylon, and that's the way they're doing it. But they literally made bodies and souls of men slaves. And verse 14.

Revelation 18:14 *And the ripe fruits that your soul lusted after have went away from you, and all things delicious and splendid have perished from you; and you shall obtain them no more.*

Comment: And I think about that ... and maybe there is ... I mean, I haven't been to every place on earth. But I've been to a lot of places. And all I know is any place I've ever went to, whether it was Central, South America, Europe, Asia, anywhere, Middle East, you can only buy fruit when it's in season. Like now, there's not watermelon. It's not in season. Go to Babylon, you can buy it. **You can buy whatever you want all year long in Babylon. Strawberries, watermelon, you name it, whatever you like, it's there.**

Revelation 18:14 *And the ripe fruits of your soul lusted after, and it went away from you, and all things delicious and splendid have perished from you; and you shall obtain them no more at all.*

Comment: That's the only place I know anywhere in the world where you don't have to look to buy things in season, that you could buy any time you want.

Revelation 18:15-18 *The merchants of these things, the ones being enriched from her, will stand from afar because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning; and saying, Woe! Woe to the great city having been clothed in linen and purple and scarlet, ... Right? Very, very rich ... and having been girded with gold and precious stone, and pearls! For in one hour such great wealth was desolated. And every ship-pilot and all company in the ships, and the sailors, as many as work the sea, stood afar off, and cried, seeing the smoke of her burning, saying, What other is like the great city?*

And on the West Coast and the East Coast, you could see it from California and you see it in New York and the East Coast. When these ships come in with these big containers, I mean, they have these places that hold

them. I mean thousands, and thousands, and ... if you're looking from the air, you would think it's like some kind of Lego game or something. And it's not. It's literally hundreds of thousands of containers that are there. And it's amazing, like it says.

Revelation 18:18 *And they're all crying out, seeing the smoke of her burning, saying, What other is like the great city?*

Comment: Nobody! Nobody has ever been. And that's why you have to say to yourself: if we are really in the last generation—which there's no doubt we are—there's no way America ... not only being the world superpower, **but America runs the world. Everything happening in the world is because of America or caused by America** ... that they would not be in prophecy. There's no way. They have to be somewhere there, and they are. And it's Babylon.

Revelation 18:19-20 *And they threw dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and mourning, and saying, Woe! Woe to the great city, by which all those having ships in the sea were rich, from her costliness, because in one hour she was ruined. Rejoice over her, Heaven and cherubs, and the holy apostles, and the prophets, because YAHWEH has judged your cause on her.*

So this is where, maybe, somebody ... this is the one place where, maybe, someone is confusing. Because there is a judgment previously that happened on Jerusalem, that came because ... right? What happened? ... When Israel and Judah were unfaithful, that Yahweh said He would destroy the city and He would kick them out. But He never said He would destroy Jerusalem forever. So what's happening is Yahweh is taking the punishment of Judah and Israel and He's putting it on Babylon. So let's go to a couple of Scriptures to see this. Jeremiah 7 and verse 34, He says:

Jeremiah 7:34 *Then I will cause the voice of gladness to cease from the cities of Judah and from the streets of Jerusalem, even the voice of joy, and the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride. For the land shall become a waste.*

So He's talking about this in context of when ancient Babylon was coming to destroy Israel. And isn't it very interesting that it's ancient Babylon that destroyed Jerusalem? And now Yahweh is taking the punish from ancient Judah and putting it on end time Babylon. He's taking the punishment of end time—of Judah and putting it on end time Babylon. Jeremiah 25 and verse 8.

Jeremiah 25:8-12 *So says YAHWEH of Hosts: Because you have not obeyed My Words, behold! I will send and take all the families of the north, says YAHWEH, and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant; and I will bring them against this land, and against those living in it, and against all these nations all around. And I will completely destroy them, and make them a horror, and a hissing, and everlasting ruins. And I will take from them the voice of rejoicing, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstone, and the light of the lamp. And this whole land shall be a waste and a horror; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. And it shall be, when seventy years are fulfilled, I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, and the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity, says YAHWEH; and I will make it everlasting ruins.*

So, yes. Did Yahweh allow Judah to be punished? Absolutely. Is it an eternal punishment? No. And what does He say? After 70 years Babylon is going to be judged, and Babylon will be judged forever. Jeremiah 33 and verse 10.

Jeremiah 33:10-11 *So says YAHWEH, Again there shall be heard in this place, ... So now He's talking about the restoration of Jerusalem ... So says YAHWEH, Again there shall be heard in this place, which you say shall be waste without man and without beast, in the cities of Judah, and the streets of Jerusalem that are desolated without man, without one living in it, and without beast, the voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, the voice of the bride, the voice of those saying, Praise YAHWEH of Hosts, for YAHWEH is good, for His mercy endures forever; those who shall bring the sacrifice of thanks-giving into the house of YAHWEH. For I will bring back the captivity of the land, as at the first, says YAHWEH.*

Comment: So now this is what He's saying, where at first it was said destruction, now He's saying He's bringing it back.

Jeremiah 33:12 *So says YAHWEH of Hosts, Again in this place ... Jerusalem ... which is a waste without man or beast, and in all cities shall become homes of shepherds causing flocks to lie down.*

Then He goes into the mountains, and the Shephelah, and the Negev, how He's going to be bringing back all the land there. So this is what happens in the end time. Verse 20 again of Revelation 18.

Revelation 18:20 *Rejoice over her, Heaven and you cherubs, the holy apostles, and the prophets, because YAHWEH has judged your cause with her.*

Comment: Yahweh is taking Israel's punishment and He puts it on end time Babylon.

Revelation 18:21-22 *And a cherub took a stone like a great millstone, ... I'm back in Revelation 18 now, verse 21 ... and cast it into the sea, saying: So shall Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence, and shall no more be found: And the sound of harpers, and musicians, and flutists, and trumpeters will not still be heard in you, never! And every craftsman and every craft will not be found in you, never! And the sound of a mill will not be heard in you, never!*

Comment: So Babylon will not be producing anything anymore.

Revelation 18:23 *And the light of a lamp will not shine in you, never! And the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride will not be heard in you, never! ... We were just reading this ... For your merchants were the great ones of the earth, for by your sorceries ... Your pharmakeia ... all the nations were deceived.*

Like I said, America ... I mean, it's bigger than oil, the drug industry in America—Merck, Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson. I mean, it's gigantic. It's hundreds of billions of dollar business keeping everybody sick. And that's why ... I mean, I've seen myself, I've met people that were doctors that confirmed this. I've seen interviews with people that came up with cures, people claiming they had cure to cancer. And what happens? The person winds up dead, or they'll give them a million dollars to take his thing and rip it up. Because they don't want to get people well. They want to keep people sick. Because that's part of the whole thing of Babylon. Jeremiah 51 and verse 48.

Jeremiah 51:48-50 *Then the heavens and the earth, and all that is in them, shall shout for Babylon. For the plunderers shall come to her from the north, says YAHWEH. As Babylon is to fall for the slain of Israel, so for Babylon the slain of all the earth will fall. You who have escaped the sword, go away. Do not stand still. Remember YAHWEH afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind.*

So very, very clearly, we see here that Babylon is not going to survive. They are not going to survive this. The people have to leave there, and they have to flee. Revelation 17:10 and 11. One chapter back.

Revelation 17:10-11 *And the kings are seven. Five fell, and one is, the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must remain a little. And the beast which was, and is not, even is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goes into perdition.*

So we see that this is what's going to happen here, as verse 24 of Revelation 18.

Revelation 18:24 *And in her was found the blood of all the prophets, and saints, and all the ones having been slain on the earth.*

So, why is that? Because of the beast that's coming to destroy Babylon. And it's going to be a bloodbath. You're talking about, right now, 330 million people living there. And if not one person is going to be left, then you better believe a lot of people are going to die. They're going to die by some of the things that Yahweh has coming, maybe tsunamis, and who knows what.

But they're also going to die in the war that's coming there that Babylon is going to lose. Because Jeremiah says that the fighting men in Babylon become like women. They're shaking in their boots. And it's hard to imagine that because America has the strongest army in the world, but it's going to happen. It's going to happen because the Bible says it. And like I said, this last Scripture here:

Revelation 18:24 *was found in her the blood of the prophets, and saints, and all the ones having been slain on the earth.*

There were seven world empires—Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, and the New World Order is the eighth, of the seventh. But like we said last week, that in the end the great whore, the land of Babylon, who created this world system ... and the global powers that be, they do not want ... they resent the fact that America is running everything.

There's two different factions that you have when you're looking at the global system, because it comes from Freemasonry. And you have the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, and you have the York Rite of Freemasonry. The York Rite ... that's why—New York. Where does it come from? From the York Rite of Freemasonry. They're the international bankers. They're the ones that are the money. They're the ones who over the last 150 years have won elections, from mayors and local councilman all the way up to President of United States. And then the Scottish Rite are the ones that are more into nature worship. That's why they want "global warming." And they want to talk about all these things, and "Don't harm the animals."

And there's a friction there. Because the American, the Babylonian one, that is all into the York Rite and the money side, and the other side that's into the Gaia worship and all that. There's a friction there. And it's getting ready to break. Because, like we're seeing, Europe does not want America's on their back. They want to do this. And we're going to see what happens in the coming days, and months, and maybe couple of years. But as it stands now, wow!

We read these prophecies and it doesn't take of a lot of imagination, because it's happening already. We're seeing it happening. And like I said, Babylon ... Babylon's best days are over. And if you look at it, every single world empire including Rome, which was really the last big world empire, what took Rome down? What ... people thought the same thing. How could Rome ever go down? Who could equal Rome in power and might? And you know what took Rome down? Immorality ... immorality ... sexual sin and immorality. And you don't have it worse any place on the world than in America with these things.

It is such a vile, sick, immoral system. And it's hard to imagine that they're still called a Christian nation when you have even Christian churches that will have openly gay pastors, and say it's okay. Because, again, what did they do? They had to water down Yahweh's Word. They had to get rid of the Torah. And now everything is just a demonic type of love. Because it's not real love to accept things that are going to bring eternal death to people.

So we are going to stop there. That will end our study for now on end time Babylon. A whole ... like I say, whole chapters: Jeremiah 50 and 51, Isaiah 47, Isaiah 13, Revelation 17 and 18. You're not talking about a Scripture here or there; you're talking about full chapters all about end time Babylon. It's an important subject because end time Babylon has set the stage for everything that's coming about. And end time Babylon is going to be completely destroyed as Yahweh said. So it's important for the times we're living in, because here we are at that crossroads. So next week we'll get into Revelation 19, which is a great chapter about the bride of Messiah. And then we will continue from there. But, Yahweh bless. Shabbat shalom.