

7. Babylon (Iraq) in the Tribulation.
 - a. Antichrist will arrange for the governments of the world to sign a protective agreement with Israel.
 - b. The temple will be (32) _____ on the original site in Jerusalem.
 - c. The city of Babylon would be rebuilt on its original site.
 - d. The apostate church would be the vehicle to join the peoples (as well as their rulers) into a world-wide (33) _____.
 - e. Antichrist would be the (34) _____ since Nebuchadnezzar to rule the entire known-civilized world.

8. The destruction of Babylon (Iraq).
 - a. (35) _____, “habitation of demons and the cage of unclean spirits” (Rev. 18:2, *ELT*). “According to her works” (Rev. 18:6). “Her plague came in one day, death and mourning and famine; and she should be utterly burned with fire” (Rev. 18:8).
 - b. (36) _____, destroyed by the beast.
 - c. The nations and businessmen grieve Babylon’s judgment, Rev. 17:9-15.
 - d. The (37) _____ of people, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues” (Rev. 17:15). The description ends with tongues.

D. Signs: The Gathering Storm

1. Ezek. 37:1-28 – the return of Israel to the land.
2. II Thess. 2:3-4 – the apostate church.
3. Rev. 13:15-17 – internationalism.
4. Empirical causes: pollution and population explosion.
5. The rise of power in the Arab nations.
6. President Jimmy Carter (38) _____ Israel.
7. Will the next United States president (39) _____ Israel if she is attacked by invasion, nuclear bombs, etc? “Gospel Light said, ‘I will bless those who bless you (seed of Abraham) and I will curse him who curses you’” (Gen. 12:3).

E. Comfort for the Christian

1. God is still in control.
2. (40) _____ and learning more about the End Times should be a priority in my daily walk with God. Rev.1:3
3. Christ will soon return and I should be (41) _____.



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Answers: 1-second most mentioned 2-recent name 3-The Garden of Eden 4-oldest known civilization 5-returned to Iraq 6-The Tower of Babel 7-Ur of Iraq 8-Isaac and Jacob 9-vicious people 10-after Jerusalem 11-city state 12-first ruler 13-Chiastic Structure 14-substitute religion 15-seven known planets 16-Zodiac 17-motivator 18-substitute religion 19-apostate church 20-Merger 21-supernatural signs and wonders 22-movement 23-merger 24-headquarters of Antichrist 25-center for Christ 26-never fulfilled 27-Sodom and Gomorrah 28-Day of the Lord 29-destruction of Babylon 30-sign 31-immediately 32-rebuilt 33-confederation 34-first person 35-Internal 36-External 37-mass 38-turned against 39-stand with 40-Witnessing 41-ready

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Pastor Jeremy Johnston’s Sermon
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“The Resurrection of Babylon: What the Bible Says About Iraq”
Bible Text: Genesis 12:1-4

A. Introduction

Gen. 12:1-4 - Now the LORD had said to Abram:

*“Get out of your country,
 From your family
 And from your father’s house,
 To a land that I will show you.*

*² I will make you a great nation;
 I will bless you
 And make your name great;
 And you shall be a blessing.*

*³ I will bless those who bless you,
 And I will curse him who curses you;
 And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”*

⁴ So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

“Keep your friends close, and your enemies closer.” – Sun Tzu

“Know your enemy and know yourself and you can fight a hundred battles without disaster.” – Sun Tzu

“See what has become of Israel... It is clear that Israel is the most hated regime in the world... this regime will be annihilated and Palestinians and other regional nations will be rid of its bad omen.” - Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

“Iran today is the mother of Islamic terrorism.” – Dr. Thomas Ice

1. Iraq is the (1) _____ nation in the Bible after Israel. (Mesopotamia, Babylon, Assyria, Nineveh, Chaldees, etc.).
2. The name Iraq is a (2) _____ and Baghdad is a modern city.

B. Historical Background

1. (3) _____ was in Iraq, Genesis 2:8-14.
 - a. The Euphrates “The River” (2:14) and Tigris (Hiddekel).
 - b. Land of Havilah (2:11), land of sand.
2. The Sumerians – the (4) _____ was in Iraq.
 - a. Mesopotamia, “Land between the rivers.”

- b. Hammurabi 1728 – 1686 BC, library, legal system, plumbing, etc.
3. Noah's heritage ⁽⁵⁾ _____, Tower of Babel, Gen. 11:1-9
 - a. Land of Shinar (9:2) is Babylon.
 - b. ⁽⁶⁾ _____ (Ziggurat or pyramid) outside old Babylon.
 - c. Babel means confusion.
 4. Abraham – born in ⁽⁷⁾ _____, Gen. 11:31.
 - a. Ur was the capital of the Sumerian city-state.
 - b. Chaldee was a tribe in Southern Iraq.
 - c. Father of the Jews, Christians.
 - d. Wives of ⁽⁸⁾ _____ were from Iraq, Gen. 24:4; 28:1-2.
 5. Assyria, Northern Iraq.
 - a. A ⁽⁹⁾ _____.
 - b. Nineveh the capital city (Tigris River), Jonah- repentance, Nahum, message of judgment.
 - c. Captures the ten northern tribes of Israel, 722 BC.
 - d. Nineveh fell to Babylon and Nebuchadnezzar, 612, BC.
 6. Babylon, Southern Iraq.
 - a. The city Babylon is the second most mentioned city in the Bible ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____.
 - b. ⁽¹¹⁾ _____ of Babylon on Euphrates River, hanging gardens, blue.
 - c. Nebuchadnezzar, ⁽¹²⁾ _____ of the known world.
 - d. Captured Jerusalem 606 BC, Daniel 597 BC, Ezekiel 586 BC, destroyed.
 - e. Three Hebrew children in fiery furnace, brick kiln.
 - f. Nebuchadnezzar's vision of Great Image, Daniel 2:31-45.
 - Head – Gold – Babylon (Iraq) – Nebuchadnezzar
 - Arms – Silver – Media-Persia (Iraq) – Cyrus
 - Belly – Brass – Greece – Alexander
 - Legs – Iron – Rome – Caser
 - 10 Toes – Iron & Clay – Revived Rome – False Christ

⁽¹³⁾ _____: is a literary structure used in ancient literatures including epic poetry (Odyssey and Iliad); scripture (the Torah, the Bible), as well as in the texts of other pre-modern cultures texts. Concepts or ideas are placed in a special symmetric order or pattern in a chiasmatic structure to emphasize them.

C. Babylon – The Center of the Apostate Church, Revelation 17

1. Tower of Babel originally a ⁽¹⁴⁾ _____.
 - a. A tower to (unto) Heaven, Gen. 11:4.
 - b. 153' high and 400' base of dried brick.
 - c. Seven levels to correspond to ⁽¹⁵⁾ _____ (black-Saturn, orange-Jupiter, etc).
 - d. ⁽¹⁶⁾ _____ (astrology) at top.
 - e. Nimrod (to rebel) ⁽¹⁷⁾ _____ of substitute religion, Gen. 10:8-10.

2. Satan always wanted a ⁽¹⁸⁾ _____.
 - a. "I will be like the most high" (Isa. 14:14).
 - b. "The man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God . . . so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God" (II Thess. 2:3-4).
 - c. Substitute Trinity, Satan, antichrist, and false prophets.
3. Future Babylon is the ⁽¹⁹⁾ _____.
 - a. Called, "Mystery, Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots, and abominations of the earth, Rev. 17:5.
 - b. Babylon associated with the Beast (antichrist) and the revised Roman Empire of ten nations, Rev. 17:3, 12.
 - c. ⁽²⁰⁾ _____ of Protestants, Catholics, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, etc.
 - d. The religious glue is ⁽²¹⁾ _____ (not Roman Catholic, or doctrine). "The beast that was, and is not, and yet is" (Rev. 17:8). "His deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast." (Rev. 13:3). "So that he even makes fire come down from heaven" (Rev. 13:13) Satanic Pentecost.
4. Babylon is going to be re-built.
 - a. The city stands for a ⁽²²⁾ _____, as a literal Wall Street stands for economic movement.
 - b. The Euphrates is symbolic separation between eastern and western culture. Babylon symbolizes the ⁽²³⁾ _____ of east and west religions.
 - c. Babylon is the ⁽²⁴⁾ _____, as Jerusalem is ⁽²⁵⁾ _____.
 - d. Antichrist will attempt to unite China (Orient) with the west, Rev. 16:12.
 - e. Zechariah's vision of the ephah (three peck basket) being carried to Babylon. It predicted a return of wickedness and commerce to Babylon, Zech. 5:5-11.
5. Bible predications about Babylon ⁽²⁶⁾ _____.
 - a. Isaiah predicted her judgment like ⁽²⁷⁾ _____, Isa. 3:19.
 - b. The judgment predicated against Babylon in Jeremiah 51 is similar to Rev. 17. See words, golden cup waters, nations (law of double fulfillment).
 - c. Babylon is destroyed during the ⁽²⁸⁾ _____ (Tribulation), Isa. 13:6.
 - d. Bricks from Babylon used in other cities, contrary to Jeremiah 51:26.
 - e. Israel will enter into her rest (Millennium) after ⁽²⁹⁾ _____, Isa. 14:4.
6. Is the hostility with Iraq a ⁽³⁰⁾ _____ of Christ coming?
 - a. No one can predict the exact time, Matt. 24:36.
 - b. The gathering storm – events that are to happen ⁽³¹⁾ _____ after Christ's return.
 - c. The church will be raptured out before antichrist rules the world from Babylon.