

## Mid-East Prophecy Update - The Perfect Prophetic Storm, Part 5 – July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009

- Every week, we set aside a few minutes on Sunday mornings to look at Bible prophecy
- The reason for this is because the Bible predicts certain events that will take place in the last days before the Lord returns.
- We believe that what's happening in the world today is a fulfillment of those Bible Prophecies.

- We look primarily at events in the Middle East, specifically related to Israel because, as it's been said; "Israel is God's prophetic clock."

- This is part 5 of a study titled; "The Perfect Prophetic Storm!" The world stage is being set and it's coming together to form this storm.

### 1. Iran's Islamic Eschatology

- In part one we looked at what the re-election of Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad means related to Islam's role in the last days.

### 2. The North Korea Factor

- Then in part two we looked at the, "The North Korea Factor," and how they provide Iran with data, while Iran provides them with money.

### 3. A Global Quest for "Peace and Security"

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> condition leading to this "Perfect Prophetic Storm" is the global cry and international quest for "peace and security," in the world.

### 4. The "Two-State Solution"

- The 4<sup>th</sup> condition is what's being called the "Two-State Solution," with Israel and Palestine living together in "Peace and Security."

### 5. A Rebuilt Babylon in Iraq

- The 5<sup>th</sup> condition is the fulfilling of a prophecy about Babylon which will ultimately be destroyed. However, Babylon has to be rebuilt first.

**June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 - Joel Rosenberg** [BIBLE SKEPTICS TAKE NOTE: BABYLON IS BEING REBUILT, JUST AS PROPHESED](#) - Regular readers of this weblog and my books know that Bible prophecy says the ancient city of Babylon, Iraq will be rebuilt and become the greatest center of wealth, commerce and power in the "last days" of history. The books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Revelation are explicit on this subject. Skeptics and cynics abound, to be sure, but the fact is Babylon is being rebuilt right now, in part with U.S. taxpayer funds. Iraqi leaders hope that eventually millions of tourists will come to visit, and real progress is being made. ... As Iraq becomes increasingly stable and secure, [direct foreign investment](#) is going to flood in, and Iraq will become the wealthiest country on the planet. [Exxon Mobil](#), the world's largest company, for example, is positioning itself to become a major investor in the Iraqi energy sector. Other major oil companies are doing the same. The Iraqi government in recent months has been [developing investment incentive packages](#) to draw in such companies. And this week, such energy companies will actually begin [bidding for licenses](#) to develop Iraq's immense but badly atrophied oil exploration, drilling, and refining industry. Consider, for example, this headline from the Associated Press: "[World's big oil companies prepare for return to Iraq.](#)" And this is just the beginning. Skeptics take note: the Bible is coming true, one prophecy at a time. <http://flashtrafficblog.wordpress.com/>

- The Bible mentions Babylon over 300 times. Its home to both history and prophecy and it began when Nimrod built the tower of Babel.
- Ancient Babylon was also known for its spectacular hanging gardens which made it one of the "Seven Wonders of the World."

"The area is appropriately called the "cradle of civilization." Promoting tourism would be a great way to bring revenue into the area. A stream of tourists interested in the ruins of ancient Babylon would bolster the local hotels and the food and entertainment industries. The US State Department and the Iraqi Board of Antiquities and Heritage are beginning work on the Future of Babylon Project, to preserve the ruins of ancient Babylon and make the area tourist-friendly."

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- In the book of Revelation, the Apostle John writes and reveals in graphic detail about the role Babylon plays in the end of days.

**Revelation 17:1-5** 1 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute, who sits on many waters. 2 With her the kings of the earth committed adultery and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries." 3 Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a desert. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns. 4 The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries. 5 This title was written on her forehead: MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. NIV

**Revelation 18:1-3** 1 After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor. 2 With a mighty voice he shouted: "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great! She has become a home for demons and a haunt for every evil spirit, a haunt for every unclean and detestable bird. 3 For all the nations have drunk the maddening wine of her adulteries. The kings of the earth committed adultery with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries." NIV

- It's important to understand that there is a distinction between the two Babylon's that are mentioned here in the book of Revelation.
- In chapter 17 John, by the Holy Spirit, describes a religious Babylon, and in chapter 18 he describes a political and economic Babylon.

- Some believe that after religious Babylon is destroyed the one-world religion assimilates into the one world government and economy.
- In other words, this religious Babylon of chapter 17 is used, then, she's done away with, which is why she's referred to as a prostitute.
- Once she's been taken advantage of, the Anti-Christ in chapter 18's Babylon, controls the world religiously, politically, and financially.

- Bible commentators suggest that religious Babylon comes out of Rome the city of seven hills which has profound prophetic implications.

**Revelation 17:9** "This calls for a mind with wisdom. The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits. NIV

- Rome, the capital city of Italy, is historically known as 'City of Seven Hills.'

<http://ezinearticles.com/?Rome:-City-of-Seven-Hills&id=361128>

- Rome has long been known as Babylon. The Apostle Peter sends his greeting in his first epistle from Babylon, when he was in Rome.

**1 Peter 5:13-14** 13 She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark. 14 Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ. NIV

- I would like to recommend what is probably one of the best books on this; its "The Woman who Rides the Beast," written by David Hunt.

IMAGE	DESCRIPTION	Ten Horns / Toes	Ten Nations
The City of Seven Hills	Rome	Mystery Babylon	Religious System
The Beast	Anti-Christ	The Women	The Queen Mother

"Bishop Fulton J. Sheen wrote an interesting book in which he predicted that Islam would be converted to Christianity 'through a summoning of the Muslims to a veneration of the Mother of God.' He reasoned thus: 'The Qur'an... has many passages covering the Blessed Virgin. First of all, the Qur'an believes in her Immaculate Conception and also in her Virgin Birth... Mary, then, is for the Muslims the true Sayyida, or Lady. The only possible serious rival to her in their creed would be Fatima, the daughter of Mohammed himself. But after the death of Fatima, Mohammed wrote: 'Thou shalt be the most blessed of all the women in Paradise, after Mary.'"

Dave Hunt "The Women Who Rides the Beast" p. 458 (Mary and the Muslims, The World's First Love – Garden City Books, 1952)

- What makes the religious Babylon of Revelation 17 so interesting is that we are seeing the beginning of it come together right now!  
- Remember now, there are two Babylon's. There's Ecclesiastical Babylon, in Revelation 17, and Economical Babylon, in Revelation 18.  
- I submit to you that both the Babylon in Rome and the one in Iraq, are even now being built and rebuilt for their prophetic fulfillment.

Consider this painting of the tower of Babel by Pieter Brueghel. It was the inspiration for the architecture of the EU Parliament building that now stands on the border between France and Germany in Strasbourg. This poster was created by the EU to encapsulate the dream of this emerging union. The structure at the center of the poster is a modern representation of Pieter Brueghel's, Tower of Babel which symbolizes an EU that is, "Many Tongues, One Voice".

This Tower Building (so named after the Tower of Babel) houses the Fifth Parliament of Europe. The legislative amphitheater is arranged in a hemicycle and has 679 seats, each assigned to a particular lawmaker. For example, Seat 663 is assigned to Rep Souchet, 664 to Thomas-Mauro, 665 to Zizzener and 667 to Rep Cappato. In between Zizzner and Cappato is an empty seat, unallocated and unfilled. Seat 666 has never been occupied, but is ready for its occupant.

An actual photograph of the front of Council of the European Union Building in Brussels, Belgium with a sculpture of a woman riding a beast can be seen at the following website:

<http://www.lcg.org/cgi-bin/tw/commentary/tw-comm.cgi?category=Commentary1&item=122310038>

This is another one from at the European Union Parliament Building:

[http://www.parowanprophet.com/Monthly\\_Flyer/why\\_is\\_america\\_to\\_blame.htm](http://www.parowanprophet.com/Monthly_Flyer/why_is_america_to_blame.htm)

On the cover of Europe magazine (May 1984) a stamp to celebrate European Community landmarks, portrays the beautiful Europa riding the bull, over the sea, assisted by a cherub. (What's interesting is that if you count the waves, which look more like hills, you'll see seven hills, and their beautiful Europa looks more like a harlot, riding a horned beast on seven hills. Hmmm)

A Time Magazine article on a United Europe shows a scantily dressed woman on a beast.

A European Phone Card from Germany has a picture of a woman on a beast.

There is a Euro Coin with a Woman Riding a Beast

<http://www.giveshare.org/BibleStudy/198.europabeast.html>

- That's the Babylon of Revelation 17, what about the Babylon of Revelation 18? That's where we now leave Rome and go back to Iraq.  
- After religious Babylon is destroyed the Babylon in 18 becomes the headquarters. I believe it's the rebuilt city of Ancient Babylon in Iraq.

- I am keenly aware that there are many well versed Bible teachers that believe that the Babylon in 18 is actually the United States.  
- I don't happen to be of that school for a number of reasons not the least of which is because of what we see taking place in Iraq today.  
- Let me say it this way; Iraq is in need of a government, an economy and even a Religion. With oil and tourism money, they get all three.

Whether these references are to a literal city of Babylon on the banks of the Euphrates is the subject of great debate. We do know that ancient Babylon was not destroyed, but was overthrown by the Medes and the Persians ...If we take the Bible seriously, Babylon is destined to rise again to power to receive the judgment that Isaiah, Jeremiah, and the Apostle John have described.

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- Perhaps at this point you're saying; "you've made a point with Power Point, now what's the point for me?" What does this mean for me?  
- I know that I have just presented a plethora of information, but now I would like to present a challenge for all of us by way of application.  
- Whether you're a believer, or, what one has aptly called a; "pre-believer," in Jesus, there is something you can do before this storm hits.

- First for the believers, which represents most in this church; start getting your affairs in order and take care of any unfinished business.
- Be prepared to give to every man an answer for the hope that you have in Jesus Christ and His soon return for His bride at the rapture.

- For the pre-believers, I say this; "God didn't have all of these prophecies recorded so pastors would have some good sermon material!"
- He tells us what's going to happen, so that when it happens, we will know that He is Who He said He was and believe in Him as Lord.

**John 14:29** "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. NKJV