

Endtime Babylon's Destruction

Summary of *Endtimes Essentials* book #3: *Endtime Babylon (EB)*, chs. 8-18

Big idea #1: The Antichrist and a 10-nation Endtime Coalition will destroy America with nuclear weapons during the beginning of the Endtimes.

Big idea #2: This is why God commands His people who live in Endtime Babylon to physically escape His punishment of America.

Key texts:

Rev chs. 17-18; Jer chs. 50-51 (these prophecies never fulfilled in ancient Babylon, *EB* ch. 2, sec. D.2).

(Rev 17:16; 18:10, 17, 19, 22-23) **The ten horns** [10-nation Endtime Coalition] **that you saw and the beast** [Antichrist] **will hate the Prostitute [Babylon the Great 17:5]** and these will permanently remove all people from her [ērēmōmenēn] and strip her naked and they will devour her body and will burn her down with fire [katakausousin]... in one hour... No worker of any trade will ever be found in you again... **The light of a lamp will never shine in you again. The voice of bridegroom and bride will never be heard in you again.** (for explanation of suggested translation see *EB* ch. 1, sec. A)

(Rev 18:4) **Then I heard another voice from heaven say: "Escape [exelthate] out of Babylon the Great My people; so that you will not participate in her sins; so that you will not experience her being struck hard with a sudden and severe disaster [plēgai]. This is because her sins are piled up to Heaven and God has focused His attention on her wrongs"** (for suggested translation see *EB* ch. 16, sec. A.1)

The unfulfilled prophecies in Jeremiah 50-51 concerning Babylon describe it as: **Babylon and the land of the Babylonians... the LORD's purposes against Babylon stand—to lay waste the land of Babylon so that no one will live there... For I will light a fire in the cities of Babylon that will burn up everything around them.**" (Jer 50:1; 51:29 NIV, 32 NLT). This prophecy is yet to be fulfilled for Endtime Babylon.

A) Biblical Evidence of America's Destruction with Nuclear Weapons (*EB* ch. 8-9)

Antichrist's attack on America **will permanently remove all people from her and ... burn her down with fire** such that no people ever live there again (Rev 17:16; 18:21-23). **In one day ... She will be consumed by fire** (18:8). The prophecy states three times its complete destruction will occur **in one [literal] hour** (18:10, 17, 19). Only nuclear weapons could accomplish this.

There will be the unleashing of a **fiery red** weapon with the **power to make men slaughter each other** with a **mega sword** that will help to **kill the people living on one fourth of the earth** (Rev 6:4, 8). That is estimated to be 2 billion people. Nuclear war would seem necessary to kill that many people.

Jeremiah predicted that a military attack on Endtime Babylon will **silence all soldiers** in one **day** causing **a fire in the cities of Babylon that will burn up everything around them** such that **It will never again be inhabited or lived in from generation to generation** (50:9, 13-14, 29, 32).

Daniel describes the military activities of the Antichrist: **He will cause a shocking amount of destruction... He will destroy powerful leaders... he will destroy many without warning... He will attack the mightiest fortresses** (8:24-25; 11:39 NLT). This would reflect the Antichrist leading a surprise nuclear attack on America as predicted in Rev 17:16.

B) How would the Antichrist and the 10-nation Coalition destroy America with nuclear weapons? (*EB* chs. 10-12)

Just one of Russia's new "Satan II" missiles has the destructive power to produce 500 Hiroshimas. Russia has enough nuclear warheads to hit every city in America with over 100,000 people, with 20 nuclear warheads each. The estimated time for a traditional nuclear missile launched in northern Russia to cross over the North Pole and hit targets in America is 30 minutes. This is how America could be destroyed **in one hour** (Rev 18:10).

In the past, the nuclear arsenal of America would deter Russia from attacking America. However, testimony has been given in front of the U. S. Congress that both Russia and China have developed cyber-warfare and Electro-magnetic Pulse weapons that would neutralize electronic power grids, devices, computers, and communications. Therefore, Russia and China possess the

ability to neutralize the nuclear and military might of America before they attack. This seems to fulfill prophecies that Endtime Babylon will be defenseless and not fight back (Jer 50:15; 51:3-4, 30, 32, 44, 56, 58; cf. *EB* ch. 11).

C) When & why would the Antichrist and the 10-nation Coalition destroy America with nuclear weapons? (*EB* ch. 13)

The religion of wealth promoted by America hinders the Antichrist's desire to be the sole object of worship and dependence in the Endtimes. The economic and military might of America hinders the Antichrist and Russia, China, and Iran in the Coalition from ruling the world. This is why **Babylon the Great** is portrayed as a **woman sitting on** top of, and that **rides** (*bastazontos*) or restrains the **scarlet beast** (Antichrist) with **ten horns** (the Coalition) (Rev 17:3, 5, 7). America's hindrance to the Antichrist's desire for worship and power is why **The beast** [Antichrist] and the **ten horns** [Coalition]... **will hate the prostitute** and **burn her down with fire ... in one hour** (Rev 17:16; 18:10).

D) Why would God punish America? (*EB* ch. 13, sec. C; chs. 14-15)

The prophecy states **God will put it into their hearts** [Antichrist & Coalition] **to accomplish his purpose** by destroying Endtime Babylon (Rev 17:17). Like OT Israel it has abandoned God in spiritual adultery and prostitution. Therefore, like Israel, God is going to severely punish Endtime Babylon. Many think America is too loved by God for Him to do this. But God repeatedly told Israel He loved them, and they were His people, even as He warned them of severe and painful punishment for their idolatry.

E) When will Endtime Babylon's destruction occur? (*EB* ch. 2, sec. C)

Rev is well-known to not be in chronological order. Even though Rev chs. 17-18 are at the relative end of the book, they depict a time before many other Endtime events occur. The Antichrist is still hindered in rising to power and worship (cf. 17:3, 7). The reactions of people in Rev 17-18 reflect a time before the even much greater disasters in Rev afflict them. The **kings of the earth** are **terrified at her torment** (18:10) instead of themselves being **tortured for five months** by demonic locusts that produce **agony** such that **during those days people will seek death but will not find it** (9:3-6). The **international businessman of the earth** will be **weeping and mourning over her because no one buys their cargoes anymore** (18:11), instead of mourning about when **one-third of all the people on earth** are **killed by ... the fire and smoke and burning sulfur that came from the mouths of** demonic **horses** (9:18). The **sea captains** are mourning over their lost business (18:17-18), instead of the fact that the **sea** will be completely **turned into blood** (16:3). For these and many more reasons given, the secret alliance between the Antichrist & Coalition to destroy Endtime Babylon will occur before Christ's Wrath and probably soon after Antichrist's Resurrection. See diagram on next page: A Biblical Sequence of Endtime Events.

E) What does God want Christians in Endtime Babylon to do? (*EB* ch. 16-18)

Physically **LEAVE** Endtime Babylon when the Endtimes begin. Which is why there is a command in the midst of the prophecy stating this: (18:4-5) **Then I heard another voice from heaven say: "Escape out of Babylon the Great My people; so that you will not participate in her sins; so that you will not experience her being struck hard with a sudden and severe disaster. This is because her sins are piled up to Heaven and God has focused His attention on her wrongs.** The prophecy predicts a literal and physical destruction of Endtime Babylon. Therefore, this is speaking of a literal and physical escape from Endtime Babylon.

This command to leave **Babylon** quickly because of its impending destruction is repeated 7 times in the OT in prophecies that were never fulfilled by ancient **Babylon**, but will apply to Endtime Babylon (Zech 2:7; Jer 50:8-9; 51:6, 9, 45-48; Isa 48:18, 20-21; 52:11-12). God seems serious about this!

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