

“Three Angels, One Warning: Babylonian Confusion”

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□ The City

- 3 promises to claim: Jeremiah 33:3; John 16:13; Daniel 2:20-22.
- Angel #2—Revelation 14:8
- “Facts √” on Babylon:
 - Babylon must be _____, since “the great city” had ceased to exist by the time John wrote Revelation and has not arisen since (Rev 17:5).
 - Babylon is the only other _____, besides God’s, to appear in the Three Angels’ warning.
 - And Babylon exerts a _____ power of coercion.
 - Therefore, Babylon must be a very significant _____ in the divine endgame of earth’s history.
 - Babylon falls or collapses just before the _____ (Rev 14:14).
 - The twin-headline of Babylon’s final collapse is _____

□ The Confusion

- “Roots √” on Babylon:
 - _____ was the founder of Babylon (Genesis 10:8-12).
 - His name was from the Hebrew verb *marad* (“to _____”) and the LXX renders v 9, “a mighty hunter *against* the LORD.”
 - He turned society from patriarchal to _____ and is the author of _____.
 - He was the first to carry on _____ against his neighbors and conquered the regions from Assyrian to Libya.
 - Under his leadership the _____ was attempted (Genesis 11:1-9).
 - The twin sins of Nimrod and Babel—(1) doubt of God’s _____ (Genesis 9:11), and (2) defiance of God’s _____ (Genesis 9:1).
 - Thus “Babel” became the defining root of Babylon (*bab-ilu* “gate of the gods” in Babylonian/*babal* “to confuse” in Hebrew)—“the _____ gate of the gods.”
 - _____ is the invisible king of Babylon (Isaiah 14:4, 12).
 - His original sin—“I will be like the _____” (Isaiah 14:14)—is the defining sin of Babylon in the beginning, in the middle and in the ending of earth’s history.
 - From its founding Babylon has been a “store front” for _____ kingdom and rule on earth.
 - Thus the great war between the forces of light and darkness in sacred history has been a tale of _____—Jerusalem (the citadel of God) and Babylon (the citadel of Satan).
- Whatever the apocalyptic Babylon turns out to be, this “roots √” reveals that its prevailing sins will be: (1) disobedience of God’s _____; (2) defiance against God’s _____; and, (3) desire for God’s _____.
- Martin Luther: “If they [the pope and all the Romanists] do not abrogate all their laws and traditions, restore proper liberty to the churches of Christ, and cause that liberty to be taught, then they are guilty of all the souls that perish in this miserable servitude, and that the papacy is identical with the kingdom of Babylon and the Antichrist itself.” (*On the Babylonian Captivity of the Church*, quoted in *Luther the Reformer*, James M. Kittelson, p 152)
- Le Roy Edwin Froom, in his four volume *Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers*, carefully chronicles the long line of Bible expositors, from early church fathers to the Waldenses to the later Reformers who over the centuries arrived at the same compelling conclusion Luther did: Babylon is an apocalyptic symbol of the fallen _____ church.
- She was never to be a symbol of the people of the church, but rather an apocalyptic symbol of the geo-religio-political _____ that Rome would become during the Dark and Middle Ages—a figurative symbol of the global superpower that Rome will become just before the return of Christ.
- *Do we practice the same confusion?*
 - James 4:4 NIV: “You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.”
 - To be married to _____ and be sleeping with the _____ is “fornication.”
- On the cross Jesus refused to drink the Roman wine.
 - The _____ of God is the only defense against the _____ of Babylon.
 - *The Great Controversy*: “None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict. . . . But God will have a people upon the earth to maintain the Bible, and the Bible only, as the standard of all doctrines and the basis of all reforms.” (593, 595)

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