

# Three Angels, One Message God's Everlasting Gospel



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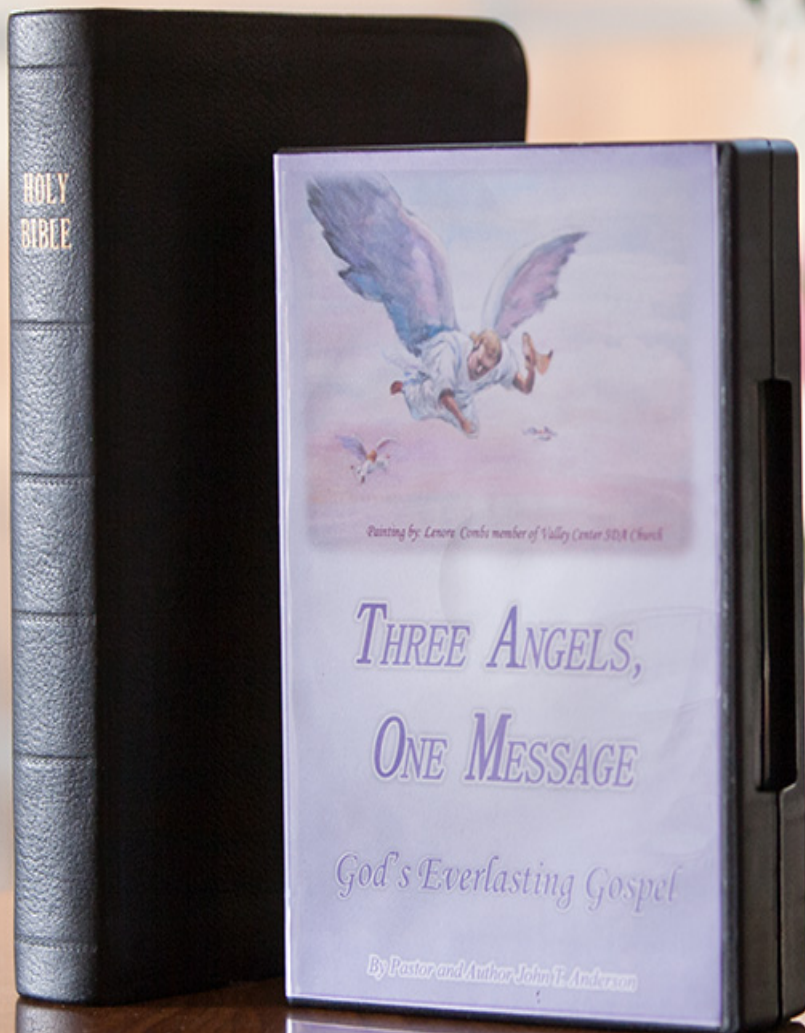


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Series Theme Song

We Have This Hope

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For **God** So Loved the  
World, that **He** Gave His  
Only Begotten **Son**, that  
Whosoever Believeth in **Him**  
Should Not Perish, but Have  
Everlasting **Life**.

For **God** Sent Not **His**  
**Son** Into the World to  
Condemn the World; But  
that the World Through  
**Him** Might Be Saved.

John 3:16-17

# Special Music





# “Babylon Has Fallen”

## Evangelistic Series

### Sermon Six



**“Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”**





**What does "Babylon" mean?**

**What is meant by its being "fallen"?**

**What is "fallen" mentioned twice?**



# The "Seven Faces" of Babylon

**1. The “Babylon”  
of the tower  
of Babel**

**2. The Babylon  
of Hammurabi**

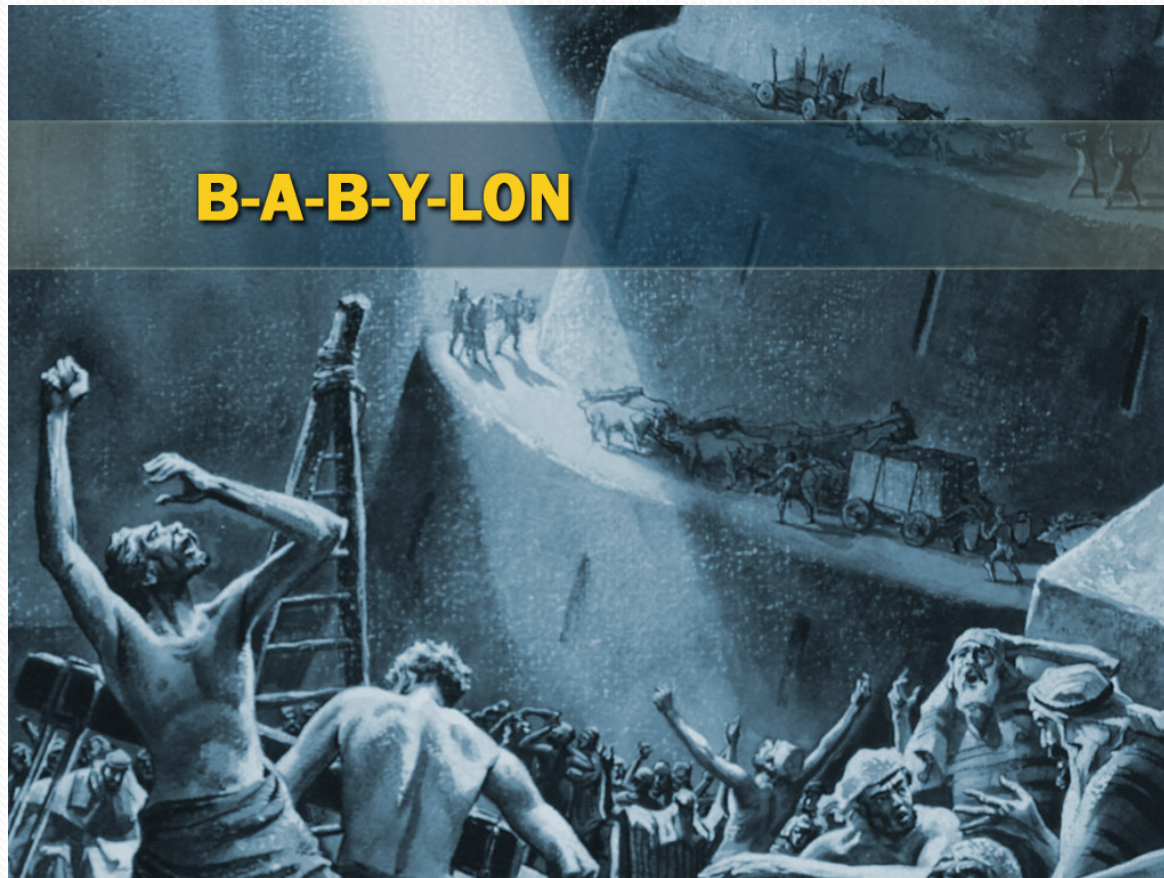
**3. The Babylon of Nebuchadnezzar**



4. The "Babylon" of Civil Rome
5. The "Babylon" of the Middle Ages
6. The "Babylon" of the last days
7. The "Babylon" of Babel



# 1. The Tower of Babel



"Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there.





"Then they said to one another,  
'Come, let us make bricks and bake  
them thoroughly.' They had brick  
for stone, and they had asphalt for  
mortar.



“And they said, 'Come let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.'”

Genesis 11:1-4



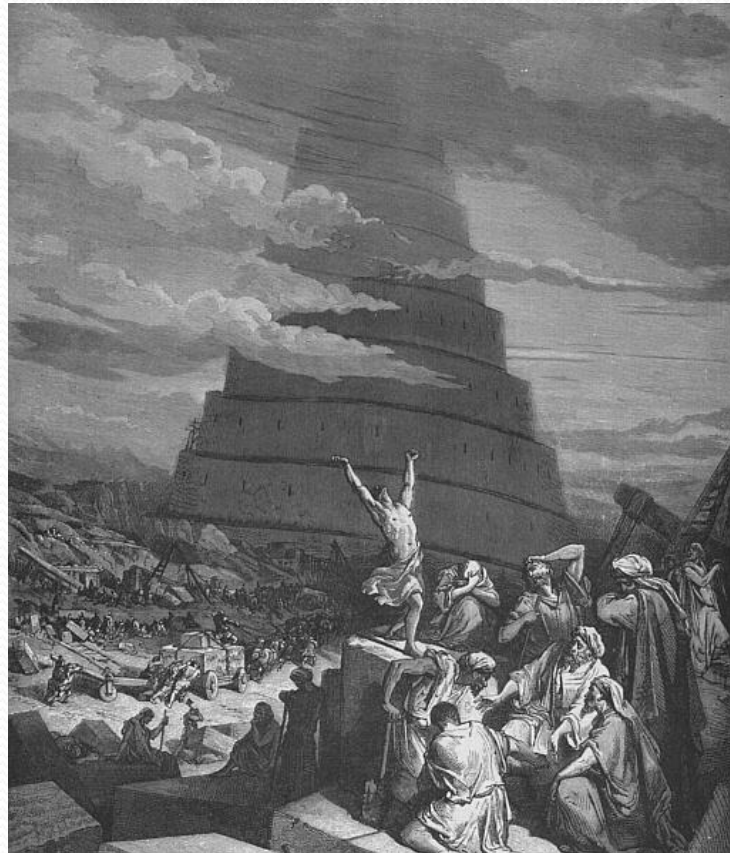
"And the beginning of his  
Nimrod's) kingdom was Babel."  
Genesis 10:10



**The "Babylon" of Babel stood for unbelief, defiance and salvation by works. It resulted in confusion.**



**The name "Babel" meant literally,  
"gate of the gods."**



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tower\\_of\\_Babel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tower_of_Babel)


**Who does the Bible present as the  
"Door," the "Mediator," the  
"Ladder" of Jacob's dream that  
links earth and heaven?**

**Jesus!**

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."


John 14:16






**This blasphemous and boastful claim to take the position occupied only by our Savior Jesus is a brick in the foundation of biblical Babylon.**





**The ancient priests of Babylon promoted themselves as being the connecting link between earth and heaven. They were the "bridge" across the chasm separating the visible from the invisible.**



**They chose the title "bridge-maker" in view of their supposed role. Later this concept migrated from Babylon to the emperors of ancient Rome and then filtered into the Church of Rome.**

**Today the head of the Catholic Church is called the "Pontiff," which is an abbreviation of the title "Pontifex" (from pont, "bridge" and fex, "to build") Maximus ("the greatest")**

meaning "the greatest bridge builder." How absurd! Jesus is the Bridge! He is the Ladder! He is the Gate to heaven.



**The Bible makes it clear that all attempts to learn the secrets of the future by way of astrology, the séance or divination are futile and dangerous, and therefore off-limits to the child of God.**



**What's the only "palm-reading"  
the Christian should engage in?  
Contemplating the scars of  
sacrifice in the palms of Christ's  
hands!**



"The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."

Deuteronomy 29:29



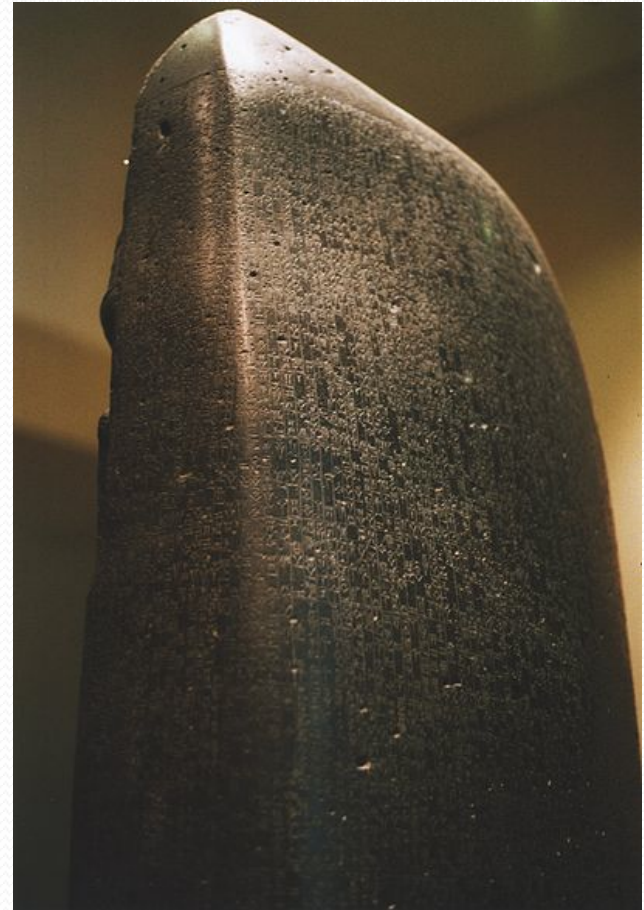
**Defiant obstinacy, unbelief,  
salvation by works, blasphemous  
claims to divine wisdom and  
confusion: these are the  
components of the "Babylon" of  
Genesis 11.**



## 2. The Babylon of Hammurabi



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hammurabi>



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Code\\_of\\_Hammurabi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Code_of_Hammurabi)

# Similarities between this Babylon and God's Kingdom: A law that was the foundation of its government A law written in stone

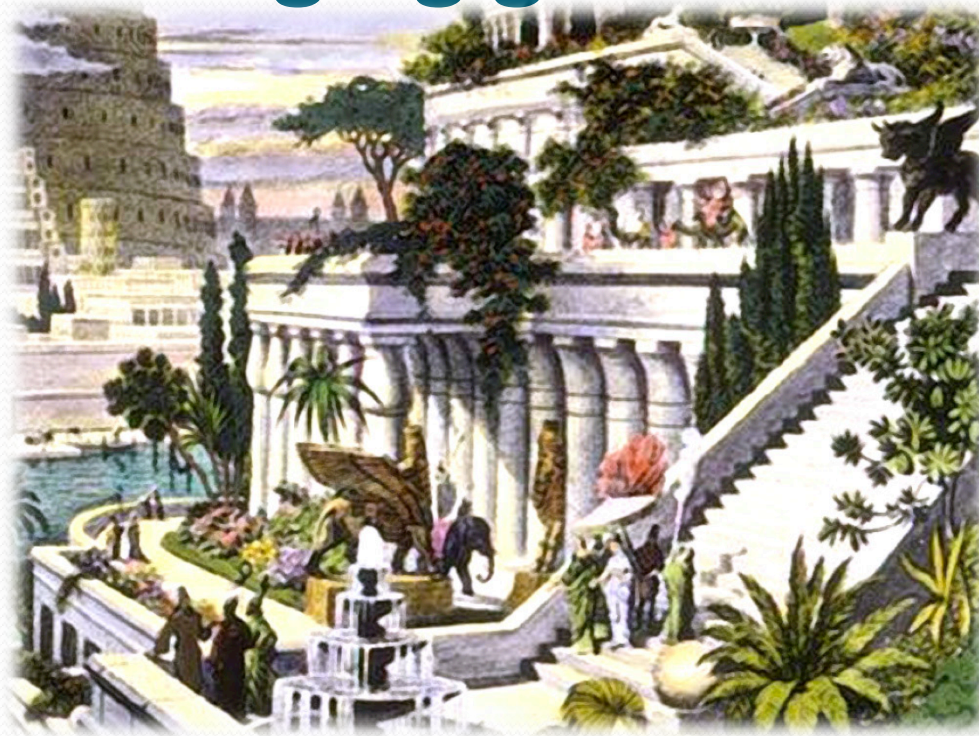


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**Dissimilarities: Hammurabi's law was similar to the laws given by God to Israel, but not exactly the same Hammurabi's law was chiseled by man; God's law was written by the finger of Jehovah**

### 3. The Babylon of Nebuchadnezzar Babylon was a paradise with its "hanging gardens."



It was a city of gold.

"Take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say: 'How the oppressor has ceased, the golden city ceased!'"

Isaiah 14:4



**Daniel 2:37, 38**

***“You, O king, are a king  
of kings . . . you are  
this head of gold.”***

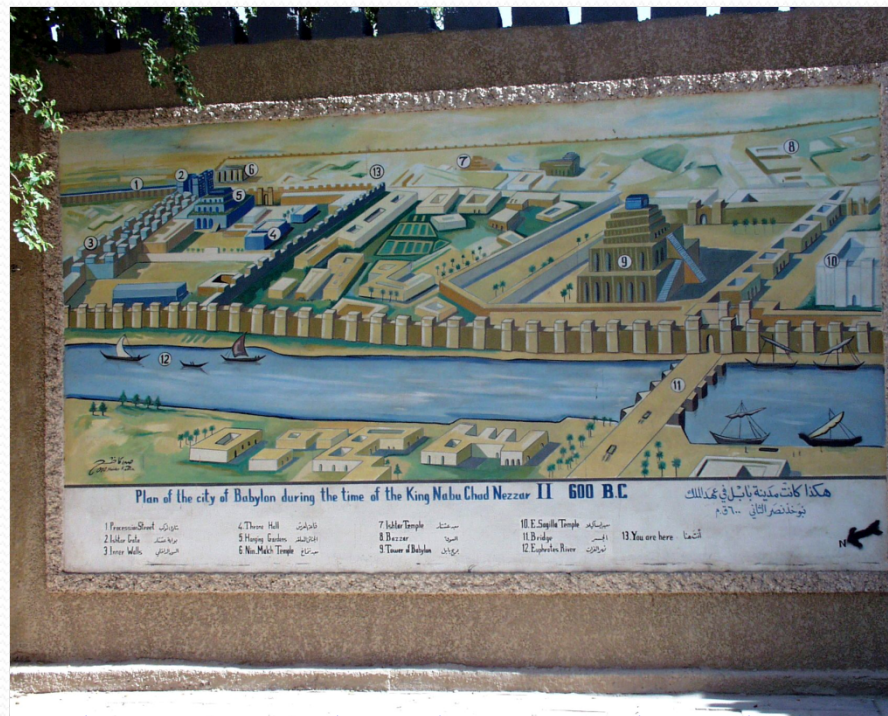


Babylon thought herself invincible,  
an "eternal city."

Isaiah 47:7



The city was laid out roughly in shape of a square, with a river running through it.



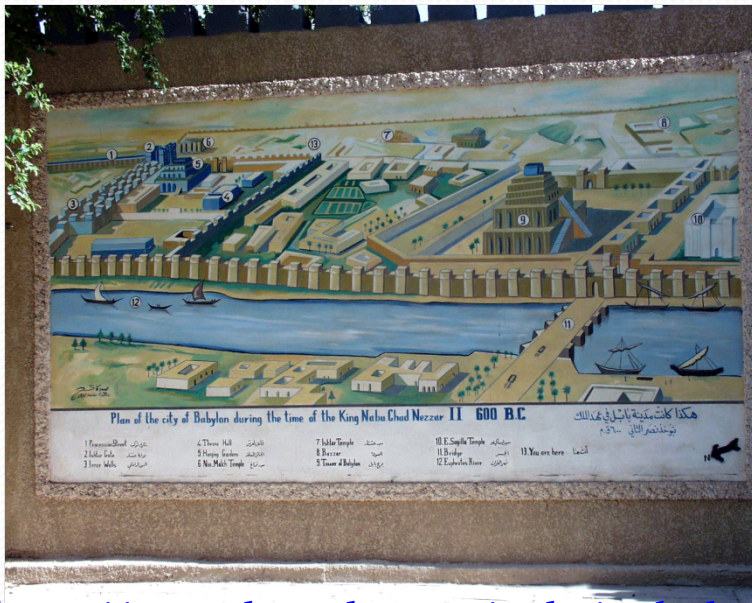
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**Think of it! An eternal, golden city  
built "foursquare" with a river  
running through it, a city of  
"paradise."**

**Does this remind you of anything?**

# Ancient Babylon was Satan's counterfeit for the New Jerusalem! The Bible is the book that is truly the "Tale of Two Cities"!



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Babylon's story is the story of  
pride (Daniel 4) and oppression.

"You were glad, you rejoiced, you  
destroyers of My heritage."

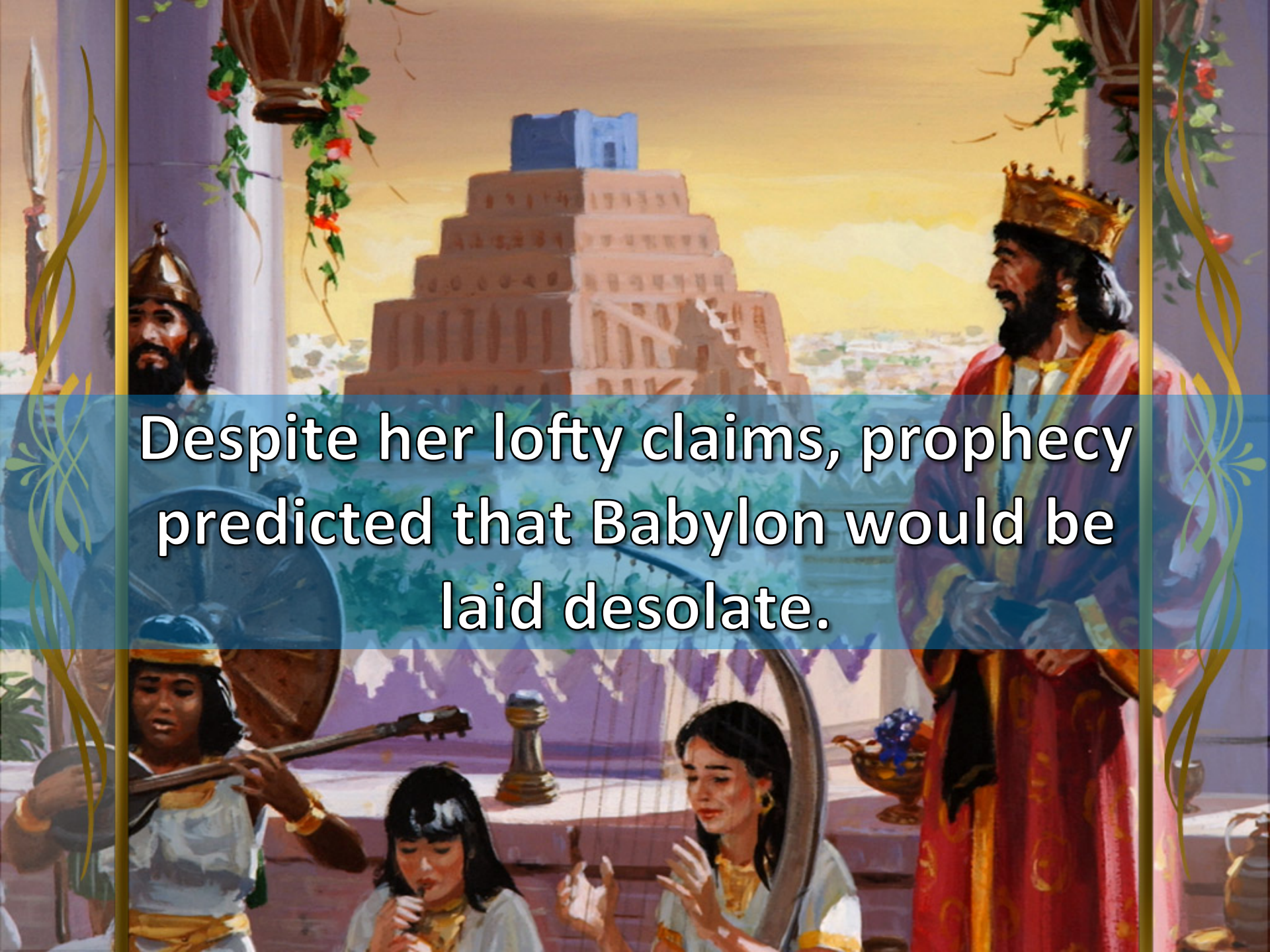
Jeremiah 50:11



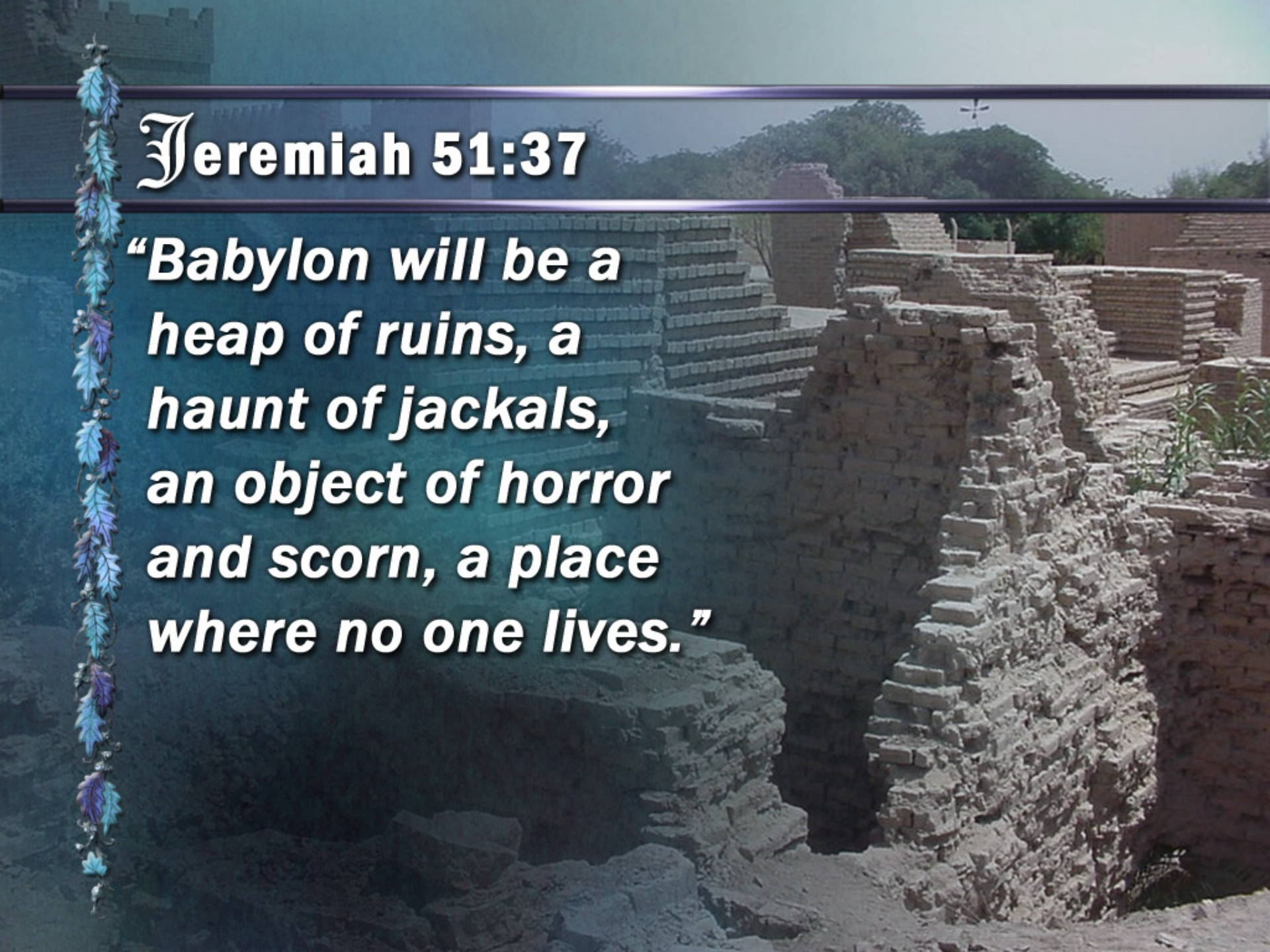
"The children of Israel were oppressed, along with the children of Judah; all who took them captive have held them fast; they have refused to let them go."

**Jeremiah 23:33**



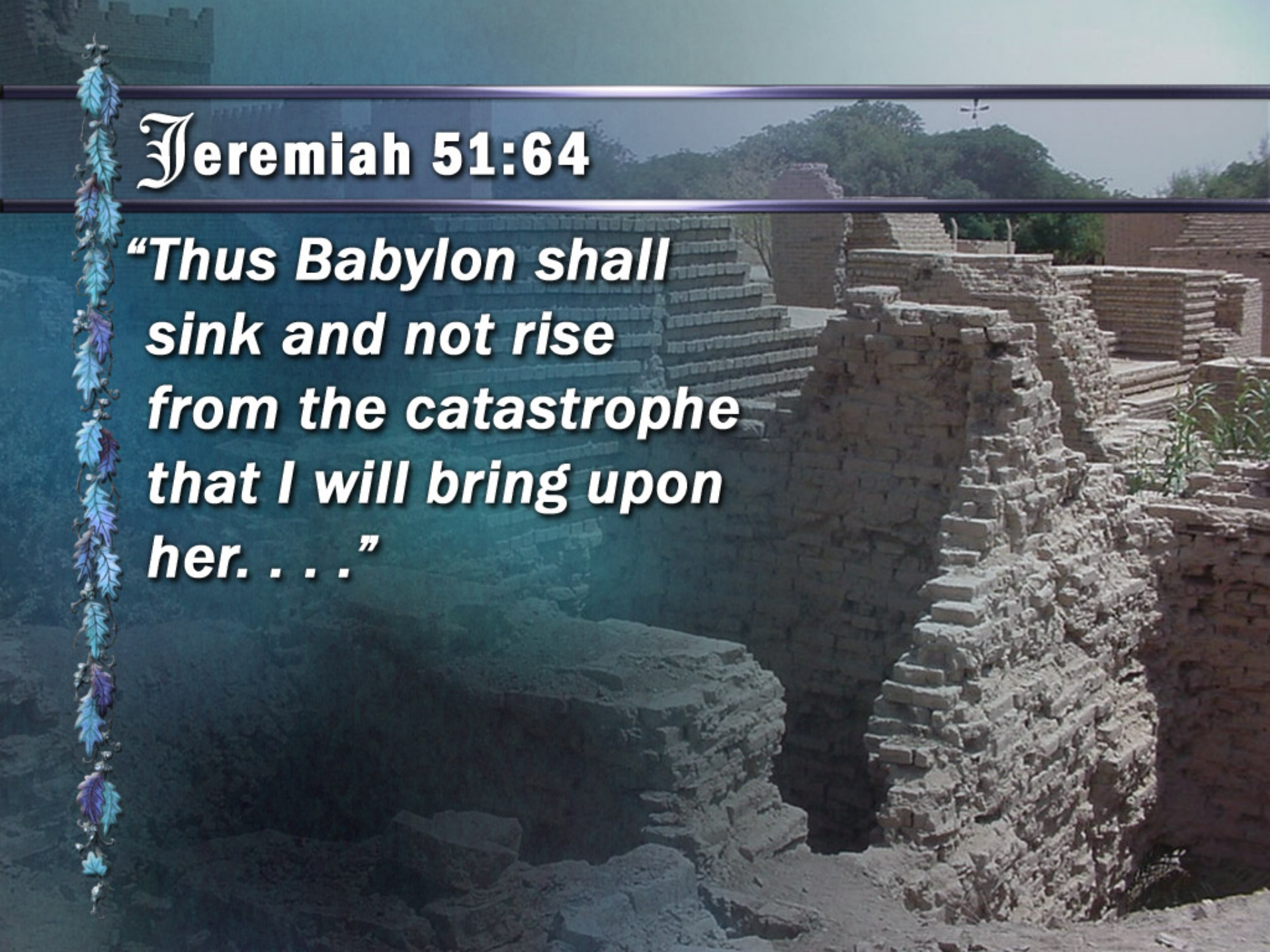


Despite her lofty claims, prophecy predicted that Babylon would be laid desolate.




# Jeremiah 51:37

***“Babylon will be a heap of ruins, a haunt of jackals, an object of horror and scorn, a place where no one lives.”***



# Jeremiah 51:64

*“Thus Babylon shall sink and not rise from the catastrophe that I will bring upon her. . . .”*



**For her pride, her arrogance, her cruelty, her attempt to take the place of God and to become "God;" for all of these things, ancient Babylon became the template for apocalyptic Babylon.**

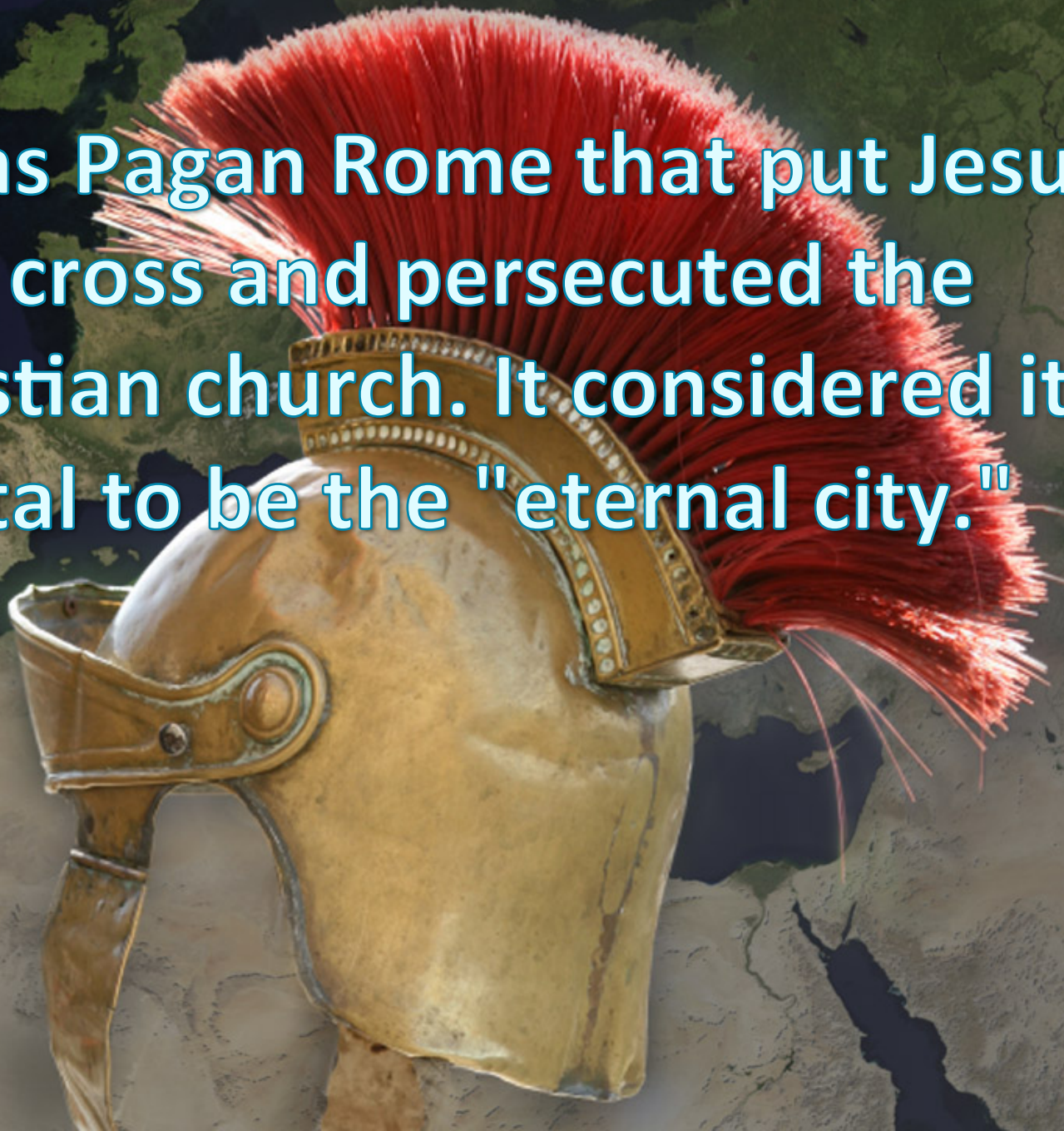


## 4. The "Babylon" of Civil Rome

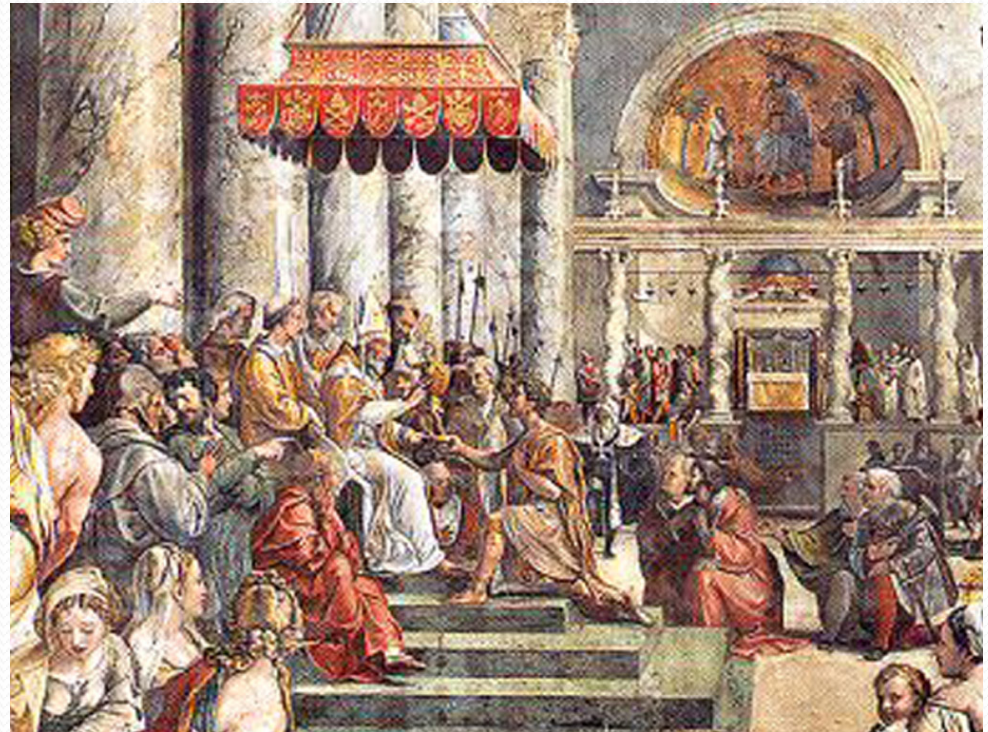
The fourth "Babylon" is the city to which Peter referred when he closed his first epistle with the words, "She who is in Babylon, elect together with, greets you."

**I Peter 5:13**

It was Pagan Rome that put Jesus on a cross and persecuted the Christian church. It considered its capital to be the "eternal city."



# 5. The "Babylon" of the Middle Ages



**During the long centuries of the Middle Ages, God's people suffered greatly. Some estimate that as many as between 50 and 100 million martyrs shed their blood for their faith.**



**The system of the papacy fits all the prophetic specifications given in Revelation 13 and 17 as representing "Babylon."**

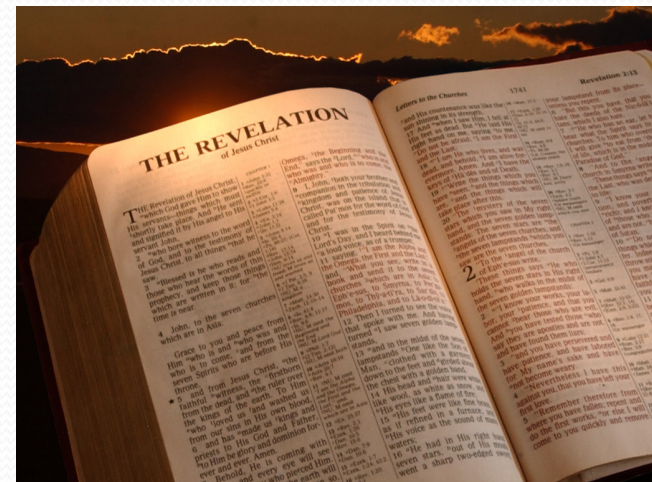
**While the papacy is certainly part of the structure of the "Babylon" of Revelation 17 and 18, this "Babylon" is seen to be composed of 3 parts which all share in common the characteristic of apostasy against God, His kingdom and His law.**

## 6. The "Babylon" of the last days

The "last" Babylon is made up of:

- The "beast" (the system of the papacy),
- The "false prophet" (fallen Protestantism)
- "The dragon" (spiritualism).

**It is the epitome of all the characteristics of apostasy seen in those who rebel against God, including persecuting God's faithful and arrogant defiance against God's Word.**






**Revelation 14:8 says, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen."**

**What does this mean?**

**Why is the phrase "is fallen" mentioned twice?**



**The tower of Babel "fell" and came to naught. Hammurabi's kingdom is no more, nor is the Babylon of Nebuchadnezzar. The glory of ancient Rome has faded.**

**All these literal "Babylons" suffered a physical "fall." Compare Gibbon's The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire.**

**The Church of the Middle Ages likewise suffered a "fall" from her lofty position.**



"How you are fallen from heaven,  
O Lucifer, son of the morning!"  
Isaiah 14:4, 12



In analyzing Satan's fall the Bible says, "For you have said in your heart, I will ascend into heaven..I will be like the Most High."  
Isaiah 14:13, 14



Solomon put his finger on Lucifer's problem when he penned, "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."

Proverbs 16:18



**He began as the "covering cherub" but made himself into God's arch-enemy. He started as the "bearer of light," but made himself into the prince of darkness.**





His mysterious fall from glory became the template for later similar falls. We speak of the failure of Adam and Eve in the Garden as the "Fall."


I Timothy 2:14



David lamented King Saul's tragic ending with the sorrowful words, "The beauty of Israel is slain on your high places! How the mighty have fallen!"

II Samuel 1:19





**A glorious beginning followed by a shameful decline is a story that has been told all too often in Scripture and history.**

Lest we become haughty and high-minded, let us recognize that it is only through the grace and mercy of Christ that this not be our story. "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall."

**I Corinthians 10:12**



"Babylon is fallen, is fallen! And all the carved images of her gods He has broken to the ground."

Isaiah 21:9



"Shout against her all around;. her foundations have fallen, her walls are thrown down."


**Jeremiah 50:15**



"Babylon has suddenly fallen and  
been destroyed. Wail for her!"

Jeremiah 51:8





**Paul predicted that the Christian church, toward the establishment of which he gave his life, would experience a fall.**



"Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first."

II Thessalonians 2:3



**The church that began as the cradle of Christ's truth ended up banning the Bible and punishing those who would own, read or follow its precepts.**

**How could this happen?**



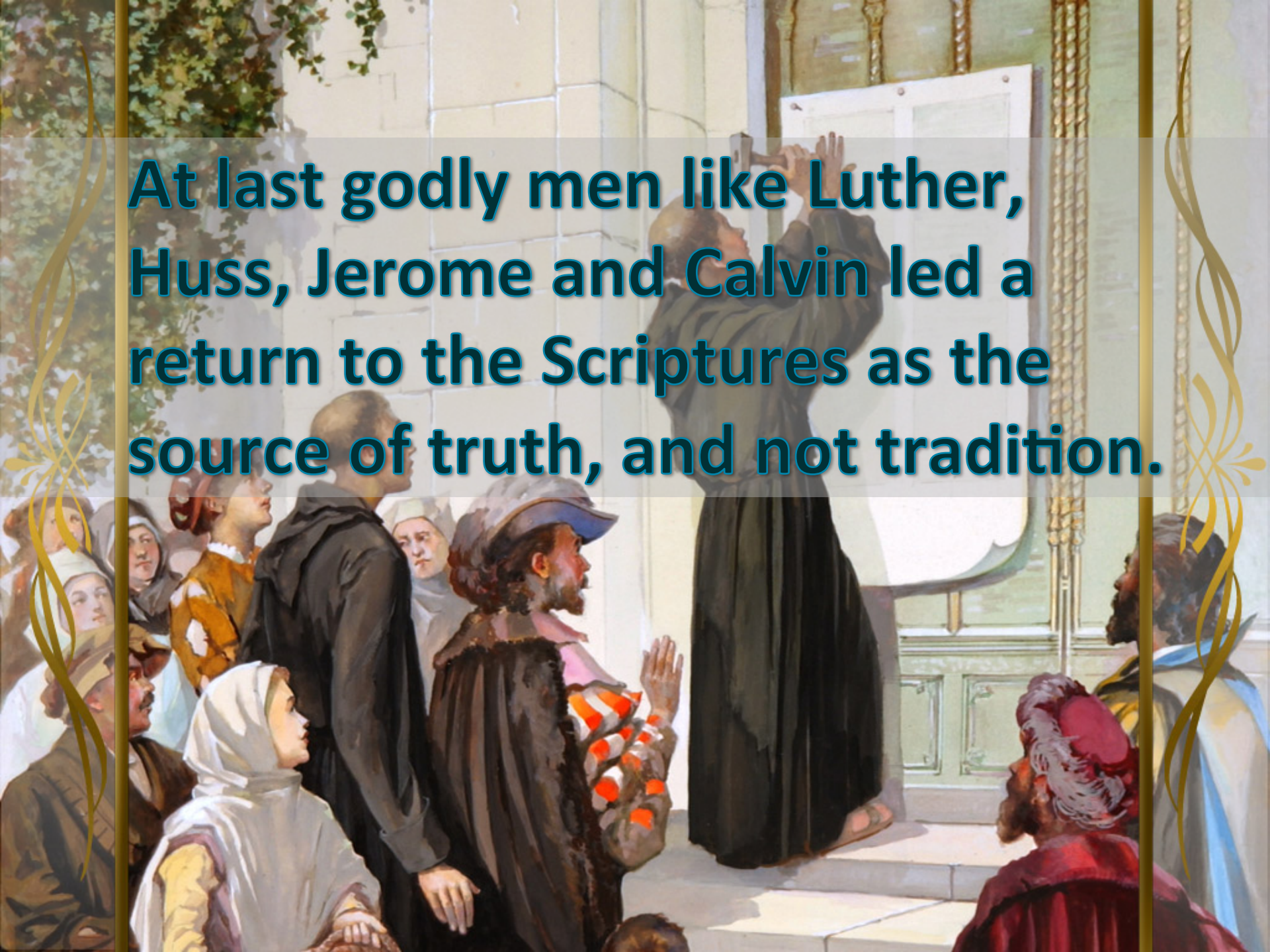
**The first "fall" of the second angel refers to the incredible fall of the Church of the first century, a church clothed in purity and holiness,**



to the depths into which she descended centuries later, with her garments stained with the blood of martyrs, "teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

Matthew 15:9





**At last godly men like Luther, Huss, Jerome and Calvin led a return to the Scriptures as the source of truth, and not tradition.**

6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,  
 7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit suffered them not.  
 8 And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.  
 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.  
 10 And after he had seen this vision, immediately we endeavoured to pass into Macedonia.

11 Therefore, having concluded that we would cross to Asia, we came over to Troas, where we found certain disciples.  
 12 And from them we desired that we should tarry with them a few days: which they consented to.  
 13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a straight way, and we went in that day to the synagogue, and sat down.

14 And when her masters saw that the hope of Paul and Silas, they sought to kill them, and drove them into the stocks, being Jews, exceedingly cruel.  
 15 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely.  
 16 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

17 The same followed Paul and Silas, and cried, saying, These men are doing us wrong, because we are Jews, and we worship the same God as ye do: and we beseech you to let us go.  
 18 Then the jailer answered and said, My lords, what do ye say? For Paul and Silas were Romans.  
 19 Therefore will I do you no wrong, because ye are Romans: but I will let you go, if ye will let me have my money.  
 20 And when he had said these things, he brought them out, and said, Hear ye, ye men of Thracia, Lycaonia, and Asia: I beseech you, if ye have judgment, to let me have my money: for I am a Roman, and I worship the same God as ye do: and I beseech you to let me go.  
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22 And the multitude rose up against them: and the magistrates moved to kill them, when they had laid many stripes upon them, charging the jailer to keep them safely.  
 23 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

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16:6-9. Paul's call to Macedonia (Europe) was preceded by other European calls. After passing through the central part of Asia Minor, Paul attempted to visit the northern province of Bithynia. The spirit forbade him. He then attempted to visit the southern province of Mysia. Again, the spirit stopped him. After giving Paul and Silas time to prepare themselves, the Holy Spirit finally gave him the positive direction to Macedonia.

16:10. For the first time, the author of Acts places himself in the narrative to describe a particular event. Luke seems to put the reader in the shoes of Paul and Silas as they had been preparing themselves for the journey. Luke also seems to indicate that Paul had been preparing himself for the journey for some time. Luke's use of the word "endeavored" suggests that Paul had been preparing himself for the journey for some time.

16:11. The first personal plural personal pronoun used in the narrative is "we." This suggests that Paul and Silas were traveling together. The use of "we" suggests that Paul and Silas were traveling together.

16:12. Galatia in New Testament times referred to two entities: one ethnic, the other political. More than two hundred years before Christ, the Gauls moved into north central Asia Minor and established an independent kingdom known as Galatia. In 201 B.C. Cassus was appointed governor of Galatia during the New Testament era. The kingdom was divided into three parts: Pontic Galatia, Bessic Galatia, and Lycaonian Galatia. The kingdom of Pontic Galatia was the northern part of the province and included the cities of Paphlagonia, Pontus, and Galatia. The kingdom of Bessic Galatia was the central part of the province and included the cities of Paphlagonia, Pontus, and Galatia. The kingdom of Lycaonian Galatia was the southern part of the province and included the cities of Paphlagonia, Pontus, and Galatia.

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16:14. Jews often gathered by a synagogue in the Sabbath when their community lacked enough members to hold a synagogue. Since the institution of the synagogue is usually dated to 586 B.C., it is likely that Paul and Silas were in a synagogue in Troas. The evidence seems to favor the political Galatia. The evidence seems to favor the political Galatia. The evidence seems to favor the political Galatia. The evidence seems to favor the political Galatia.

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The light of truth would penetrate the darkness.



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What happened to the glorious  
Protestant Reformation?

What happened to ancient Israel?

"So the people served the LORD all  
the days of Joshua, and all the  
days of the elders who outlived  
Joshua,



"who had seen all the great works of the LORD which He had done for Israel. When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel.

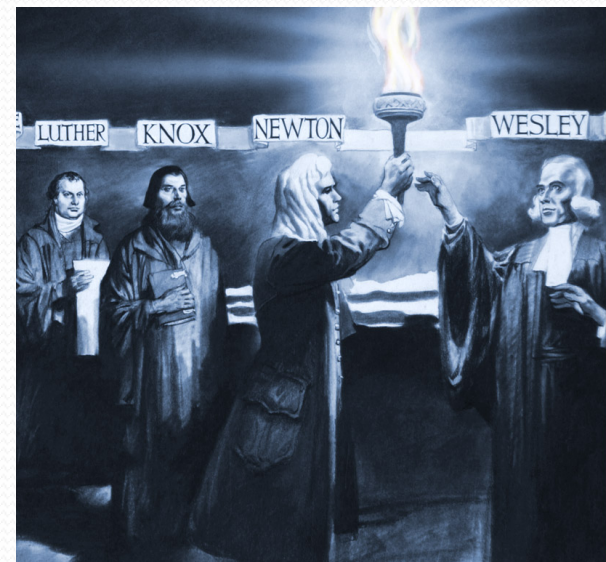


"Then the children of Israel did evil  
in the sight of the LORD, and  
served the Baals."

Judges 2:7, 10, 11



**When the leaders of the various Protestant movements passed to their rest, the movements themselves refused to go any further to search out and apply more of God's truths.**







**John Robinson**

***“If God should reveal anything to you by any other instrument of His, be as ready to receive it as ever you were to receive any truth of my ministry;***



**John Robinson**


***for I am very confident the  
Lord hath more truth and light  
yet to break forth out of His  
holy word.”***




**Centuries ago, there was a reason why the followers of the Reformers were called "Protestants." They were "protesting" the abuses and unscriptural teachings of Rome. Is the word "Protestant" out of date today?**

**The first "fall of Babylon" refers to the falling away of the church founded by Christ and the apostles, representing the papacy of the Middle Ages.**





**The second "fall of Babylon" refers to the decline of the Protestant Reformation, which began in such glory but eroded into traditionalism and formalism.**



**Still, we recognize that God has many of His children within the walls of Babylon. Many there are who have not yet heard the truths of the Scripture proclaimed with certainty and conviction. The Lord is calling "His people" out of Babylon.**

## 7. The "Babylon" of Babel

There is a still greater fall of Babylon yet to come.


"Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

Revelation 14:8



# What is the "wine" of Babylon?





**It is her false teachings which  
intoxicate, create dependency,  
confuse and people to "stumble."**

“<sup>6</sup>Then Jesus said to them, ‘Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees.’  
<sup>12</sup>Then they understood that He did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

Matthew 16:6, 12





**At the root of  
Babylon's  
doctrine is the  
teaching that  
the Church and  
its traditions**



**wield the highest authority, higher  
than the Word of God.**

**The Church of Rome has made it plain that she feels superior to the Scriptures and placed herself in the position of having authority to interpret, tamper, change or delete those things in the Bible with which she disagrees, even the Ten Commandments written by God's own finger in stone.**

The Lord said, "Therefore I have hewn them (His people) by the prophets."

Hosea 6:5

It is the teachings of God, given through the prophets which have carved and chiseled the church.



What is it that Paul says is  
"profitable for doctrine, for  
reproof, for correction, for  
instruction in righteousness"?  
II Timothy 3:15, 16



**Was he speaking of tradition?**

**Of church authority?**

**No! He was referring to "the Holy Scriptures," which he said were "given by inspiration of God," or "God-breathed."**

"In vain they worship Me, teaching  
as doctrines the commandments  
of men."

Matthew 15:9





**Our Sunday Visitor, Jan. 4, 1931**

***“Christendom is indebted to the Catholic Church for the institution of Sunday as the Sabbath day . . .”***



**The Question Box , p. 99**

***“In keeping Sunday, non-Catholics are simply following the practice of the Catholic Church for 1800 years, a tradition, and not a Bible ordinance.”***



A photograph of a church steeple against a cloudy sky. The steeple is a tall, pointed structure with a small window near the top. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. The overall tone is somewhat somber due to the overcast sky.

**The Baptist Manual, Nov. 13, 1893**

***Dr. Edward T. Hiscox,  
Ministry Convention***

***“What a pity that it [Sunday]  
comes branded with the mark of  
paganism, and christened with  
the name of the sun god,***

A photograph of a church building with a prominent steeple, set against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The church is dark, and the steeple is a lighter color. The text is overlaid on the image.

**The Baptist Manual, Nov. 13, 1893**

***Dr. Edward T. Hiscox,  
Ministry Convention***

***then adopted and sanctioned  
by the papal apostasy, and  
bequeathed as a sacred legacy  
to Protestantism!”***

**Catholic Mirror, Dec. 23, 1893**

**Cardinal Gibbons**

***“Reason and sense demand the acceptance of one or the other of these alternatives: either Protestantism and the keeping holy of Saturday,***



**Catholic Mirror, Dec. 23, 1893**

***Cardinal Gibbons***

***or Catholicity and the keeping  
holy of Sunday. Compromise  
is impossible.”***



**Babylon:**  
*A center of  
image worship*



# Exodus 20:4, 5

***“You shall not  
make for yourself  
a carved image,  
or any likeness of  
anything that is in  
heaven above,***

THOU SHALT HAVE NO  
OTHER GODS BEFORE ME

THOU SHALT NOT MAKE  
UNTO THEE ANY GRAVEN  
IMAGE OR ANY LIKENESS  
OF ANY THING

THOU SHALT NOT TAKE  
THE NAME OF THE LORD  
THY GOD IN VAIN

REMEMBER THE SABBATH  
DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY SIX  
DAYS SHALT THOU LABOR  
AND DO ALL THY WORK BUT  
THE SEVENTH DAY IS THE  
SABBATH OF THE LORD

HONOR THY FATHER AND  
THY MOTHER

THOU SHALT NOT KILL

THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT  
ADULTERY

THOU SHALT NOT STEAL

THOU SHALT NOT BEAR  
FALSE WITNESS AGAINST  
THY NEIGHBOR

THOU SHALT NOT COVET



# Exodus 20:4, 5

*or that is in the  
earth beneath,  
or that is in the  
water under the  
earth;*

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*you shall not bow  
down to them nor  
serve them. For I,  
the LORD your God,  
am a jealous God . . . .”*

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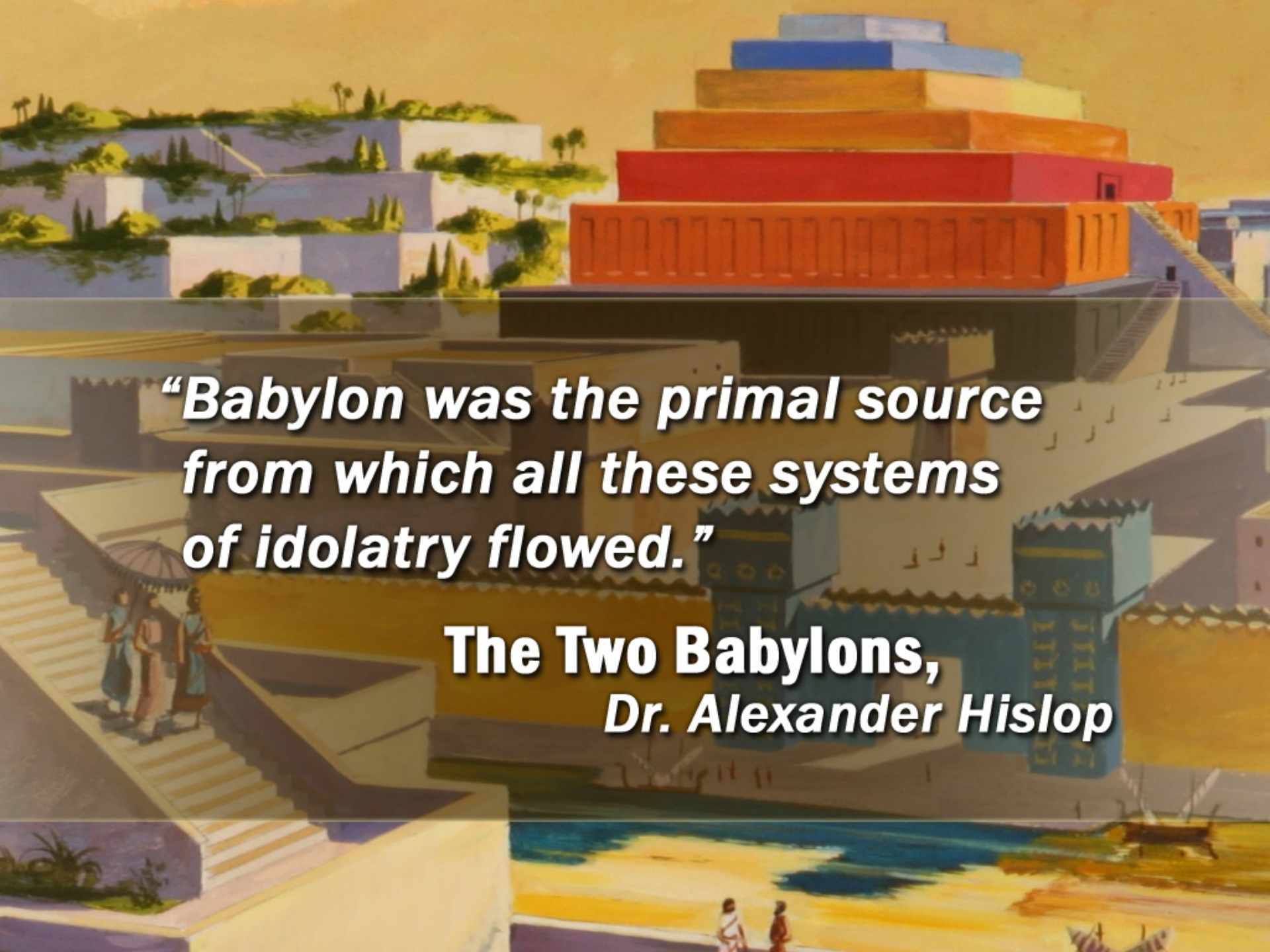
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***“Babylon was the primal source  
from which all these systems  
of idolatry flowed.”***

***The Two Babylons,  
Dr. Alexander Hislop***

A museum exhibit featuring a model of a Babylonian ziggurat. The model is displayed on a circular platform with a red and orange base. To the left, a large, arched opening in a dark wall reveals a brightly lit scene of the ziggurat and surrounding structures. The background wall is covered in a large-scale, sepia-toned relief depicting various scenes, including trees, animals, and human figures. The overall lighting is warm and dramatic, highlighting the exhibit.

# **Babylon:**

*The center of  
false teachings  
about death*

**The Bible  
teaches there  
is only One  
Mediator,  
Jesus Christ.**



**During the Middle Ages, those who refused to accept Babylon's doctrines suffered her "wrath."**




Prophecy predicts a revival of religious intolerance and persecution before Jesus returns.

The Bible says she "made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

Revelation 6:8





**The word "fornication" describes an illicit union. In this case it is the unholy alliance of church supported by the state, the same dangerous combination that produced the atrocities of the Middle Ages.**

**Some might consider this unthinkable, but the prophecy is clear. Remember, it was the "church" (Jewish leaders) which twisted the arm of the "state" (Pilate, the Roman governor) which led to Jesus' crucifixion.**



“None of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.”

I Corinthians 2:8



“The time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.”

John 16:2



**God has loved  
us with an  
everlasting  
love!  
He deserves  
our worship  
and our  
allegiance.**



**What should  
you do if you  
find yourself  
in spiritual  
"Babylon"?**





"Come out of her, My people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues."

Revelation 18:4



**Topic For Sunday, Sept, 30 at 7pm**

**“The ‘Beast’ of the Third Angel’s Message”  
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