



“For her sins are bound even to the heaven (the government) and God remembers her crimes.” (Rev. 18:5)

THE BEAST SYSTEM AND THE DECLINE OF THE WEST

DANIEL'S VISION

Five centuries before Christ, God revealed through the prophet Daniel a concise vision of future empires that would rise to power, evolve, and then fall. This vision covered a period of many centuries.

In the book of Daniel, chapter two, we read that Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, had a strange dream in which he saw a large symbolic metal image of a man. But he didn't know the meaning of his dream so he called in Daniel to interpret and explain it to him.

The great metallic image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream was a statue with a head of gold, chest and arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass, legs of iron, and feet and toes of iron mixed with clay (Daniel 2:31-33).

God revealed to Daniel the meaning of the dream. The head of gold represented Nebuchadnezzar and his kingdom of Babylon. Proceeding down the body, each section of metal was less valuable than the section above it. Thus each section represented an inferior, but larger, kingdom. And the Babylonian head (the brain) controlled the whole body of the statue all the way down to the feet and toes.

The chest and arms of silver represented the Persian empire which came after Babylon. The belly and thighs of brass represented the Grecian empire which came next. The two legs of iron represented the two branches (west and east) of the Roman Republic under emperors like Caesar. And the feet and toes of mixed iron and clay represented the Holy Roman Empire under Papal Catholicism that controlled Europe and Britain for many years.

Each succeeding empire had its own particular identity. But all of them were products of Babylonian thinking since the head of gold was the brain that controlled the whole body. Each section was under the Babylonian head and thus dependent upon the brain - as the brain of a man controls his whole body.

Various kingdoms would arise, and they all would be Babylonish in nature. They all would be **Beast Systems**.

THE BEAST SYSTEM

The description that Daniel outlines depicts the archetypal flawed system of man's creation, as opposed to the perfect system of GOD. Man's systems (Babylonian systems) are by nature constantly at war against the people, to keep them in subjection. On the other hand, God's system, as He gave it through Moses, and gave witness by his prophets, was communicated through Jesus.

The Beast System (with men as lawmakers) is the system that was sold to Adam in Genesis 3. God had given Adam law (Gen. 2:16-17) which would keep men free. But a slick salesman (a politician or preacher) persuaded Adam that he could be his own god and make his own law. So Adam fell for the lie and he abandoned the law that God had given him. Whoever makes law is a god. Adam chose to be his own lawmaker, and as God warned him, he died "in the day" that he made that choice (vs. 17).

God's laws and principles, when followed, explain and preserve life (Dt. 30:19-20). God's laws are "the tree of life" - the life that Adam lost. Juxtaposed to God's system is the system of man (with man gods) - the system that causes death. Man's systems of death are **Beast Systems**. The system that brought death to Adam, the system that brought death to the Children of Israel (1 Samuel 8), the system known as "Babylon" is also depicted as the international Dragon System in Revelation 17.

The Beast System (man's system) is always opposed to the system of God. Every system of man's law is a Beast System. In Revelation 17:1-5 we see another depiction of man's system. It is a "woman" called "Babylon" sitting on a **beast** that looked like a dragon. It had several heads representing multiple nations under the control of the woman - i.e., guided by Babylon like Daniel's metallic image. The beast, its heads, and the woman together represent the Beast System - the same Beast System described by Daniel.

To state the obvious, Babylon shapes and controls the nations which choose man's law rather than God's law. The

international systems of man are always built on the principles of **“Babylon The Great, The Mother of Harlots and Abominations of The Earth.”**

All systems in which men make law (i.e., legislators) are Beast Systems. It makes no difference whether they are called empires, republics, democracies, monarchies, socialist states, communism, whatever. If men make the laws it is a Beast System. The metallic man of Daniel, as well as the woman and dragon of Revelation 17 represent any system in which men make law.

Think on that for a moment. Who makes laws in America? Who do Americans trust? Do you think that “in God we trust” is an accurate motto for the US System?

No! Americans have put their trust in the Beast System. Go to the Ben Williams Library and read the **“Central Government”** booklet.

Now let us look at how the anti-God Beast Systems have evolved down through the centuries.

WESTERN EMPIRES

In Daniel’s vision Babylon (the head of gold) came first. Then Persia. Then the power moved westward. European empires dominated for about 2000 years. Greece, Rome, then Britain ruled in Europe. Then power moved to America. Today Russia and China have also become recognized as central powers.

After Persia, Greece reigned for about a century. Then for about 14 centuries Rome dominated the west. First came the Roman Republic. Then the Republic gave way to the papal power, i.e., the “Holy Roman Empire” represented by the feet and toes of the statue. Rome’s church system continued in Britain and “ruled the waves” for about three centuries. Then power transferred to America and has led in the west for about three centuries up to today.

“IN THE DAYS OF THESE KINGS”

In Daniel 2:44 it says that in the days of these kings (the days represented by the feet and toes of the statue) a stone cut out without hands would strike the image in the feet and toes and it would break the whole statue into pieces. Thus Babylon would fall and not be rebuilt. And God would set up a kingdom that will not be destroyed.

The Stone represents Christ, and his Reign is the Kingdom that will not be destroyed. Christ has been reigning since He was raised to the throne (Mtt. 28:18). The kingdoms of men are now coming to an end. Soon the indestructible Reign of Christ will bring to an end the corrupt kingdoms of Babylon.

Is it possible that the current worldwide chaos and general loss of confidence in Babylonian government is a sign of this prophesied conflict between Babylon and Christ? Could we be witnessing the Babylonian powers of man’s governments being pulverized by The Stone of Daniel 2:44? Well, I don’t claim to be a prophet, but what I am seeing today is hard to explain any other way. The leaders of governments worldwide are doing crazy things and

exposing their true nature by declaring COVID mandates and openly killing or injuring millions of people - all for the purpose of wresting more and more control of their citizens. It is very much like the scene described in Daniel 3 where Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, demanded total compliance from the citizens. He demanded that they would scrape and bow to him anytime a particular sound was heard in the land. The king was sorting out all the people who worshipped Yahweh and refused to worship the king. But Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego worshiped Yahweh and refused to worship Nebuchadnezzar. So he sentenced them to death by fire. But God protected them from the fire. Thus the king of Babylon was put in his place.

Likewise, today’s tyrants in government are demanding unreasonable stupid things from their citizens. And the citizens are protesting. This seems like a possible prelude to a possible worldwide awakening and a fall from power for the tyrants.

It is worth watching and our consideration. We’ll see.

WOE TO ...

29. *Who has woe? who has sorrow? who has contentions? who has babbling? who has wounds without cause? who has redness of eyes?*

Proverbs 23:29

20. *Woe to them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*

Isaiah 5:20

Man’s empires (various versions of the Beast System) rise and fall. America has held a powerful position among nations for years, especially since the World Wars 1 & 2.. And the US Government was able to flex its muscle for a long time. But lately America appears to be in decline among the world powers, as all those before have eventually declined.

There are many nations around the world that have survived wars, depressions, and disasters, but now are facing a different kind of threat - something that might be called a “woe” as Scripture refers to it. This “woe” manifested in societies suffering from **dysfunction of the mind**. The minds of people around the world have been tricked and captured (enslaved) by clever devils in positions of political and financial power. But the people’s loss of freedom and the power grab by the Beast System were both made possible due to the people’s lack of discernment. The people of the world, especially America, have relegated power to devils (wolves) to subvert and degrade their minds and hearts. The people have voluntarily chosen to cooperate with the wolves who prey on the people - **if the people don’t prevent them**. In the case of Israelites, Amos warns

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1. *Woe to you that are at ease in (captive) Zion, and trust in the mountain (government) of Samaria.*

Amos 6:1

This also applies to America. Most Americans have been "at ease" (comfortable) with the system the Bible calls "Babylon." They've grown up with it and have been taught to trust it. Now they are paying for their reckless trust in their enemies. They've chosen the system of man. And to trust it is to worship it. In other words, they have worshiped man's system (i.e., worshiped man) instead of God. So when trouble came, as was inevitable, the people only knew to turn to their beloved Beast System for help. These were typically churchgoers and patriots - idolators. But there was no help for them in the Beast Systems of church and state. The Beast System is the problem, not the remedy.

America's "woes" have been growing steadily over time like a growing disease that eventually exhausts the health of a man (or a society).

The international "woe" that has lately surfaced and manifested itself is labeled "COVID." That is what the deceivers call it, and the world gullibly believed it - at least up until lately. However its real name is something else. Its real name is THE BEAST SYSTEM - and for those whose eyes are open this "woe" is being revealed for what it really is. But woe to those who have sacrificed their eyes and ears to the Beast System for they cannot, or will not, look, listen, and recognize what is happening to them.

"COVID," so-called, is a world-class deception. It is a label given to a syndrome that is old as nation states. It is unquestionably a sign of the times. It is a disease, but not of the body. It is a disease of the mind. A disease of culture. A spiritual disease. The result of centuries of political and religious misguiding that has finally run its course and can no longer hide behind lies and false norms. Now the only ones who cannot see what is really happening are those who have drunk the kool-aid and willingly chosen death rather than life.

Now this current plague is not the first we've seen showing the effects of spiritual degradation among the people. But this one is notable in modern history. This woe does stand out as a warning sign that western empires are ignoring. And this woe is not confined to a nation or a group of nations. It is a world plague that is manifested in the minds of people worldwide. But for the purpose of this article we will focus on the cultures of the West.

The West is in a great battle for the mind - a war between the mindset of New Jerusalem, and the mindset of Babylon.

New Jerusalem and Babylon are spiritual cities. They are opposed to one another. They symbolize the collective minds and hearts of society. These labels indicate who the people choose to follow - whether Babylon's cultural ways, or God's ways. In contrast to "Mystery Babylon," is New Jerusalem. They both are spiritual "cities" - not physical cities. Not nations, and not defined by physical borders or lands. The borders (walls) of spiritual cities depict the collective thinking and faith in the minds and hearts of the people. For example, New Jerusalem depicts a society whose state of mind and heart recognizes Yahweh and the Reign of Jesus. On the other hand, Mystery Babylon depicts a society whose state of mind and heart recognizes only the systems of man: i.e., Babylon. In Scripture these spiritual realms are labeled as cities. They indicate the

condition of the soul of a society - whether the people are living in the light of godliness, or in the darkness (ignorance) of sin.

FALLEN MINDS

1. *O Israel, return to Yahweh your God; for you have fallen by your iniquity.*

Hosea 14:1

Among Bible readers there has been much speculation about how Babylon would fall, as per Revelation 18. Would it manifest as the fall of a powerful city or state? Some have suggested it might be the fall of Communism - but that idea supports the idea that western systems are good, and eastern systems are bad - when in truth ALL systems of man are bad. Some have thought it might be the fall of a powerful religion (like Catholicism).

No, it seems evident to us now that the "fall of Babylon" depicts removal of the reprobate state of mind of the people. A societal "death" of the godless "old man" along with the birth of the "new man" in Christ.

And this repentant, world-changing event would affect the upgrade of societal intelligence and awareness (light) in that minds and hearts that would be open and receptive to God and his truths.

This simple equation explains what we are seeing currently in the senseless, vacuous reaction by some folks to the COVID absurdity. Why are people so blind to truth?

It is because their brains have been damaged by years of political and religious programming along with personal opting to ignore God and truth. This causes a psychosis (mental disorder) - an inability to think, reason, and manage one's self. This is unavoidable when people neglect to pursue truth and insist on it.

This can be seen in some people's reaction to the COVID mandates and fear peddling by politicians. Millions of people around the world dislike the mandates and the measures being forced upon them. But how do they react? Well, they resort to government and court for help. They organize rallies to appeal to politicians who are causing the problem in the first place - as if they expect to evoke a helpful response from those whose obvious intent is to weaken and misdirect them. They are like sheep hoping that wolves will help them.

This is a mental aberration. It is evidence of a people who have lost all awareness of reality. They exist and live at the pleasure of those who hate them. Such people look to their enemies for direction and knowledge - and their enemies are ready and prepared to deceive them and use them. The people are stupidly dependent upon their natural enemies. Why? Because the people have stopped looking to God and Christ for guidance. Instead they have looked to their enemies. And their enemies are quick to organize institutions (governments & churches) to rule over foolish people who have abandoned God.

WIDESPREAD MISDIRECTION

All who look to Babylon for clarity and guidance are hopelessly lost. It is stupidity. Once a man chooses Babylon as his life model he is irretrievably confused and lost. He **babbls** his way through life.

Of course, such a man would not call it "Babylon." Rather, he would call it "enlightenment" and "progress" - much like Adam thought the lies of the serpent (a politician or priest) were enlightenment.

4. ... take heed lest any man should deceive you.

5. For many will come in my name (claiming my authority) saying that I am the Christ, and shall deceive many.

Matt. 24:4-5

21. Not every one that says to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingship of heaven

22. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name (claiming your authority)? and in your name have cast out devils? and in your name done many powerful works?

23. And then will I declare to them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that work lawlessness.

Mtt. 7:21-23

4. ... you left your first love.

5. Remember therefore from where you are fallen, and repent ...

Revelation 2:4-5

WHAT IS "MYSTERY" BABYLON?

What is "Babylon"? What constitutes the "fall of Babylon"?

The "mystery" that is called "Babylon" (as described in Revelation 17 & 18) is not a physical city. Rather, it is a way of thinking. It is a mindset - the product of people following a Babylonian way of thinking. "Babylon The Great" is a general condition of people's minds in much the same way as New Jerusalem is a condition of minds.

Those who escape Babylon are spoken of in Revelation 14:1-3 and 15:2-3. These are the same people. One description has them marked and separated for God. The other passage describes them as "standing on a sea of glass" (calm, smooth, untroubled water reflecting like a mirror) and the people in both scenarios are singing the "song of Moses." What they have in common is that they enjoy peace of mind and clarity. They are not misled by Babylon's confusion. They are mentally calm and stable.

They are the people of New Jerusalem. So you can see that it is the state of their minds that frees them from Babylon's fears and confusions. For these people Babylon is fallen - meaning that her confusion has lost its power to capture and oppress them.

What it takes for Babylon to fall is for people to become immune to her babbling. Again, it is **truth** that sets people

free - free from Babylon. Thus, whenever Babylon loses her power over people's minds, she (Babylon) is fallen.

Here is an interesting observation. Lately millions of people around the world are seeing that their government systems are working against the people instead of for them. This is happening as the result of unreasonable fear being forced upon them. God is showing the people that they cannot trust the governments of man. Now, the people have an opportunity to wise up and realize some truth. The question is, will they open their eyes, or will they prefer to stay blinded? If they open their eyes they will have taken a step toward New Jerusalem instead of Babylon.

WAR IN HEAVEN

"War in heaven" (Rev. 12:7) is the battle for people's minds. "Heaven" signifies a high level - i.e., the mind; the realm of thoughts. It is in that venue that "spirits" and "gods" are at play. It is your mental operations. Like it says in Proverbs 23:7: "As a person thinks in his heart, so is he."

Affect a person's mind and his whole being becomes a puppet on strings. Mind control is infinitely more powerful than physical force to restrain or control people. But in order to have the unfettered access to invade and control minds like we are seeing in America today, it requires that the minds of the people must first be damaged and defective. This is where the strategy is ingenious. This step is accomplished by infecting society with idolatry and rebellion against God. When people are convinced they should ignore or abandon God it causes a malfunction in their brain. It loses clarity, like eyes can lose their focus of vision. When that happens to the mind, it makes the person vulnerable to misdirection and exploitation.

So that is how the door to people's minds is first opened to let the devils into their thoughts - i.e., into their "heaven." Remember ... when a politician or preacher (a devil) tried to tempt Jesus, he attempted to get Jesus to commit idolatry by worshiping him - and thus gaining control over Him. But Jesus refused, by saying He intended to worship God only.

So today we see a great battle happening. The battle is being waged in the minds of people by making them fearful of fake diseases and the majority of the people are falling for it. It is working because most of the people have minds that have been damaged by idolatry - leaving them unable to think clearly. The devils in government, in churches, and in the pharmaceutical industry know that people who have lost their spiritual moorings are lambs to the slaughter. Easy marks. So now the devils can work their dirty work upon a helpless, brain-damaged people. They can get away with absurd lies and manipulation.

14. For they are spirits (motives) of devils (strange gods - see Acts 17:18), performing signs, who go forth to the kings of all the inhabited lands, to gather them to **the battle of that great day of God Almighty.**

Revelation 16:14

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