



Unlocking Mystery Babylon Revelation Chapter 17-18

A Key to Understanding The End Times

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Unlocking Mystery Babylon - The Mother Of Harlots – editorial updated Islam is the End Times Beast

The Harlot's Connection To Arabia

The Harlot must be connected to Arabia, not Rome or New York or any other nation or city. In [Isaiah 21:9](#), Isaiah levels a prophetic oracle against Babylon: "Babylon is fallen, is fallen," is the same announcement used in [Revelation 18:1-2](#). Yet this prophecy is not ultimately about ancient Babylon (Iraq), but the *Mystery Babylon of Revelation*. Ancient Babylon was simply a type of the Last-Days Babylon. The names in this prophecy are all areas in Arabia:

- "The burden against Dumah" ([21:11](#))
- "The burden against Arabia" ([21:13](#))
- "All the glory of Kedar will fail" ([21:16](#))

Dumah and Kedar are in Arabia: "All the glory of Kedar will fail" All of the sites mentioned in Isaiah 21 are in the [desert of Arabia](#), the region of [Revelation 17](#) which is surrounded by many waters (seas)! Arabia in fact, is referred to by all Muslims as *Al-Jazeera Al-Arabia*, literally the Arab Island or the Arab Peninsula or "Desert of the Sea" (v. 1).

[Isaiah 21](#) also parallels *Jeremiah* and *Revelation*.. The names used in these passages make it clear that the reference is *not* to Rome or *literal* Babylon on the *Euphrates River*. Not once do they speak of Rome, Nineveh, Ur, Babel, Erech, Accad, Sumer, Assur, Calneh, Mari, Karana, Ellpi, Eridu, Kish, or Tikrit. No, these verses point to literal locations in Arabia, which was part of the ancient Babylonian Empire. It is called Mystery Babylon!

Once we read the text of [Isaiah 21](#), it becomes quite clear: "An oracle concerning [the Desert by the Sea](#)" ([Isaiah 21:1](#)) an exact parallel to [Revelation 17:1-3](#) . "come and I will show you the judgment of the great harlot that sits on my waters. With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. So he carried me away in the Spirit into the desert, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having 7 heads and 10 horns

ISAIAH Chapter 21

'The burden of the desert of the sea. As whirlwinds in the South pass through; so it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land. A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer deals treacherously, and the spoiler spoils. Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease. Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travails: I was bowed down at the hearing of it; I was dismayed at the seeing of it. My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me: the night of my pleasure hath he turned into fear unto me. Prepare the table, watch in the watchtower, eat, drink: arise, ye princes, and anoint the shield. For thus hath the LORD said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he sees.

And he saw a chariot with a couple of horsemen, a chariot of asses, and a chariot of camels; and he hearkened diligently with much heed: And he cried, A lion: My lord, I stand continually upon the watchtower in the daytime, and I am set in my ward whole nights: And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground. O my threshing, and the corn of my floor: that which I have heard of the LORD of Hosts, the God of Israel, have I declared unto you. The burden of Dumah. He calls to me out of Seir, watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will enquire, enquire ye: return, come. The burden upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye traveling companies of Dedanim. The inhabitants of the land of Tema brought water to him that was thirsty; they prevented with their bread him that fled. For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war. For thus hath the LORD said unto me, Within a year, according to the years of an hireling, and all the glory of Kedar shall fail: And the residue of the number of archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, shall be diminished: for the LORD God of Israel hath spoken it.'

But it is difficult to ignore the multiple references throughout the Book of Isaiah to Kedar, Tema, Dedan and Dumah. Today Dumah is known as "Dumat el Jandal" in Saudi Arabia near Yathrib (Medina). Dumah, one of the sons of Ishmael, is also associated with Edom and Seir in [Isaiah 21:11](#). It is believed by many that Kedar, another of Ishmael's sons, is the line from which Muhammad descended. It is likely Mecca is the "glory of Kedar" mentioned in [Isaiah 21:16](#).

[Isaiah 34](#) prophesies the destruction of Edom, including its oil. This is a future prophecy that refers to the End Times - the destruction against Edom is over the final Battle of Jerusalem. Jesus Himself will be present and fighting.

[Habakkuk 3](#) this takes place in "Median" which is in Arabia.

[Psalms 137:7-8](#) tell us Edom is the daughter of Babylon (born of Babylon): "Remember, O Lord, against the sons of Edom the day of Jerusalem, who said, 'Raze it, raze it, to its very foundation! O daughter of Babylon, who are to be destroyed'"

Arabia is definitely the daughter of Babylon since it was made so by Nabonidus, who extended Babylon to Yathrib (Medina). This is a well-documented historic fact in which the Babylonian worship of the Moon-god was introduced to Arabia by Nabonidus (Nebuchadnezzar's father)

In all of these Old Testament prophecies concerning the utter destruction of Babylon, they cannot be speaking of the ancient city of Babylon because it was inhabited for roughly 500 years after these prophecies were given until around 141 B.C. when the Parthian Empire took over the region and the city was emptied of inhabitants. After this, the city slowly decayed. But it never suffered a fate anywhere near the utter destruction that was suffered by Sodom and Gomorrah – with fire raining down from heaven as many of these prophecies describe.

Geography of Mystery Babylon's Destruction

Isaiah 13:20 "No Arab will pitch this tent there, no shepherd will rest his flocks there" This cannot be attributed to Rome as some teach. Arabs never pitch their tents there. The ultimate fulfillment of this verse is the *destruction* of the Mystery Babylon. We know this because the passage speaks about: "the Day of the Lord" (v. 9) with the "heavens not giving light" (v. 10) When the Harlot is destroyed, the smoke from her judgment will be seen from afar. Likewise, we read that the Harlot possess a long and visible shoreline that may be observed from opposing lands and by ships at sea. Where are these sea captains when they hear and view this destruction? **Jeremiah** tells us they will be in the Red Sea: "The earth is moved at the noise of their fall, at the cry the noise thereof was heard in the Red Sea" (**Jeremiah 49:21**).

Look at *Mecca (Makkah)* on any map and you will see that it sits near the Red Sea. When considering Edom, think bigger than modern Jordan. Understand that Biblical ancient Edom stretches from Teman (Yemen) to Dedan (Saudi Arabia)" (**Ezekiel 35:13**). Greater Edom included all of the west coast of the Arabian Peninsula.

Notice the description of her destruction: "'As Sodom and Gomorrah were overthrown, along with their neighboring towns,' says the LORD, 'so no one will live there; no man will dwell in it,'" (**Jeremiah 49:18**). How was Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed? Was it not fire that rained down from heaven? Was ancient Edom ever completely destroyed like this in history?

Jeremiah 49 is ultimately speaking of the Last-Day's judgment of Mystery Babylon that is associated with Edom. Throughout the Bible, only Mystery Babylon is also described as being completely and utterly destroyed in this same way. Beyond this, the passage specifies that the region we are dealing with contains the cities of Teman and Dedan which are nowhere near Iraq, or ancient Babylon.

The Bible also tells us that the Kurds (Medes) will be against Babylon. This is likely a dual fulfillment since today, the Kurds are hated by all of their neighbors: "Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, who will not regard silver; and as for gold, they will not delight in it; Also their bows will dash the young men to pieces, and they will have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye will not spare children" (**Isaiah 13:17-18**).

The Harlot's Religion Connected to the Desert

The Harlot of Babylon is found in the desert. This is the ONLY pagan religion today that was founded in the desert: "Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a desert. There I saw a woman (a prostitute) sitting on a scarlet beast" (**Revelation 17:3**).

Jesus warned us that before He comes, the false messiah/prophet will come out of the desert: "So if anyone tells you, 'There he is,' out in the desert," do not go out" (**Matthew 24:26**).

"The waters" which the Harlot sits upon must be understood as representing "peoples, multitudes, nations and language". The harlot exerts a strong measure of spiritual influence over a great mixture of multitudes of different ethnicities and languages. These 3 together (city, desert, sitting on many waters) matches **Isaiah 21**, where Babylon is described as "the Desert by the Sea." Only Islam, Makkah and Saudi Arabia fulfills this description perfectly.

The Middle East Oil Connection to the Harlot

The Bible gives us some clues about this Harlot provides wine that intoxicates the nations. In **Revelation 17:2** John is introduced to the Harlot.

"One of the 7 angels who had the 7 bowls came and said to me, 'Come, I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute, who sits on many waters. With her the *kings of the earth committed adultery* and the inhabitants of the earth were *intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries.*' 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. 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 the abominable things and the filth of her adulteries. This title was written on her forehead: 'Mystery Babylon The Great – The Mother of Prostitutes and of the Abominations of the earth.' *I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus ... The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth"* (**Rev 17:1-6, 18**). There are 2 very important clues to the Harlot that stands out: First, she exists in a desert region. And secondly, we see that the "kings of the earth" figuratively commit adultery with her in order to obtain her "wine" in exchange for betraying God's people. What desert "wine" intoxicates the earth, and causes this desert region to grow rich? What *false religion* teaches that the blood of Christians and Jews should be shed? What desert nation today is the geographical womb from which this false harlot religion was birthed?

THE WINE IN JOEL 3

Amazingly the Bible talks about both this wine as well as the harlot, including the reason for God's judgment against the nations, as well as dividing His Land.

"For behold, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then will I enter into judgment with them there on behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; And they have divided up My land. They have also cast lots for My people, traded a boy for a harlot, and sold a girl for wine that they may drink" (**Joel 3:1-3**).

It is sad that most claiming Christians do not know that the *division of Israel* and the *treatment of the Jews* is the main basis by which Jesus will judge the nations. Yet, many will bare the shame of ignoring one of the most important texts in Scripture.

It is both fascinating and frightening to see such familiar elements of modern-day Middle Eastern *politics* portrayed in this ancient *End-Time prophecy*. Among the various crimes that the nations commit against God and His people, they are guilty of "**dividing up My (God's) land.**" This is exactly what we see today as Israel is continually pressured to carve out *Judea, the very heart of Israel*, in order to create a Palestinian state and ultimately destroy Israel.

Warning About The Deal of the Century – Trump's Peace Plan 2020

If this is implemented, our world could quickly enter the final days of Revelation!

In typical Hebrew prose, we see the price paid for this sale of Israel whom God calls "My people": "They have also cast lots for My people, traded a boy for a harlot and sold a girl for wine that they may drink" (Joel 3:3). We see that the nations will sell out Israel in order to coddle the Harlot and obtain her wine. The timing context of this passage is the End-Times: "at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem" (Joel 3:1).

The Harlot uses both *Islam* and oil as her "wine." She seduces the nations of the world into committing spiritual adultery with her and compromising Israel. Of course, this is probably quite a new paradigm for many Western students of the Bible,

OIL is "maddening" influence that has used oil to turn many nations against Israel. By "maddening", the text means an irrational hatred that fills the hearts of those who partake of her idolatrous doctrines. Even as the *spirit* of Islam today causes men to become mad with hate and rage, so also we see that the religion of the Harlot has the same effect. In the New Testament, when one becomes a follower of Jesus, they are filled with the Holy Spirit and bear the corresponding fruit in their lives: love, joy, patience, kindness and peace, etc. Islam produces the opposite.

Besides the spiritual aspect of the Harlot's influence (Islam), see also a financial dimension. The oil is used as a means to pressure and even blackmail nations. Today we live in a world that is addicted to oil. In the days to come, we will see the truly maddening effects of the Harlot's influence when her "wine" is held as a carrot at the end of a stick from her oil-addicted clients. OPEC very recently announced that it has decided not to increase oil production in Saudi Arabia. The purpose of this is clearly to hurt the United States. In the 1970s, we saw the effects of the OPEC embargo when Saudi Arabia first woke up to her power. Should we be surprised that immediately after the formation of OPEC, the next organization to be formed was OAPEC (the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries), whose purpose was to exert *pressure* on the West specifically over its *support* of Israel?

In the years to come, we will see how desperate the addicts can become when Saudi once again uses her "wine" to affect the policies of foreign nations. In summary, one needs to ask, what Arab, Islamic, desert nation today both ideologically and financially supports the export of *Fundamental Islam* (the Antichrist religion) to the world? What Arab nation is the most likely to use oil-influence to affect the policies of foreign nations? What Arab nation's oil net exports and production are more than three times higher than any other Arab member of OPEC?

Remember, the Bible says that, "... the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies" (Revelation 18:3). The merchants of the earth have grown rich due to the abundance of this delicacy she offers: "O you who dwell by many waters, abundant in treasures, your end has come" (Jeremiah 51:13).

LITERAL OIL – Isaiah 34:8-10

Revelation 17 is NO allegory of something spiritual. In identical language to what we have already read concerning Mystery Babylon in Revelation 17:18, we compare Isaiah 34:8-10.

“For it is the day of Jehovah’s vengeance, and the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion. Its streams shall be turned into pitch and its dust into brimstone; its land shall become burning pitch. It shall not be quenched night or day; its smoke shall ascend forever”

Incredibly, almost 3,000 years before the discovery of fuel oil, Isaiah predicted the burning of the very thing that was used in Babel to build a name for the rebellious ones – the pitch. Pitch is bitumen and tar, which technically is simply crude oil. God calls the Antichrist “The Assyrian” in Micah 5:5

Notice that the land shall not be “like” burning pitch but shall actually become burning pitch. This prophecy could only be fulfilled in an oil rich land. The words for “streams” (nachal) is not water streams but “torrent”, “torrent-valley”, “wadi/valley,” “mine,” or “tunnels,” and thus need not be understood strictly as streams of water. Obviously water could never burn like pitch as the verse mandates. The picture painted is literally of a land that turns into a river of burning wells (tunnels) of petroleum. Consider Revelation Chapter 18

“And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning” (Revelation 18:9).

“And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, ‘What [city is] like unto this great city!’” (Revelation 18:18).

Remember the oil fields during Gulf War I, when Saddam Hussein set the oil wells on fire? Even during the day, *the skies were black with smoke*. This is precisely how Isaiah the prophet portrays *Babylon’s End-Time* judgment. In Revelation, we read that God will, “Mix her a double portion from her own cup. Give her as much torture and grief as the glory and luxury she gave herself” (Revelation 18:4-7). This cup of Mystery Babylon is the same as Jeremiah 51: “He shall recompense her. Babylon was a golden cup in the Lord’s hand that made all the earth drunk. The nations drunk her wine; Therefore the nations are deranged” (Jeremiah 51:7)

When God issues a judgment, He hands over this cup to the Harlot and makes her drink. From the very cup that she used to establish her influence, from the abundance of her oil wealth, she will be fed a double portion of punishment by the very product that she used to establish herself and her power by her own burning with it. Since she funded the export of “radical Islam” and provided propaganda that sent *terrorists to destroy the whole world*, so shall *radical Islam* eventually turn on Saudi Arabia to destroy her.

She will be burned – in one hour, she will fall. Therefore the kings of the earth shall weep and mourn for their oil, but their oil will go up in flames.

All this is what the Bible declares to be, "Jehovah's vengeance, and the year of recompences for the [legal] controversy of Zion." **Isaiah 34**

God Himself finally executes judgment on Israel's behalf with a great destruction. The parallel verse found in **Jeremiah 51:11** calls it "the vengeance for His Temple." Again, this judgment against "Edom" extends from Teman to Dedan, according to **Ezekiel 25:12-13**.

"Thus Says the Lord GOD; 'Because that Edom has dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them. 'Therefore thus Says the Lord GOD; 'I will also stretch out mine hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman; and they of Dedan shall fall by the sword'"

Teman is in Saudi Arabia - Part of Ancient Edom

Teman is a place name meaning "right side" that is "southern." The Edomites were a clan descended from Esau (**Genesis 36:11, Genesis 36:15; 1 Chronicles 1:36**). Teman was a city that was associated with the Edomites (**Jeremiah 49:7, Jeremiah 49:20; Ezekiel 25:13; Amos 1:12; Obadiah 1:9; Habakkuk 3:3**). Teman is in South Central Arabia in Yemen. Dedan is well known as an ancient city in central Saudi Arabia now known as Al-Ula. The Lord made the geographical location of Mystery Babylon *quite clear* for anyone who would seek it out.

Makkah's Future DESTRUCTION as Mystery Babylon

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Revelation 18:8-10, 17-18). Therefore in one day her plagues will overtake her: death, mourning, and famine. She will be consumed by fire, for mighty is the Lord God who judges her. When the kings of the earth who committed adultery with her and shared her luxury see the smoke of her burning, they will weep and mourn over her. Terrified at her torment, they will stand far off and cry: 'Woe! Woe, O great city, O Babylon, city of power! In one hour your doom has come! ... Every sea captain, and all who travel by ship, the sailors, and all who earn their living from the sea, will stand far off. When they see the smoke of her burning, they will exclaim, 'Was there ever a city like this great city?'"

Ships on the Red Sea easily see Makkah's destruction. The Harlot will be destroyed violently and swiftly "and in one day," "with such violence," she will be "consumed with fire." The judgment on the Harlot is permanent. There will never be heard in this city the sound of music or musicians. Workers will never rebuild the city. The sound of tradesman will never be heard or seen in her again. All agriculture will cease. There will be no weddings. All signs of human habitation will be permanently eliminated. Apart from Sodom and Gomorrah, this type of utter destruction has never been seen in any other city, including Hiroshima and Nagasaki. "After her destruction, Babylon will merely be a home for demons, evil spirits, and scavenging desert creatures" (**Revelation 18:1-2**).

The Desert habitation of Demons and Unclean spirits in the Word

Jeremiah 50:39 *"So desert creatures and hyenas will live there, and there the owl will dwell. It will never again be inhabited or lived in from generation to generation"*

Isaiah 34:14 confirms: *"It shall be a habitation of jackals"* And again later, the destruction of Babylon is described as being absolute.

Isaiah 12:15 speaks of this event: *"For I will rise up against them, says the Lord of hosts, and cut off from Babylon its name and remnant, and offspring and prosperity, says the Lord ... I will sweep it with the broom of destruction"* (The broom of destruction?) Anyone who has seen footage of a nuclear explosion has seen the fury and the power of the ominous cloud that sweeps up everything in its path. Could this verse be describing a nuclear explosion? *"And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth; Blood and fire and pillars of smoke"* (**Joel 2:30**). Could the pillars of smoke come from a nuclear explosion?

HOW COULD THE BEAST DESTROY THE HARLOT

Revelation 17;16-18 tells us that the Beast hates the Harlot. He will ultimately turn on her, killing her, devouring her, and burning her body with fire:

'The beast and the 10 horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire. For God has put into their hearts to accomplish his purpose by agreeing to give the beast their power to rule, until God's word are fulfilled. The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth'

Some may argue that Muslims would never attack such Islamic "holy" sites as Mecca and Medina. Yet when it comes to Makkah, plenty of Muslims have already attacked the city. In the late 7th Century, Al-Hajjaj bin Yousef Al-Thaqafi (laid siege to Makkah and destroyed much of the Ka'ba with stones launched from catapults. During WW1, the Turkish Ottomans occupied Saudi Arabia and deeply resented Arab imperialism that had spread through the vast Islamic empire. They made strong attempts to restrict Arab culture and language throughout their empire. This enmity and resistance was so severe that the Arabs were persuaded by the British through their envoy, T.E. Lawrence (also known as "Lawrence of Arabia"), to revolt against the Ottoman occupation and help the allies.

The Turks bombarded the mosque of the Kaa'ba, the most sacred shrine of all Islam. One shell actually hit the Ka'ba, burning a hole in the "holy carpet" and killing 9 Arabs who were kneeling in prayer. On November 20, 1979, over 500 militants and their leader attacked the false Islamic Mahdi, Jumaiman ibn Muhammad ibn Saif al Utaiba. In the 1980s, on several occasions, followers of Ayatollah Khomeini disrupted the annual hajj, or pilgrimage to Mecca. Most of this was quelled by heavy security controls, but in July 1987, over 400 people died as a result of a serious riot instigated by thousands of Iranian pilgrims. Three years later, during the Gulf War I, Saddam Hussein sent numerous scuds flying over Saudi Arabia, disregarding the high risk they would pose to the Islamic "holy land."

There were no protests from Muslim nations. And as recent as 2003, three al-Qaeda militants blew themselves up during an attack in Makkah. The idea of Muslims attacking Mecca or Saudi Arabia is far from impossible. The day is drawing near when the emerging Beast Empire led by Turkey and Iran will attack Mecca and destroy the Arabian Harlot.

THE DESTRUCTION OF MECCA AND MEDINA IN ISLAMIC PROPHECY

Confirming what the Bible which predicts as the destruction of this Harlot by the Beast that she rides is an *Islamic prophecy* that predicts the destruction of it's bride Mecca by Muslims nations: "The final battle will be waged by Muslim faithful coming on the backs of horses ... carrying black banners. They will stand on the east side of the Jordan river and will wage war that the earth never seen before. The true Messiah who is the Islamic Mahdi ... will defeat Europe ... will lead this army of Seljuks, He will preside over the world from Jerusalem because Mecca would have been destroyed ..." (Yawn Al-Ghadab, Safar Alhwaly).

Medina is not immune of this destruction: "The flourishing state of Jerusalem will be when Yathrib (Medina) is in ruins, the ruined state of Yathrib will be when the Great War comes, and the outbreak of the Great War will be at the conquest of Constantinople and the conquest of Constantinople when the *Dajjal* (the Antichrist) comes forth. He (the Prophet) struck his thigh or his shoulder with his hand and said: This is as true as you are here or as you are sitting."

Yathrib is another name for Medina, the city of the Prophet Muhammed, the second holiest city to Islam. Constantinople is Istanbul in Turkey. Many radical Muslims perceive that Istanbul has been under the control of secular hypocritical Muslims until its recent *restoration* to the Islamists. So according to this prophesy, after the fall of Istanbul to the true Muslims, (which, through recent elections 2007, has just occurred) Medina will be destroyed.

In the Last-Days, a *coalition of radical Islamic nations* will turn on and destroy Saudi Arabia. The prophecies by which radical Muslims live dictate just such an event. Thus, if the day comes that radical Muslims actually destroy Saudi Arabia, it is also very likely that this prophecy will embolden and empower them to imagine that they very are acting according to Allah's plan.

The Harlot's Connection To A False Religion

The Beast is a coalition of ten kings representing the seven kingdoms in the past, under the authority of the Anti-christ. The Harlot is the *geographically definable entity* that represents the *source* of the Antichrist's religion. The Harlot is sitting atop a scarlet Beast. This beast is the final Islamic Empire of the Antichrist. Even as the Beast Empire beheads God's people, so the Harlot is drunk on the blood of the saints.

The meaning of "The Mother of all Prostitutes and Abominations of the earth" (Rev 17:5) is critical. This title is a typical Eastern sort of phrase – the kind of phrase Ahmadienjad used when he said Islam will be on top of all the mountains. Remember Saddam Hussein's comments in the days leading up to the first Gulf War? He declared that the U.S. and Iraq were about to engage in "the mother of all battles." Of course, in typical megalomaniacal game-talk, he also declared that America was about to experience "the mother of all defeats." The term "Mother of" is simply an Eastern way of expressing a superlative; it is the biggest, the worst, the unmatched, and most significant of all.

So the Harlot is the greatest of all spiritual prostitutes, but she is not necessarily the source of all other false religions. Throughout history, many "prostitutes" or false religions exist and have existed, but the Great Harlot is portrayed here as being by far the most significant of them all. The Harlot's false religion is also a mystery in that like no other pagan religion. I

slam sprouts from a mixture of a heretical Christian cult and a pagan Moon-god religion that has attempted to cloak itself with certain Jewish and Christian elements in order to appear as a Biblical faith and the rightful successor of the Judeo-Christian tradition.

When the veil is pulled back, Islam's true nature and pagan source becomes apparent: It is a religion that denies the essence of God, contradicts His character and blasphemes His attributes.

GALATIANS 4 – THE 2 COVENANTS

Galatians 4 speaks of two covenants; one is true and the other is false: "for these are two covenants." The first is crucial for our study; "the one from mount Sinai, which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar. For this Hagar is Mt. Sinai in Arabia" (Galatians 4:24-25). The covenant of bondage is allegorized by mount Sinai, yet the literal definition for this reference is *Arabia*. The spiritual battle, according to Galatians 4, is between Arabia (Hagar) and Jerusalem (Sarah):

'For it is written, that Abraham had 2 sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he [who was] of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman [was] by promise. Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the *Mount Sinai*, which genders to bondage, which is Agar. For this *Agar is Mount Sinai*, in Arabia, and answers to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written, Rejoice, [thou] barren that bears not; break forth and cry, thou that travail not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him [that was born] after the Spirit, even so [it is] now. Nevertheless what Says the Scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but the free" (Galatians 4:21-31).

The Bible states that a religion of bondage – Islam literally means submission – came out of the desert of Arabia through Hagar (Ishmael's lineage). Even the name Sinai comes from the Moon-god's name Sin." The desert is the "Wilderness of Sin" or the "Desert of the Moon-god." In the Old Testament times, Nabonidus (555-539 B.C.), the last king of Babylon, built Tayma, Arabia as center of Moon-god worship.

THE RICH ROYAL HARLOT - PROSTITUTE FOR THE WORLD

The Prostitute is dressed in scarlet and crimson garments that glitter with jewels, pearls, and gold. Scarlet is the color of royalty. When Jesus was taken prisoner, the Roman centurions dressed Him a scarlet robe (Matthew 27:28) to mock His "royalty." The scarlet and crimson clothes of the Harlot also connote royalty. Because they literally glitter with gold, jewels, and pearls, she is also considered rich beyond measure.

What Islamic desert nation is governed by a Royal Monarchy that is known throughout the earth as being fabulously wealthy and utterly corrupt? What place is decked with gold, silver, and precious stones?

BABYLON IS ALWAYS CONTRASTED WITH JERUSALEM

The Harlot is described as a great city that rules over the kings of the earth. From this, we know that she is a politically and geographically definable entity that exerts a significant measure of influence throughout the world. The primary purpose however is not so much to *restrict* the Harlot as being a mere *literal city*, but rather to *contrast* her to the other prominent city of Revelation – the "Holy City" of New Jerusalem. One city is described as "Great" and is pictured as a foul prostitute, while the other city is "Holy" and is pictured as a pure bride, adorned for her wedding day. The intended contrast is clear: "And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband" (Revelation 21:10). "*Come I will show you ... the Great Prostitute ... Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a desert. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast ... The woman you saw is the Great City that rules over the kings of the earth*" (Revelation 17:1, 3, 18).

As discussed, Galatians 4 addresses both cities – Jerusalem from above (Revelation 21:10), and the bondage from a literal Arabia, which we see symbolically in Revelation 17:1, 3, 18. Mystery Babylon is both the *antithesis* and the premiere antagonist of all that Jerusalem is called to be – and will become.

The Confrontation Between Babylon and Jerusalem in the Book of Daniel

What city in the earth could be viewed as the most significant religious and ideological antagonist to an idealized Jerusalem? What desert city has attempted to usurp the position of Jerusalem as the capital of the world? While exiled in Babylon, the prophet Daniel bowed in prayer several times a day toward Jerusalem. Daniel Chapter 3, The 3 Hebrews refused to bow to the pagan god of the Baylonians, and God intervened. Daniel Chapter 4 they made a plan to kill Daniel in the lions den, which God reversed. Toward what other city do a large proportion of the people of the earth bow each day? The Qur'an literally switched the direction from Jerusalem to Mecca, and abrogated Jerusalem as a direction of worship.

“COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE!”

“Then I heard another voice from heaven say: ‘Come out of her, my people, so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues for her sins are piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes. Give back to her as she has given; pay her back double for what she has done. Mix her a double portion from her own cup. Give her as much torture and grief as the glory and luxury she gave her” (Revelation 18:4-7).

God warns his people who are living in Babylon to “come out of her” – to flee, for she is about to be judge severely. Consider more Old Testament prophecy concerning Babylon.

Jeremiah 50 and 51 repeatedly reference the need to flee Babylon with the same rendering as in Revelation. “My people, go out of the midst of her” (Jeremiah 51:45). “Flee out of Babylon and leave the land of the Babylonians. Be like the goats that lead the flock” (Jeremiah 50:8)

“Flee from Babylon! Run for your lives! Do not be destroyed because of her sins. It is time for Jehovah’s vengeance; He will pay her what she deserves” (Jeremiah 51:6)

“We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country: for judgment reached unto heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies” (Jeremiah 51:9).

Notice that those who are warned are told to flee, “every one into his own country.” This is important. Like the ancient Babylon, so also is the Last-Days Babylon filled with foreigners and expatriates. What Arab, Islamic, desert nation is filled with a massive foreign labor-force that is only used for labor and never offered citizenship?

The Harlot’s Connection to Slavery, Lavish Imports And Secret Sin

“Woe! Woe, O great city, dressed in fine linen, purple and scarlet, and glittering with gold, precious stones, and pearls! In one hour such great wealth has been brought to ruin!” (Revelation 18:16). God speaks to the heathen: “To whom will you liken Me, that we should be alike? They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver on the scales; they hire a goldsmith, and he makes it a god; they prostrate themselves, yes, they worship” (Isaiah 46:5-6). Muslims decked the black stone idol that they likened to God with gold and silver and prostrated themselves to it as Isaiah predicted. Mecca and Medina are decked with much gold, gems and pearls. Arabia is also famous for its gold markets or souks. The Mall of Arabia is the home of the *Gold Souk*, with has over 450 jewelry & gold shops in one location. Mystery Babylon prides itself on such imports: “The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her because no one buys their cargoes any more – cargoes of gold, silver, precious stones and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk and scarlet cloth; every sort citron wood, and articles of every kind made of ivory, costly wood, bronze, iron and marble; cargoes of cinnamon and spice, of incense, myrrh and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, of fine flour and wheat; cattle and sheep; horses and carriages; and bodies and souls of men” (Revelation 18:11-13).

Saudi Arabia today imports these same items, divided into 3 categories – all things that she cannot produce herself. The 3 categories are luxury items, food items – livestock and produce – and human slaves. Saudi Arabia imports humans for various reasons; some legitimate, like the thousands foreign workers, who will need to flee.

But the human slaves in Mystery Babylon will not have the freedom to flee.

Confronting Black Lives Matters Agenda Today

We like to believe that slavery is a thing of the past, slavery thrives in various forms in many parts of the world today. Black Lives Matters Movement, a social anarchist group tromping on freedoms in America right now, is NOT at all concerned with REAL, modern slavery. Mystery Babylon imports men, women, and children, no doubt to maintain and bolster her excessively luxurious and sinful lifestyle. Saudi Arabia has been repeatedly *condemned* by numerous human-rights repeatedly reported to have a serious problem with importing *young women and children as sex-slaves*. Mystery Babylon is NOT Rome, but Saudi Arabia!

SECRET SIN AND THE ARROGANT QUEEN

In Isaiah's 47:10 prophecy, in the midst of all of the Harlot's sin and wickedness, she believes that no one sees her: *"You have trusted in your wickedness and have said, 'No one sees me. : 'I will continue forever – the eternal queen! ... I am, and there is none besides me. I will never be a widow or suffer the loss of children."* Her children are her spiritual seed, the muslims. We should pray fervently that Jesus Christ will reveal Himself to the Arab, Muslim world.

Its destruction, "will overtake you in a moment, on a single day." This never happened to the ancient Babylon. Its decay and eventual destruction was very slow and gradual over hundreds of years. This is a RIGHT NOW prophecy for TODAY, all of this is YET FUTURE!