

GNITN

#1,185

Babylon: The City of Seduction Returns

A Very Old City

According to many, the city of Babylon is one of the oldest cities in all of history estimated to be 5,000 years old. The city of Jericho has them beat with some saying it is at least 11,000 years old and counting. However, Babylon has something going for it that Jericho doesn't and that is it figures prominently in Bible prophecy. Since the first book in the Bible I read as a new Christian was the book of **Revelation** I took notice of the city called by the Apostle John as Mystery Babylon. I like others back then tried to figure out what John saw. Even back then it was the site of well, really nothing but desert land begging the question how could literal Babylon be what he was mentioning? One author, Randy Kay lays out the argument that the actual ancient city was exactly what is described in Bible prophecy in an article he [wrote](#) on his Substack profile:

Somewhere in the scorching flats of southern Iraq, where the Euphrates and Tigris rivers surrender their ancient waters to the Persian Gulf, a city is being conjured back from the dead.

For two thousand years, skeptics and scholars alike pointed to the ruins of Babylon and laughed at the prophets. Ships? they scoffed. Merchants trading at Babylon? The place sits fifty miles from the nearest coastline. Nothing but sand and broken stones. A graveyard of empire. Whatever the Apostle John saw in his apocalyptic vision, it couldn't possibly be literal Babylon.

Kay then makes his case:

That objection just became obsolete.

Right now—not in some hazy prophetic future, but this year—the Iraqi government is pouring \$17 billion into one of the most ambitious infrastructure projects on the planet. At the exact confluence of those legendary rivers, construction crews are erecting the Grand Faw Port, a behemoth designed to handle 99 million tons of cargo annually. The world's longest breakwater—14.5 kilometers of engineered defiance against the Gulf's currents—is already complete. The first ships are expected before the year ends. Connected to that port stretches a 1,200-kilometer artery of highways and railways snaking northward through Iraq, into Turkey, and onward to Europe. Four nations have signed on. Officials are calling it “the new Silk Road.” They want Iraq to become—in their own words—“the heart of global trade.”

A Spiritual Connection

Just the fact that the literal city is being brought back to life is astounding, but the ancient religious angle is also being revived:

And at the ruins of Babylon itself? A four-thousand-year-old temple to a pagan goddess is being lovingly restored—with American funding—for weddings and festivals. It reopens this autumn. The prophetic stage is being set. And almost nobody is talking about it.

Kay then connects the dots for Christians who know that the city represents much more:

To understand why this matters, you have to understand what Babylon is—not just historically, but spiritually. This isn't merely another ancient city rising from archaeological obscurity. In the biblical narrative, Babylon functions as something far more significant: it's the fountainhead of organized rebellion against the Creator.

But before we dig into that we need to lay a little Bible history foundation:

The name appears over 280 times in Scripture, threading from Genesis to Revelation like a dark river. It begins with Nimrod, the hunter-king whose very name some scholars translate as “against the LORD.” He didn't just build a city. He built a kingdom in cosmic defiance. Then came the Tower of Babel—humanity's first collective middle finger raised toward heaven. “Come, let us build ourselves a city,” they said, “with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves.” Not for God. For themselves. A one-world system erected on the foundation of human pride. God scattered them. But the spirit of Babylon—that ancient impulse

toward self-worship, toward empire-building without reference to the divine—never died. It surfaced in Egypt, in Assyria, in Rome. And Scripture tells us it will emerge one final time, in full force, at the end of the age.

Prophecy Being Fulfilled

And that is where we move to how this revitalization project could be fulfilling Bible prophecy:

The book of Revelation devotes two entire chapters to the rise and fall of end-times Babylon. And what the Apostle John described from his exile on Patmos reads less like mystical symbolism and more like a maritime commerce report. “The merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries,” he writes. Then he catalogs the cargo: gold, silver, precious stones, pearls, fine linen, purple silk, scarlet cloth, citron wood, ivory, bronze, iron, marble, cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, olive oil, flour, wheat, cattle, sheep, horses, carriages—and human beings sold as slaves. This isn’t vague prophecy. This is an inventory list.

Kay then mentions [Revelation 18:17-18](#):

But here’s the verse that made theologians scratch their heads for twenty centuries: “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?’” Sea captains. Ships. Sailors watching a city burn from the water. John saw a Babylon with a port.

Kay even references [Jeremiah 51:13](#) which says Babylon as “You who live by many waters and are rich in treasures, your end has come.” Not that long ago, seeing Babylon as a port city was ludicrous. I like so many others didn’t see how the actual old city fit the end times description, but according to Kay that is changing: *For centuries, this seemed impossible. The ruins sat landlocked in the desert. No harbor. No shipping lanes. The prophecy had to be symbolic—Rome, perhaps, or America, or some future global system. That interpretation is getting harder to defend by the month. Now consider what’s rising at the confluence of those ancient rivers. The Grand Faw Port isn’t just another harbor—it’s designed to rank among the ten largest on Earth. The Development Road project connecting it to Europe cuts fifteen days off the Suez Canal shipping route. Test shipments have already proven the concept works. Iraq wants to become a logistics superpower. The infrastructure is going in. The agreements are signed. The money is flowing.*

A Literal And Spiritual Dryness

Talk of the Euphrates River drying up has been in the news as well and that, too fits prophecy:

And there’s more. The Euphrates River—named by name in Revelation’s bowl judgments—is prophesied to dry up, clearing the path for “the kings from the East” to march toward Armageddon. I’m not claiming current events fulfill that specific judgment. That belongs to the Tribulation period. But the mechanism is no longer theoretical. The Euphrates has been at historic low levels in recent years. Upstream dams in Turkey. Prolonged drought. Climate pressures. Iraqi farmers have watched their water vanish. What John saw two millennia ago can happen. It’s already happening in slow motion. But the economic resurrection of Babylon tells only half the story. The spiritual dimension is darker still.

A place for evil worship is also rising up and it could fulfill [Zechariah 5](#):

Five centuries before John’s apocalyptic vision, the prophet Zechariah received a strange and troubling revelation. He saw wickedness personified as a woman, carried in a basket. When he asked where she was being taken, the angel answered: “To the country of Babylonia, to build a house for it. When the house is ready, the basket will be set there in its place.” A “house” for wickedness. The Hebrew word is bayith—the same term used for the Temple in Jerusalem. Zechariah foresaw a temple being prepared for evil. A throne. A place of worship in the land of Babylon. Now consider what’s happening in literal Babylon at this very moment. The World Monuments Fund, with funding from the United States Embassy, is completing the restoration of the Temple of Ninmakh. This four-thousand-year-old structure was dedicated to a Sumerian goddess—a female deity associated with creation and fertility. Ancient texts claim she “breathed life into mankind.” A counterfeit creator. A false god claiming the role belonging to the LORD alone. What will this restored temple be used for?

According to news reports: weddings, concerts, and the annual Babylon Festival. It reopens this autumn. A temple to a female deity. In literal Babylon. Being prepared for worship and celebration. With Western funding. That's bad enough, but there's even more spiritual darkness and dryness planned:

The Ishtar Gate—dedicated to the goddess of love, war, and sexuality—is also under restoration. Tourism to Babylon approached 50,000 visitors last year. Wedding parties at pagan ruins. Officials proudly calling Babylon “a symbol of Iraq.” Ground that was consecrated to demonic worship four millennia ago is being re-consecrated. Zechariah’s prophecy is taking physical form before our eyes.

Prophecy Conflict?

There are those who contend that the city of Babylon was destroyed never to rise again years ago fulfilling quite a few prophecies. Kay addresses this as well since the ancient city must rise before it is finally ended in the Tribulation period:

Some will object: “Wasn’t Babylon already destroyed? Didn’t these prophecies find fulfillment when Persia conquered it?” This is crucial. Look at what the prophets actually said. Isaiah: “Babylon, the jewel of kingdoms, the pride and glory of the Babylonians, will be overthrown by God like Sodom and Gomorrah. She will never be inhabited or lived in through all generations.”

Jeremiah echoes: “As I overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah... so no one will live there; no people will dwell in it.” “Like Sodom and Gomorrah.” Fire from heaven. Sudden. Catastrophic. Supernatural. Total annihilation. Then permanent desolation—never inhabited again. Here’s the historical problem: that never happened. When Cyrus conquered Babylon in 539 BC, there was no destruction. He walked in through a diverted riverbed while the city held a festival. When Alexander the Great took it, he wanted to make it his capital. The city simply declined over centuries. People kept living there. Tourists still visit. It became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2019. Nearly 50,000 visitors last year. That’s not “like Sodom and Gomorrah.” Not even close.

Kay concludes that the predicted end to Babylon hasn’t happened. At least not yet.

Babylon Is Being Rebuilt

Kay says that for the Bible prophecies to make sense, the ancient city must rise from the ashes:

And here’s the key: you can’t bring sudden, catastrophic judgment on a ruin. For Babylon to be destroyed “like Sodom,” it must first be rebuilt. It must prosper. It must matter. That’s exactly what’s happening.

He then references a familiar verse, [Daniel 12:4](#) to make a point about the rapid development of Babylon:

The prophet Daniel was told that in the last days, knowledge would increase and many would “go here and there.” Travel and information would explode. What once took generations would happen in years. Watch the acceleration:

2019—UNESCO designates Babylon a World Heritage Site, lending international legitimacy to preservation efforts. 2024—Four nations sign the Development Road agreement. Port berths completed. 2025—Port opens. Temple reopens. Transit systems go live. 2028-2038—Full completion projected. Six years. In six years, Babylon has transformed from forgotten ruins to global trade hub under construction to pagan temples reopening. What took Nebuchadnezzar decades is happening in a single political cycle. The prophetic clock isn’t just ticking. It’s accelerating.

A Coming Storm

Kay then relates a personal experience of dying and coming back and while he was dead for 30 minutes he saw the future as what he said was “The Storm.” At the time he didn’t understand it, but now he does:

For years, I didn’t fully understand how the pieces would fit together. But as I watch these headlines—as I see Babylon literally rising, ancient temples reopening, the infrastructure for Revelation 18 being built with billions of dollars and international cooperation—something in my spirit recognizes it. This is part of what I was shown. The storm I saw? I believe we’re watching it form on the horizon.

Kay sees the meteoric rise of a dead area as a sign for us:

I’m not setting dates. I’m not claiming to know the exact timeline. But I am telling you—with the certainty of someone who has stood before Jesus—we are living in a pivotal season of history. Let me lay out the full picture. The Bible said Babylon would rise again as a center of global commerce. A \$17 billion trade corridor

is under construction. The Bible said ships and merchants would trade at Babylon. A massive port is being built at the mouth of the Euphrates.

The Bible said the Euphrates would dry up. The river is at historic low levels. The Bible said a temple for wickedness would be built in Babylon. A pagan temple is being restored for celebrations this fall. The Bible said Babylon would be destroyed “like Sodom”—but that never happened historically. Babylon is being rebuilt, positioning it for future fulfillment. The Bible said the last days would be marked by acceleration. All of this is happening within a six-year window. This has never happened before. Not once in two thousand years have all these prophetic elements aligned simultaneously. This is not coincidence. This is convergence.

A Call To Separate

Kay correctly warns us to do what the Bible tells us in [Revelation 18:4](#):

In Revelation 18, a voice thunders from heaven: “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.” “Come out of her.” That’s not a suggestion. It’s a command. And it applies to more than geography. Babylon isn’t just a city rising from the Iraqi desert. It’s a system. Remember Babel—” Let us make a name for ourselves.” The spirit of Babylon represents human pride untethered from the divine. The pursuit of wealth without God. Building your life on foundations that cannot hold.

The Babylonian influence is rising as well:

That spirit permeates our age. It lives in our media, our financial systems, our entertainment, even in churches that have traded the gospel for cultural approval. The spirit of Babel whispers the same ancient lie: You can be your own god. Build your own kingdom. Make a name for yourself. The question for everyone reading is simple: What are you building your life on? Are you entangled with a system God has promised to destroy?

Kay doesn’t leave us with despair, but with hope. That is if we are awake to the choices. He starts by referencing [Revelation 21:4](#) to show us our future if we like:

I don’t write this to frighten you. I write it to awaken you. Because the Bible doesn’t end with Babylon. It ends with a different city—the New Jerusalem—descending from heaven like a bride adorned for her husband. “God will wipe every tear from their eyes,” John writes. “There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” That’s our hope. Not Babylon—the New Jerusalem. Not human empire—the Kingdom of God. Not towers built on pride—but a city whose architect and builder is the LORD Himself. If you’ve never surrendered your life to Jesus Christ, there has never been a more urgent time. The stage is being set. The clock is accelerating. And Jesus stands ready to receive anyone who comes to Him. If you’re a believer who’s grown comfortable—hear the Spirit’s call: Come out of her. Set your heart on things above. Be found faithful when He appears.

Kay concludes by letting us know what Jesus tells in [Luke 21:28](#):

Babylon is rising. But so is the Son. Keep looking up. Our redemption draws near. Maranatha. Come, Lord Jesus.

Amen and amen!