

# Where Should God's People go when they come out of Babylon?

This article is the first of a brief series relating the biblical flow of end time events concerning the Church of God and especially American and British [ Israelite ] Christians. Only now, as we near the time of the end are these darkly seen events being revealed by God.

Daniel 12:9 'And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.'

Chapter 17 of Revelation is about a great false church – spiritual Babylon. Chapter 18 is about the fall of the Greatest Trading nation on earth – physical Babylon. Before God brings about its fall He is to send an angel with a message which reaches all around the world, in order that His people may know that the last 7 years have arrived. That message is the signal that it is time to escape to fulfil His plan.[ Rev 18:4-5 'And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.']

The angel's message is found in Revelation 14:6-7 and announces Jesus Christ's soon return and the need of all mankind to repent.

' And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.'

It will be given in dreams and visions to all men and women on earth, (associated articles are *Dreams and Visions* and *The Tribulation, How Long?* on this website) This amazing event will have worldwide impact and will usher in the start of the last seven years leading up to the establishment of Christ's kingdom here on earth. Part of that vision may well be similar to that described in the vision of Habbakuk chapter 3, which parallels the 1<sup>st</sup> seal of Revelation 6, the first of the 7 seals which cover the events of those last 7 years.

Matthew 24 also deals with these same events. Verse 14 warns that the end time will be preceded by that miraculous preaching by the angel, of the same gospel brought by Jesus Christ and John the Baptist – the gospel or good news of the coming kingdom of God and the return of Jesus Christ.

' And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.'

Christ accompanied that in Matthew 24:4-5 with the warning that many will then be deceived by those who claim to be the returned Christ, starting from soon after the angel's message, and that warning will be published worldwide by God's Church, because the most

successful deceiver will be the Beast. 'And Jesus answered and said unto them, take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.'

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 'Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.'

The worldwide reaction to those miraculous dreams and visions will be dramatic. The mainstream 'Christian' world will rejoice – much less so the other religions! Many Christians will look forward to being raptured away to heaven while the remaining 'sinners' are punished in the tribulation!

Serious Bible students however, will have quite a different reaction. They are well aware that, continuing on from Revelation 14:6-7, the rest of the chapter mentions the work of several other angels and the announcement of the second angel in verse 8 is about anything but peace and safety. It is about Babylon's fall, the fall of the nation whose actions most epitomise the evil system of dominion over men by the projection of both military and commercial power around the globe, which was first invented and practiced by Nimrod, King of Babylon long ago.

Genesis 10:9-10 'He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD. And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.' (read our article about Babylon).

The United States is only part of this evil system. Britain too was once powerful enough to most epitomise its faults. Together, these 2 great nations are descended from the patriarch Joseph, and became the two leading tribes in Israel, the nation chosen by God to represent His way to the world. That they should have so far despised and rejected His way, denied His Commandments, and failed to fulfil their God given role, has deeply angered their Creator, who intends to fulfil the warnings plainly given to them in Deuteronomy 28:15-68.

Destruction and slavery will fall upon Israel, which also includes Britain's one-time colonies, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Is that too hard to believe after what we saw recently in the Balkans?

But what about the other tribes of Israel? They too have failed God and departed from His Law. God has no favourites and punishment will fall upon the nations of NW Europe too and upon the Jews, in fact upon all 12 tribes of Ancient Israel!

When that first angel delivers his dreams and visions, God's people will obediently prepare to leave their nations to carry out God's further instructions.

Not all of God's people will flee. Some may be too old or sick and will rely upon God's great mercy. Fully half though are so spiritually unprepared and not biblically diligent enough to understand the need to avoid the coming disaster (see Matthew 25:1-10). So they will stay put in their nations and fail to take advantage of the 6-7 months after the dreams and visions

before the evil Babylonish system brings about Israel's downfall (see the timeline in the accompanying chart).

When first the USA is brought low by God, (the world's policeman) probably by several cataclysmic 'natural' disasters; (cf Jeremiah 51:55, Revelation 18:21) chaos, war and invasion follow, so that international travel becomes impossible for civilians.

Jeremiah 50:41-42 'Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. They shall hold the bow and the lance: they are cruel, and will not shew mercy: their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses, every one put in array, like a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Babylon.'

Isaiah 10:5-6 'O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation. I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.' So, only the forewarned and faithful will come out of Babylon while they can.

But where should they go? Do not be deceived by anyone claiming to have received a vision telling you to go anywhere other than where God's word plainly tells you. Satan would dearly like you to lose your life in defiance of God's given instructions, which are quite clear and specific! 1 Corinthians 14:37 'If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge *that the things I write unto you* are the commandments of the Lord.'

The book of Jeremiah refers to both Zion and Jerusalem as geographical places, as we can easily see from Jeremiah 50:4-5. 'In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God. They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten,' - which describes the final re-gathering of the remnant of Israel when all the tribulation is over. God's people will escape from 'Babylon' just before He brings both Israel and Judah into their deep trouble.

Over the next 7 years all Israelites will be oppressed together, something that has not happened in history before.

Jeremiah 51:6-8 'Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the LORD's vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence. Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad. Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.'

Jeremiah 50:33 'Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The children of Israel and the children of Judah were oppressed together: and all that took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go.'

So, let's notice exactly **where** God's people should go when they flee from 'Babylon' before its fall!

Jeremiah 50:28 'The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, **to declare in Zion** the vengeance of the LORD our God, the vengeance of his temple.'

Could anything be clearer or more specific! God has given us a job to do in Zion!

Jeremiah 51:10 'The LORD hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us **declare in Zion** the work of the LORD our God.'

He confirms that our destination is indeed Jerusalem, so that we may have no doubt!

Jeremiah 51:50 'Ye that have escaped the sword, go away, stand not still: remember the LORD afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind.'

Who will tell God's people in His Church these things, for most have been given a false scenario of the last days? Jeremiah 31:6-7 'For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the *mount Ephraim* shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God. For thus saith the LORD; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel.' The watchman upon Mount Ephraim is God's true church here in Britain – Ephraim!

As we can also see from Ezekiel chapter 36 the church's message is broadcast not just to Judah but to the people of Israel worldwide. We are to act as watchmen for that city and to the world, giving warning of what is to happen through the 7 years until the establishment of God's Kingdom.

Isaiah 62:6-7 'I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.' ----- 11-12 'Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.'

Our message is detailed in Isaiah 40:9-10 (NIV) 'You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and his arm [the saints – Rev 20:4] rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.'

In fact it is just the same message John the Baptist brought in verses 1-3 of Isaiah 40, as well as Jesus Christ (cf Matthew 3:1-2, 4:17, Joel 2:1,13 'Blow you the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand..... 13, And rend your heart, and not your garments,

and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. ).

Today, God has given us additional information in the Book of Revelation, and we will also warn against involvement with, or worship of the ascendant Beast who now begins to emerge in Europe – Revelation 13:4-5 ‘And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.’

His arrival in Israel (Judah) on the invitation of its government when their protector America falls, with just a token force of troops at first, (Daniel 11:23) is designed to discourage further invasion by the surrounding nations.

‘And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.’

He soon seeks more power and control there however and attempts to silence the broadcasts of God’s Church which is warning the world against him as the Anti-Christ. In this he is eventually successful, bringing about the persecution of the 5<sup>th</sup> seal in verse 33, in which some of God’s people are killed.

‘And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.

In conclusion, the unprepared who failed to flee will hear of the warnings preached by God’s church from Jerusalem and, after the fall of ‘Babylon’, some will try to join them, while others will recognise their mistake and determine to witness in their captivity, or under the very nose of the Beast’s government in the Israelite countries of Europe.

Matthew 10:23 ‘But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.’

The result of all this brave witness will be a very large number who ‘wash their robes’ during the Great Tribulation, the final 3 ½ years (Revelation 7).

God’s word tells us to ‘prove all things’, by accepting only that which is written in the word of God. There are however many who combine parts of God’s word with unbiblical scenarios of dangerous origin. Such deception will be betrayed by lack of biblical backup in every step, so please check carefully, so please check carefully with your bible that every part of this scenario matches God’s Word.