# The Fall of Babylon

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## INTRODUCTION

- Our faith is challenged at every hand. The Bible is challenged at every turn.
- Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts and always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.
- One way that we can help to bolster our faith is by the study of evidences.

## 1 Prophecy Comes From God, Not Men

**2 Peter 1:20–21; Isaiah 41:21–24**

- No prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation. For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.
- Show the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods.
- But God knows the future, and only God can. And so this is a claim to deity that is being made here by Jehovah God.
- I am the first and I am the last. Besides me, there is no God.

## 2 A Prophecy of Cyrus by Name

- Of Cyrus, he is my shepherd, and he shall perform all my pleasures, saying to Jerusalem you shall be built, and to the temple your foundation shall be laid.
- This is around 200 years before that man comes on the scene, and his name is given in this passage.

## 3 Babylon Was a Magnificent City

**Daniel 4:30; Isaiah 13:19**

- The Babylonian Empire was the world empire after Assyria.
- This Neo-Babylonian Empire was the world empire for about 87 years from 626 to 539 BC.
- Is not this great Babylon that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty.
- The city itself must have been beyond imagination. It was a modern marvel in that day.

## 4 The Prophecy of the Fall of Babylon

**Isaiah 13:17–22; Jeremiah 50; Jeremiah 51**

- We're looking here at a prophecy of the fall of Babylon, which is going to happen in a little shorter than 190 years in the future.
- And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. It will never be inhabited, nor will it be settled from generation to generation.

- So it's very unusual that Babylon, this great city, was said to never be inhabited again.
- How would he be able to guess that this city would never be inhabited again? And if it did not happen as he said, then he would be proven to be a false prophet.

## 5 The Fulfillment of This Magnificent Prophecy

**Daniel 5; Jeremiah 51:37**

- Cyrus the Great, the king of Persia, Medo-Persia. He captured Babylon in year 539 BC, ending the captivity.
- Even Alexander the Great would not be able to do something that God said would not be able to happen.
- Saddam Hussein could not do something that God said could not be done.
- Today, Babylon is an uninhabited, unrebuilt wasteland. It is a heap of ruins.

## 6 When God Says Something, We Can Bank on It

**Zephaniah 2; Daniel 2**

- When God says something, then that something is going to take place. When God says something is going to happen, we can bank on it.
- How could one man fulfill all that without being the Messiah, the Son of God?
- There is plenty of evidence that those things have happened. So we can rest assured that the things that are still yet future will be fulfilled.
- Our God can be relied upon. He can be trusted in.
- The most visible way that He has revealed Himself to us is in His Son Jesus Christ, who showed us what God in the flesh is like.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Would you like to become a Christian today? Would you like to be saved?**

MY NOTES