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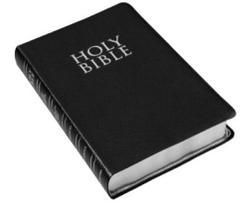
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"SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD"

Matthew 6:33



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A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Before we continue our study in Revelation. I need to point out the importance of distinguishing the Old Jerusalem from the New Jerusalem. Often the name "Jerusalem" is all that is said, so we have to go to the context to determine for sure which Jerusalem it is talking about. The Old Jerusalem is the literal city in Palestine. It is sometimes referred to as the "Bloody City," especially in the book of Ezekiel. I think that all of us would consider it that today, since it has been a city of strife, turmoil and blood shed in the memory of all of us. If we go back in history, this has virtually always been the case though the name actually means the "city of peace." The New Jerusalem is built up not of stones, but of men's souls, their lives. Paul speaks of these men and women as living stones. I believe we are near to the time that this will be manifest so that all men will know it. But the object of the frog of Freemasonry and of Zionism, whether Jewish or Christian, is to rebuild Solomon's temple in the Old Jerusalem and that become the center of worship for all the earth. God's plan is for the New Jerusalem to be in the hearts of men. Keep this in mind as we continue our study.

In our last lesson we were discussing the three spirits like frogs that came out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet respectively. We looked at a paper that was written by Dr. Stephen Jones in which he identified the three frog spirits as Freemasonry, which he said is basi-

cally Witchcraft (or Luciferianism) coming from the mouth of the dragon; militant Zionism (from both Judaism and evangelical Christianity) coming from the mouth of the beast; and militant Islam coming from the mouth of the false prophet. The dragon, if we recall from our studies, is the Roman world, the fourth beast representing the leadership of the Babylonian succession of empires spoken of by Daniel in Daniel 7. In the last couple of centuries, this leadership has been manifested in the royalty and nobility of the European nations that came from the Roman Empire. We have seen in our studies that they have been and still are very steeped in the occult which has played a great part in the establishing and growth of the Freemasonry organization which has come out of this group of leaders who themselves are very intent on ultimately ruling the world.

The beast represents Papal Rome which became an extension of Imperial Rome when the latter fell. We considered it to be the little horn that Daniel saw come out of the fourth beast in Daniel 7:8. We were told in Rev. 13:2 that the dragon gave the beast his power, his seat and his great authority. We saw that the leadership representing this beast became very corrupt at times and, though claiming to be the Vicar of Christ, was very blasphemous toward God and His Son Jesus Christ. Though there have been great protest movements against this beast, which is a composite of the leadership of all of the empires of the Babylonian succession of empires, and these protest movements have done much to remove much of the power of this beast, its influence is felt in virtually every aspect of Christianity still. In the efforts to retain as much power as possible, this beast has compromised with Judaism so that not only has the occult of Catholicism, but the occult

of Judaism been mixed with Christianity.

“The false prophet” is new to us in our study of the Scriptures. Though we have seen through the Scriptures many false prophets, Rev. 16:15 refers to a specific false prophet which can fairly easily be identified with Mohammed and his establishment of the religion of Islam.

It is important, I believe, that we point out that most of the Arab people that make up a large part of those who purport to be Muslims are descended from Ishmael, son of Abraham by his wife Hagar. Isaac, though born thirteen years after Ishmael by Abraham’s wife Sarah, was the son of promise that God promised Abraham and to whom the promises made to Abraham were conferred following Abraham’s death. This is a point of contention between the Muslims and the Christians and Jews today.

With this bit of review, let us first re-read Rev. 16:14-16. I think it would be safe to say that none of the people involved in these three frog spirits believe that they are setting out to gather the nations of the world to that great battle of that great day of God Almighty. Yet they all seem to believe that resorting to war and violence is okay in pursuit of their various goals.

One of the most basic goals of Freemasonry is to build a new “temple of Solomon.” While a physical building is very much a part of their plan, this new temple is really a symbol of “the New World Order” that they are endeavoring to establish. From Dr. Jones “Study of the Book of Revelation,” he says the following:

All of the symbolism in Western Freemasonry is taken from the Cabbala (Jewish mysticism), and the highest degrees actually teach directly from the Cabbala. The idea is to turn people into workers for unknown masters who are, in fact, Luciferian Cabbalists, the outward manifestation of the “dragon” in the book of Revelation.

Needless to say, the lower-level freemasons have no idea what they are supporting or who is the god of their superiors. They are mere “workers” being used as pawns in a much larger plan to usurp power over God’s creation.

In our last lesson we discussed in more detail how Freemasonry plans to bring about their ascension to rulership of the world partly through causing three world wars, two of which we now know have already happened. But for the people

of the world to accept and respond to their overall plan as they have planned it, we see cultural changes in our society, such as in music, movies, TV, styles, religion, education, etc., not only here, but on a worldwide basis, that have the effect of numbing the minds of the people so that there is no objection until it is too late. Keep in mind the dependence on the occult for a great deal of this. Take an objective look at most all entertainment today. Consider the virtual absolute failure of our education system. See what most “Christians” believe compared to what the Bible teaches. All of this has been planned. It has not happened by coincidence. As some famous person has said, everything that happens, happens for a reason.

Most of us are not very familiar with Muslim teaching. To become thoroughly familiar would take a great deal of time and study. But among their beliefs, they like the Jews are looking forward to the coming of their “messiah,” though by a different name. Some have believed that Osama bin Laden was that personage. We need, I believe, as we study Revelation, to be careful to not identify spirits with an individual just because he or she might be prominent on the world stage at a particular time. The spirit, in this case depicted as a frog, is what motivates people and nations to particular actions, not necessarily the person who is doing the action. Paul Williams wrote a book titled Osama’s Revenge that I would like to quote from to give us an idea of Muslim belief. However, in this quote, he writes with the assumption that many Muslims believe that Osama is that “messiah,” which of course we now know could not be. But the following from his book gives us an idea of some of the Muslim beliefs:

“His attendants bow before him and greet him as ‘awaited enlightened one.’ This title has been bestowed upon him by believers throughout the Muslim world—both Sunnis and Shiites. He is more than a mighty warrior or a religious leader. To his followers, he is the rightly guided caliph—the Mahdi—who will appear during the last days of human history.. .

“His coming has been foretold by the Haddith, the collection of sacred teachings that supplement the Koran. In such writings, he is depicted as the prophet who will appear at a time when Muslims are oppressed throughout the world. He will unite the believers to fight off the vast army of their oppressors—the army of

Yajuj wa-Majuj ('the infidel unbelievers'), led by the Dabbah, or 'the Beast.' He will lead the Muslims to victory and bring forth the Day of Islam, when all people throughout the world—believers and nonbelievers alike—will fall in total submission to the will of Allah.

"After restoring justice to the world by imposing shariah on all nations, he will lead the people in prayer at Mecca—an occasion at which Jesus will be present. Following the ceremony, he will rule over the Muslim people for seven years.

"The writings foretell that the long-awaited one will be a descendant of Mohammed through his daughter Fatima. He will have the same name as the Prophet, and his father will have the same name as the Prophet's father. He will have a distinctive forehead, a prominent nose, and a black mole on his face. He will be known for his generosity and altruism. He will arise from Arabia and will be called from a cave by Allah to serve as the savior of all true believers...

"In his edicts and official correspondence, he no longer signs his name as Osama bin Laden but as Osama bin Muhammad bin Laden.

"He is the 'awaited enlightened one.'

"He is the mighty warrior of the Apocalypse.

"He is the realization of nearly fourteen hundred years of Islamic history.

"He is the Mahdi."

Notice that war is very much a part of how the Muslims plan to attain to rulership of the world just as it is with the spirit frog of the dragon.

The third frog spirit comes from the mouth of the beast. We discussed the difference between the two Jerusalems, the physical city in Palestine and the Jerusalem made up of people, a spiritual city, if you will. Zionism has its roots in Christ's time. Jesus knew the thoughts of the elders and chief priests when he told the parable of the vineyard. (Read Matt. 21:33-40) These elders and chief priests knew that He was the Son, the Heir. To usurp His authority and the kingdom, their solution was to kill him and then they thought the inheritance would be theirs. The thing they never understood, and still deny, was the resurrection. But the usurpation of the kingdom started with them. We still have efforts being made today to complete that usurpation because they did not then and still do not understand the difference between the old city of Jerusalem and the New Jeru-

salem. The problem is that many Christians are Zionist as well. Many Christians, especially evangelical Christians, believe that Judaism is the second best religion and if Christ were added to it, it would be the best. Unfortunately, most of these Christians do not know what is taught in Judaism. The Talmud, which is the Jewish bible, teaches that all non-Jews have "Satanic souls" which means that non-Jews are very little above animal life. It uses the term "goy" in referring to them which puts them in the same class as cattle. The Jews, in their mind, are a superior race and everyone else deserves nothing above the status of a slave. Even though the Zionist Jews take all the help that is given them by the Zionist Christians, once their goal is reached, which is to have all the land from the Euphrates to the Nile and the Mediterranean to the Red Sea and to have a new temple built in Jerusalem, these Christian Zionist would be no more to them than slaves. The majority of Christian people do not understand this. Christians are actually helping Judaism to implement the Old Covenant and to nullify the sacrifice of Christ on the cross and the New Covenant even though they infer that they are New Covenant Christians.

To the Zionist Jew, their god is a god of vengeance. They never forgive, but are always seeking vengeance. This is the reason the stories of the so-called Holocaust never die.

I need to point out that Judaism is a religion, not a race. According to Jewish sources that I have read, 90% of today's Jews are Ashkenazim Jews, meaning they descended from a son of Japheth whereas all true Jews descend from Shem, both sons of Noah. In addition, in 126 B.C. the Jews in Palestine conquered the Edomites, descendants of Esau, brother of Jacob and were forced by the Jews to accept Judaism as their religion. Josephus, the historian of that time period, tells us that from that time on, Edomites were known as Jews. When Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D. the majority of Jews in that area were killed. Those that escaped were a mix of Jews and Edomites. There were a number of Jews that were scattered throughout the nations at that time and many became Christians. But the people we call Jews today are a mixture, though predominately Ashkenazim, or Khazar, so very few are true Jews genetically. The Arabs know this and know that Biblically they are not entitled

to the land, which is part of the reason they hate the Jews so much. Referring back to Albert Pike's letter, I think we can see how the Illuminati caused the nation of Israel to be formed in 1948 and how they believe they can spark a war between the Muslims and the Jews.

As we can see, all three of these spirits are pushing the nations of the world toward war, with the idea of destroying each other, but I believe very few realize that God is using these spirit frogs to accomplish His own purpose.

Armageddon is the name of a place, the hill of Megiddo, not the name of the battle, though it is often used in that light. Megiddo was located about 25 miles southwest of the Sea of Galilee. There have been many battles fought there, in fact King Josiah of Judah fought and died there (II Chron. 35:22). My thought is that because there have been so many battles fought there, it is being used symbolically as the place of **"the battle of that great day of God Almighty."** Since it appears that all nations are going to be involved, a hill at Megiddo doesn't sound like a large enough battle field. While I do believe that the beginning of the battle will probably involve Jerusalem and Palestine, this conflict will be a world wide battle.

(Read Rev. 16:17-21) This reminds us of the blowing of the seventh trumpet (Rev. 10:7). When that trumpet begins to sound, we're told **"the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets."** Here in chapt. 16, we're told that when the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air, **"there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done."** What is done? And What is finished? Is it not this age and all that has been a part of it, as we have been studying here in the book of Revelation? This great battle that we have just been talking about comes as this age culminates. What we read in verses 18-21 are the culminations of that great battle. The great earthquake could well be literal or symbolic or both. Those who study earthquakes are telling us that we appear to be poised on the brink of an extremely large earthquake, though most are not willing yet to say where or when. Following the great quake we just witnessed in Japan, several of these experts were on TV saying that the largest quake ever known could happen in the very near future. However, it

appears that we may be on the brink of a very major shaking up of the people of the world as well. Recall from Alfred Pike's letter that part of their goal is that the multitude of people "will become disillusioned with Christianity, whose deistic spirits will from that moment be without compass or direction." If people become without compass or direction, then the greatest chaos the world has known will ensue. I believe God may very well let things go to that point before He intervenes.

The great city that is divided into three parts is reference to the city Babylon, though, as the New Jerusalem is not a literal city, Babylon is no longer a literal city, but a representation of all of man's government throughout the world. The thought occurred to me as I studied this, that the three parts may very well be the three essentials of government, religious, political, and economic, that we have looked at. As we continue into Revelation we are told that "Mystery Babylon the Great" has fallen. However, as we study we will see that the next couple of chapters deal with each of these "essentials" individually as we are told of their destruction. If we keep in mind that concept of what "Babylon" really means, I think we can reasonably understand God's overall intent and plan. We can look at the opposing forces as God vs. man or New Jerusalem vs. Mystery Babylon. They are one and the same.

Vs. 20 says that **"every island fled away, and the mountains were not found."** This reminds me of the story in John 8 of the woman taken in adultery. (Read John 8:3-11) The scribes and Pharisees were very anxious to see judgment carried out on the woman, but when Jesus told them to go ahead and stone her by **"He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her."** suddenly there was no one left to cast a stone. Islands and mountains represent nations. When Christ appears and men and nations are made aware of their sin by His very presence, they will suddenly be trying to hide from Him.

The great hail out of heaven could likewise be like the earthquake, the hail could be either literal or symbolic or both. However, as John tells us, there will be those that instead of repenting, will blaspheme God as a result of the hail, whatever it turns out to be. JRL

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

We are continuing our study of the judgment of the nations in Jeremiah 49 in this issue. (Read Jeremiah 49:7-22) Next is the judgment on Edom, or Esau, who inhabited the land mostly south of Judah. As we have mentioned before, there has always been tension between Esau and Jacob and their descendants. Jacob apparently learned his lesson as he was returning home and fearful of meeting with Esau, but before he met him, he had an experience of wrestling with a man all night in which he lost the match, but gained the name of Israel, or ruling with God. But from that point on, it seems that every time an enemy came against Israel, there seemed to always be an element of Edom with them. This unbrotherly treatment of Israel is the reason for this judgment.

In verse 8 God warns the inhabitants of Dedan to flee the area because He says He will bring calamity on Edom. Dedan is a descendant of Abraham through Keturah, so apparently is not involved in the sins of Esau, so God is warning them to get out of the way as He is bringing Nebuchadnezzar upon Edom in his full fury. God says He has laid Esau bare so that he will be unable to hide, then He says he (Edom) is not. They apparently thought that they could escape the judgment, that they were above being judged, but God says they will not go unpunished. Bozrah (a city of Edom) shall become a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse plus all of the cities shall become perpetual wastes. God says He will make them small among the nations and they will be despised among men. **“Thy terribleness”** is a reference to Edom’s idol worship. Among other things it was their practice to either strip a tree of all of its limbs or to install an upright log or possibly a stone column and worship this. It is called an *Aherah*. This appears a number of times in Scripture but is usually translated “grove”. Originally this was symbolic of the tree of life and honored as the origin of life, but had become grossly perverted to represent the male sex organ referred to in Ezekiel 16:17 as image of man. God says their idol had deceived them and God is going to bring them down. Edom was to become a desolation that God compared to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. The “he” in verse 19 refers to Nebuchadnezzar who will come upon them like a lion. Though He says He will make Nebuchadnezzar suddenly run away from Edom, God is appointing him as the “chosen man” to be over Edom. Again the “he” in verse 22 is also Nebuchadnezzar who will make their habitations desolate. We’ll see more on the judgment against Edom in our future study that will show us that her ultimate fate is to be destroyed. We’ll discuss it more later in our study.

(Read Jeremiah 49:23-27) This is a judgment on Syria of which Damascus was the capital. It sounds as if Syria was not prepared for war, therefore was in great fear of it. Because of this fear, God says that her young men shall fall in her streets and the men of war would be cut off in that day. He says that He will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus and that it would consume the palaces of Ben-hadad, their king. Syria was under Assyrian domination, but I haven’t found any histor-

ical data that Nebuchadnezzar did anything to the city or the country.

(Read Jeremiah 49:28-33) According to the Companion Bible, Kedar was the name of the Bedouin dwelling in tents east of Palestine. Hazor was the name given to certain countries in the east of Arabia. This scripture indicates that Nebuchadnezzar would desolate this area in his expansion of his empire.

(Read Jeremiah 49:34-39) My concordance says that Elam was a son of Shem and his family gave his name to a district which lays south of Assyria and east of Persia Proper. This prophecy came to Jeremiah at the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah. Again, Nebuchadnezzar was to conquer this country and scatter its people into all nations. However, God says that in the latter days, He will bring again the captivity of Elam.

Chapters 50 and 51 prophesy of the destruction of Babylon, but the prophecy is a mixture of near term and long term prophecies. It can be a little difficult to separate the two, however, the events of the near term prophecy is a shadow of the events in the long term prophecy. Once we study the book of Daniel, I believe we will understand how Babylon lives though the Babylonian Empire is totally destroyed by the Persians. According to Jeremiah 51:59-64, this prophecy of the destruction of Babylon was apparently given to Jeremiah in the fourth year of the reign of Zedekiah. (Read) Jeremiah wrote this prophecy and gave it to Seraiah, who was to accompany Zedekiah on a trip to Babylon, and told him to read it to the captives in Babylon and then to tie a stone to it and cast it into the Euphrates River. We're told that Seraiah was a "quiet prince." This indicated that he was a chief chamberlain, or in today's language, a quartermaster. It was probably his job to prepare a place for the king to stop each night as he traveled to Babylon.

(Read Jeremiah 50:1-8) Bel and Merodach were names of Babylonian gods, probably the same as Baal. The nation or nations that were to come upon Babylon from the north was the Medo-Persian Empire. God says they were going to make the land of Babylon desolate. This certainly happened to the city of Babylon as it still lays in ruins to this day. The children of Israel and the children of Judah were released when Babylon fell with at least a portion of Judah going back to Jerusalem. However, Israel went north

and west into Asia Minor and Europe all the way to the British Isles at that time. Verse 4 says they shall come together weeping as they go to seek the LORD their God. That is a future event. As we study further in Scripture and get a picture of secular history to this point, I think we can see better how that will happen. Again, we have to understand the difference between the old Zion and the old Jerusalem and the new Zion and the new Jerusalem. This will be the reason that as they come together, they have to ask the way as they say, **"Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten."** Again, this has not happened yet, but I think we can see we may very well be getting close to the time when it does. Verses 6-7 tell us the condition of these people before their captivity and also, I believe, describes our situation today. Verse 8, they are commanded to leave the land of Babylon as God is bringing a host against Babylon that she might be destroyed and spoiled. This sounds very much like Rev. 18:4, **"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."** This is what I mean about the original events being a shadow of future events.

(Read Jeremiah 50:9-16) God is bringing an assembly of great nations from the north against Babylon that shall take the city and the empire. Babylon has no choice, they are going to be defeated as God has declared it. God gives the reason for it as being the fact that they were glad when they destroyed God's heritage, i.e. Judah. Then they have become fat and lazy, so to speak, basically thinking that they had done this by their own strength under their own gods. They are going from the first among nations to last among nations and speaking of the city of Babylon, He says it shall not be inhabited and will be an astonishment and an hissing by all that go by it. He then gives the command to those who He is bringing against Babylon to attack and take vengeance on her, do to her as she has done, He says.

(Read Jeremiah 50:17-20) Jeremiah is speaking of the whole house of Israel when he says she is as scattered sheep. He then explains that Israel was taken by the Assyrians and Judah by the Babylonians. He has already punished the king of Assyria and is going to do the same to the king of Babylon. Then He jumps time wise to the

latter days as He speaks of the sins of Israel and the sins of Judah being pardoned.

(Read Jeremiah 50:21-32) Merathaim and Pekod are symbolic names for Babylon. God's command to destroy Babylon is detailed and complete. Babylon is to be destroyed. She is called the hammer of the earth, but is to be destroyed. This also applies to our time as well. The Babylonian system, known by different names by different people, is the hammer of the earth today, but I believe we can rest assured that she will be destroyed completely.

(Read Jeremiah 50:33-34) God goes back to Israel and Judah and says that they have been held fast by their captors, but He is the Kinsman-Redeemer and He is strong. In saying He will thoroughly plead their cause, He is saying He will completely free them from their captors. The same applies today.

(Read Jeremiah 50:35-46) God goes on to describe the battle against Babylon saying that the sword is upon all the men from the princes and wise men to the liars to the mighty men. All are included in the destruction. Again we're told the city will become a desolation and no one will live there for ever. Again, we're told that an army from the north will conquer Babylon. We now know this army to be the Medo-Persian army. Verse 44 is the same as 49:19 where Edom was the subject while here it is Babylon. I would presume the shepherd that will stand before God would be Cyrus, king of Persia. As the cry of the fall of Babylon was heard in all nations at that time, so shall it be when the Babylonian system fails today. We are witnessing on a near daily basis the fall of the Babylonian economic system today and without question, every nation on earth is being affected. As the whole system falls including the religious arm, we will see more and more the effect it has on the whole world.

Jeremiah 51 continues with the judgment against Babylon that we were discussing in studying chapter 50 in our last lesson. Remember, as we pointed out in our last lesson, according to Jeremiah 51:59, this prophecy was written by Jeremiah in the fourth year of the reign of Zedekiah. So, God is giving this prophecy before Jerusalem fell in the eleventh year of Zedekiah and then it would be at least another 70 years before the near term part of the prophecy would come to pass.

(Read Jeremiah 51:1-4) In my lifetime,

our nation has not won a totally unconditional peace in any of the wars that we have fought in. WWII may have come close, but even then there were compromises made that then contributed to the next war as this cycle has been repeated several times since 1945. There is too much money made on war for it to be otherwise so far as man is concerned. This is not God's way of waging war. Deut. 20 gives us God's laws of war. Reading these laws of war will help us understand the seemingly very severe judgment against Babylon. The women and children might be spared, but every male and the city itself was to be destroyed. God in Deut. 32:35 tells us, **"To me belongeth vengeance, and recompense."** We are not to take vengeance ourselves as this and a number of other Scriptures point out, this is God's job. That is what He is doing here with Babylon. God has made it clear that Nebuchadnezzar has been His servant to do all that he did to Judah and the other nations, but Babylon, not understanding God's sovereignty, took the credit, for all that was done, to themselves and their false gods. So even though God caused Babylon to do what she did, He is severely punishing her because she as a nation thought they had done it all and glorified themselves in that thought.

(Read Jeremiah 51:5-6) God makes the point that even though the land of Israel and Judah is full of sin, and both nations have been taken into captivity by different nations, God has not forsaken them. He warns any of the kingdom of Judah that are in Babylon to flee from it that they might not be cut off by the iniquity of Babylon. God is taking vengeance on Babylon and will render her due recompense.

(Read Jeremiah 51:7-9) God says that Babylon has been a golden cup in the LORD'S hand. I think we can say that the cup was filled with the wine of the wrath of God. What we have just studied in the book of Jeremiah would indicate that all nations have had to drink of the cup, i.e. all nations in and around Judah and Israel have been affected by God's judgment because of the idol worship of all of these nations. God says that Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed. The rhetoric that we have been reading would indicate that it would be a bloody battle when Babylon fell, but history tells us that the fall of the city

was a quick and sudden thing with few casualties. I believe this is also a prophecy concerning Mystery Babylon, or the Babylonian system that we are dealing with in our time. While we see pieces of the system falling, the final collapse will be sudden like the old Babylon. The judgment of the old Babylon affected everybody on the then known earth. Much more will the fall of the current Babylonian system. This is just speculation on my part, but to me it is possible that the one who pulls the trigger that sets off this sudden judgment may be Persia, or current day Iran. It will be interesting to watch.

(Read Jeremiah 51:10-16) Jeremiah is declaring the sovereignty of our God. These verses may apply more to the future fall of Babylon than it did to the fall of old Babylon, but it applies to both. In a sense, he is saying, come watch and see. God is declaring approximately 80 years ahead of time what He is going to do to Babylon, but He is also declaring what Babylon is going to do in the meantime. The same applies today. In verse 13 He says **“O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness.”** Compare this to Revelation 17:1 where John is told by an angel, **“Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters.”** Then in verse 5 we’re told that this whore had the name written on her forehead, **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”** Then in verse 15 we have an explanation of the “many waters,” **“And he (the angel) saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples and multitudes, and na-**

tions, and tongues.” I believe the same explanation applies here in Jeremiah. But Jeremiah is explaining that because God is sovereign, He can and will cause this prophecy to come to pass. Re-read verses 14-16.

We will continue with Jeremiah 51 in our next issue. JRL

Jumping to conclusions is not half as good exercise as digging for facts.