

Iranian Escalation and Mystery Babylon

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“Sharpen the arrows, take up the shields! The LORD has stirred up the kings of the Medes [Iran], because his purpose is to destroy Babylon” (Jer. 51:11).

IT was after a 70-year period that ancient Babylon was attacked and taken down by the Medes and Persians, the predecessors of modern day Iran (Jer. 25:12).

Today, on the heels of another 70-year period—Israel’s 70th year as a nation—Iran appears poised to launch an attack against US and/or Saudi Arabia, the two nations many students of prophecy equate with the Bible’s end-times Mystery Babylon (Rev. 17, 18).

Is history about to repeat itself as “Babylon” is attacked by the Persians after a period of 70 years?

“What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun” (Ecc. 1:9).

The fall of end-times Mystery Babylon is complicated to decipher as it seems to occur in multiple stages. The initial judgment apparently comes early in the tribulation period, presumably around the time of the Rapture, as Mystery Babylon is portrayed as being comfortable in her power and arrogance when she is attacked: “I sit as queen; I am not a widow, and I will never mourn” (Rev. 18:7). Nonetheless, Scripture says she will be humbled in one day: “Therefore in one day her plagues will overtake her, death, mourning and famine. She will be consumed by fire...” (v. 8)

Some suggest that the warning from heaven to the inhabitants of Mystery Babylon to “Come out of her, my people ... so that you will not receive any of her plagues” (v. 4) may be a veiled reference to the Rapture.

Can this day be far off?

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