Babylon Is Fallen...

The book of Daniel was written in its order for a reason. God has given the tools to prepare us for what will befall us in the future. Watch how this sequence continues in conjunction with Revelation 14:6-12.

Second Angels` Message

The second Angel in Revelation 14:8 gives the message, “Babylon is fallen.” Unlike the 1st and 3rd Angels, this is merely said, and not with a loud voice—yet, only with a contextual view. When looking at a parallel to this verse found in Revelation 18:2, the message is actually given at a later time with a mighty and strong voice. Notice the importance of this second angel’s message in connection with Daniel 4.

“I saw another angel come down from Heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.” “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” (Revelation 18:1, 2, 4).

This scripture points forward to a time when the announcement of the fall of Babylon, as made by the second angel [Revelation 14:8] of Revelation 14, is to be repeated, with the additional mention of the corruptions which have been entering the various organizations that constitute Babylon, since that message was first given, in the summer of 1844. A terrible condition of the religious world is here described. With every rejection of truth, the minds of the people will become darker, their hearts more stubborn, until they are entrenched in an infidel hardihood. In defiance of the warnings which God has given, they will continue to trample upon one of the precepts of the decalogue, until they are led to persecute those who hold it sacred. Christ is set at naught in the contempt placed upon his Word and his people. As the teachings of Spiritualism are accepted by the churches, the restraint imposed upon the carnal heart is removed, and the profession of religion will become a cloak to conceal the basest iniquity. A belief in spiritual manifestations opens the door to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils, and thus the influence of evil angels will be felt in the churches.” (GC88 603.2)

A Long Awaited Change of Heart

Daniel 4:1 shows Nebuchadnezzar giving a world-wide message, “unto all people, nations, and languages…” He then wishes peace to all. Peace from a king who gained his kingdom by war, destruction, and defeat?! What’s going on here?
Why Capture God’s People?

2 Kings 24-25 give part of the story of how Jerusalem was besieged and captured by this powerful king. 2 Chronicles 36 gives another part of the story. Jeremiah 26-27 gives a lot of detail as to what God was thinking in giving Babylon rule over all nations—He was punishing the earth for turning against Him by not hearkening unto His prophets.

Could God have seen something in the heart of Nebuchadnezzar that He was reaching for, using His few faithful people as captives in Babylon? What did it take in God’s providence to win Nebuchadnezzar’s heart?

1. God showed him the benefits of the health message in chapter 1
2. He heard the “knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom” from the Hebrews in 1:17 when he communed with them in 1:19
3. When he asked them to stand before him (vs. 19) the Hebrews communicated “all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king inquired of them” and “he found them ten times better than all” others (vs. 20)
4. God gave him a dream (2:1)
5. God showed him the incompetency of his secular wise men in contrast to the Hebrews (2:10-11)
6. He was witness to a direct answer to prayer (2:27-28)
7. He was told that God gave him victories and much wealth (2:37-38)
8. He was present while God gave Daniel the spirit of prophecy (2:36, 46-47)
9. He must have had deep conversations with Daniel while leading together with him (2:48-49)
10. He saw the courage and dedication of the three Hebrews before certain death (3:16-18)
11. Even though angry, he had a healthy fear of the power of the Spirit in the Hebrews (3:20)
12. He saw them walk into the hottest fire he had ever made to come out alive (3:21-23, 26-27)
13. He recognized the “Son of God” in the fire with them because of his previous interactions with the Hebrews (3:25)
14. He openly witnessed, “There is no other God that can deliver after this sort…” (3:29)

Personal Testimony

Nebuchadnezzar was a celebrated leader. Wealthy. Wise. World ruling. Anything he wanted was at his finger tips. If God could save HIM, He could save ANYBODY! Today the celebrated persons of the earth are the popular (YouTubers, situation comedians, actors, musicians), the wealthy (business men and women, property owners), models (both men and women), the homosexuals (LGBTs), spiritual people preaching smooth things…

In Daniel 4:2-3, King Nebuchadnezzar was praising God openly for what God had done to him personally. He started telling his testimony of what God had done for him in vs. 4. He was doing quite well, he thought. Just like Christians today, we think that we are doing all right, we are good people, we do not steal, kill, or do the outward things that the heathen do, what else is there? Not knowing that we are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked—able, and too often willing, to do carnal activities, given the opportunity.

Notice the words he uses in verse four as he illustrates his condition before conversion:

• Rest
  • Isaiah 57:20 - “The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.
• Revelation 14:11 shows those who worship the beast and his image will have no ‘rest’ day nor night—no matter how long they worship falsely.


• Flourishing
• Psalm 92:7 - “When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever.”

Seeking the Spirit of Prophecy
In versus 5-9 Nebuchadnezzar was seeking for the spirit of prophecy—someone somewhere who could reveal the future to him. The M.A.C.S. failed again (vs. 7). He found the answer in Daniel. (He was the guy who was a health reformer, who worshipped differently, the one who during the time of judgment was given special prophetic revelations, who associated with those who would not break God’s commandments by worshipping his idols, the one waiting for the coming Deliverer, the one who’s name means God is my Judge… Daniel, the one who looked a lot like a Seventh-day Adventist!)

Notice the dream in vs. 10-16. The dream was given to the king for a specific purpose; it is said in vs. 17, “to the intent that the living may know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, [not just Heaven] and giveth it to whomsoever He will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.”

Nebuchadnezzar showed faith in the spirit of prophecy in verse 18 by saying, “thou art able…”

In verse 19 Daniel was “astonied” and “troubled” at the prophecies… We can learn from him how we ought to care about those who are loosing their souls and going through trials!

In vs. 22, God had given this dream to directly warn the king against his pride, a very grievous sin in the eyes of the Almighty. Again in vs. 25 it is evident that this punishment would come upon Nebuchadnezzar if he would not realize “that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men.” Vs. 26 states that the kingdom would be given back “after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule.”

God hates the sin but loves the sinner, and He will do anything to get anyone to Heaven. Think to what He has already done, He sent His Son in the form of a man to bear our guilt, to die in our place, to be treated as we deserve, to be beaten, mocked, scared, lonely, oppressed to the very soul with the burden of the sins that were placed upon Him—having never committed a single crime. In fact, the Bible says that He was beaten so badly that, “His visage was so marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men” (Isaiah 52:14). Between the weights of Christ’s torment of soul from the crushing pressure of our guilt, with His eternal and everlasting love, His heart broke, from the burden to save you and me. Will you not return thanks in giving Him your life, so that He can render to you the free gift of His righteousness? Let not Christ’s death be for you in vain!

The Appeal
Daniel said to the Babylonian king, “Let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of
thy tranquility” (Vs. 27). Sin such as pride, selfishness, anger, grudges, neglect to our neighbors in this world, and living apart from Christ are things that will only make us unhappy. Why not, by God’s abundant grace, make decisions to follow His leading and allow Him to transform you? This will be health and happiness to any soul!

One reason why God hates so much the sin of pride is that it was the first sin found in the heart of Lucifer, later to become Satan. You can read about this in Isaiah 14:13-14, and Ezekiel 28:17. Another reason is that as fallen humans we have NO RIGHT to be in the least bit proud, we are wretched souls (See Romans 3:10-18).

God has promised that, “The Lord God will do NOTHING, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7). God sent Daniel to Nebuchadnezzar, the heathen king, to warn him of his coming humility. We can read that God patiently waited for 12 full months until the king proved that he would not listen to His voice through the prophet (Vs. 29-31). God is constantly giving us messages from His servants the prophets. He loves us and wants to warn us to repent from all evil, anything contrary to His will.

Verse 33 shows us Nebuchadnezzar experiencing what we can call today lycanthropic insanity. “Clinical lycanthropy is defined as a rare psychiatric syndrome that involves a delusion that the affected person can transform into, has transformed into, or is a non-human animal.”

What we have been mainly discussing is the temporal fall of literal Babylon. There is also a temporal fall of spiritual Babylon that we can read about in Revelation 13.

**Deadly Wound Healed**

Consider Revelation 13:3. Babylon/antichrist received a deadly wound that was healed. Daniel 4 shows us that the king also had a seemingly deadly wound was healed. Reading the rest of chapter 4 in Daniel will show that the literal king of Babylon repented and returned as the ruler of his kingdom. In the book of Daniel this is all we read of king Nebuchadnezzar. In contrast to this we see that spiritual Babylon, after receiving a deadly wound, also professes to repent, all the world follows him and he receives his kingdom once again. This though, is not all that we hear of spiritual Babylon. As you read Revelation 13:1, the beast, or king of Babylon, has 7 heads, with the names of blasphemy, and it compares with the beast in Revelation 17:3, which has 7 heads and is full of blasphemy. In 17:5 we can see that it is representing Babylon the great, spiritual Babylon. The message in Revelation 18:4 is to “Come out of her, My people” (Out of spiritual Babylon).

Spiritual Babylon is embodied by anyone who is not willing to allow the transforming power of the Holy Spirit to work in their lives to reform them to the standard of the words of the Holy Bible. God is looking for a people that will be obedient to Him, not cherishing sin in their hearts. Will you be God's faithful servant as Daniel and his companions? They were willing to die to self that the Spirit of the Living God may dwell in them (As was Paul in Galatians 2:20). They were not ashamed to stand up for what was right, they were faithful in the little things and God blessed them. This is how He desires you to be in the hour of His judgment. Will you stand with and for Him and give Him your heart that He can change you and make you willing to be transformed by the renewing of your mind? (See Romans 12:1-2.)
“The second angel's message of Revelation 14 was first preached in the summer of 1844, and it then had a more direct application to the churches of the United States, where the warning of the judgment had been most widely proclaimed and most generally rejected, and where the declension in the churches had been most rapid. But the message of the second angel did not reach its complete fulfillment in 1844. The churches then experienced a moral fall, in consequence of their refusal of the light of the Advent message; but that fall was not complete. As they have continued to reject the special truths for this time, they have fallen lower and lower. Not yet, however, can it be said that "Babylon is fallen,... because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." She has not yet made all nations do this... The work of apostasy has not yet reached its culmination.” {FLB 285.2}

God wishes to be glorified in the person of His saints, and He is choosing you, will you choose Him? Babylon will fall, but the Word of the Lord will stand forever. Where will you give your allegiance?