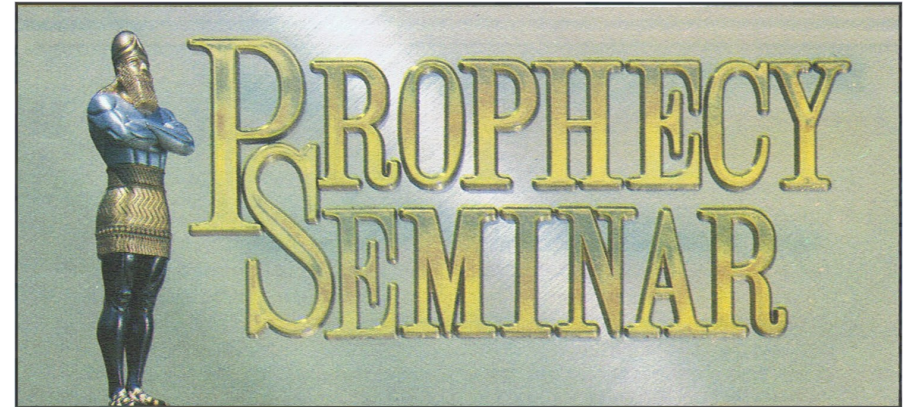


Notes, Questions & Prayer Requests

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LESSON SEVEN
THE FALL OF BABYLON

QUIZ QUESTIONS

- 1. The only chapter in the book of Daniel not written by Daniel is Chapter 4. It was written by Nebuchadnezzar. **True**
- 2. God allowed Nebuchadnezzar to go insane because He wanted to make fun of him. **False**
- 3. As a result of his insanity, Nebuchadnezzar was humbled. When he recovered he acknowledged the God of heaven as the true god. **True**
- 4. God saves people by grace plus the works that they are able to **False**
- 5. The word “believe” means to have implicit trust in Jesus Christ and to put our full weight on Him. **True**

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Lesson 7 is an extremely important lesson. It lays the foundation for much of what will be presented in later lessons. It begins to pave the way for lesson 9, which will identify the little horn.

If this lesson is given proper emphasis, Lesson 9 will be easier for your student. This lesson also gives strong emphasis to the fact that there has been an apostasy from truth, that there has been an attempt to mix truth and error and present it as true Christianity.

It is very important for your students to see that not everything that purports to be truth is truth. Again and again through this lesson you will need to stress that everything must be tested by the Bible alone.

People cannot trust what preachers say, but must trust only in what the Bible says.

You will not attempt to identify Babylon in this lesson. That will be done in Lesson 9.

The point of this lesson is that there is a Babylon — an apostasy. All religion is not genuine.

Make certain that you study this lesson very carefully. Give proper emphasis to those points that lay the foundation for future lessons.

Question 1

You will want to give strong emphasis to the fact that Babylon's defiling act, using the vessels of God in the worship of pagan deities, is the act that brought down the wrath of God and the fall of Babylon. Babylon is characterized by the mixing of paganism with the true worship of God.

Question 4

Here is the final discrediting of Babylon's wise men. They couldn't even read the writing.

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Response Question:

1. If it is clear to you from tonight's lesson that there is a major spiritual apostasy called Babylon in these last days, then place a check in Box #1.
2. If it is your desire to follow the Bible only instead of the Babylonian thinking that mixes truth and error, put a check in Box #2

Question 6

Nabonidus and Belshazzar were co-regents. Belshazzar was Nabonidus' son. However, Nabonidus was not in Babylon at the time of Daniel 5. Therefore, Belshazzar was in charge of the kingdom.

This fact was not known for many years. Most scholars thought that Nabonidus was the last ruler of Babylon because there was no record of Belshazzar. Then archaeology discovered the fact that Belshazzar indeed was the last king of Babylon, that he was in Babylon on this particular night and Nabonidus was not there.

Furthermore, they discovered that he reigned as co-regent with Nabonidus. Thus, archaeology has vindicated again the book of Daniel as being a true historical record.

Question 8

Emphasize the point that Belshazzar's defiance was manifested in his usage of God's sacred vessels for the worship of pagan deities. This concept is laying the foundation for your presentation of spiritual Babylon—the final apostasy that mixes truth with error, paganism with Christianity.

Question 10

The events surrounding the fall of ancient Babylon become symbolic of the fall of spiritual Babylon in the book of Revelation.

Question 11

Make sure to read Revelation 16:12-16 which describes the battle of Armageddon. Help your students to see clearly that there is a parallel between the events in ancient Babylon and the events in the battle of Armageddon. However, do not get side-tracked into a discussion of the battle of Armageddon—it is too early to get into this. What you're doing

here is laying a foundation that will destroy the whole concept of the rapture in later lessons.

Question 14

The illicit relationship of Babylon is her mixture of truth and error. That is her spiritual adultery. The Bible predicts that in the last days a power will mix truth and error. This point must be made very clear to your students.

Question 15

Hammer home again to your students the point that Babylon has committed adultery, she has mixed truth and error. People can't trust that something is true just because it's religious or just because a preacher says it.

They must test by the Word. Keep sounding that warning to your students until you sound like a broken record. It is absolutely imperative for them to catch that message. There is an apostasy that is mixing truth and error in the religious world, and that's why they have to test everything by the Word of God.

Question 16

Read to your students the note under this question.

Question 17

Help your students to see that Babylon is in a fallen condition. While you have not identified Babylon, you have done a lot to pave the way for your students to see clearly that they need to get out of Babylon.

Once you identify it they will want to get out. The final identification of Babylon will be given in Lesson 25, but Lesson 9 will introduce the

Roman Church as Babylon. Therefore it is of the utmost necessity that you make it very clear in this lesson, without naming the Roman Church, that there has been a major apostasy. It will then not be an overwhelming surprise to them when they study Lesson 10.

Question 18

This question helps the student to see clearly that the Babylonian apostasy is a large apostasy, that this is not a minor issue.

There has been a major apostasy from truth. This raises the possibility that many people will be deceived, that many of them could be deceived by this apostasy.

That's why they need to test by the Word, that's why they need to study and know what the Bible says, and that's why they should continue coming to the Prophecy Seminar, so they can learn clearly the identity of Babylon.

Keep holding before your students that in just two more lessons and they will have this apostasy identified.

Question 19

This question lays a solid foundation for decisions. Give strong emphasis to the fact that God does not call people to reform Babylon, He calls them to get out of Babylon. This is a very strong lesson, but one that is absolutely essential to prepare the way for people to make a decision to leave Babylon.

Use Question 19 to move into your appeal and decision.

Read the note under Question 19 and then Question 20 as part of your appeal.

While the people do not know at this point who Babylon is, they ought to be feeling very strongly that if they ever find themselves in it, they ought to get out.