

Backdrop: Babylon Humanity's Rebellion

Opening Discussion:

1. Is your hometown have a nickname or is it known for anything (the home of the world's largest flagpole, etc.)?
2. What do some of the cities of the world, such as Paris, New York, Los Angeles, Berlin, Moscow, and Hong Kong symbolize? What comes to mind when you hear their names?
3. What comes to mind when you hear the name "Babylon"?

Throughout history, there has existed an _____ system of human _____ against God, which will continue until Christ returns and _____ and _____ the nations.

1. Babylon in the _____

*Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth. **Genesis 11:1-9***

2. Babylon in Israel's _____

*Behold, the days are coming, when all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have stored up till this day, shall be carried to Babylon. Nothing shall be left, says the Lord. **2 Kings 20:17***

*The king answered and said, "Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?" While the words were still in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, "O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: The kingdom has departed from you, and you shall be driven from among men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. And you shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and seven periods of time shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will." Immediately the word was fulfilled against Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven from among men and ate grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair grew as long as eagles' feathers, and his nails were like birds' claws. **Daniel 4:30-33***

3. Babylon in the _____

Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel . . . So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations. Matthew 1:10-12, 17

She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings. 1 Peter 5:13

Another angel, a second, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality." Revelation 14:8

I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns . . . And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations." And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus . . . This calls for a mind with wisdom: the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated. Romans 17:3, 5-6, 9

"Babylon is a symbol of the spirit of godlessness that in every age lures people away from the worship of the Creator. It is the dark counterpart of Jerusalem, the final manifestation of secular humanism in its attempt to destroy the remaining vestiges of true religion." Robert Mounce

Fill In the Blank Answers:

Throughout history, there has existed an organized system of human rebellion against God, which will continue until Christ returns and conquers and subdues the nations.

1. beginning
2. history
3. New Testament