

Tale of Two Cities

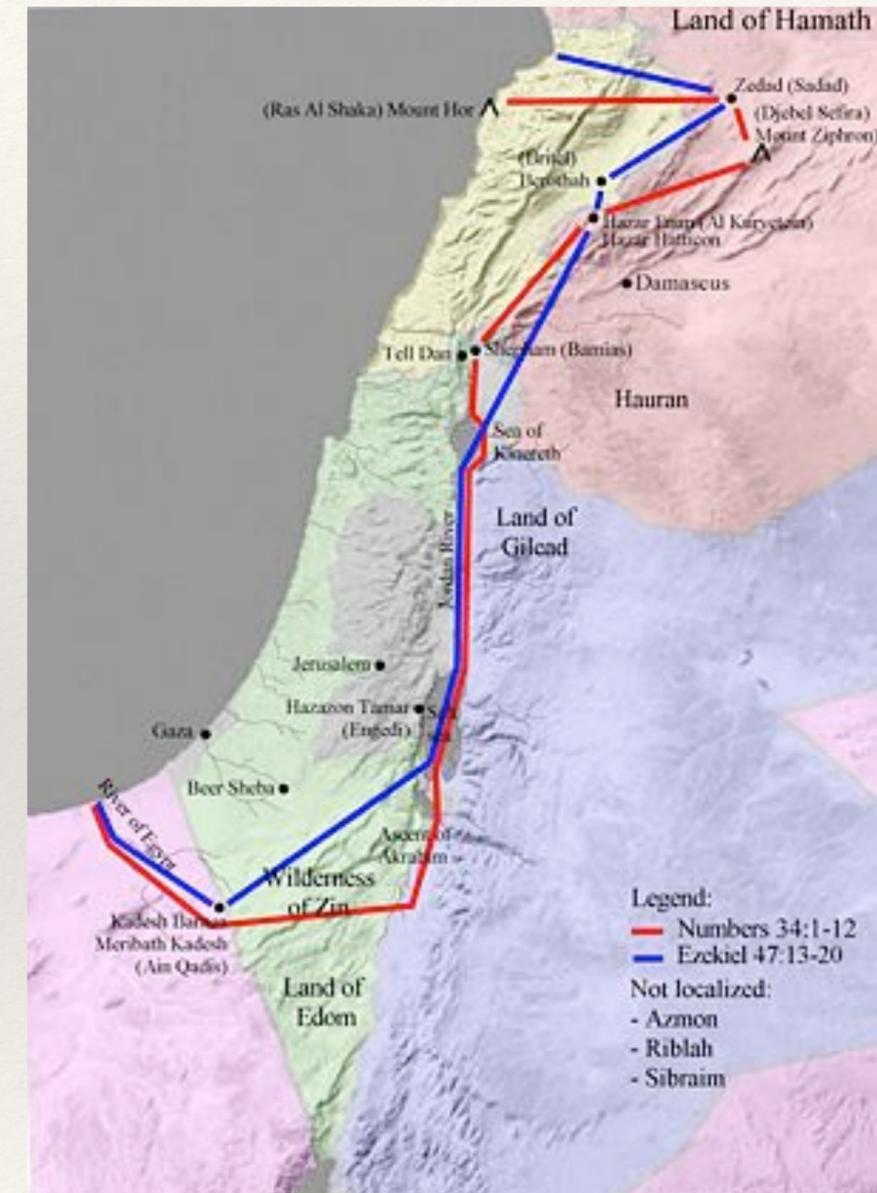
Jerusalem and Babylon

Israel - Ancient and Modern

- Biblical history of Israel
 - Biblical promises
 - Biblical predictions
- History of conflict over Jerusalem
- Modern history of Israel
 - British Mandate (1917)
 - Establishment of Israel (1948)

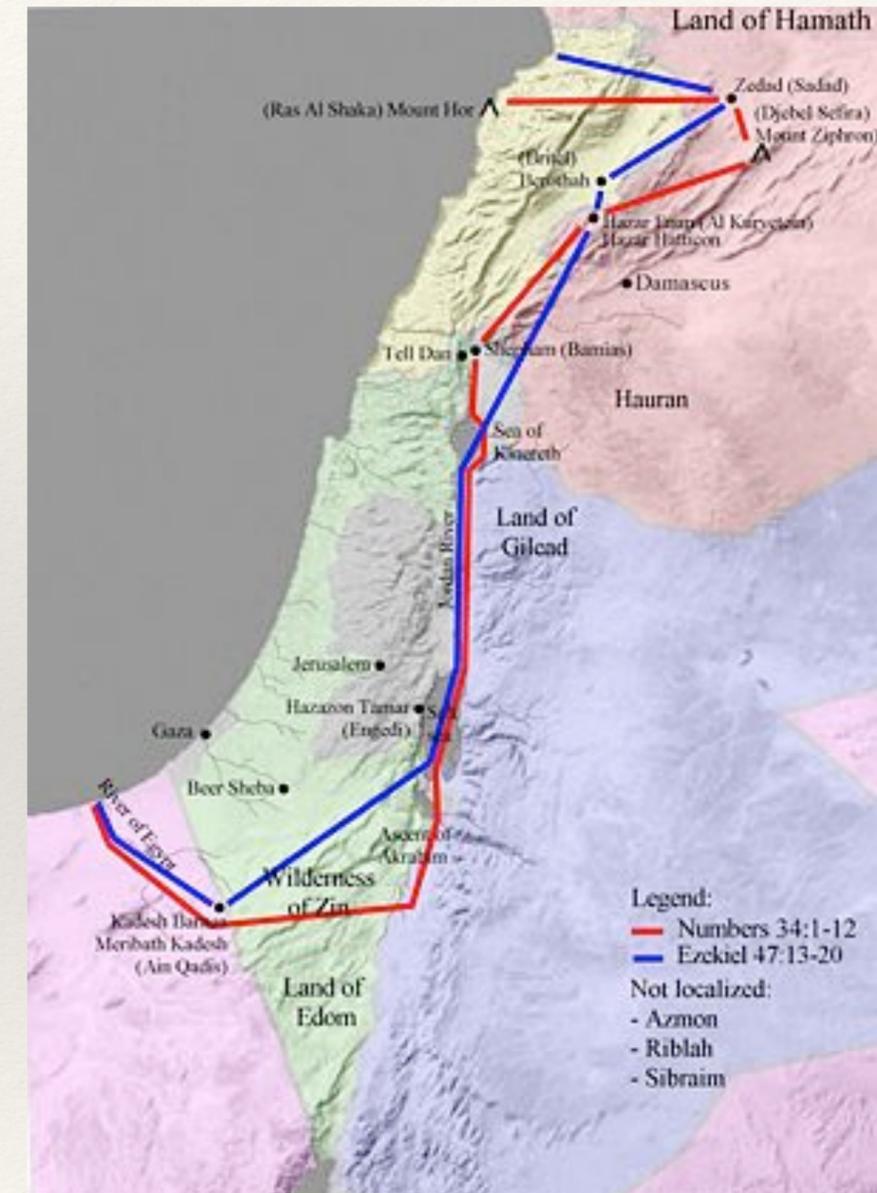
Israel - Ancient and Modern

- The Promise of a Nation
 - “I will make you a great nation.”
- The Promise of Special Blessings
 - “I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing . . .”
- The Promise of Divine Protection
 - “I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you . . .”



Biblical Land Deed

- Genesis 12 and 13
- “To your descendants I will give this land,”
- “. . . for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever.”



Israel - Abraham's descendants

“Though the number of the sons of Israel be as sand of the sea, it is the remnant that will be saved; for the Lord will execute His word upon the earth, thoroughly and quickly.”

Romans 9:27-28

Prediction - First Destruction

- “The LORD will bring a nation against you from far away, from the ends of the earth . . . a nation whose language you will not understand.”

Deuteronomy 28

- Babylonian destruction by Nebuchadnezzar at the end of the 7th century B.C.

Prediction - Second Destruction

- “Then the LORD will scatter you among all nations, from one end of the earth to the other.”
Deuteronomy 28

- Titus and the Roman Tenth Legion destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A.D.

Prediction of Final Restoration

- “He will bring you to the land that belonged to your fathers, and you will take possession of it. He will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers.”

Deuteronomy 30

- Prediction of the return of the Jews to the land of Israel.

Bible Prophecy in England



Isaac Newton



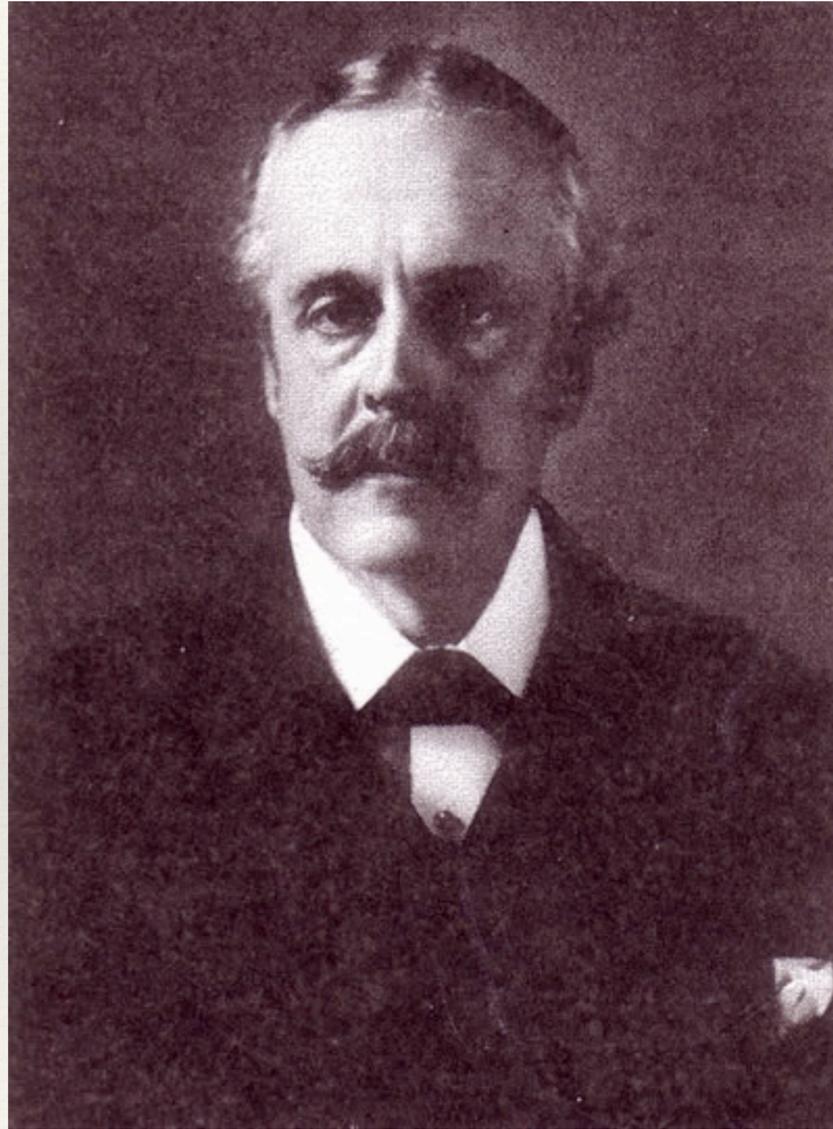
Lord Shaftesbury

Napoleon



- Napoleon issued a letter (1799) offering Palestine as a homeland to the Jews under French protection.
- Napoleon, however, was defeated and was forced to withdraw from the Near East.

Lord Balfour



- Former British Prime Minister
- Signed the Balfour Declaration mandating the creation of the Jewish state.
- Boundaries drawn by Colonial Secretary Winston Churchill.

Balfour Declaration



British Mandate



UN Partition

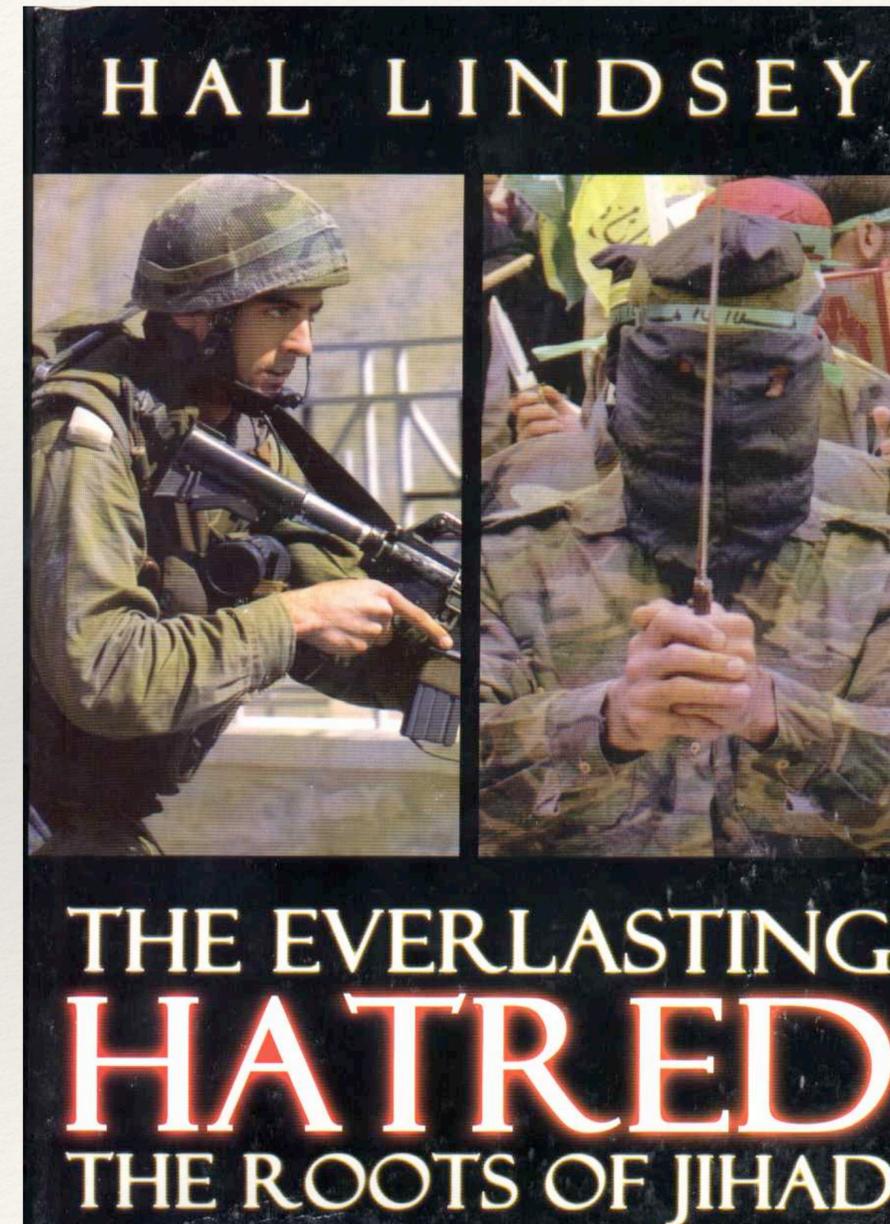
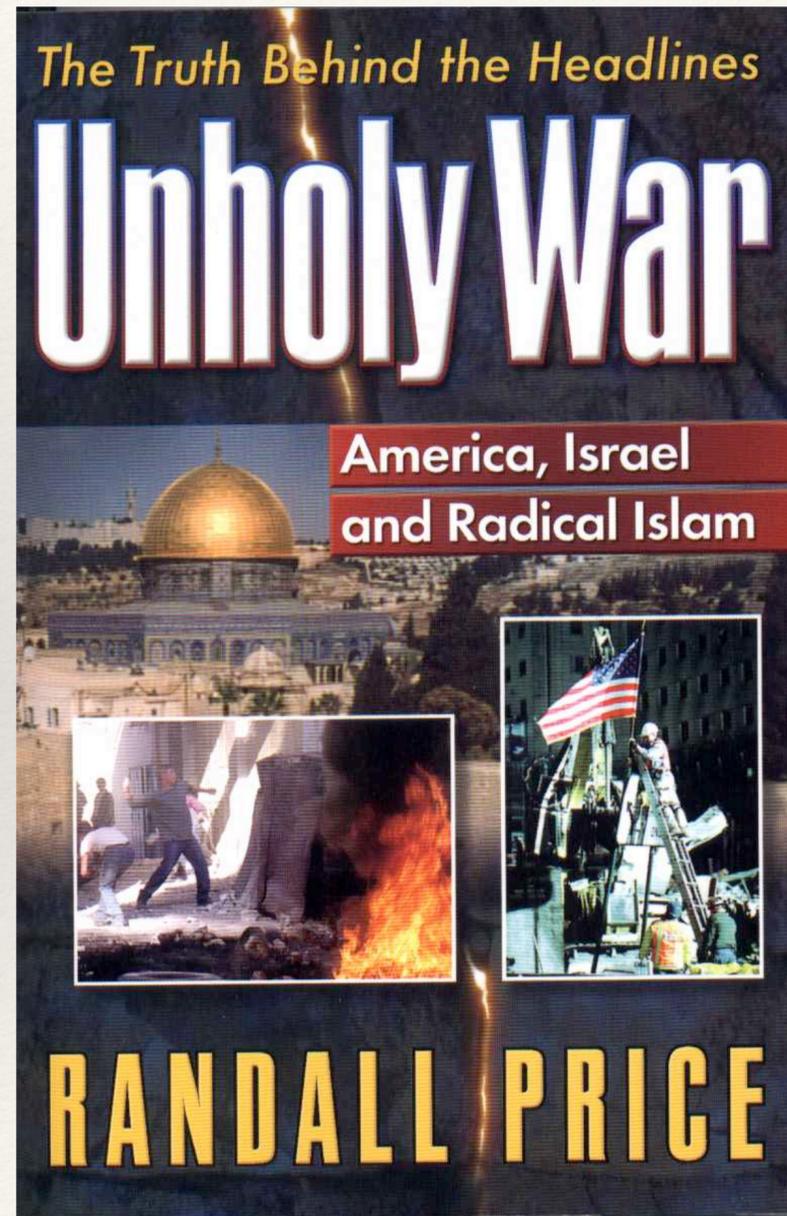


1967 - Six Day War



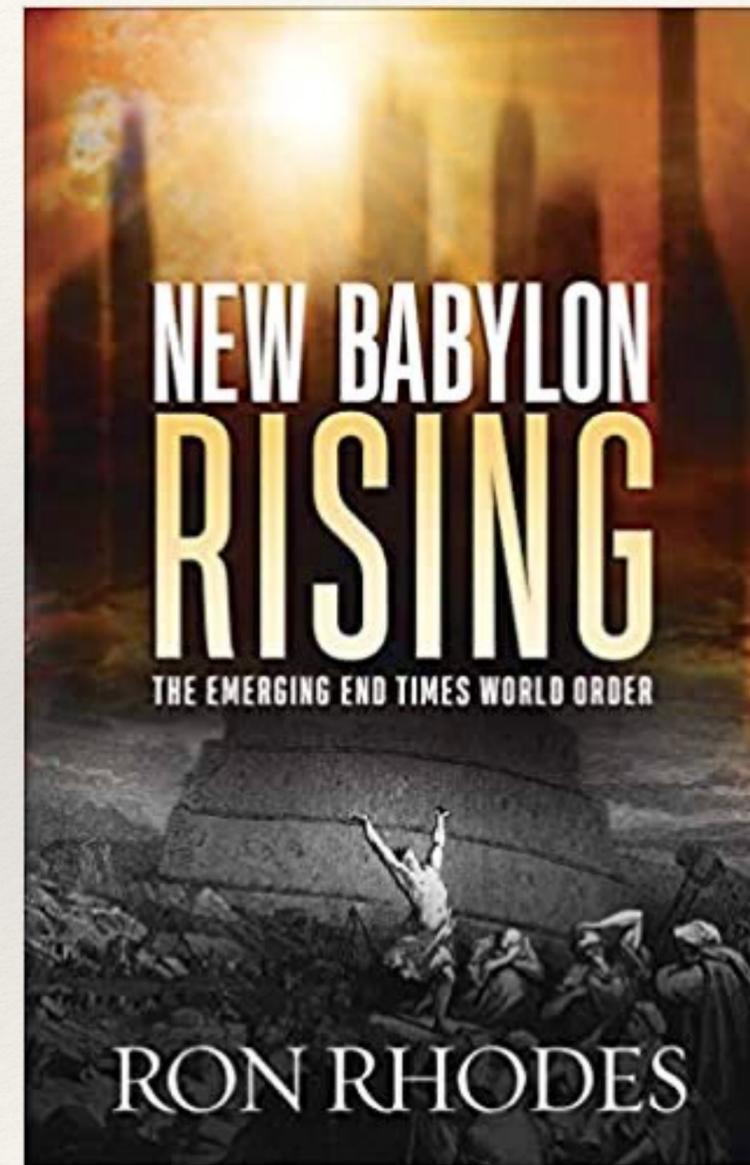
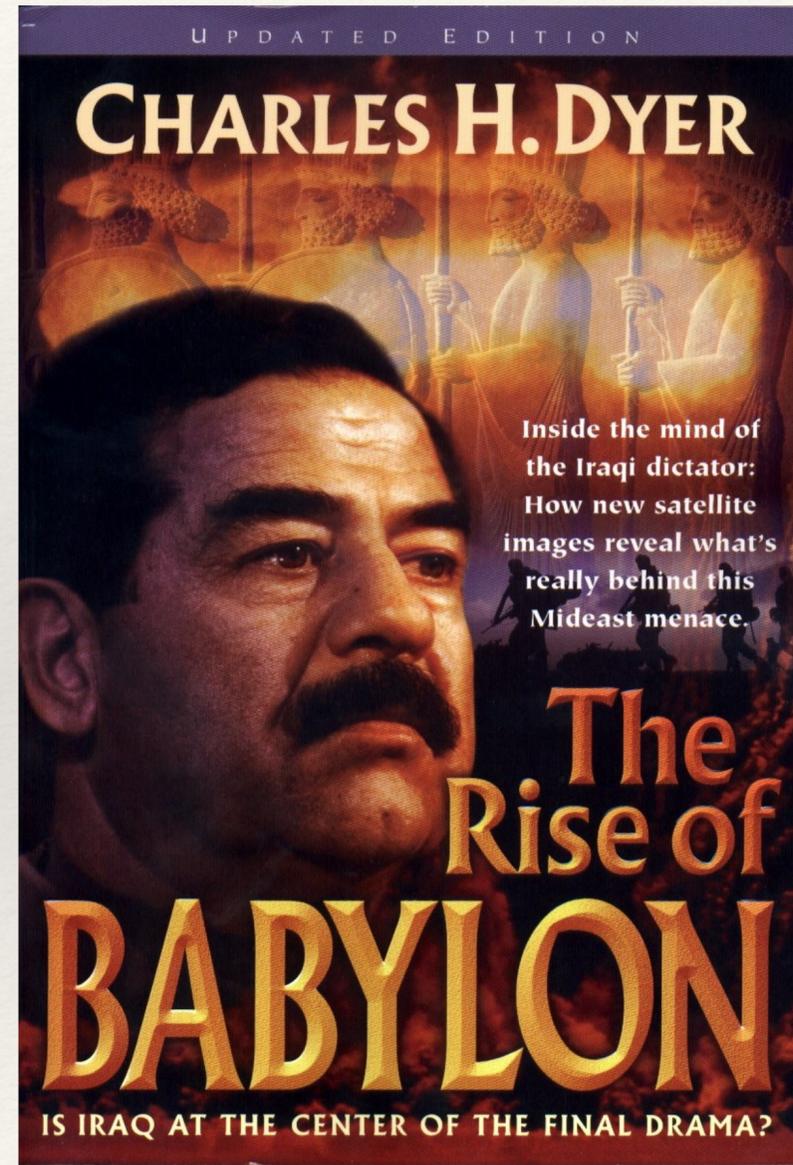


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The History and Future of Babylon

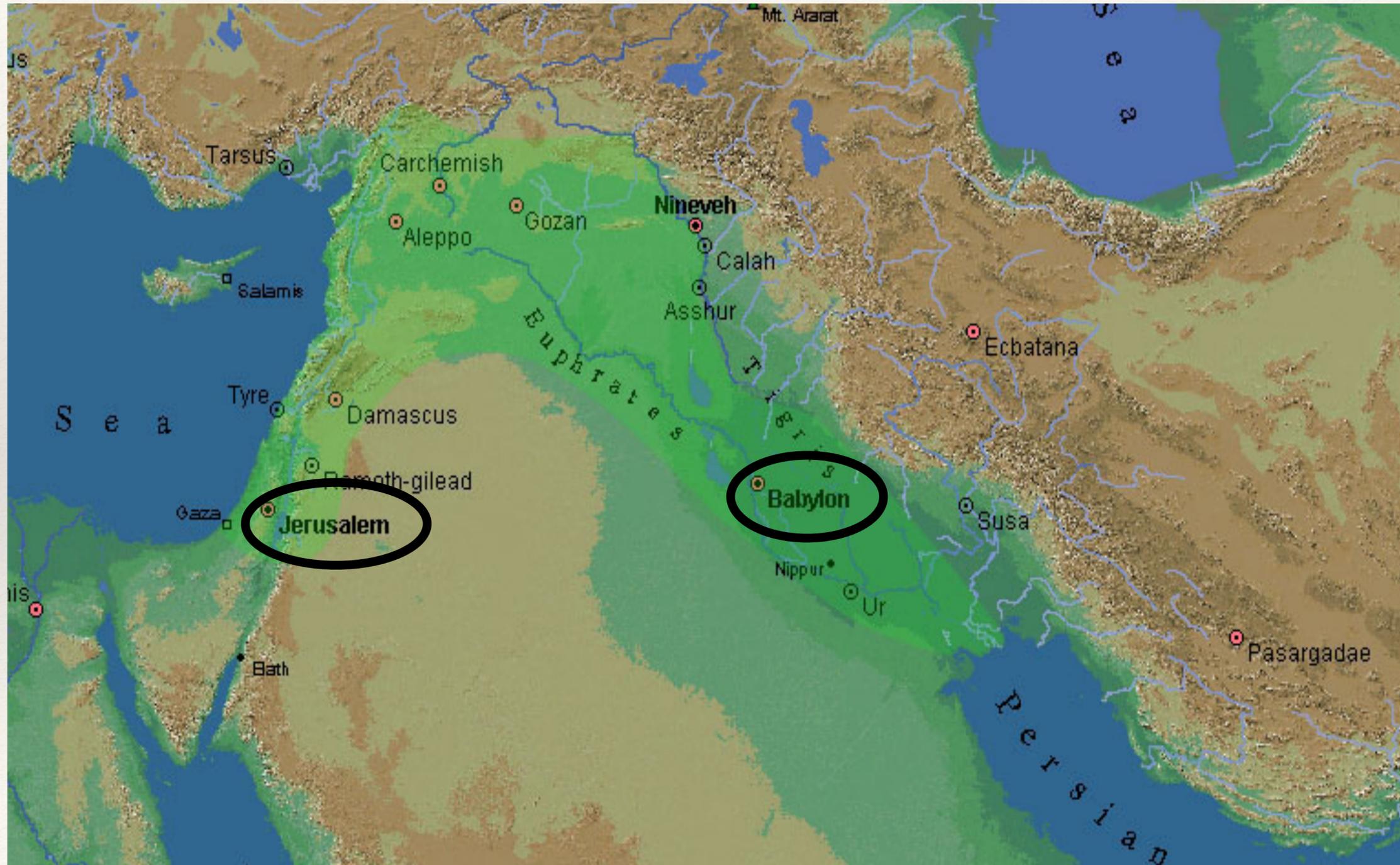
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Babylon in the Bible

- Jerusalem is the most often mentioned city in the Bible, while Babylon is the second most often mentioned city.
- The Bible mentions Babylon more than 280 times. The book of Revelation contains 404 verses, and out of those, 44 specifically talk about Babylon.
- The New Jerusalem is described as bride, while New Babylon is described as a great prostitute.
- Jerusalem is portrayed as God's city, while Babylon is portrayed as a demonic city.

Jerusalem and Babylon



Babylon - History

- Babylon began shortly after the flood.
- The name Babel was given to Nimrod's city because of God's judgment (Genesis 11).
- The city of man was trying to rise to heaven in direct opposition of God's plan.
- Babylon was the center of many of the ancient empires.

Hanging Gardens of Babylon



Babylonian Gardens



Babylon's Ishtar Gate

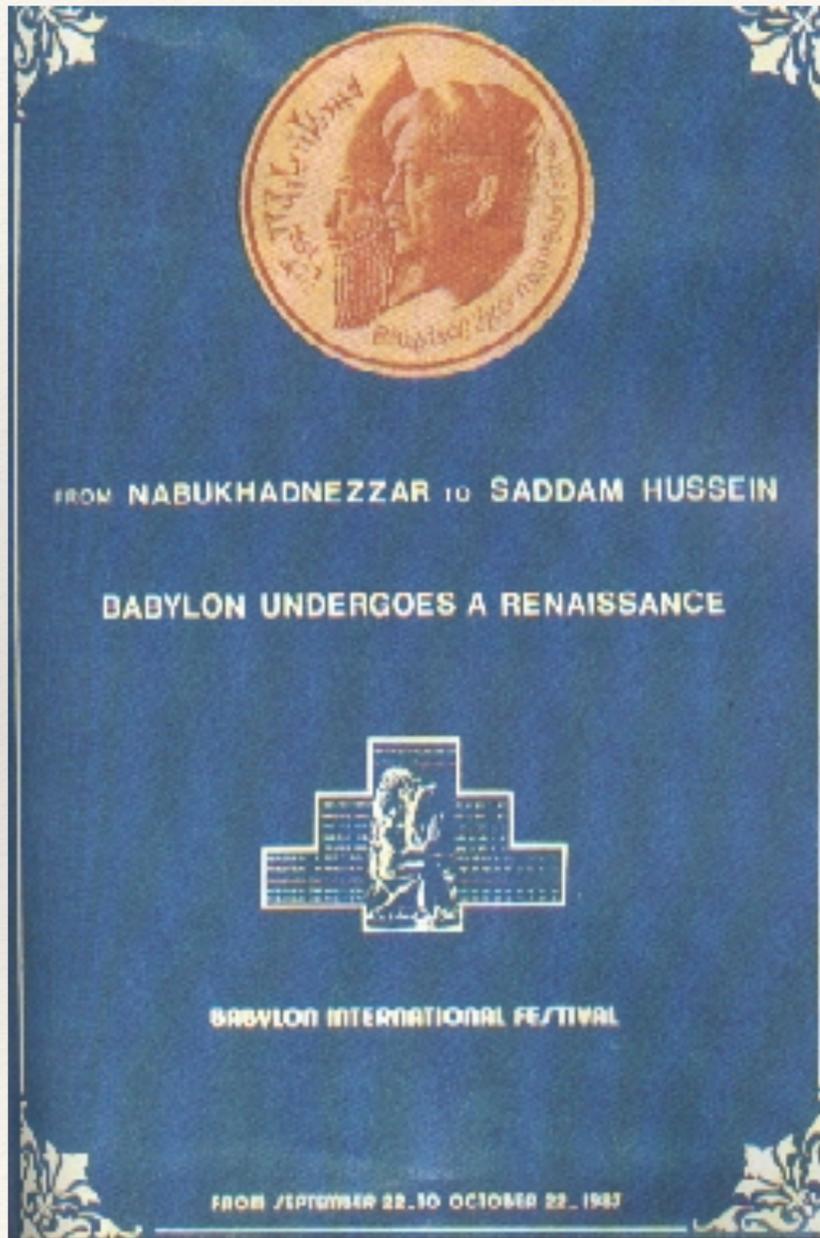


- Built during the reign of King Nebuchadnezzar II (604-562 BC).
- Reconstructed to a height of 47 feet.
- In Pergamon Museum in Berlin, Germany.

Babylon - Nebuchadnezzar



Rebuilding Babylon



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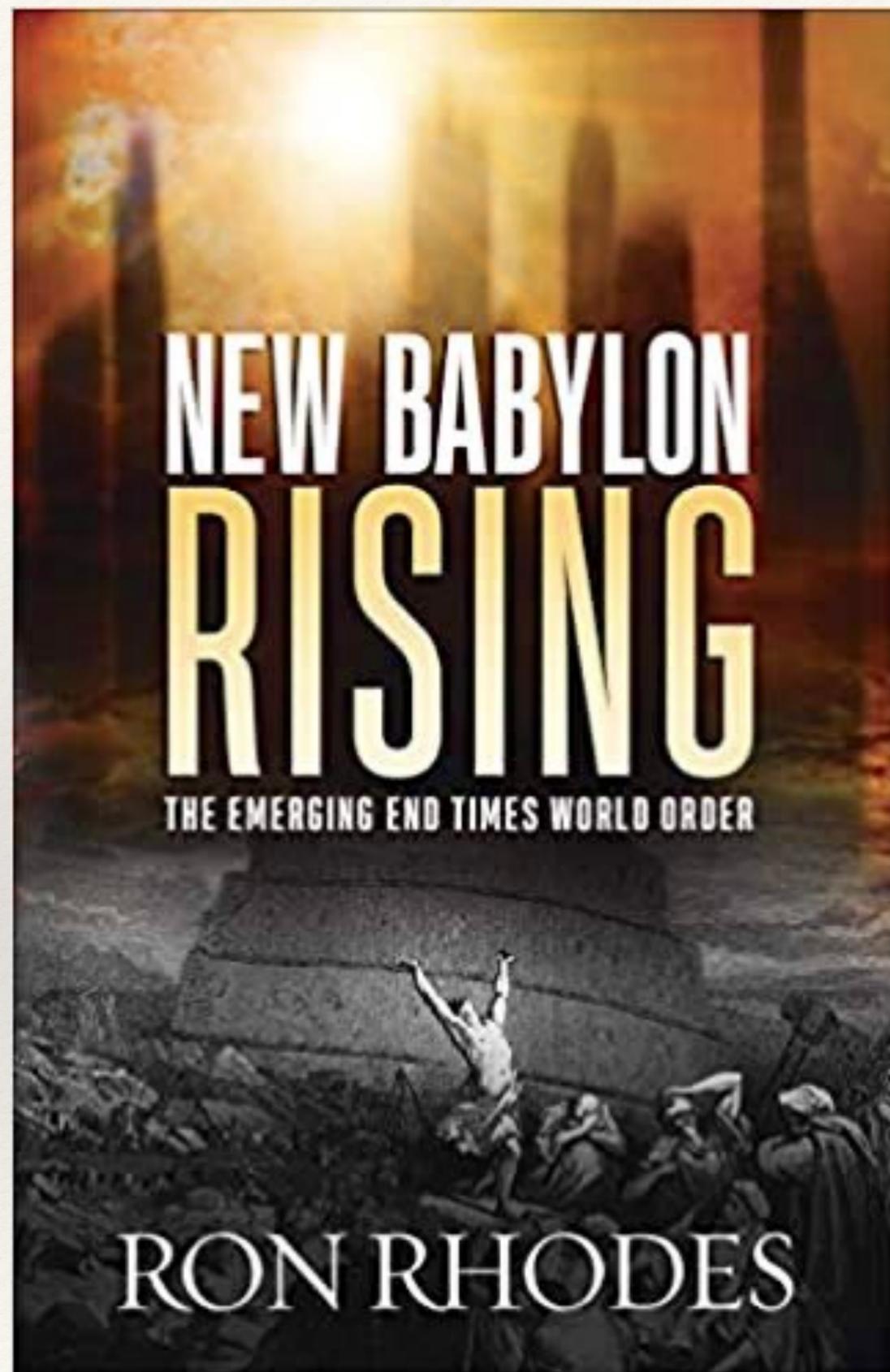


Babylon - Future

- Babylon is a literal city (Ephesus, Smyrna, Sardis, Laodicea are cities).
- Babylon is not Rome (Revelation 17 - not both prostitute and beast).
- Babylon is not Jerusalem (rule over many waters, rule over nations).
- Babylon is not Roman Catholic Church (same problem as with Rome).
- Babylon is not a metaphor for apostates (actual city, merchants weeping).
- Babylon is not New York City (streets flow with blood of prophets).

Babylon - Future

- Revelation 17: A new religious system emanates from New Babylon.
- Revelation 18: Commercial New Babylon becomes an economic power.
- Revelation 17-18: Babylon once again becomes a city of wickedness (ungodly religion, government, and economics).
- Revelation 18: There will be a final destruction of Babylon.
- Revelation 19: Predicts the utter defeat of the antichrist, the false prophet, and the military forces under the command of the antichrist.

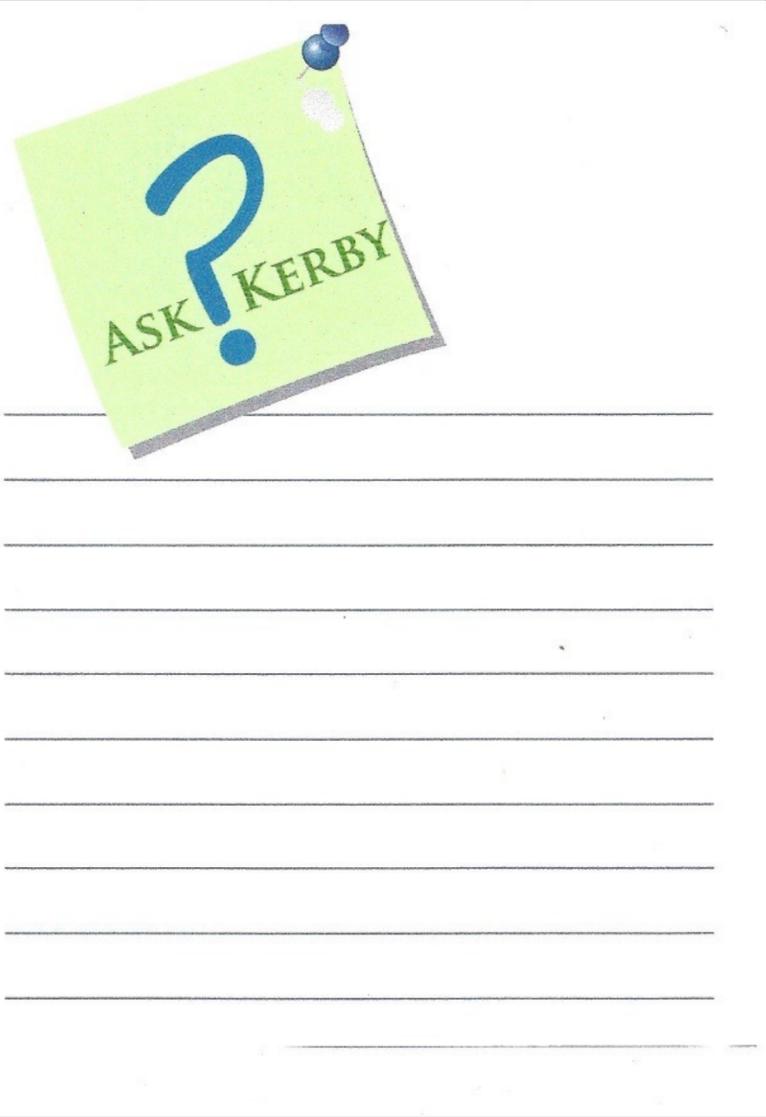


NEW BABYLON
RISING

THE EMERGING END TIMES WORLD ORDER

RON RHODES

Ask Kerby



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Does Satan hear our
spoken prayers?

Do we need to be careful?

Prayers

- No, you shouldn't worry about this — because God is more powerful than Satan, and even if the devil did try to block God's answer to our prayers, he wouldn't be able to do it. Remember, Jesus prayed openly, and He taught His disciples to pray openly (see Matthew 6:9-13).
- In other words, our concern shouldn't be “Does Satan hear my prayers?” but “Does God hear my prayers?” Are my prayers selfish or greedy — or am I honestly seeking God's will? Do I pray in faith, believing that Jesus Christ has opened the way for me to come into God's presence by His death on the cross — or am I relying on my own goodness?

Prayers

- It's been said that Satan likes us to believe either of two lies about him.
- The first lie is that Satan is weak and insignificant, and we shouldn't worry about him or be fearful of his schemes. The other lie says the opposite: Satan is all-powerful, and we are helpless against him.
- In fact, Satan is not weak and insignificant; the Bible compares him to a roaring lion (see 1 Peter 5:8). But neither are we helpless against him — if we belong to Christ. Make sure of your commitment to Jesus Christ — and then remember: the closer you are to God, the further you are from the devil.

Prayer Resources

