



## RETHINKING THE DESTRUCTION OF BABYLON

Since I became a Christian back in 1977, I have been hearing about a nuclear disaster that will happen. Many in the Christian community still adhere to this scenario. There are many books like, "The Late Great Planet Earth"<sup>1</sup> along with many others that describe a nuclear holocaust and the destruction of Babylon along with the world attacking Israel.

With Hurricane Katrina bringing the destruction of New Orleans, I started rethinking the destruction of the end-time Babylonian nation. Since the cold war is over, the books on the interpretation of Bible prophecy do not seem relevant.

Taking a close read of Revelation 18, we see that the end-time Babylonian nation is destroyed by a flood. We have seen that a hurricane can be more destructive than a nuclear bomb. We have seen a tsunami wreak destruction across the Pacific and Indian oceans. Now it is time to take a closer look at how the end-time Babylonian nation is destroyed.

From my reading about the formation of hurricanes from the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration located at:

<http://www.aoml.noaa.gov/hrd/tcfaq/A4.html>, have their start from easterly waves off the coast of West Africa.

It has been recognized since at least the 1930s (Dunn 1940) that lower tropospheric

1 Hal Lindsey with C. C. Carlson, The Late Great Planet Earth (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1970).

(from the ocean surface to about 5 km [3 mi] with a maximum at 3 km [2 mi]) westward traveling disturbances often serve as the "seedling" circulations for a large proportion of tropical cyclones over the North Atlantic Ocean. Riehl (1945) helped to substantiate that these disturbances, now known as African **easterly waves**, had their origins over North Africa. While a variety of mechanisms for the origins of these waves were proposed in the next few decades, it was Burpee (1972) who documented that the waves were being generated by an instability of the African easterly jet. (This instability - known as baroclinic-barotropic instability - is where the value of the potential vorticity begins to decrease toward the north.) The jet arises as a result of the reversed lower-tropospheric temperature gradient over western and central North Africa due to extremely warm temperatures over the Saharan Desert in contrast with substantially cooler temperatures along the Gulf of Guinea coast.

For more information about the formation of hurricanes, please read the complete article.

Now, Revelation tells that an angel is going to destroy the end-time Babylonian nation by casting a huge bolder into the ocean. This bolder could be a meteorite from space hurled into the Atlantic ocean.

### Revelation 18:1-24

1 And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power;

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and the earth was lightened with his glory.

2 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.

3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

4 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.

5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

**8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.**

9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:

12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,

13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.

14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.

15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

16 And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!

17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,

18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!

19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

20 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

**21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and**

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**shall be found no more at all.**

22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;

23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

Notice how the final destruction is initiated by a wave. Eighty-five percent of the most devastating hurricanes are caused by the easterly waves off of the coast of Africa.

We have heard about the forthcoming nuclear disaster for a long time. It is time to reevaluate our theory on Bible prophecy. We need to look more closely at the Bible and what it actually states about the last days. We need to carefully study the Bible and the prophecy it contains. A nuclear device is devastating, but a natural disaster is far more hazardous. Look at New Orleans and the damage caused by the hurricane.

- New Orleans Flooded
- 36 Tornadoes as a direct result of Hurricane Katrina<sup>2</sup>
- Fires caused by Hurricane Katrina<sup>3</sup>
- Civil Disorder and Looting
- Total Breakdown of Society

All of the above correspond with what will

2 [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hurricane\\_Katrina](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hurricane_Katrina)

3 <http://gallery.phillyburbs.com/albums/Katrina+fires+in+New+Orleans.aspx>

happen when the angel casts a great stone into the ocean to destroy the end-time Babylonian nation. Imagine a huge wave initiating a hurricane with possibly a sixty to one hundred foot wave. All of the Eastern United States will be destroyed. All of the major cities will be destroyed including New York, Washington, Philadelphia, Boston and etc. With an angel hurling a huge stone into the Atlantic Ocean, the entire United States could be destroyed in a day just like the Bible says will happen.

Look at what the hurricane did in one day to New Orleans. Imagine the judgment of God on a wicked and perverse nation who has rejected God! There is no amount of preparation possible against the coming judgment of God.

The United States has totally rejected the Lord God, and with that rejection comes the judgment of God. The only hope that the United States has is to repent of her sin and return to the Lord who raised her up. This nation has been a golden cup in the hand of the Lord. The Lord has blessed this nation only to be rejected by the rulers and people of this nation.

This nation needs to repent of their wicked ways. They need to acknowledge that the Ten Commandments are the basis of our liberty and freedom. The courts want to tell us that the Ten Commandments are a hindrance to our freedom. They want to hide the display of the commandments of God. To their thinking, God is evil while the wicked are good.

There is a day coming when these unrighteous judges will face the wrath of God and will pay for their wickedness throughout all eternity.

America is not ready to repent and will find itself facing the judgment of God. When the judgment begins, the day of repentance will have passed. Now is the time to repent, but the arrogant are not ready to seek the Lord's

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forgiveness. They want to continue living in debauchery and sin.

Hurricane Katrina was a warning shot across the bow. Will the United States heed the warning?

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