

The United States in Prophecy

Commentary for July 18, 2011 — Is It Mentioned?

QUESTION: I am a Christian lady searching and seeking answers to end time questions. I ran across your site and find it very interesting and a little different than what I've learned so far. It also seems to make a lot of sense to me, so I plan on prayerfully studying all your teachings. I do have a question and was wondering if you would answer it. Do you see America in Bible prophecy at all? [underlining mine, DWS]

ANSWER: In answering your question I assume that by "America" you mean the United States. Neither Dr. Ernest Martin (before he died in January 2002) nor I have found the United States (or America) specifically mentioned in Bible prophecy.

The nation of Israel split into two parts after the death of King Solomon, son of King David. The northern part was called the Kingdom of Israel or Samaria. It was eliminated as a kingdom around 721 BC by the Assyrian Empire. The southern part was called the Kingdom of Judah. Judah survived until about 586 BC when it was conquered by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.¹ After being conquered, people from both kingdoms were collectively called Jews:

"After the captivity, all members of the one new state were 'Jews,' i.e. in God's outward covenant, as contrasted with 'Greeks' or Gentiles (Rom. 1:16; 2:9, margin)."

• **"Jew," Fausset's Bible Dictionary**

This is especially true in New Testament times. **"'Jews' (always plural) is the familiar term for Israelites in the Gospels (especially in John), Acts, Epistles, etc."** (article "Jew, Jewess, Jewish" from the *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*). See Dr. Martin's article, ["Just Who Is an Israelite Today?"](#)

Non-Israelite peoples are called "Gentiles" or "the nations." The United States, a Gentile country, is by far the most powerful economic and military nation in relation to other nations or confederations of nations in our world today. It is natural to think that such a powerful country would be included in prophecies of the Bible. See my Commentary from January 2003, ["The Power of the United States"](#) and Dr. Martin's article, ["The Secret of United States Economic Success."](#)

Gentile nations have been (and will be) judged by their treatment of the descendants of Abraham and subsequently the people of Israel (Genesis 10:3, 27:29; Exodus 23:22; Numbers 24:9). They also have been judged by what they know, what they have been given in terms of resources of knowledge and wealth and land, and by how they treat their own people and neighboring nations.

¹ The lineage of King David and Solomon came through Judah, down to the Messiah and King of all Israel, Jesus of Nazareth. The Kings of the ten tribes of Israel had no ancestry from King David.

When Christ returns, the judgment of nations will be based on how they treated God's chosen people Israel. Those that curse or attack them will receive direct punishment from God Himself. Nations surrounding Israel are prophesied to have specific harsh judgments put upon them due to their evil actions toward Israel. Up to the present the treatment of Israel by the United States government and its people has been very positive. That may soon change.

Look at how the United States exercises its leadership in the world. It is leadership based largely on trade and strong economic influence, not direct force — although force is threatened and occasionally used. The United States attacked, conquered, and occupied the ancient land area of Babylon in Iraq. There and in other countries the United States is training the people in the region in techniques of military prowess and trade. As flawed as the United States is, as imperfect as its training is, this trend will continue. This is done to benefit the United States, of course, but when Egypt, Iraq, and other Middle East countries become wealthy, they will learn what the United States teaches and purchase what it sells: training, weapons, and economic support — which Middle East nations cannot produce.

The United States itself is an amalgam of many peoples within one political unit, in a large geographical area, with one government, one history, but with mostly one language. In spite of current severe economic problems (that are also worldwide), the United States is the most successful economy, society, and culture the world has ever witnessed.² It is envied throughout the world, even with all its many faults. It is the epitome of what the Babylonian system is all about — human achievement without God. Just as the people of Israel represent mankind to God (and are the best and worst of mankind), so too the United States sometimes seems to be the best and worst of the Gentile nations.

The people of the United States have unique talents for promotion, marketing, cultural influence, and economic success that are emulated around the world. It will continue to lead by this means. Through this influence the nations of the world will be taught the best use of man's talents; this is the Babylonian system within each nation and culture. This teaching will be successful and man's achievements in every field of human endeavor will be astounding.

The Holy Scriptures focus on Israel in particular, on the Middle East somewhat, and rarely beyond. Even though the United States is currently the leading proponent of the Babylonian system, others will arise: a rebuilt Babylon and surrounding area, a rising Iran (ancient Persia), a greater Egypt, and Mystery Babylon. Each of these will rise in rough equality to economic might and power of the United States, Europe, China, India, and others.

You asked: "Do you see America in Bible prophecy at all?" The answer is YES, in a sense. The United States is in Bible prophecy, but only in a representative fashion. God does NOT name the United States as a people or a nation in the Bible. And NO, the United States is not Israel in any way. I hope this is helpful.

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² The United States is like "Babel" prior to the confusion of tongues. However, one cannot apply prophecies for Babylon to the United States. Babylon is in Iraq, not in New York or Washington D.C.