

FULL TRANSCRIPTIONS

BABYLON'S DESTINY

TAPE # 15

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HWA: We can know the world tomorrow, we can know what is going to happen because God alone knows, no man knows, no man can tell anything about the future, but God and God along that's the proof of God, knows what is going to happen and He has revealed it and a [1/3 of your Bible approximately is prophecy!](#) And about [90%](#) of that [applies to the present time](#) in which you live and the events that is going to happen in the next few years in your very lifetime.

Now, we have been looking forward into the things that are going to happen. We've gone on past the next things that are going to occur; the things that are occurring right now, that are prophesied. And the next thing to occur and what is going to happen to the United States and the Great Tribulation that's coming. And the fact that God's people, and we are God's people, and God's people Israel are to be in a condition of slavery and captivity at the second coming of Christ. And just prior to that time, the time known as '*The Day of the Lord,*' the time when God is going to supernaturally intervene, we've been seeing that He is going to send Communist Russia to destroy that power which is now rising up but we seem too stupid or too dumb to see, in this world, in which we're actually helping to create the Frankenstein that is coming against us.

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HWA: A union of ten dictatorships in Europe and in the territory of the old Roman Empire. There is going to be [a resurrection](#) of that [old Roman Empire](#). Not very many people believe it. Because people have gotten completely beyond really believing that the Bible means what it says. Now, God is going to punish because the way we have been going as I have been showing you recently in these recent broadcasts, have brought nothing but heartache and headache and fears and worries and empty lives, and suffering, untold suffering to our people, God is going to punish. You're going to have to live and see it and you're going to have to know that [God was speaking](#) when he said this thing is coming.

02: 30 MIN

HWA: Even those that profess to understand the Biblical prophecies don't believe it because they don't understand! And one reason is because they don't have the key to understanding of all Biblical prophecy, and that key is the knowledge of the United States and the British Commonwealth and where we are mentioned in Biblical prophecy. Once again, you'd better write and get that booklet of ours if you haven't already written, no charge, the booklet is *The United States in Prophecy*. It's the very foundation you might say it's the primer; it the ABC's, it's the kindergarten, the beginning you might say of understanding prophecy because you're ignorant of Prophecy unless you understand it.

Well, now we've been in the fiftieth and fifty-first chapter of Jeremiah, looking into the future, a number of other world events, world shaking events are going to happen prior to this but we are getting on over just prior to the second coming of Christ, and when Communist Russia is going to be rolling over this revived Roman Empire that is called the symbolic name Babylon in the Bible prophecies. As the daughter of the ancient Babylon of 600 years before Christ, it's the daughter and it is spoken in the feminine gender always. Because there is going to be a union of church and state and the church is going to sit on the top of the heap! And so, here we find coming to verse thirty-four, that's where we were. We've seen what is going to happen; Babylon soldiers are going to cease to fight. They stay inside their fort. Their strength is gone from them; they're weak as women-(51:30) and so on.

04: 06 MIN

And, we were reading that in the preceding program, in the thirtieth verse and here in the thirty-third verse, Jeremiah 51. For this is the sentence of the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Babylon to be trampled like a threshing floor and then trampled like the grain upon the floor. And I think that's exactly where we ended in the preceding program. And now continuing with verse thirty-four:

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HWA: Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, Has been devouring us; he set us down like an empty cup--(Jer. 51:34). Now, this is picturing Israel speaking here. Israel speaking here how this king of Babylon and of course here it goes back here to Nebuchadnezzar of 600 years before Christ as it has a number of times using what had happened to the Jewish people back there, as the prefigure, as the type and the prediction of what is going to happen to us now.

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HWA: It was merely the foreshadowing event, there is type and antitype. There is a duality principle in the prophecies of God. Literally, however, it is speaking of our time now and I've shown you so many places and it's the time of the great exodus under Christ back to Palestine, an exodus so great that they will never remember the

exodus out of Egypt or under the hand of Moses. And this will be at the time when Christ leads Israel and Judah back to Palestine as we read back here in [chapter 50](#), verse thirty-four that the world may live at peace as it will after the second coming of Christ. It is the time when they will look for the sins of Israel and Judah and they'll find none, because the deliverer shall have come to Zion and have turned away ungodliness from Israel and from Judah. And God is going to make a New Covenant with His people. And our people are to be converted and begotten of the very spirit of God and made His own people! They're going to know that He is the Eternal. So, here they are pictured as saying that Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, has been devouring us. He set us down like an empty cup.

06: 11 MIN

HWA: He has swallowed us up like a monster; He gorged himself with our delights, and then he threw us aside. My torn [flesh](#) be avenged [upon Babylon](#). That was Israel's cry. Let those who dwell in [Zion](#) cry, My [blood](#) be [avenged on the Chaldeans!](#) "And let Jerusalem cry: [And here is The ETERNAL'S answer], I will [take your part, says](#) The ETERNAL GOD. I will [avenge you](#). I will [dry up her](#) (lake) and [drain her springs](#). Babylon shall lie in ruins, a mere haunt of Jackals, a horror and a scorn, where no man lives.

06: 53 MIN

HWA: "I will dry up her lake." Is that referring to the '[Mediterranean?](#)' Does that mean that after the second coming of Christ and [through the Millennium](#) that the Mediterranean sea will be [solid land](#)? And people will dwell there? [Babylon](#) shall lie in ruins, a mere haunt and a jackal, a horror and a scorn; where no man lives. My friends, you're going to see that happen and nobody's going to live in the territory of this coming to be resurrected *Roman Empire*., for a thousand years to come afterward.

07: 25 MIN

HWA: Now, let's go back her just a minute. Israel has cried here, my torn flesh be avenged on Babylon. And then let those who dwell in Zion cry. Here are the saints, the people in the Church now. Let them cry, "[My blood be avenged on the Chaldeans.](#)" Let Jerusalem cry. Let my blood be avenged on these Chaldeans. Now, my friends, does that remind you of anything if you know your Bible. And if you've been reading it.

07: 50 MIN

HWA: Over here in the sixth chapter, the book of Revelation, where we come to The Great Tribulation. The Great Tribulation is pictured here in the sixth chapter, under the fifth seal, and beginning with verse nine, Revelation 6, the first four were the four horseman of the Apocalypse: First was the false preachers, the false Christ and the false preachers preaching a false Christ and the second seal then, was the red horse

that is war. And the third seal, the black horse that was famine. And the fourth seal, or the fourth horseman was pestilence, the pale horse.

08: 25 MIN

HWA: And now, the World Wars have already started. And.., the next thing to happen at the very beginning and approximately at the same time as WW III or the third phase of the World War, when it comes, will be the famine and the pestilences. After that comes The Great Tribulation. In and as a part of WW III, as a matter of fact, WW III is bringing that tribulation and I've been reading to you:

08: 54 MIN

HWA: It's the time of Jacob's trouble, and Jacob means our people, and it's a national time of trouble on our people, and Christ is going to deliver us out of it as we've been seeing, and.., it is this modern Babylon, the Daughter of Ancient Babylon that is going to put the yoke on our (USA & UK) neck but Christ will break it at His second coming. Now, here are the saints.., pictured in verse nine. And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain [That's already happened now] for the word of God, and for the testimony, that they held: Here are the martyrs of Jesus. Here are the ones that had been put to death in past years, by this same symbolic Babylon. Because, we read over here in Revelation seventeen; for it describes this BABYLON and the name is called Mystery, Babylon the Great in verse five, of Revelation seventeen.

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HWA: And verse six says I saw the woman, it's the 'Daughter of the ancient Babylon.' This is a woman; I saw the women drunken with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. She had them put to death but she did not kill them herself. No, the military; the government put them to death.

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HWA: Now then, here we find the souls of them that were slain way back there, for the word of God and for the testimony which they held, the martyrs.., and they cried with a loud voice saying.., just like Abel's blood cried to God from the ground.., and God spoke to Cain way back there way back there to Adam and Eve and Cain and Abel.

10: 32 MIN

(Rev 6:10) "And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" Now, they knew that vengeance is God's. God says, "Vengeance is mine saith the Eternal." They knew that these judgments are coming on this Babylon! They had read this book of Jeremiah! They knew what was in the book of Jeremiah! And.., much of that is repeated here in the 17 & 18 chapters of Revelation; the 50 & 51 chapters of Jeremiah; the 47 & 48 chapters of Isaiah. And... here we find in Revelation eighteen:

11: 12 MIN

HWA: ([Rev 18: 8-10](#)) ““Therefore shall [her plagues](#), speaking of Babylon, come in one day--death and mourning and famine. She will be utterly burned with fire, for [strong is the Lord God who judges her](#). And the kings of the earth who have committed fornication with her and lived deliciously with her [She has committed fornication with them]. They shall bewail her and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, standing far off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, the great city Babylon, the mighty city! For [in one hour](#) is thy [judgment come](#).””
And it's the judgments of God on her.

11: 44 MIN

HWA: Now, vengeance is God's! And the [last plagues](#), my friends, the [seven last plagues](#) are coming at the very time of the [second coming of Christ](#). Because, “they are to be pour out in the presence of the Lamb of God when He comes as the King of Kings, at the second coming of Christ, and the presence of all the holy angels.” And you read in Matt 25 that [the holy angels come to earth from heaven](#) at the [second coming of Jesus Christ](#). There you read Matthew 25, and verse 31, that when the Son of man shall come in [[all His power and Great](#)] glory, and all the holy angels with him, but then shall [He](#) sit on the [throne of his glory](#): And all nations will be before him. So, [the angels](#) are then coming [at that time](#). Well, now they knew that these judgments of God are to be poured out at the time of the second coming of Christ! And it was the time of the ‘Day of the Lord’ and these last plagues, the [last judgments](#), on this [modern maiden Babylon](#), this [Daughter](#) of the [ancient Babylon of old](#), six hundred years before Christ.

12: 50 MIN

HWA: And so they asked ([Rev 6:10](#)), “How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?” Doesn't that remind you of the way David cries out in so many of the Psalms? David had asked God to do something and God didn't do it right away. God didn't answer his prayer right away..., and so he said, “Oh, how long, Oh Lord, Holy and true, how long before you're going to answer me? How long before you are going to deliver me from my enemies?” It seemed to David that God would never do it. You know, you read in James in the New Testament, that the “[trial of your faith, the testing of your faith is given to work patience](#).” And we need to [develop a lot of patience](#). God doesn't always answer our prayers just the minute that we asked him. We're inclined, when we pray to God, like you hear so many do, say, “Right now, Lord, right now I want you to jump when I crack the whip, Lord, I want you to do it when I tell you to do it right now.” You know, God isn't going to answer that way. God has not told you when He's going to do it. He has made you thousands of promises of things He'll do, providing you conform to the terms and the conditions that He lays down in His word.

And God will do it. And God wants you to come to Him. And bring your troubles to Him and ask Him for the help that He has promised to give you and the thousands of promises! So many, many things that we need so direly in our everyday life that God have promised to give us. He will answer, the days of miracles is not past. It's only past for scoffers and skeptics and unbelievers. You know, God performs these miracles nearly always in such a way.., they aren't going to convince any scoffer or any skeptic.

14: 30 MIN

HWA: You know, God does not give miracles as the proof of the divinity of Christ or the reality of God! So many people think that the only purpose of the miracles of Christ was to prove His Messiah-ship and to prove that He was the Christ! You know He gave one sign, which means a miracle, to prove He was Christ and only one. Why the miracles He did were not given in proof of His divinity.., because the scoffers and skeptics won't accept those miracles. They were done 1900 years ago. They're recorded in your Bible but if you don't believe the Bible, you don't know whether they happened or not. The only way I know whether the miracles of Christ happened, whether He walked on the water, whether He healed the sick, restored the dead, whether He turned the water into wine, and whether He stilled the storm, whether He did those things; the only way I know and the only way you can know if you really believe.., that the Bible is true when it says so.

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HWA: Now, you've got to find another proof that the Bible is true rather than miracles; you've got to find some other proof that Jesus was the Messiah and He gave just one proof and that was that He'd be three days and three nights in His grave and do you know that nearly every professing Christian in this world denies that one proof that God gave or that Christ gave.., that He is the Messiah that was prophesied to come: That He would be three days and three nights in His grave. Well, if you doubt that and if you don't understand how He could be three days and three nights in His grave between Friday sunset and Easter Sunday morning, you better write in for our free booklet on, *The Resurrection*, and that'll straighten it out. You have to do a little second grade arithmetic, and it's just that simple. A little child can understand it. Yes, God has hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them unto babes. So, if you're a babe at heart, you can understand. And if don't understand the one sole proof that Jesus gave and how.., He was in the grave three days and three nights, you'd better read this booklet on, *The Resurrection*. It's amazing; because he was really not crucified on Friday at all and He did not rise from the dead on Easter Sunday at all. It's really quite shocking. But it's all factual and it's all carefully documented and it's according to your Bible, you'll find it there, you write and get the booklet it'll show you things and where to look and find things in your own Bible that are going to astound you.., that you didn't know were there. That

is, I'm assuming you haven't already understood it. As I know that many of you have, of course.

16: 50 MIN

HWA: Well now, here are these people, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, these martyrs, does thou not judge and avenge us and our blood?" Like David cried, How long before it'll happen. ([Rev 6:11](#))--And [white robes](#) were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet a little season, Where are they resting? [Why, in their graves](#). And the hour's coming in which all that are in their [graves, that where they are](#), shall come forth and shall hear His voice and come forth. They that have done good, unto the resurrection of life. [So, it's speaking only of those who have done good and come forth in the resurrection of life here.] And, it was told that they had to wait a while, until something else happened. Now, what else is going to happen? Until their fellow servants also and [their brethren, that should be killed](#), yet to happen, as they were, should be fulfilled. Now the [time setting](#) of this book of Revelation is [our time now](#). And it's just in the future! It's coming, just ahead of us.

17: 47 MIN

HWA: Well, now there they are and as crying out back here in Jeremiah 51 where we were. Here it is once again, Israel crying out. My torn flesh being avenge on Babylon but Israel expecting God to do it. And then, those who dwell in Zion, in other words, [the saints are crying](#). Let the.., saints or those in Zion cry, "My blood be avenged on the Chaldeans!" Because God is going to take this vengeance, it is the plagues, of [the last plagues](#), that will come, some of them just prior to the second coming of Christ and the seven last plagues at the time of the coming of Christ. Let Jerusalem cry and hear is God's answer, here's what God's says, The ETERNAL, this is Christ's answer: I will take your part. I will avenge you, [I will dry up her lake](#), Babylon's lake, and drain her springs; [Babylon shall lie in ruins](#). Now, with her springs drained and all the water gone, my friends, there'll [be no rain](#) or [there would still be springs and lakes and rivers and water](#). It means that.., that portion of Europe that is here included and [I do not feel it includes all of Europe](#). I don't believe it includes [northwestern Europe](#) at all, but the portion of Europe that will go together in this thing, and I'm not going to try to name specific nations or set boundary lines, but [that portion of Europe, it is here prophesied](#) and [it's in your Bible](#). You may not have the same translation that I'm reading but it's in your Bible. And they're going to have [drought](#). And they're going to [have it for a thousand years](#) and [no man is going to live there](#).

19: 23 MIN

HWA: Babylon shall lie in ruins a mere haunt of jackals. A [horror](#) and a [scorn where no man lives](#). It's [going to happen](#). As certainly as you grabbing a breath of air; as certainly as the sun rises and sets! ([Jer. 51: 38 & 39](#))-- The Babylonians all [roar like](#)

lions, growling like lion cubs over their prey. I, that's what God questions, in other words, they do that, do they? Then God says, I will feed them in my fury! Now the fury, the Day of the Lord, the day of His anger, the day of His fury is the day of these last plagues. *The Day of the Lord*, it's the time that comes after The Tribulation."

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HWA: Because you read in Matthew 24, and verse 29, where it speaks of *The Great Tribulation* and the twenty-first and twenty second verses; in verse twenty-nine it says, Immediately after the Tribulation of those days shall the sun be dark and the moon be like..., well like blood, it wont give out the light that it usually does and the stars will fall from heaven. Now back in (Joel 2:31), you read that that is going to happen "before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD comes." So, the terrible day of the lord comes after these heavenly signs which in turn comes after *The Great Tribulation*. So, this is speaking..., of the wrath of God.

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HWA: The wrath of God; the fury of God. The Day of the Lord, the plagues, the vengeance that God is going to take on this evil power that is now rising up in Europe and that we're actually aiding and abetting and helping to rise up. Oh, God, open our eyes here in the United States to see what we're doing. Now God answers, when He says there, there roaring like lions, are they, these people? Yes, they're going to do a lot of roaring too and you're going to be dumbfounded when you see it coming up in the next few years; as you certainly will.

21: 12 MIN

God says, I will feast them in my fury; make them drunk and stupefied until they sleep the sleep that knows no awakening (Jer. 51:57). "In other words, that's eternal death, that's eternal punishment and 'the wages of sin is death' but it is the second death from which there will be no resurrection! He calls it here a sleep that knows no awaking but it is eternal death. That is exactly what He is speaking about." I will drive them to the shambles; like sheep, like rams and goats. The shambles is a meat market. What a downfall for Babylon. The splendor of the world supplies; ancient Babylon was the splendor of the world and I tell you this thing when it comes up again, my friends, it's only going to last a very, very short time. It's already being touted and planned under ground and undercover. It's coming up in Europe, my friends, and it's going to be a thing that will have carnal and material and national glory. And they're going to have great splendor. But all that splendor, and all that glory is going to be bashed down and quickly..., because Christ is coming to do it.

22: 20 MIN

HWA: What horror in the world at Babylon fate! A sea has burst on Babylon; she sinks below the roaring tides of water, her towns lie desolate or her cities. No people, waterless, a waste where no man lives, you see drought, absolute dessert it will

become. None passes through and I will punish Bel in Babylon, forcing him to disgorge his plunder. Prisoner shall stream from him no more for Babylon's walls are down. And then He says, Come out of her my people. This whole Babylon. Actually, my friends, [it's a way of life](#). It's a type of civilization. It includes the military idea; it includes the political idea, of course we've got different political ideas in the United States but.., yet the principle is the same, my friends, it certainly is not the government of God. And what we behold on the earth is governments of man, by man, for man. And the ideas of man; instead of the government of God. And the gospel that Jesus brought was the government of God over mankind. God is the supreme ruler. But we try to rule ourselves. And.., at least we think we have very altruistic feelings towards other nations and generally we do although we are at each other's thought among ourselves here in the United States, and trying to beat one another and with every deal we can, the best of everything and make all the profit we can and there's more crime in our country than any nation on earth. Just get the statistics; the government will furnish them for you. You'll find them in some of the almanac's and you'll be pretty much surprised at what you find.

23: 55 MIN

HWA: Well, now we are in the ways of Babylon, my friends. We are [in the ways of society that God condemns as Babylon](#). And God says, "Come out of her, [my people](#), save your lives every man of you from the Eternal's burning wrath." That certainly is the 'Day of the Lord!' Now, let's go right back here again to Revelation 18, where that is quoted word for word, and it's speaking of this modern Babylon that is rising up that is going to fight Christ at the second coming of Christ, will be ended at and by the second coming of Christ and here it is in verse four: ([Rev 18:4](#))-- I heard a voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, [It is speaking about Babylon]. We find Babylon mentioned in verse two, that's what it is speaking about all the way through here. Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, that ye receive not of her plagues. My friends, you are going to receive these very plagues of God, if you do not come out of the ways of Babylon.

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HWA: And, here it is back here in ([Jeremiah 51:45](#))-- "[Come out of her, my people!](#) Save your lives, every man of you, from The ETERNAL'S burning wrath! That is the plagues of God that He's going to send and that you not be a participate in those plagues when they come. Listen, God is promising you protection! [God is promising you that no plague will come nigh to your dwelling](#) if you [surrender your life to God!](#)

25: 19 MIN

HWA: If you seek Christ with all your heart and all your mind. If you're obedient to God. If you are living by every word of God. You're studying your Bible, not for argument, not for just interest, but [to show yourself approved unto God, to be corrected and reprovved by it, instructed in the ways of righteousness by it!](#) To live by

every word of God! Then, my friends, God promises you [absolute and utter protection](#) from all of the things to come!

25: 47 MIN

HWA: My Friends, we're living in the ways of Babylon today! It is the way of society that just grips this whole American people of ours by the throat, it's the way we think it's good; it's the way of this world! And it's the way of the whole world, the whole western world today; it's the way that God calls Babylon! And it's confusion and an abomination to God! And it's time we came out of it. It engulfs our whole social fabric, political, economical, religious..., everything; we are in that kind of a system! God help us to wake up! I know we think this world is a pretty nice world. It's a pretty good world, we love this world. My friends, if we love the world, [the love of God is not in us](#) and we've got to wake up. Well, that's about as far as we have time to go. I tell you, my friends, these are warnings of God, and [these are prophecies for this very hour for our generation, for our people!](#) Jeremiah didn't write that for the Jews, way back there, Jeremiah was writing this, as a matter of fact, this part of Jeremiah was written after most of the captivity. Of course, it happened at different stages and over different years. It's for our people and it's for now! And it's [GOD'S MESSAGE TO YOU!!](#)--(26:56 M/S).

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