

12. This cover of darkness will bring the amassed armies to a halt and disrupt their attack on Israel. Several passages of Scripture describe this event.

Zechariah 14:4 - In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half shall move toward the south.

v. 6 - In that day there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle.

v. 7 - For it will be a unique day which is known to the Lord, neither day nor night, but at evening time there will be light.

Isaiah 13:9 - Behold, the day of the Lord is coming, cruel, with fury and burning anger, to make the land a desolation; and He will exterminate its sinners from it.

v. 10 - For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not flash forth their light; the sun will be dark when it rises and the moon will not shed its light.

Amos 5:18 - Alas, you who are longing for the day of the Lord, for what purpose will the day of the Lord be to you?

v. 19 - As when a man flees from a lion and a bear meets him, or goes home and leans his hand against the wall and a snake bites him.

v. 20 - Will not the day of the Lord be darkness instead of light, even gloom with no brightness in it?

Joel 3:15 - The sun and moon grow dark and the stars lose their brightness.

v. 16 - The Lord roars from Zion and utters His voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth tremble. But the Lord is a refuge for His people and a stronghold to the sons of Israel.

13. Prior to these events, the “last days” of the Great Tribulation are awash in vast military operations in a death struggle for dominance over the Levant.

14. The Lucifer-indwelt Beast-Dictator has inspired his legions to advance on Jerusalem and forever rid him of the pesky Jews who have insisted to hold-fort in the city of David.
15. Revelation 17–18 describe the closing days of the dispensation when the global power of ecumenical religion is destroyed.
16. Revelation 18:1–2 reveals an interesting aspect of the Angelic Conflict with regard to elect and fallen angels.

Revelation 18:1 - After these things [referring to chapters 16–17], I saw another angel who had great authority [the king of arms of the angelic College of Heralds, a seraph-rank elect angel with insignia of rank bearing six wings (see Revelation 5:2; 8:3–5; 10:1)] descending from heaven and the earth was illuminated by means of his glory.

v. 2 - Then he shouted with a powerful voice, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great [the destruction of ecumenical religion]. In fact, it has become the habitation of demons [fallen angels] and is a prison [φυλακή (*phulaké*)] for every unclean spirit [these demons are restricted to this specific geographical area], and a lookout point for every unclean and hated bird [vultures that feast on human carrion].

17. In the fury of nuclear weaponry, the headquarters of ecumenical religion is destroyed. Humans were assigned there to carry out the demonic policies of every part of the ecumenical organization.
18. The city of Babylon is biblical code word for the dominant religion that is utilized by Lucifer to carry out his policies under the aegis of ecumenical religion.
19. Figurative Babylon refers generally to the global social order that falls under Gentile domination. In the New Testament it is prophetic for apostate Christendom and depicts ecclesiastical Babylon as the “great harlot” (Revelation 17:14-18).

20. “Babylon” also prefigures political Babylon which destroys ecclesiastical Babylon in this same passage.

Revelation 17:14 - “These [the 10-nation confederacy that makes up the revived Roman Empire] will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is the Lord of lords [victory of the First Advent] and King of kings [victory at the Second Advent], and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful [Church-Age believers].”

v. 15 - And he said to me, “The waters which you saw where the harlot [ecclesiastical Babylon] sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues [Gentiles].”

21. When religion dominates a nation or a confederacy of nations, it always leads to its downfall or loss of power. This was true of the Roman Catholic Church leading up to the Protestant Reformation in the sixteenth century.
22. Since the early 1500s, Protestant theology has maintained independence from ecclesiastical Rome until its slow demise in the last half of the twentieth century when secularism invaded its pulpits.
23. Christianity is not a religion, but its proponents have taken on the trappings of religion. The temptations of modern media’s ability to mass-market anything has lured denominations to invest in brick and mortar with the hope of drawing crowds.
24. To pay the loan, more people must be lured inside the brick and mortar. To do this on a mass scale, media are used to advertise things that are of interest to the masses. Serious Bible study is not on the top of most people’s list of lures.
25. Truth is not the kind of thing that will lure the masses in the Tribulation either. As it turns out, nothing about ecumenical religion will interest them.

26. Therefore, the majority of present-day Christian churches and ecumenical religion in the Tribulation are inspired by the lust patters of power and money.
27. Prostitutes vie for power and money. Power over their clients due to knowledge of adultery and fornication and money collected for services and silence.
28. In Revelation 17:1, we read, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot (ecclesiastical Babylon) who sits on many waters."
29. The "many waters" refer to the dominance that religion has on the nations of the world. The "many waters" of our passage refers to the influence religion will have over the nations of the world during the Great Tribulation.
30. All cultures are based upon the principles of the foundational "religion" subscribed to by its founders.
31. When a "change of thinking" occurs among the culture's population that replaces the principles of the founding religion, then that culture has been fundamentally changed.
32. Once ecumenical religion has completed the task of uniting nations into a confederacy, for example, the Revived Roman Empire, then political Babylon destroys ecumenical Babylon.
33. This is Evil 1 destroying Evil 2. Political power will always seek to destroy Religious power. This may be characterized as judgment by finesse (divine subtlety).
34. Jesus Christ controls history, but the system set up in the divine decree is so structured that evil will ultimately judge evil.
35. Thus, what will happen in the future is being tried out presently as the government of the United States is in the process of trying to destroy Christianity.