

CHAPTER FIVE The Flight of God's People

God left a call to his people. He told his people among the Jews to flee from the coming destructions of Jerusalem. Now he is telling his people in Great Babylon also to flee from the coming destructions of that great land.

Through Jeremiah he gave explicit descriptions of the flow of the nations to Great Babylon.

Nations No Longer Flow To Her

51:44 And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and take out of his mouth what he has swallowed. The nations shall no longer flow to him; the wall of Babylon has fallen.

No land on this earth ever experienced the flow of the nations as did the United States. From the early 1800's through the twentieth century people from all over the world came to her. They came in droves from Europe, from Asia, and from Africa. The greatest influx was in the last years of the nineteenth century and the early decades of the twentieth. This was the time when she was looking for manpower for her mills and industrial plants. In the decade between 1900 and 1910 nine million people immigrated into this country. This was then about ten percent of her total population.

The following chart shows this great flow of the nations into Babylon.

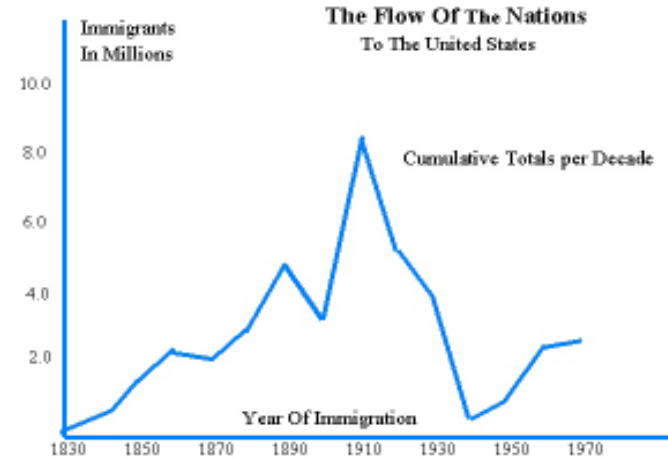
This mass influx of people from all over the world created a great babel of tongues. A confused mixture of sounds and voices, a scene of noise and confusion, was a byword for this great nation.

But now God is about to take out of her that which she swallowed, not in mass emigration, but in the salvage of those people who have great faith in him.

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50:8 Flee from the midst of Babylon, and go out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as he-goats before the flock.

50:16 Cut off from Babylon the sower, and the one who handles the sickle in time of harvest; because of the sword of the oppressor. Every one shall turn to his own people, and every one shall flee to his own land.



51:6 Flee from the midst of Babylon, let every man save his life! Be not cut off in her punishment, for this is the time of Yahweh's vengeance, the requital he is rendering her.

51:9 We would have healed Babylon, but she was not healed. Forsake her, and let us go each to his own country; for her judgment has reached up to heaven and has been lifted up even to the skies.

51:45 Go out of the midst of her, my people! Let every man save his life from the fierce anger of Yahweh!

Rev 18:4-5 Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues; for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities."

This is the heart of the revelation. This is the call to God's people. If you stay in the United States or on the North American continent you will be destroyed in the coming nuclear devastations.

God wants you to save yourself. Many of you are of blended European stocks. You carry good genetic potentials. Within your veins you carry biological and spiritual value for the future development of our world.

Give heed to God's call. Dedicate yourself to him, in real service, and not some imaginary religious theology.

When the revelation says that everyone will turn to his own people and everyone flee to his own land it does not mean a national identity from some ancestry. It means that each will make his own choice according to the dictates of his heart and the sense of survival for the new world.

Many interpreters of these passages believe that God's people will be rescued in a great escape they call the Rapture. Therefore they do not apply these appeals to themselves. They do not believe they carry a responsibility for the future of the world. In order to rescue these statements within the framework of their scheme they believe these appeals are directed to Jews who will remain on the planet and who must be saved from the coming destructions.

Such theories are an illusion. They are attempts to avoid the awesome burden of choice which face all of God's people today. Do not heed them.

God would have healed Babylon. He would have turned her to righteousness and have made her a shining light to the world. He sent his Billy Sundays and Billy Grahams. He brought great religious revivals. But she rejected that healing.

Isa 48:17-19 Thus says Yahweh, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am Yahweh your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go. O that you had hearkened to my commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea; your offspring would have been like the sand, and your descendants like its grains; their name would never be cut off or destroyed from before me."

This is the price Great Babylon paid for her sin, wickedness, and arrogance against God. Now she will be remembered no more forever.

Isa 48:20 Go forth from Babylon, flee from Chaldea. Declare this with a shout of joy, proclaim it, send it forth to the end of the earth; say, "Yahweh has redeemed his servant Jacob!"