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History  
and  
Prophecies

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Literal  
and  
Mystical

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Mystical does not mean unknown.

Mystical means a mystery to the world but known by Christians.

Mark 4:11; II Cor 4:18; II Thess 2:7; I Tim 3:16; Rev 17:3-7

## Mystical Babylon

First pagan and then papal Rome

Daniel 7; II Thess 2; Revelation 12-13,17-18

## Mystical Jerusalem

Zion in heaven where Jesus reigns

Gal 4:25-31; Heb 11:8-16; 12:22-29; 13:14

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The Bible has it 260 times!

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Note: Plus Babel (2) and Sheshach (2)



Babylon is related to Chaldea  
Babylonians = Chaldeans

Babylon = 260

Chaldea = 7

Babylonian(s) = 4

Chaldean(s) = 68

Alexander the Great led the Greek Empire,  
which was also called the Macedonians.

Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.

Isaiah 47:1

A sword is upon the Chaldeans, saith the LORD, and  
upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her  
princes, and upon her wise men.

Jeremiah 50:35

**Babylon** (Greek) = **Babel** (Hebrew)

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4045 B.C.	Creation (Mauro)
2400 B.C.	Flood
<b>2200 B.C.</b>	<b>Nimrod &amp; Babel</b>
2000 B.C.	Abraham born

8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.

10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

Genesis 10:8-10

1 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

Genesis 11:1-2

## Nimrod

A grandson of Ham; a son of Cush.  
A mighty, violent man in the earth.  
Before LORD = rebel (Gen 6:11; 13:13).  
Founded Babylon to be his capital.  
Began the first empire at Babylon.  
Likely the leader of Tower of Babel.



★ = Babylon

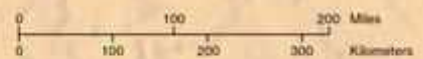


# The Ancient Middle East



**Chronological Map 1**

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy
- Joshua



3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

Genesis 11:3-4







TURRIS BABEL







5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

Genesis 11:8-9

This is the God of the Bible – glory,  
praise, and worship to Him forever!

He blinds and confuses any man or  
men who reject His will or His word.

<http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/god/is-god-the-author-of-confusion/sermon.php>



This is the first attempt at a United Nations or one-world government.

God condemned it and destroyed it,  
for He ordained national borders.

Deut 32:8; Dan 2:21; 4:17; Acts 15:18; 17:26-27; I Tim 6:13-16

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**Nimrod & Babel**

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Under Assyria

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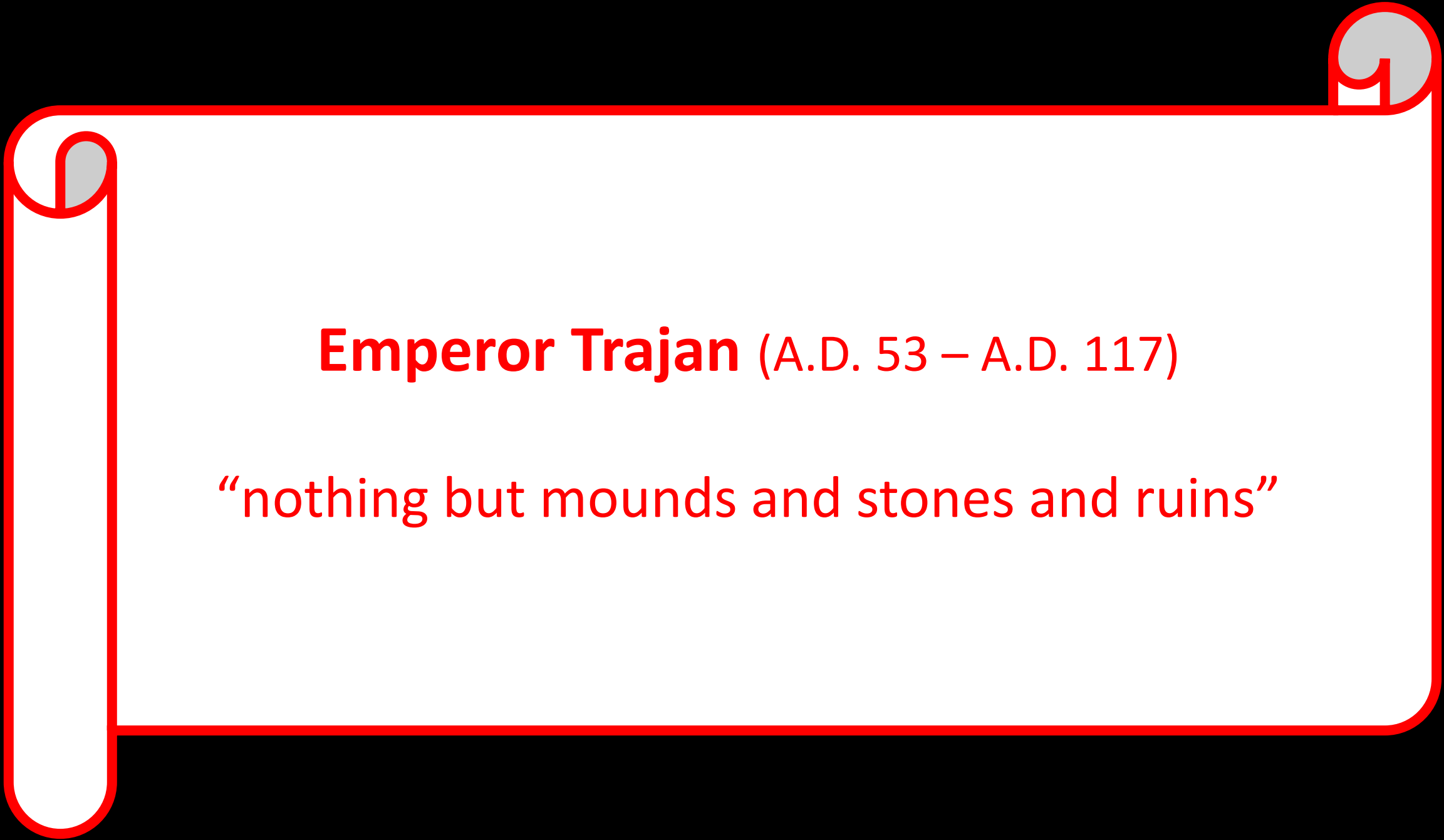
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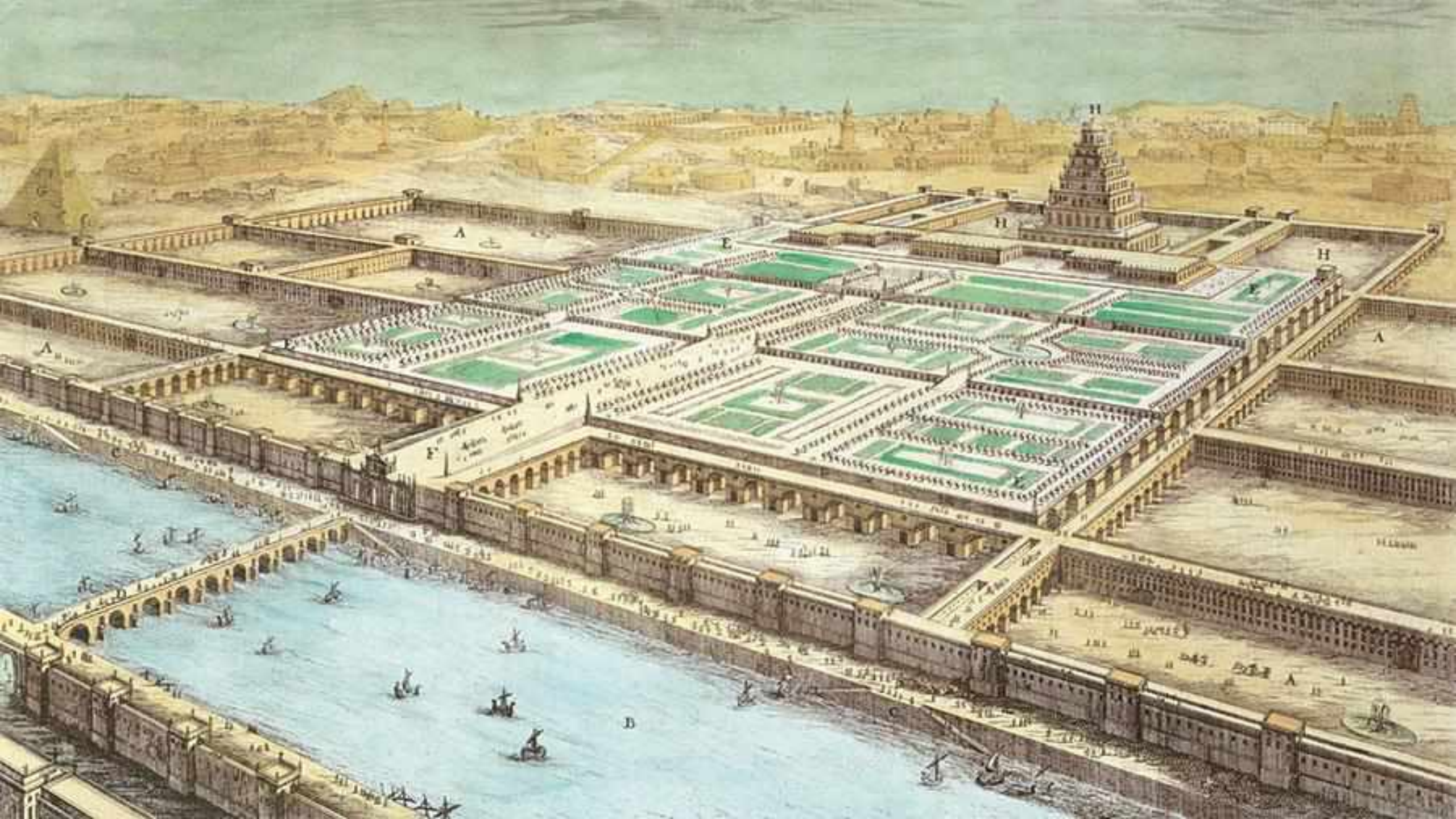
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Ruins Reopened

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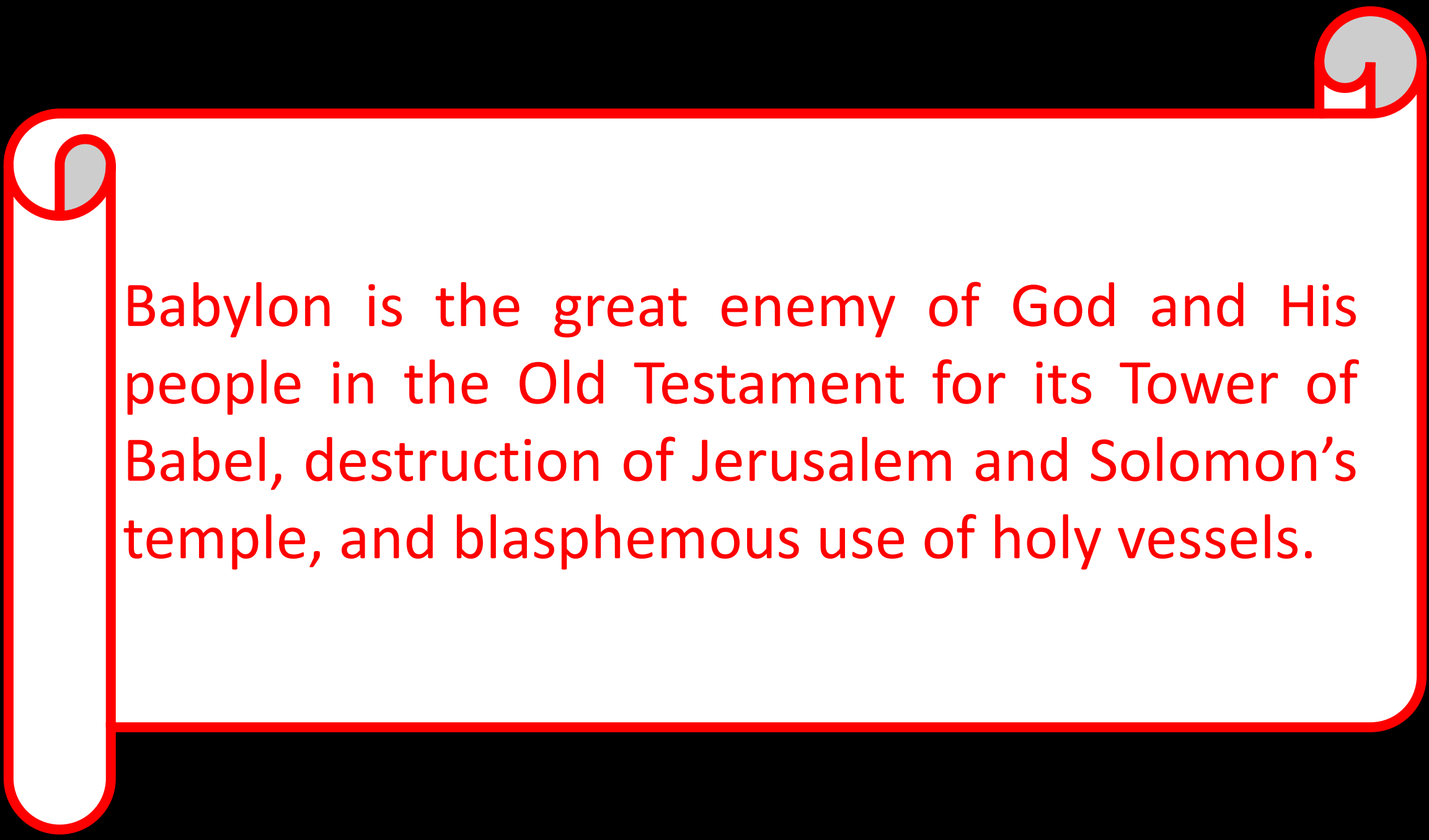


Lion of Babylon Astride a Helpless Man





REPRODUCTION OF UNEARTHED MOSAIC SHOWING THE FAMOUS LION OF BABYLON



Babylon is the great enemy of God and His people in the Old Testament for its Tower of Babel, destruction of Jerusalem and Solomon's temple, and blasphemous use of holy vessels.

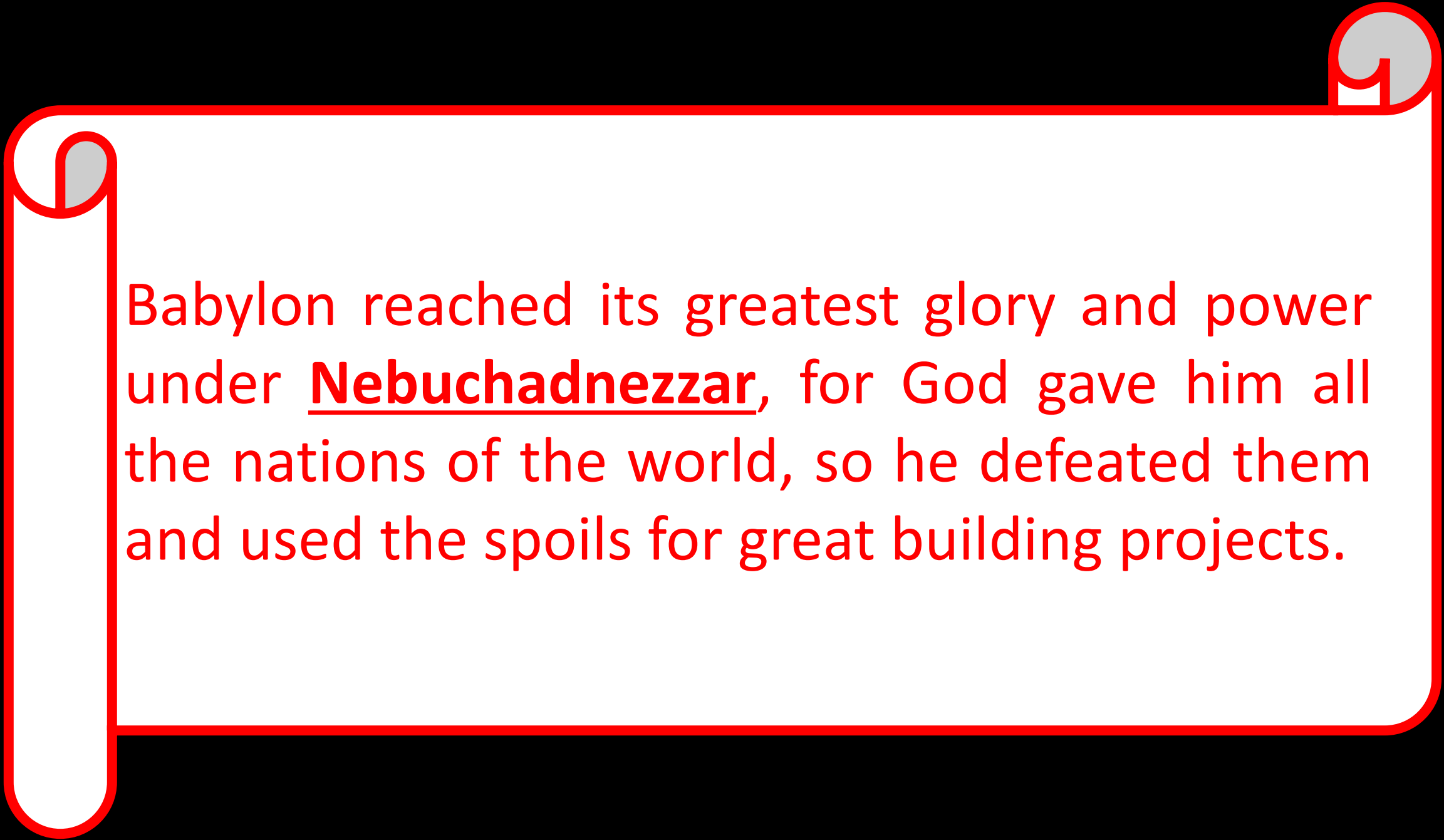


We read about Babylon's origin in Genesis 10.


We read of Babylon's destruction in Isaiah 13.

We read of mystical Babylon burned in Rev 18.





Babylon reached its greatest glory and power under Nebuchadnezzar, for God gave him all the nations of the world, so he defeated them and used the spoils for great building projects.



Babylon's kiln-fired bricks almost erased it from history ... they were removed down into foundations for building projects in the region (including old Baghdad 60 miles north). Bricks in the Tower of Babel were kiln-fired (Gen 11:3).

Nebuchadnezzar is in the Bible 88 times by name, plus many more times as the “king of Babylon.”

Nebuchadnezzar = 57

Nebuchadnezzar = 31

King of Babylon = 128

1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.

2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

Daniel 1:2











**Genesis 10**

Nimrod's Kingdom

**Genesis 11**

Tower of Babel

**II Kings 17**

Assyria Immigrants

**II Kings 20**

Merodachbaladan

**II Kings 24**

Nebuchadnezzar

**Ezra 1**

Jews Return

The Bible honors Babylon as a very glorious city, though a cruel enemy.

And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

Isaiah 13:19

That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!

Isaiah 14:4

Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms.

Isaiah 47:5

How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder  
and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation  
among the nations!

Jeremiah 50:23

O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness.

Jeremiah 51:13

How is Sheshach taken! and how is the praise of the whole earth surprised! how is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations!

Jeremiah 51:41



37 Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

38 And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.

Daniel 2:37-38

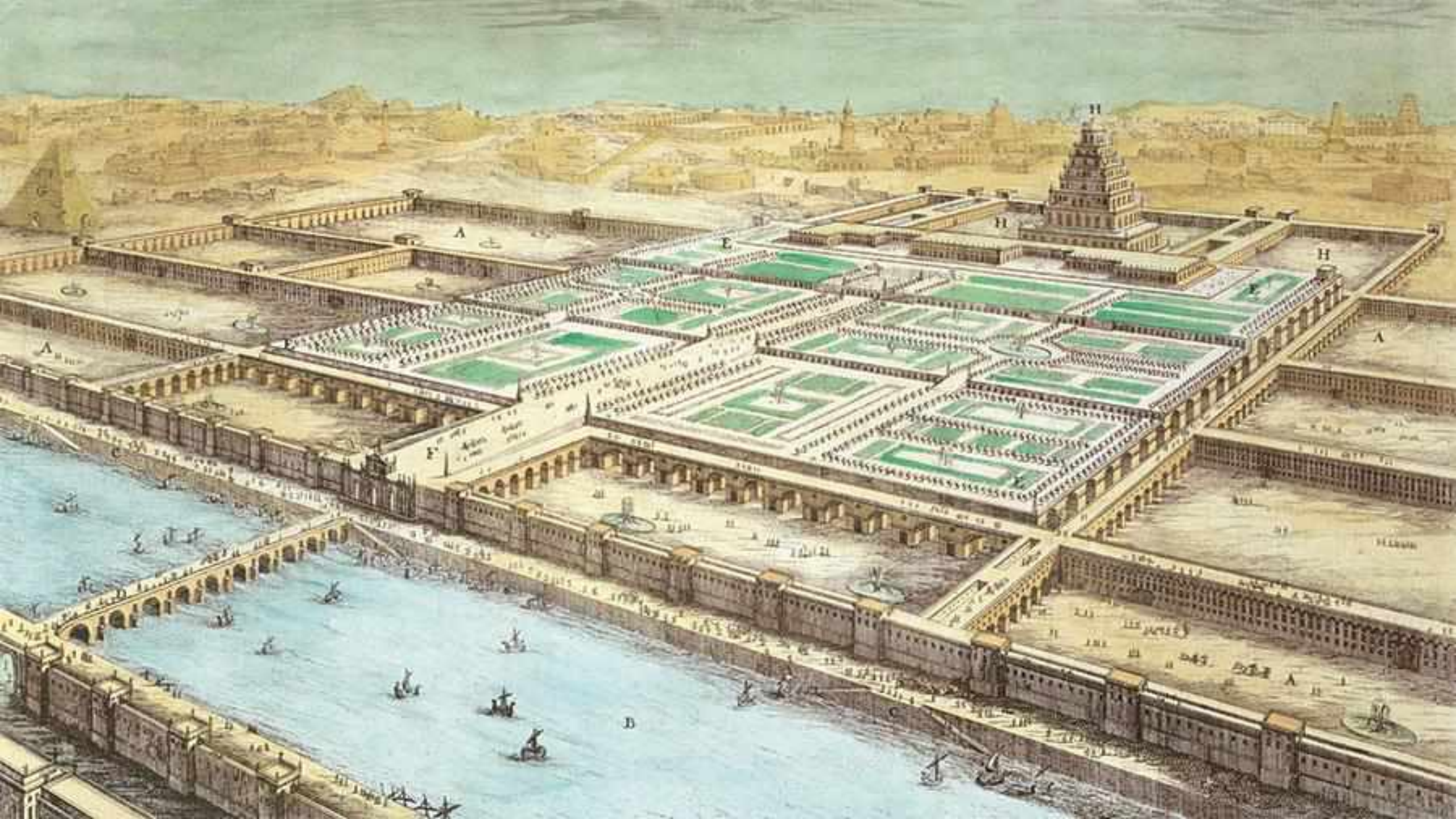
It is thou, O king, that art grown and become strong:  
for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto  
heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth.

Daniel 4:22

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## Babylon Dimensions & Features

1. Most conservative details by historians.
2. The city was square with ten-mile sides.
3. Great double walls 75' high surrounded it.
4. The walls were over 30' wide for chariots.
5. Six wide, or a 4-horse could turn around.

## Babylon Dimensions & Features

6. Outer wall had a moat of the Euphrates.
7. Between walls was true no-man's land.
8. Each wall had 25 brass gates to opposite.
9. Thus 625 squares with streets (102 acres).
10. City was divided in two by the Euphrates.

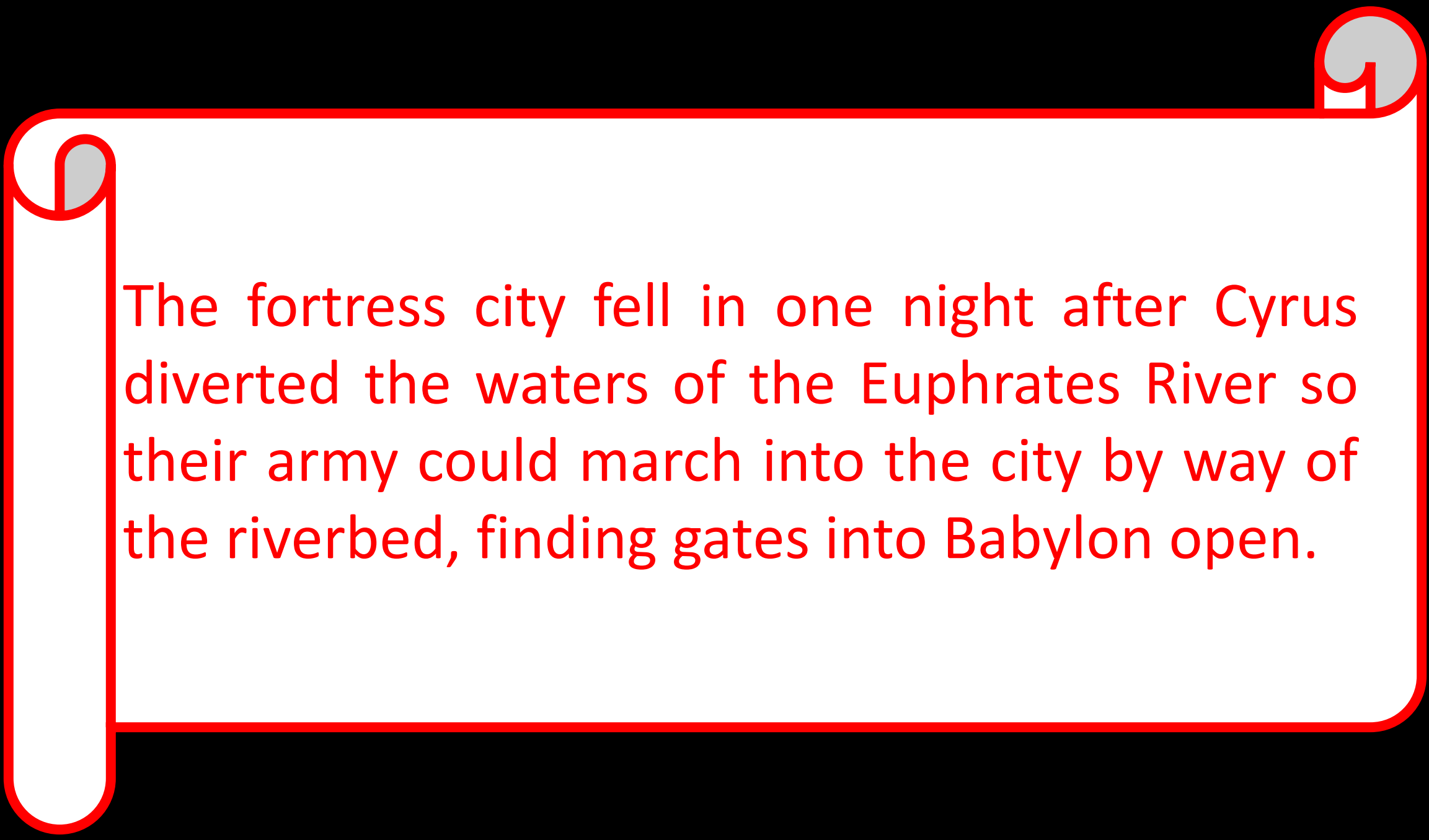


## Babylon Dimensions & Features

11. Beside the river were walls with 25 gates.
12. A bridge over, a tunnel under, and ferries.
13. Only tunnel for 4000 yr. to Thames (1824).
14. Bridge and tunnel connected 2 palaces.
15. Terraced gardens had unlimited water.

## Babylon Dimensions & Features

16. It and enemies thought it impregnable.
17. Built on a plain, it was brick and mortar.
18. Most houses in the city were 3-4 stories.
19. It had large palaces, temples, gardens.
20. Nebuchadnezzar stocked it for 20 years.



The fortress city fell in one night after Cyrus diverted the waters of the Euphrates River so their army could march into the city by way of the riverbed, finding gates into Babylon open.



That is the kind of project our U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would do in time of conflict.

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Euphrates divergence

Saddat Al-Hindiyan

Hindiya Branch

15 miles

Hillah Branch

Al Mahawi

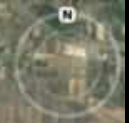
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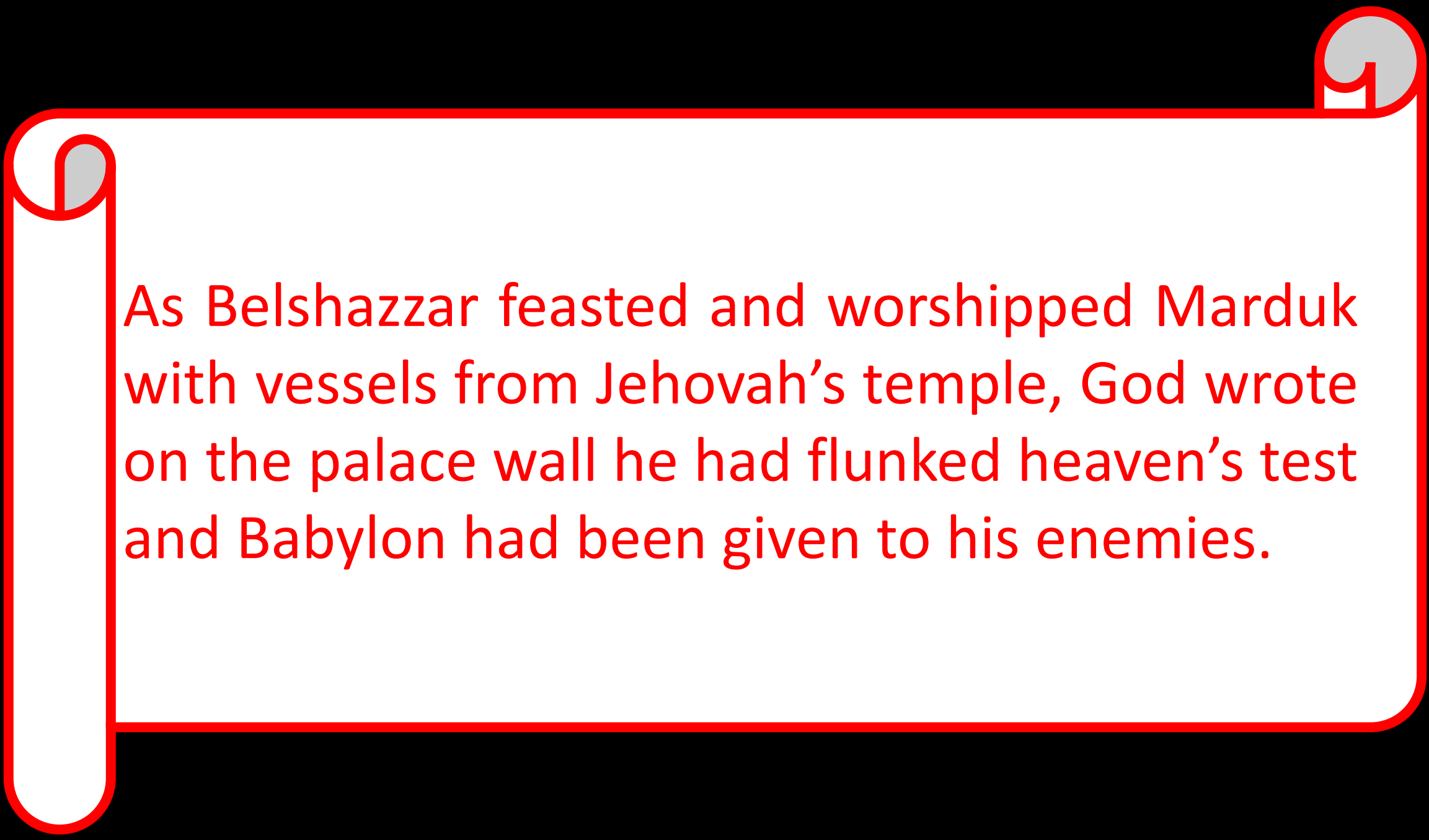
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As Belshazzar feasted and worshipped Marduk with vessels from Jehovah's temple, God wrote on the palace wall he had flunked heaven's test and Babylon had been given to his enemies.





JAH MENY  
TEREL PHARSIN





25 And this is the writing that was written, **MENE,**  
**MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.**

26 This is the interpretation of the thing: **MENE;**  
God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.

27 **TEKEL;** Thou art weighed in the balances, and art  
found wanting.

28 **PERES;** Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the  
Medes and Persians.

Never worry about politics or  
power, for our God and His  
watchers are in full control  
of both at all times!

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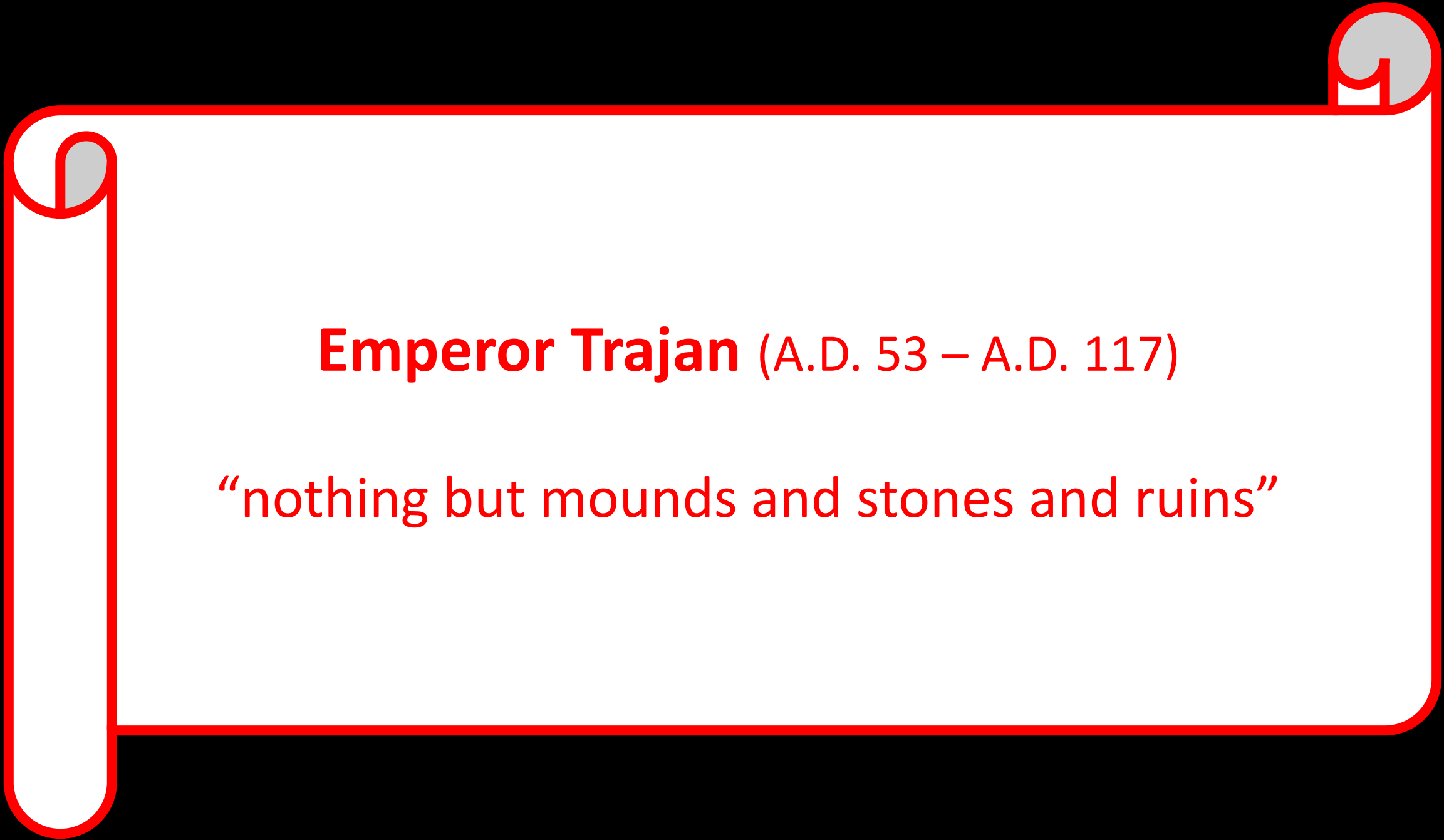
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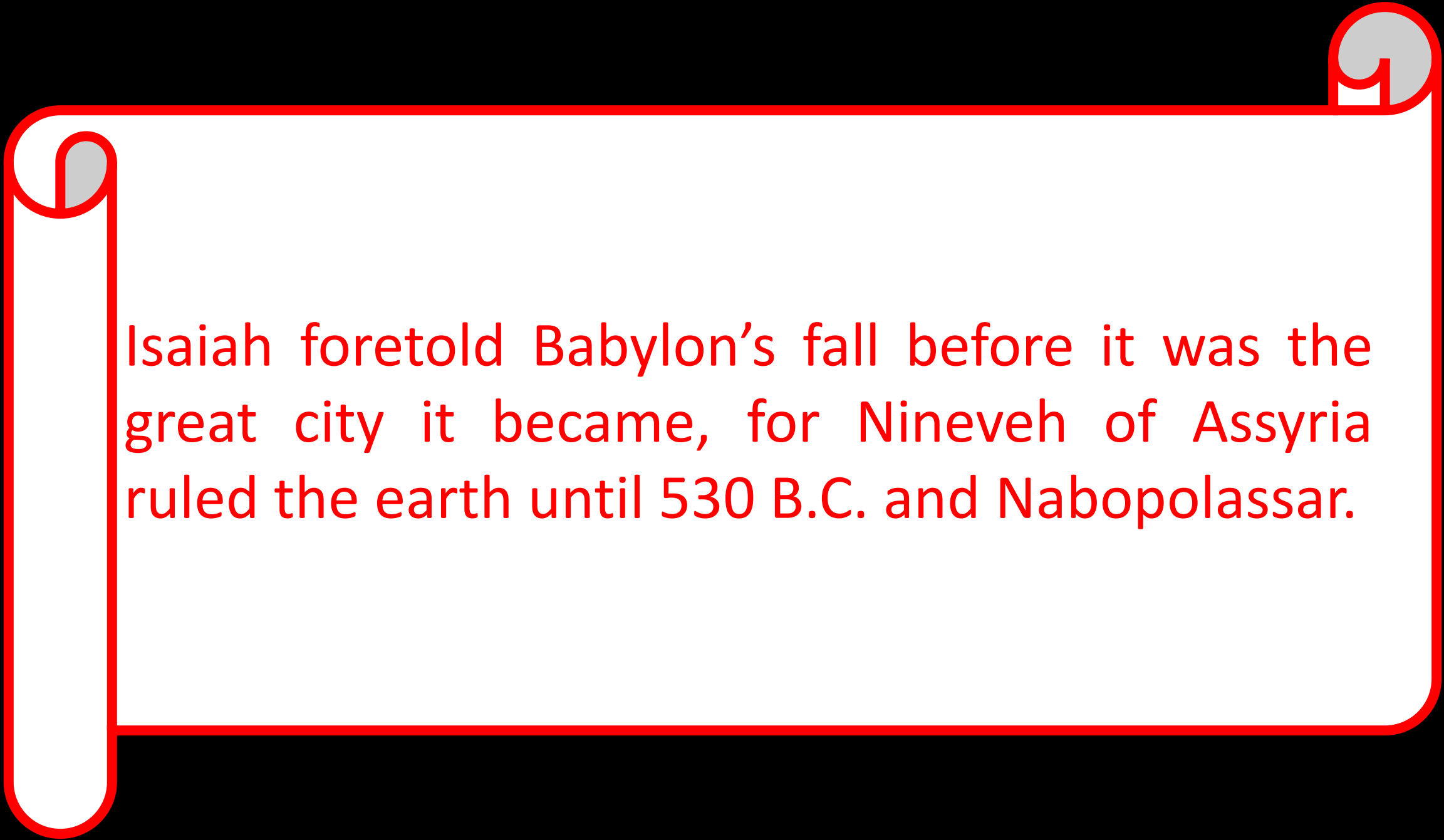


Our God, the only true and living God, foretold these events by Isaiah 200 years before they occurred and by Jeremiah 100 years before!

A special section of the Bible has God boasting of His greatness – especially fulfilled prophecy – with many of the prophecies against Babylon.

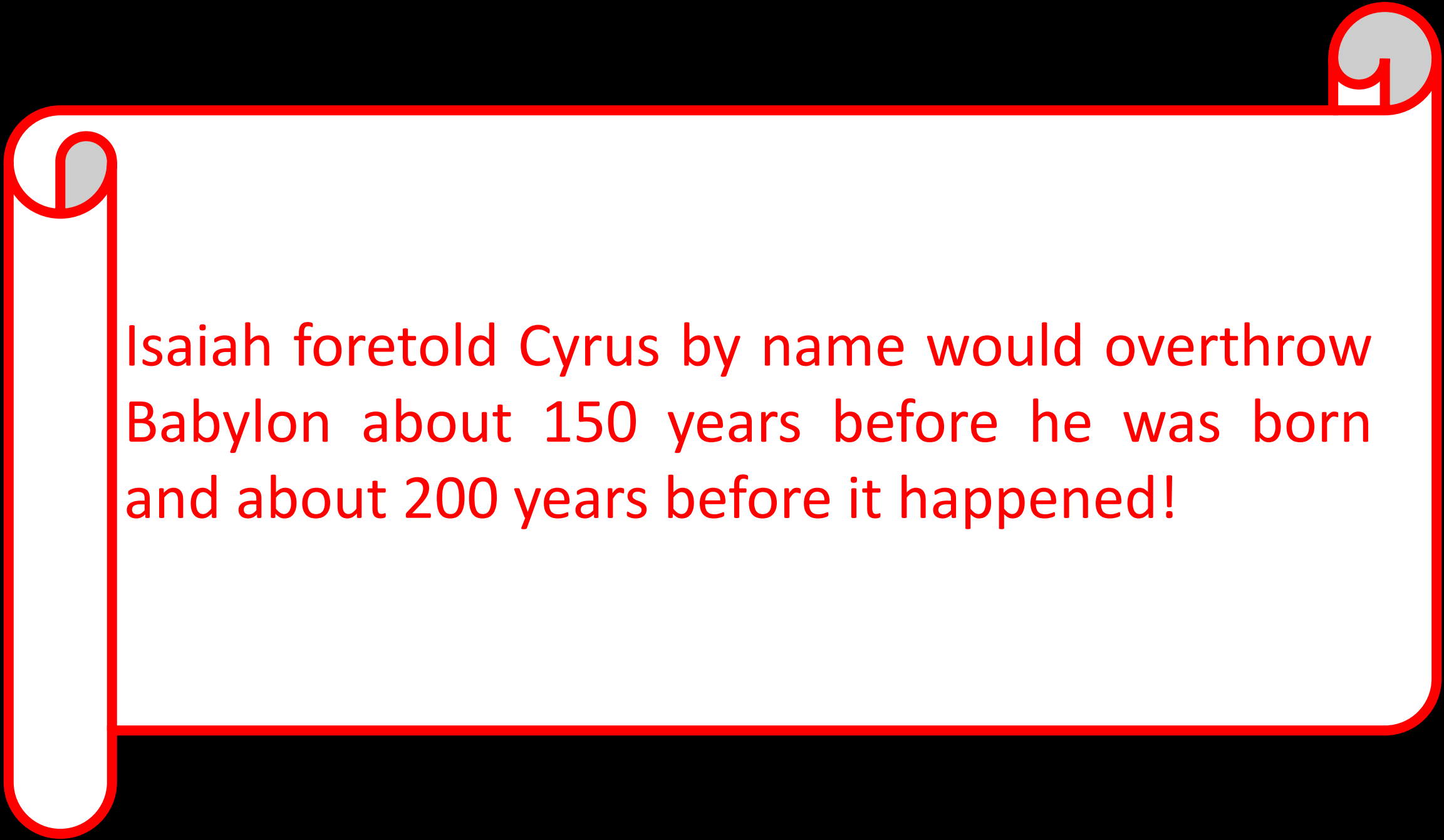
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Isaiah foretold Babylon's fall before it was the great city it became, for Nineveh of Assyria ruled the earth until 530 B.C. and Nabopolassar.

Here are a few simple prophecies  
and fulfillments to glorify God and  
better know Isaiah and Jeremiah.



Isaiah foretold Cyrus by name would overthrow Babylon about 150 years before he was born and about 200 years before it happened!





*Babylonia  
and the invasion of  
Cyrus II*

miles 100  
kilometers



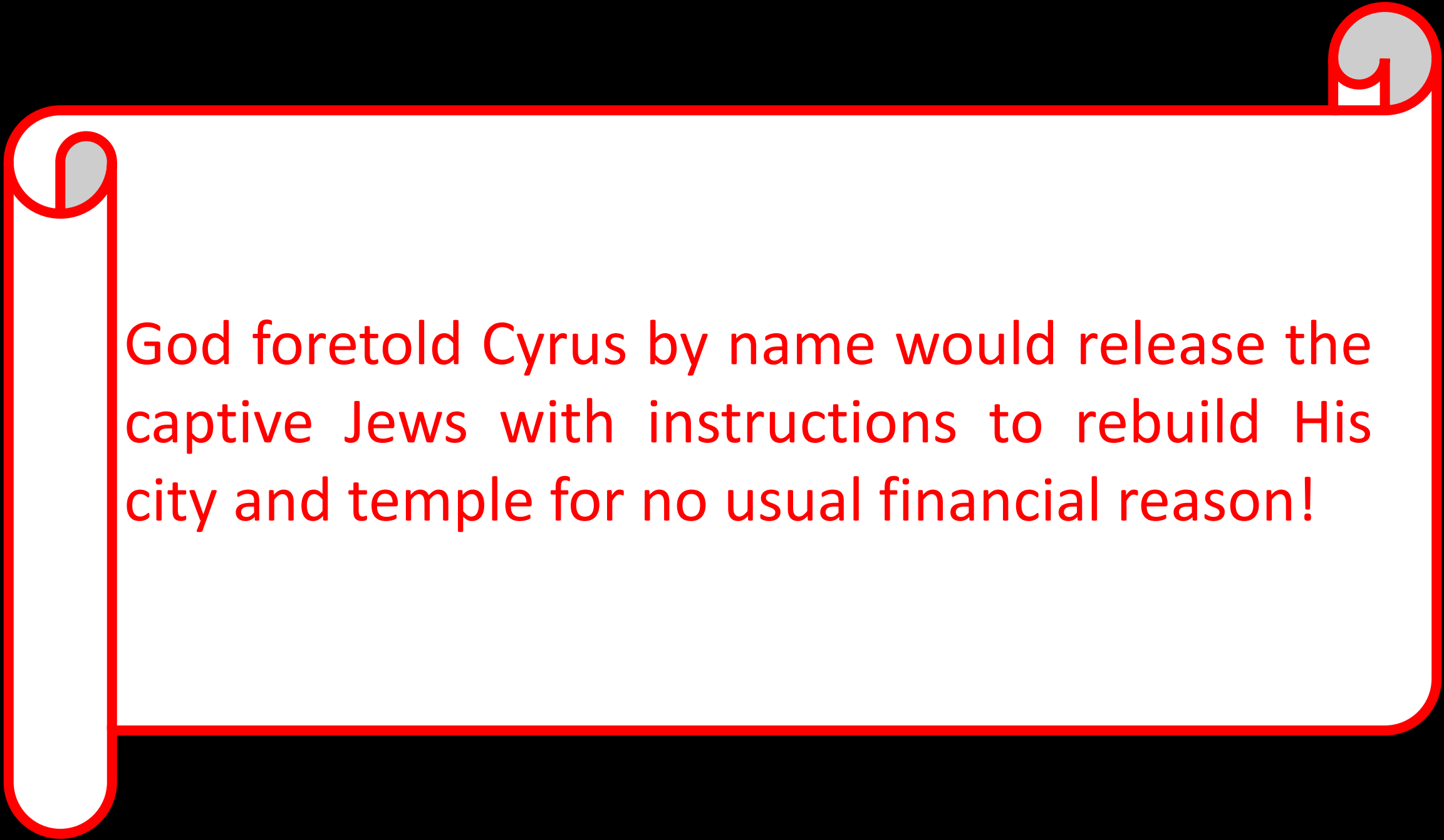
Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations  
before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to  
open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates  
shall not be shut;

Isaiah 45:1

And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.

Isaiah 45:3





God foretold Cyrus by name would release the captive Jews with instructions to rebuild His city and temple for no usual financial reason!







That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

Isaiah 44:28

I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the LORD of hosts.

Isaiah 45:13

Our God knew Cyrus would make this speech!

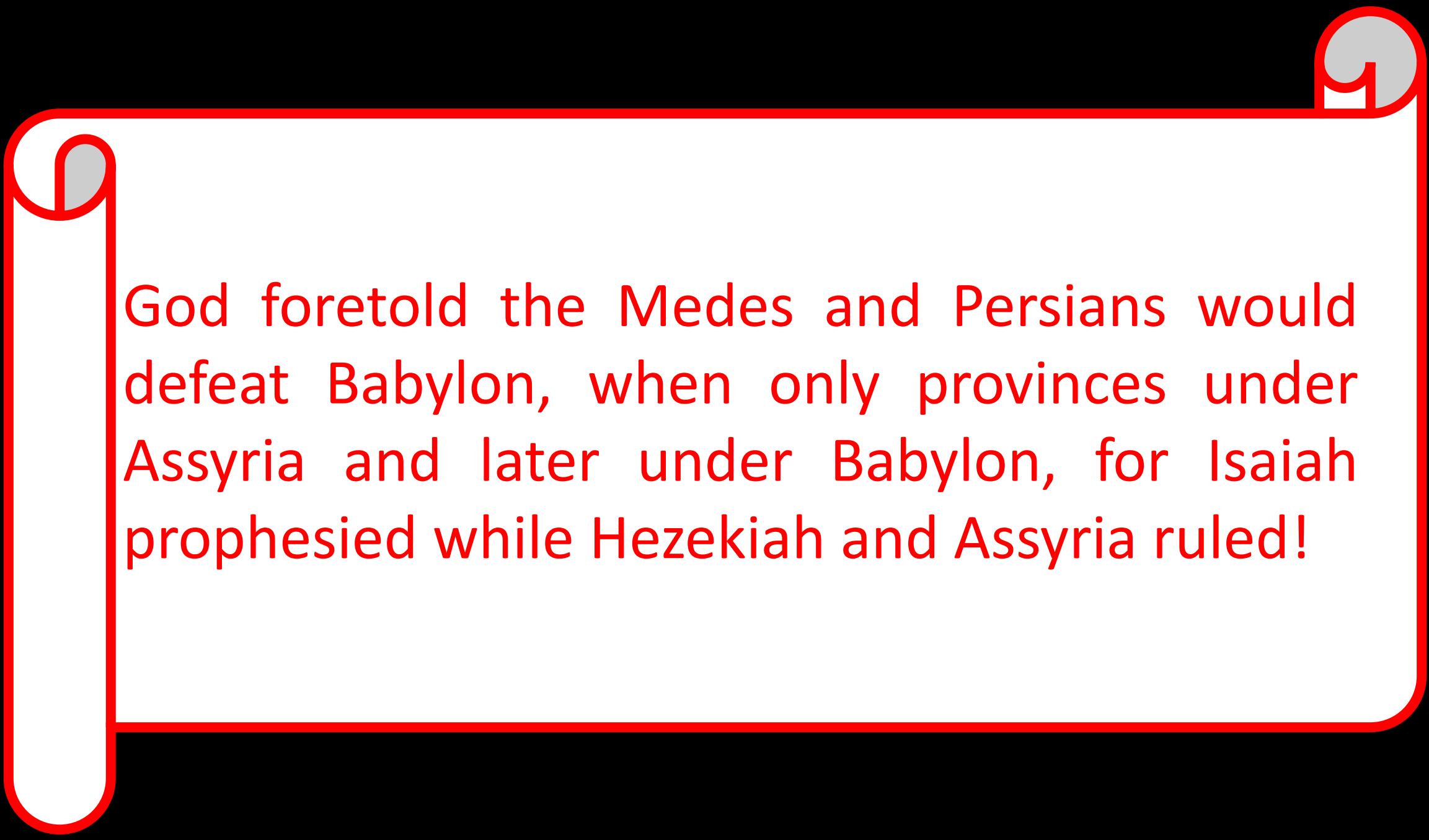
*“O ye Medes, and all present, I truly know that not for want of money are ye come out with me.”*





Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it.

Isaiah 13:17



God foretold the Medes and Persians would defeat Babylon, when only provinces under Assyria and later under Babylon, for Isaiah prophesied while Hezekiah and Assyria ruled!

Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it.

Isaiah 13:17

A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease.

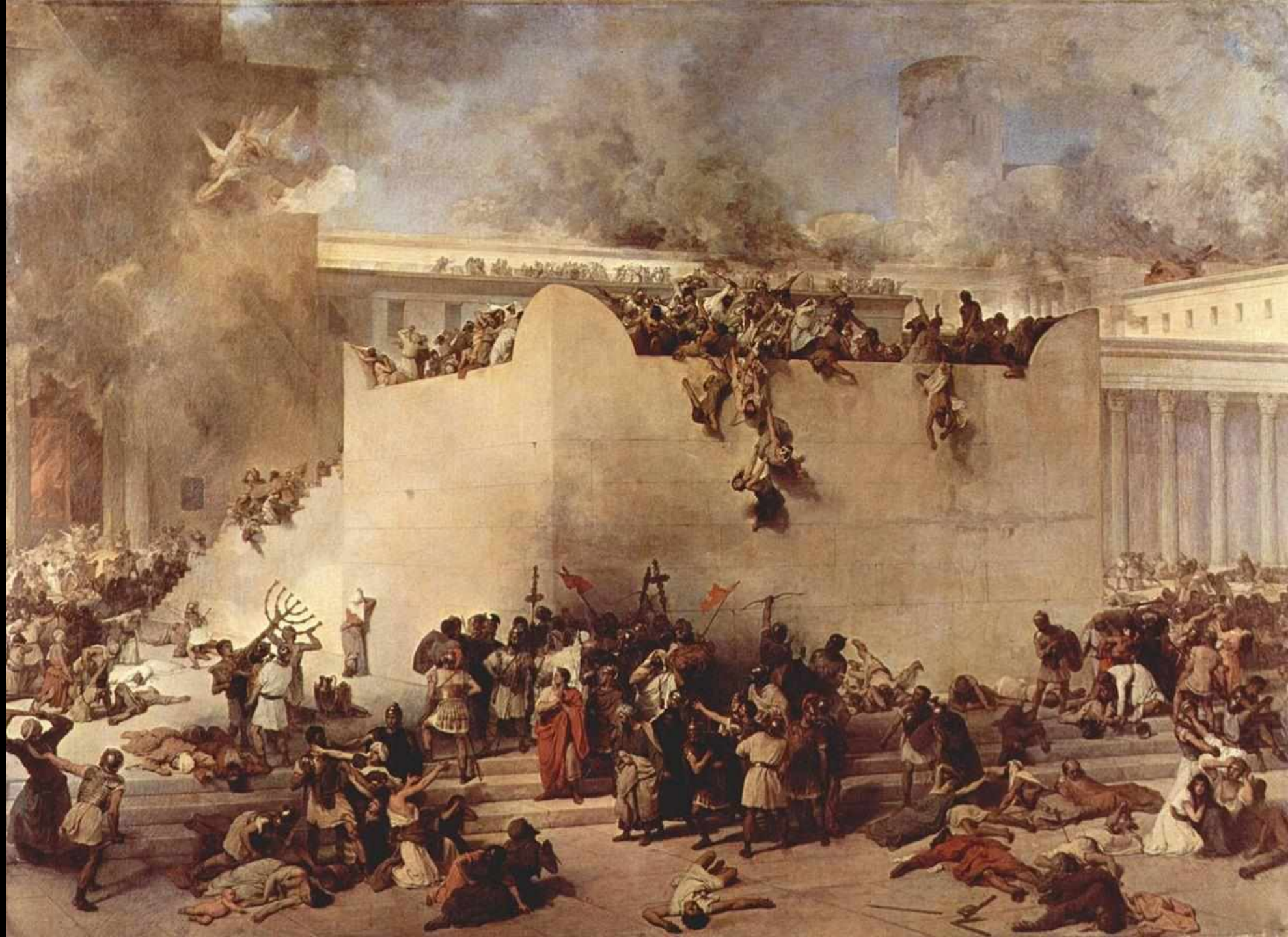
Isaiah 21:2

Make bright the arrows; gather the shields: the LORD hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device is against Babylon, to destroy it; because it is the vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance of his temple.

Jeremiah 51:11



God foretold how long Babylon would rule the world through the nations of the Middle East!

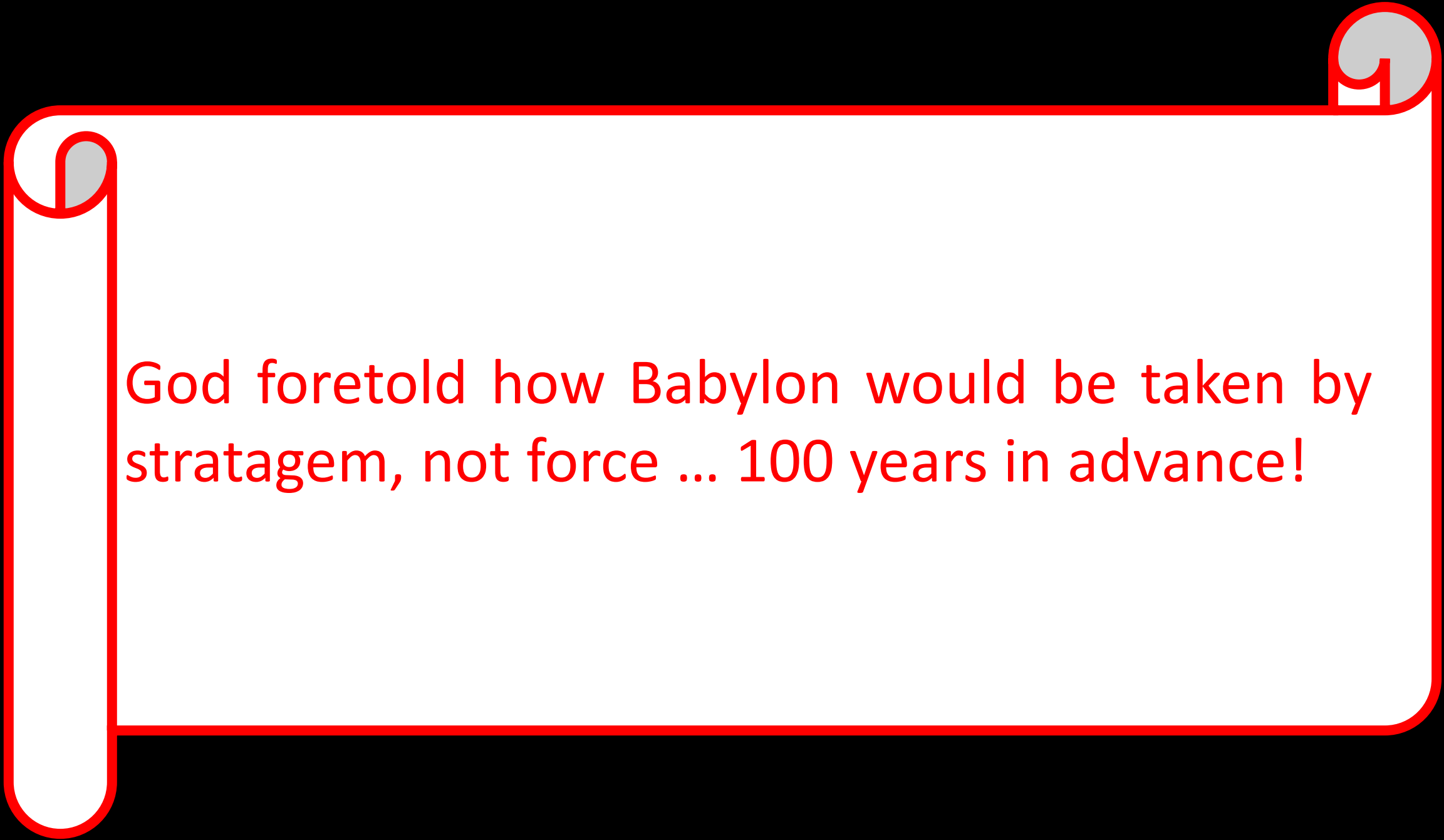


9 Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about....

11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

Jeremiah 25:9-11



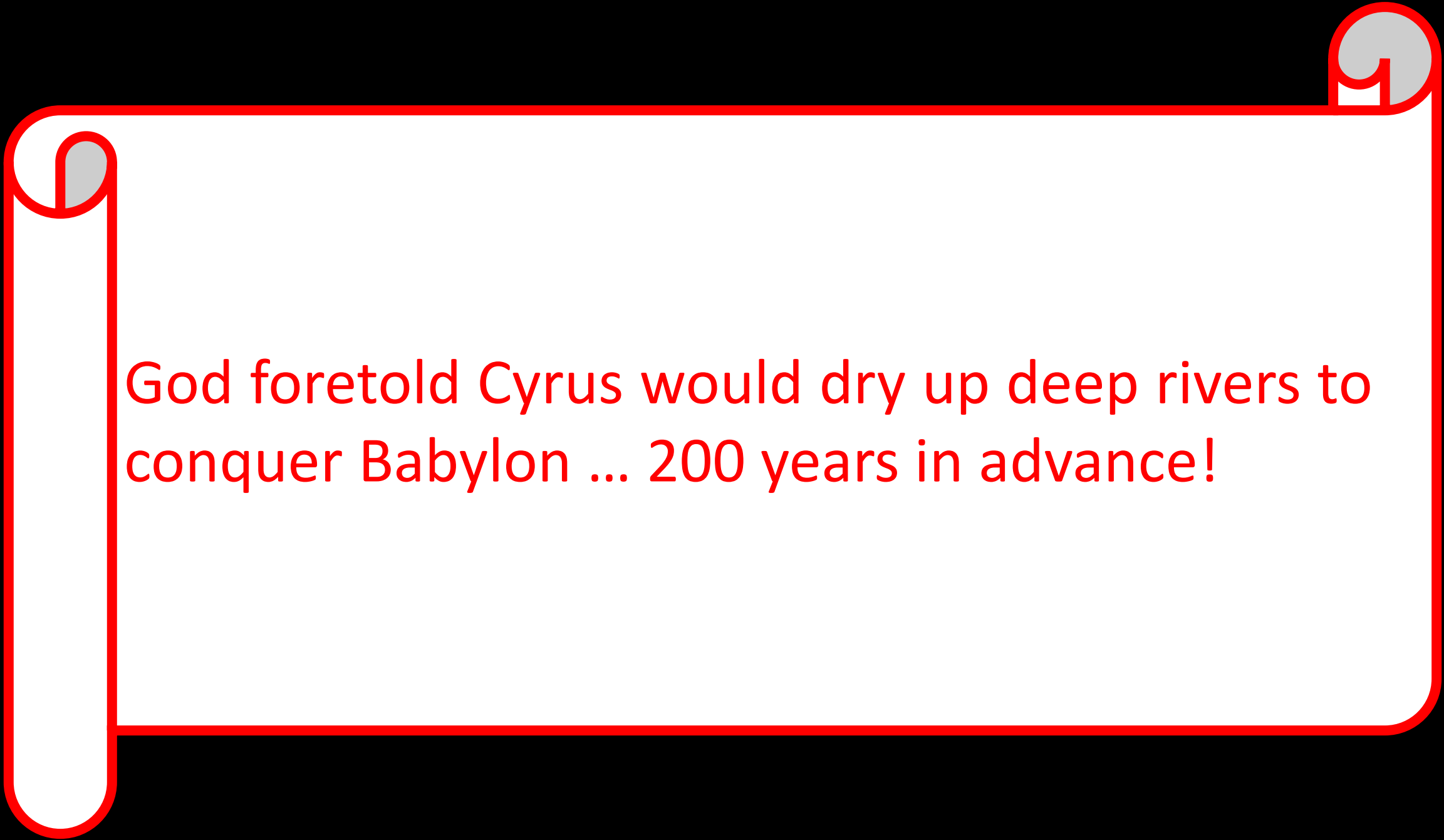


God foretold how Babylon would be taken by stratagem, not force ... 100 years in advance!

23 How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations!

24 I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against the LORD.

Jeremiah 50:23-24



God foretold Cyrus would dry up deep rivers to  
conquer Babylon ... 200 years in advance!

That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers:

Isaiah 44:27





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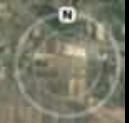
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A drought is upon her waters; and they shall be  
dried up: for it is the land of graven images, and  
they are mad upon their idols.

Jeremiah 50:38

Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee; and I will dry up her sea, and make her springs dry.

Jeremiah 51:36



God foretold the gates from the river into the city would be open ... 200 years in advance!

1 Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;

2 I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

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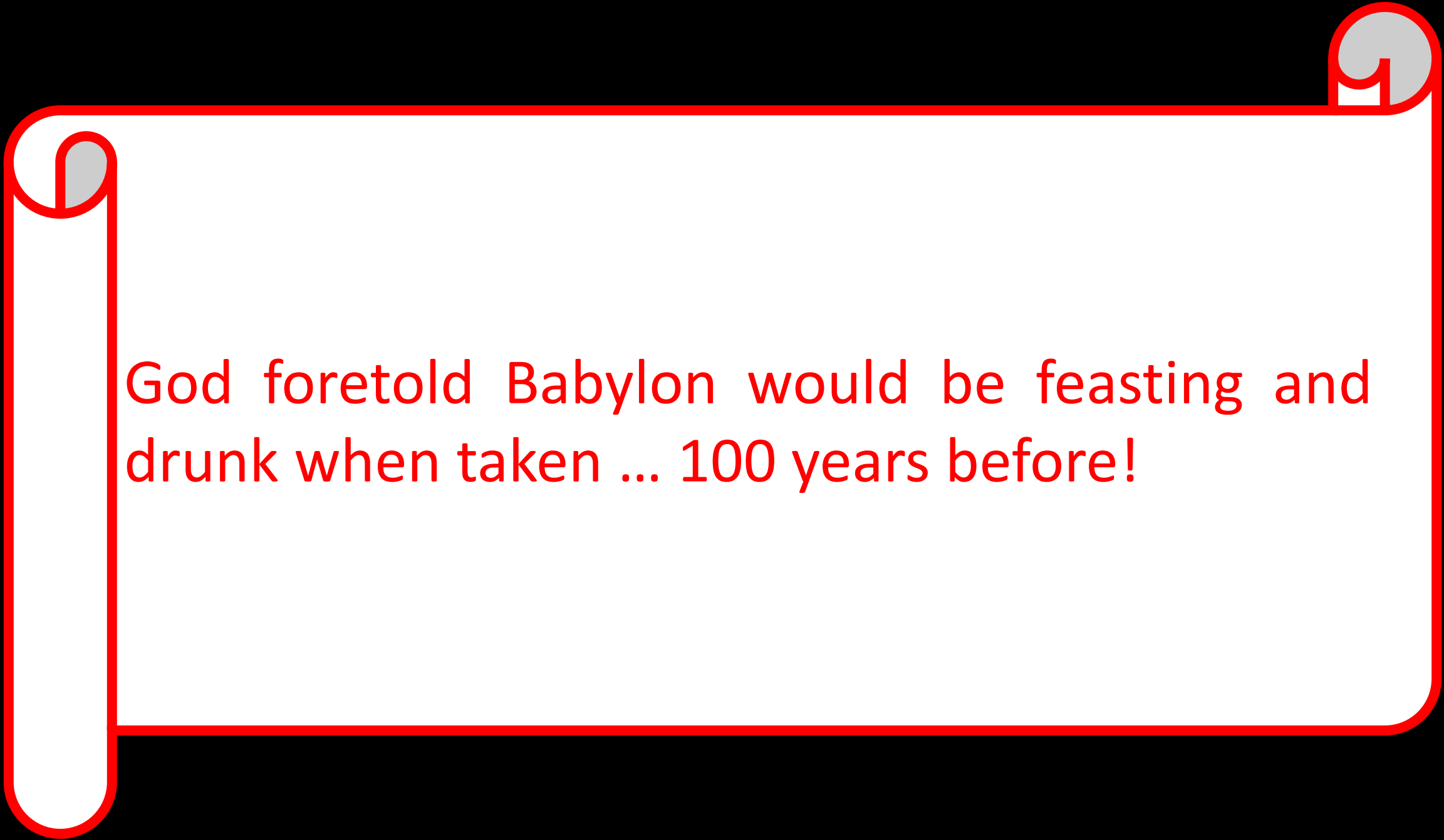
God foretold how the Babylonians would stay  
in the city and not fight ... 100 years before!

30 The mighty men of Babylon have forborn to fight, they have remained in their holds....

31 One post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to shew the king of Babylon that his city is taken at one end,

32 And that the passages are stopped, and the reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are affrighted.

Jeremiah 51:30-32



God foretold Babylon would be feasting and drunk when taken ... 100 years before!






In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 51:39

And I will make drunk her princes, and her wise men, her captains, and her rulers, and her mighty men: and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the King, whose name is the LORD of hosts.

Jeremiah 51:57



God foretold Babylon would become mounds,  
which has been true for nearly 2000 years.





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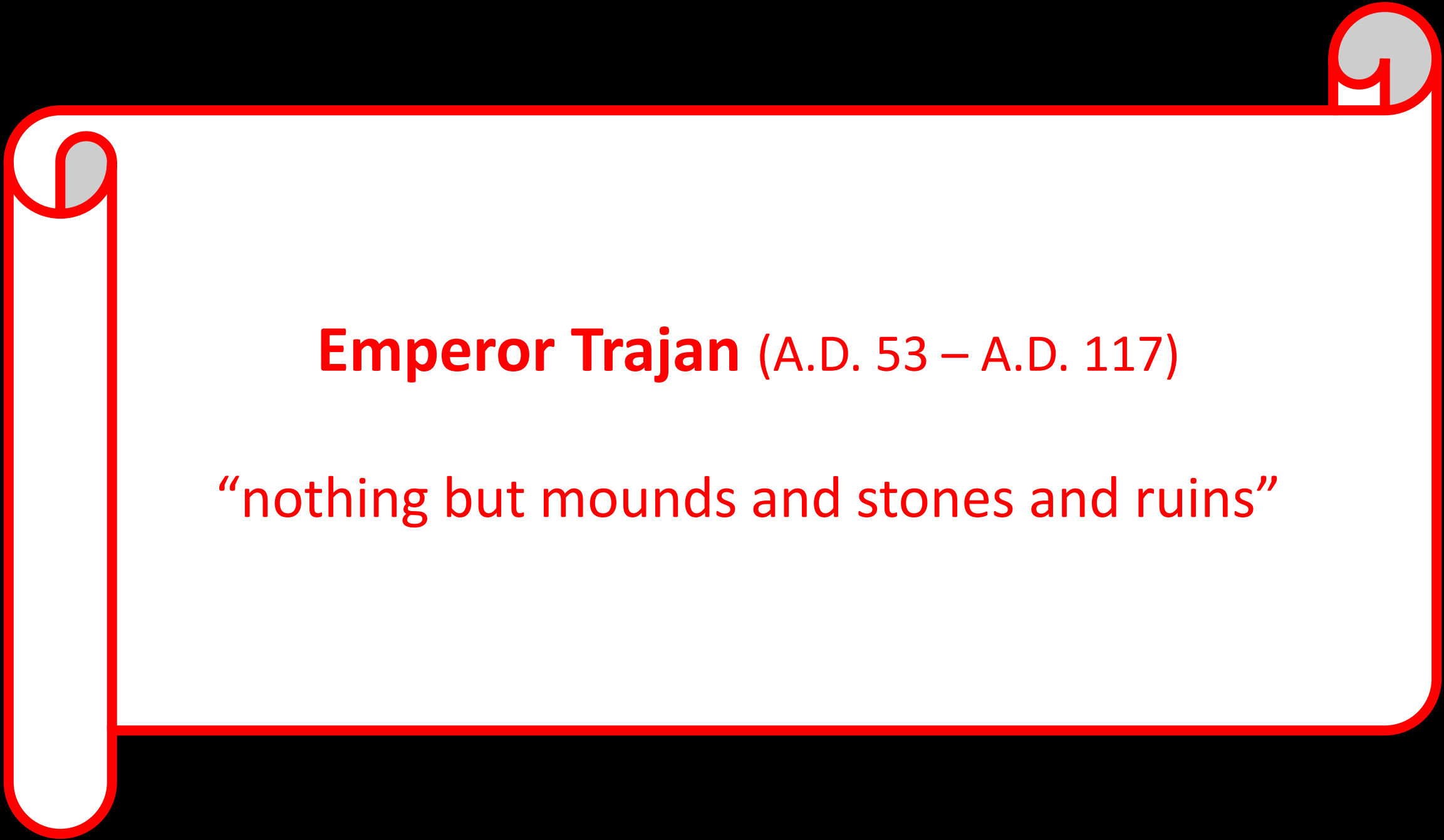


Come against her from the utmost border, open her storehouses: cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left.

Jeremiah 50:26

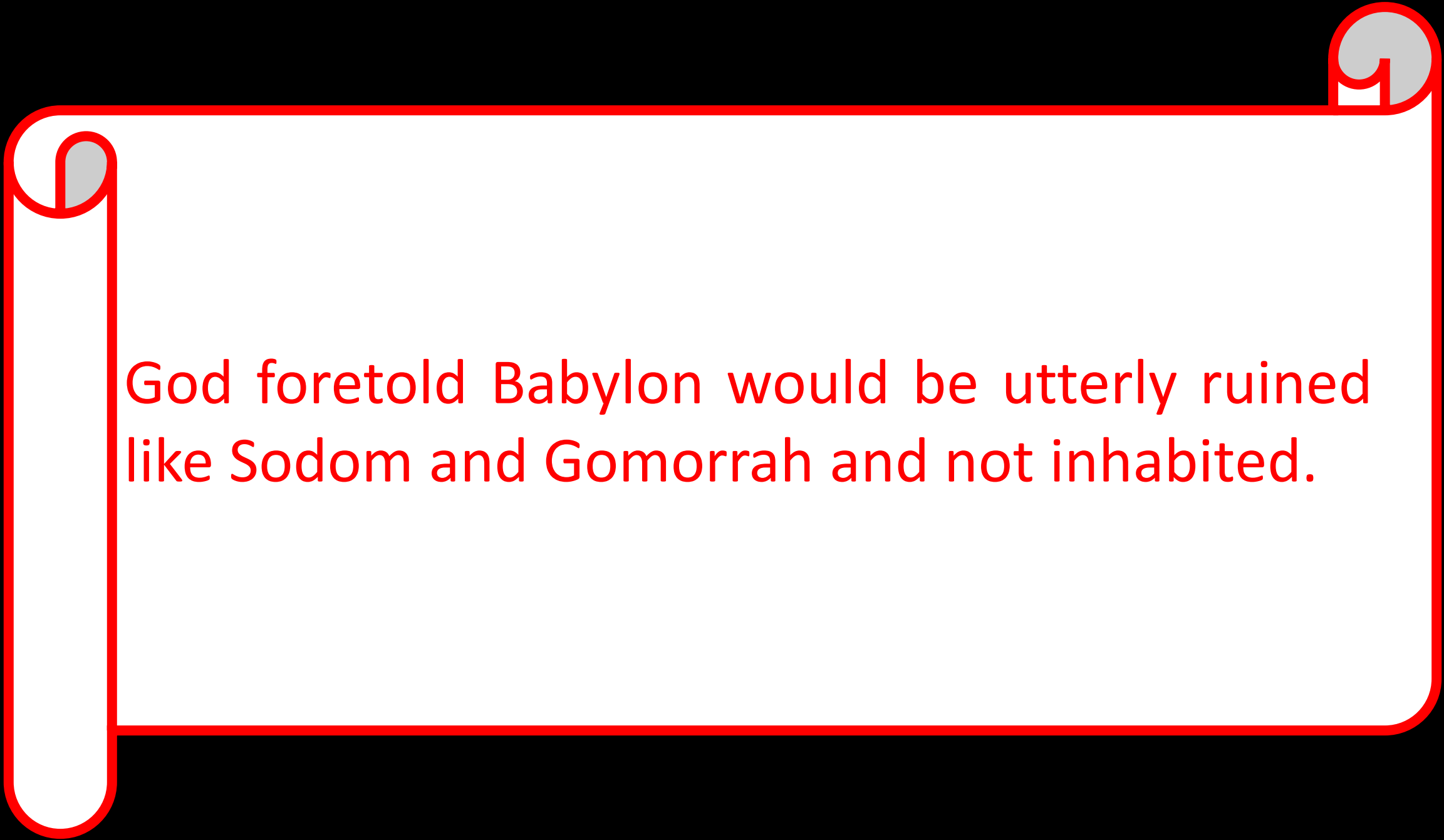
And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwellingplace  
for dragons, an astonishment, and an hissing,  
without an inhabitant.

Jeremiah 51:37



**Emperor Trajan** (A.D. 53 – A.D. 117)

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God foretold Babylon would be utterly ruined like Sodom and Gomorrah and not inhabited.





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19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

20 It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.

Isaiah 13:19-20

21 Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.

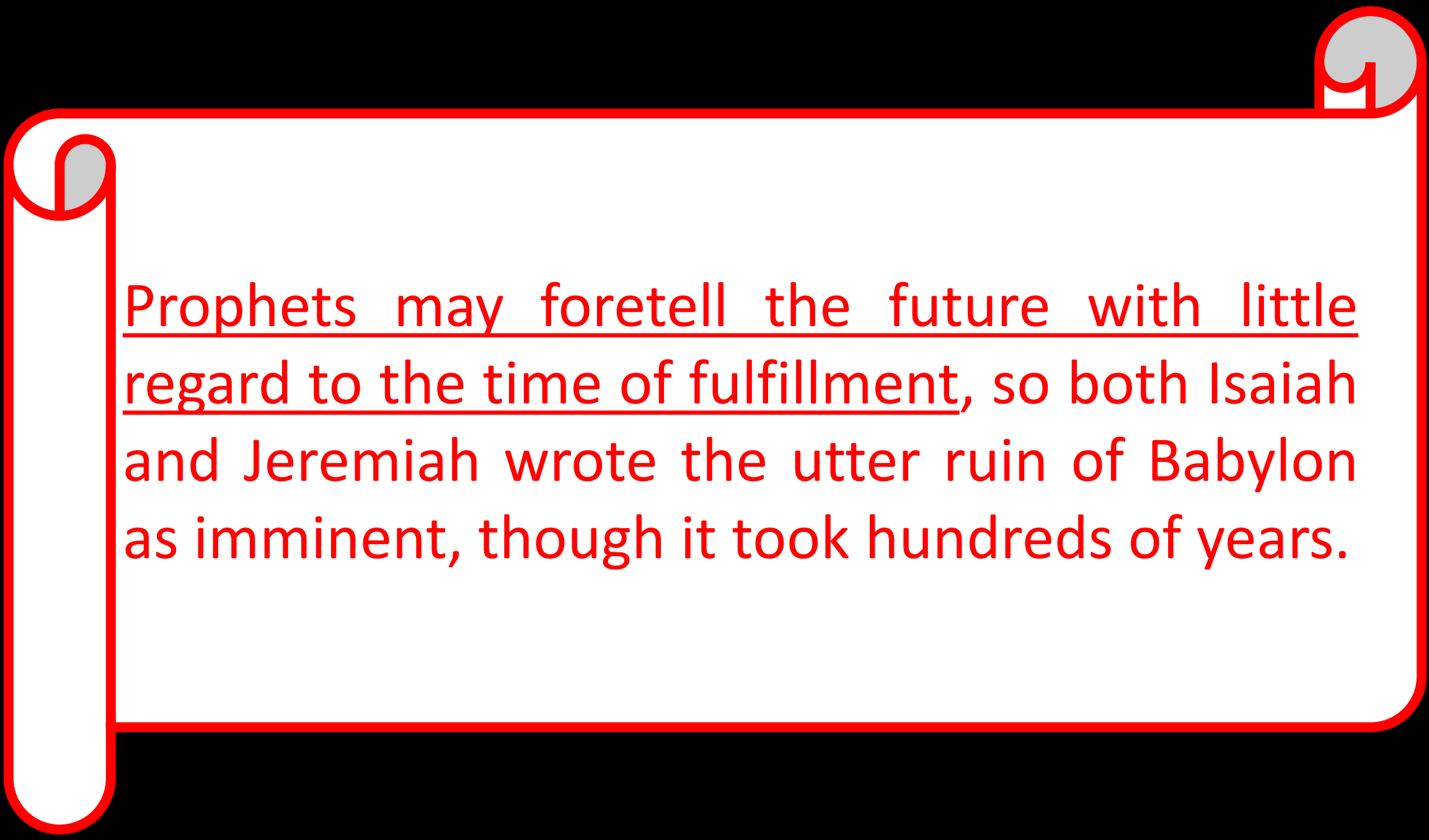
22 For I will rise up against them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith the LORD.

Isaiah 14:21-22

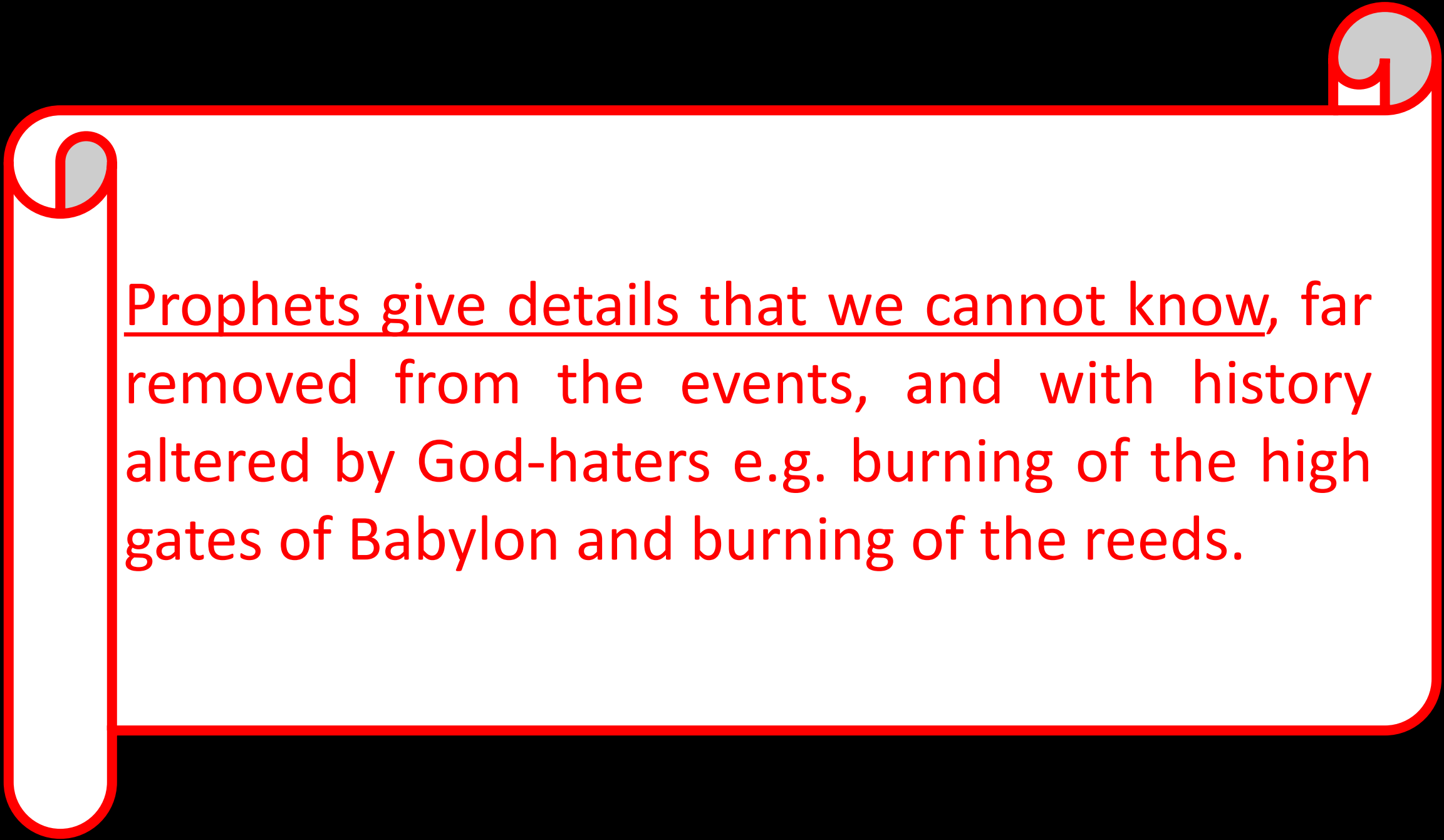
Before ending this study, a few rules of interpreting prophecy should be noted before we study Isaiah chapters 13-14,21,39,41-48.

Prophets used similitudes, which are signs and metaphors, rather than literal speech, and this rule must be followed against foolish futurists in Isaiah 13, Matt 24, Acts 2, and Hebrews 12.

Hosea 12:10; I Peter 1:11; Revelation 1:1; John 12:33; 21:19.



Prophets may foretell the future with little regard to the time of fulfillment, so both Isaiah and Jeremiah wrote the utter ruin of Babylon as imminent, though it took hundreds of years.



Prophets give details that we cannot know, far removed from the events, and with history altered by God-haters e.g. burning of the high gates of Babylon and burning of the reeds.



Many more rules of prophetic interpretation.

<http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/prophecy-interpretation.pdf>

What did the elect remnant think  
about historical Babylon?



1 By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.

2 We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.

3 For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

Psalm 137:1-3

8 O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed;  
happy shall he be, that rewardeth thee as thou hast  
served us.

9 Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy  
little ones against the stones.

Psalm 137:8-9

1 Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.

2 Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers.

3 Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man.

4 As for our redeemer, the LORD of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel.

5 Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms.

Isaiah 47:1-5

25 The LORD hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation: for this is the work of the Lord GOD of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans.

26 Come against her from the utmost border, open her storehouses: cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left.

27 Slay all her bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter: woe unto them! for their day is come, the time of their visitation.

28 The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God, the vengeance of his temple.

Jeremiah 50:25-28

6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the LORD'S vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence.

7 Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD'S hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.

8 Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed....

11 Make bright the arrows; gather the shields: the LORD hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device is against Babylon, to destroy it; because it is the vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance of his temple.

What does Jesus Christ and heaven  
say about mystical Babylon?













And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

Revelation 14:8

And upon her forehead was a name written,  
MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF  
HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Revelation 17:6

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

Revelation 18:1-2

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 shall be found no more at all.

Revelation 18:21

# Babylon vs. Jerusalem

Mystical Jerusalem and its King wins!

The martyrs and you will assist in executing judgment and vengeance on her and her king.



# For Further Study

Bible Chapters to Read ... Isaiah 13-14,21,39,41-48; Jeremiah 25,50-51; Ezek 29-30; Daniel 2,7; Habakkuk 2; Rev 17-18.

Interpreting Bible Prophecies (slides) ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/prophecy-interpretation.pdf>

Boasting About God (slides about Isaiah 40-48) ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/boasting-about-god-isaiah.pdf>

The Rome Connection: Identification of Antichrist ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/rome-connection.pdf>

Which Comes First? Christ or Antichrist? ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/bible/prophecy/which-comes-first.php>

Exposition of Daniel 7 (slides) ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/five-kingdoms.pdf>

Exposition of Daniel 7 (outline) ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/bible/prophecy/daniel07.php>

Exposition of II Thessalonians 2 (slides) ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/second-thess-2-slides-2018.pdf>

Great Prophecies of the Bible (Woodrow) ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/bible/prophecy/great-prophecies-of-the-bible.php>

Is Catholicism Christian? (outline) ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/is-catholicism-christian.pdf>

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