

“The Fall of Babylon”

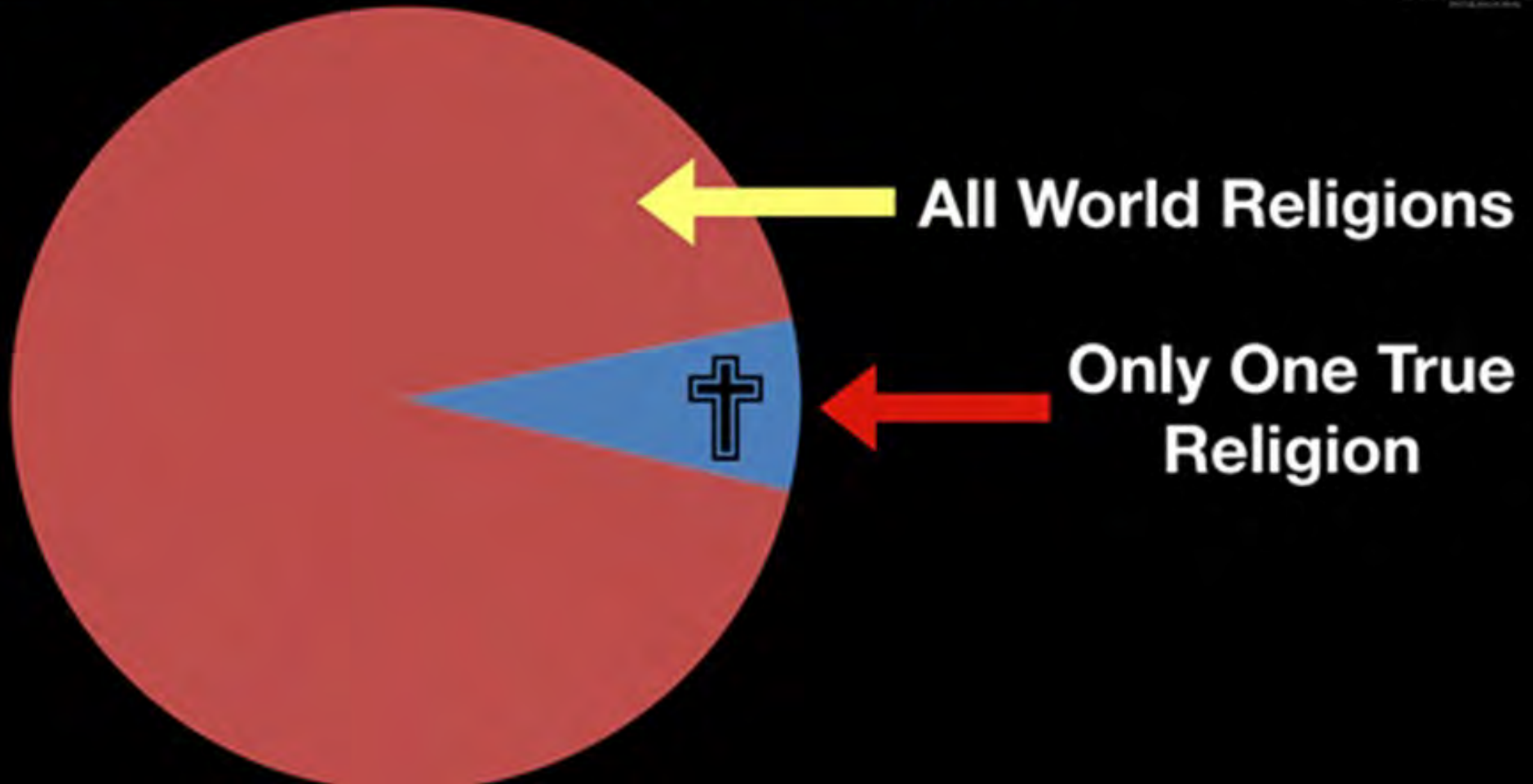
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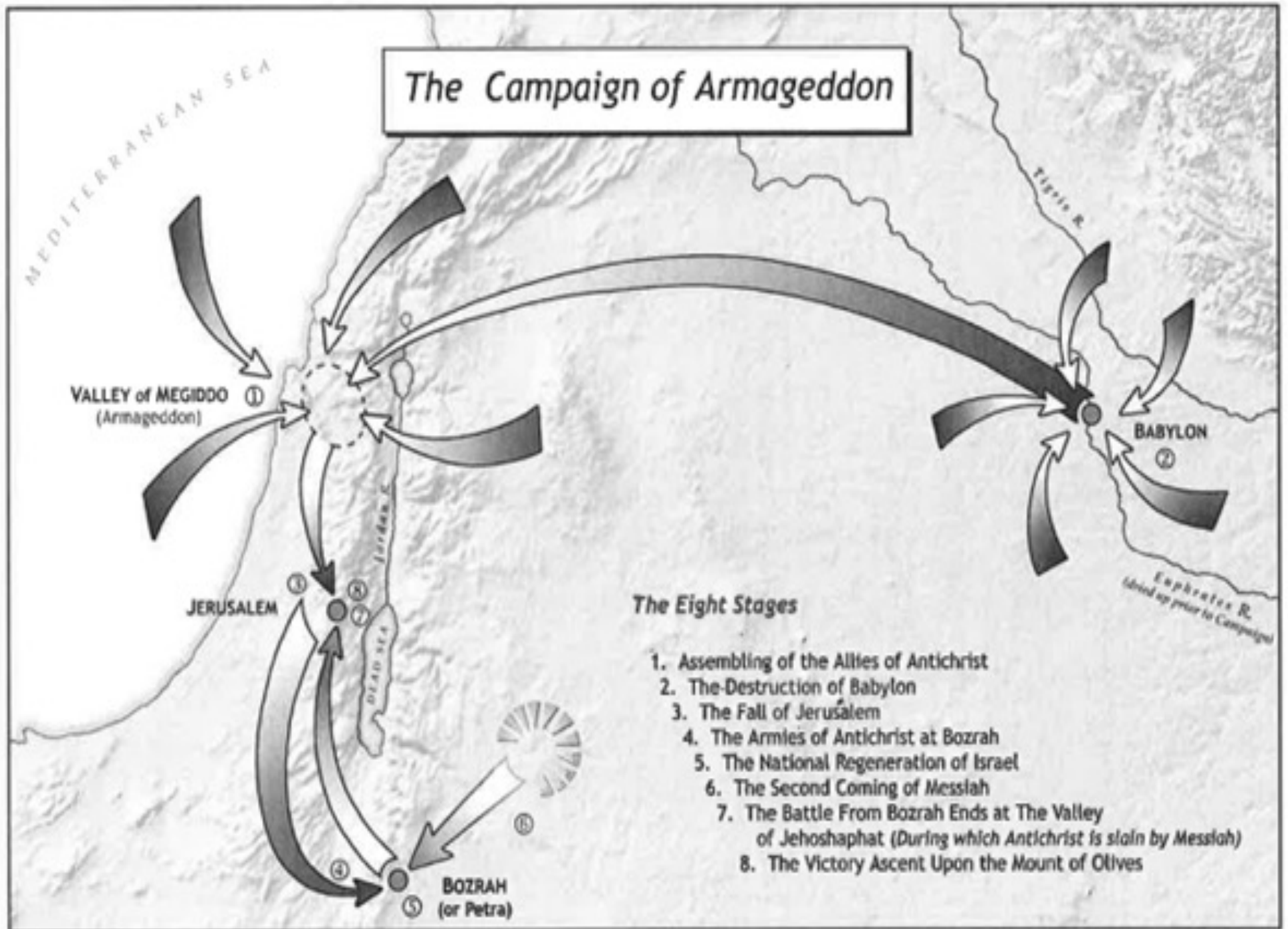
All false religious systems are rooted in Babel and continue today

THE BOOK OF
REVELATION

Spiritual Babylon



The Campaign of Armageddon



Verse 1 - 3

The fall of Babylon is declared

Antichrist's political and economic system is finished

What does God use as an expression of His wrath against Babylon?

“Nations from the north country”

Jeremiah 50: 9

Jeremiah 50: 41



Black Sea

Caspian Sea

TURKEY

Mediterranean Sea

SYRIA

IRAN

AFGHANISTAN

LEBANON

IRAQ

KUWAIT

ISRAEL

JORDAN

BAHRAIN

QATAR

LIBYA

EGYPT

Middle East

SAUDI ARABIA

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

OMAN

Red Sea

SUDAN

YEMEN

Arabian Sea



“It is the vengeance of the LORD”

Jeremiah 15: 15

Vengeance = retaliation,
revenge; closely related to rage!

Babylon will be laid to waste, and
becomes a demon prison

“a prison for every foul spirit”

verse 2



Verse 4 - 8

Separate from Babylon now!!

WARNING: Flee the wrath that is coming!!

Once judgment is decreed, it is fast and final - **verse 8**

There is a point of no return with God, for a nation, a city, *or an individual!*

Christians can become numb to sin!

**God will not accept a divided
allegiance**

*God will cause you to choose
your idol or Him!*



Joshua put it this way:

Joshua 24: 14-15

Paul put it this way:

2 Corinthians 6: 14-17

God's clarion call to believers:

Separate from Babylon NOW!

Verse 9 - 19

The World's response to Babylon's fall

The kings grieve - verse 9-10

Their wealth and stability are gone in a moment

THE KINGS LEARN LIFE CAN CHANGE SO QUICKLY - verse 10

The merchants grieve - verse 11-18

THE MERCHANTS LEARN LIFE CAN CHANGE SO QUICKLY -

verse 17

The shipmasters grieve - verse 19

*THE SHIPMASTERS LEARN LIFE
CAN CHANGE SO QUICKLY*

verse 19

LESSON:

Do not trust in your stuff!

Proverbs 23: 5

Verse 20

The people of God respond

The world laments and God's
people rejoice!

“Rejoice over her, O heaven”

This evil world system will come to
an end

***REJOICE, PEOPLE OF GOD,
REJOICE!***

Verse 21 - 24

Babylon's violent fall

Babylon's grip on the world was not simply monetary riches but included sorcery!

Sorcery = "*pharmakeia*" = drugs

The world is numbed by substances, magical arts, and demonism!

Mind altering drugs, (*LSD, mescaline, PCP, mushrooms, peyote*) open the mind to the occult

Many use drugs to have a “*spiritual experience*”



What they are getting is a
counterfeit satanic experience

2 Corinthians 11: 14

What can you expect from the
kingdom of lies?

LIES!!!!



Numbed by Babylon's god!

CLOSING APPLICATION:

Do not trust in Babylon (*this world system*) for your security

Humanity's security is usually centered around how much of Babylon they possess

No security illusion will save you!

Everything can change in a flash!

How do I respond when life changes in a moment?

Job's life changed in a moment

Job's friends speak:

**Job has sinned, needs to repent,
is self-righteous**

Job expresses his feelings - **Job 23**

THEN GOD SPEAKS:

Chapters 38 - 41

Job will learn who *God* is and who *he* is

Job responds to God:

Job 42: 1-6

What we can learn from King David when he fled into a cave:

Psalms 57: 1

What I must learn when in the valley of despair or chaos:

- 1) I will trust in You, *God*, no matter what!
- 2) I will find my refuge in You, *God!*
- 3) I will stay near You, *God*, until the storm passes by, *and always!!*

God is in the storm with me!



God's promise to you,

***“I WILL BE WITH YOU
THROUGH IT ALL!”***

*Keep me safe, LORD, until
the storm passes by!*

