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THE WHACKY IRAQI

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Editor of SPV's note: Since this article has been written it has been overtaken by events and Saddam Hussein's regime has been toppled. However the information in the article is still of interest.

It is alleged that Saddam Hussein considers himself to be a reincarnation of Nebuchadnezzar, the ancient Babylonian conqueror. An Iraqi archeologist was asked if Iraqis considered Mr. Hussein to be the new Nebuchadnezzar. She laughed and replied, yes, of course. Among Arabs, King Nebuchadnezzar is fondly remembered as much as anything, for the fact that he conquered Jerusalem, carrying many Jews back to Babylon as captives and destroying Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem.

Saddam Hussein is rebuilding the ancient city of Babylon in Iraq. He has already rebuilt the southern palace of King Nebuchadnezzar on the original site. He has also rebuilt Nebuchadnezzar's throne room, temples, Procession Street, a half size reconstruction of the Ishtar Gate. The Tower of Babel Ziggurat reconstruction is also planned and one of the ancient wonders of the world, the restored Hanging Gardens of Babylon.

One can see that Saddam Hussein then sees himself as a great figure like Nebuchadnezzar, ruling over a rebuilt Babylon. In Nebuchadnezzar's day lands like Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Kuwait and Israel, were all under his control. Saddam Hussein has already invaded Kuwait in 1990. Was he trying to emulate Nebuchadnezzar. Saddam Hussein hates Israel. He has already fired rockets into Tel Aviv. He has supplied forces to the Arab's cause in every war against Israel (the Iraqi Army, until recently, was considered the 4th largest army in the world). His desire is to liberate Jerusalem for the Arabs so he rejoices at the memory of Nebuchadnezzar's conquest of Jerusalem. On the 7th June, 1981 Israel's aircraft carried out a raid on Osirak nuclear reactor near Bagdad, destroying Iraqi capability to develop nuclear weapons. This humiliated Saddam and ever since he has thirsted for revenge.

As recently as approximately 20 years ago, all that existed of ancient Babylon was ruins, but by 1990, sixty million bricks had been laid to reconstruct it. Some of these bricks, we are told, bore Saddam's name. Rebuilding Babylon was a symbol of Iraqi pride at a time when Iraq was at war with the ancient enemy Iran. It is interesting to note that Nebuchadnezzar had a fit of madness too. It is recorded in the biblical book of Daniel. He was also a whacky Iraqi. Saddam, known as the Butcher of Bagdad, has people arrested for turning off the television when he is appearing on it, or toppling a placard of him. His picture, greatly enlarged, appears all over Iraq, he is obviously a proud man with delusions of grandeur.

Iraq's strength is her oil reserves, oil the West depends on. Because of this certain nations will toady to Saddam Hussein. If Babylon is rebuilt it will be completely destroyed because of its treatment of Israel, God's ancient people. She will be attacked also for her oil reserves. Read your bible, it has much to say about Babylon in the last days. Roman Catholicism is religious Babylon, but there could rise again a literal Babylon of old.

Keep your eyes on the Middle East and you will see biblical prophecy fulfilled. God has a purpose for Israel in God's land, Jerusalem is His beloved city and many Jews are still to be converted to Christ and neither the whacky Iraqi nor anyone else, can stop this. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper who love you. (Psalm 122:6)

Born again Jews and Gentiles have a great biblical destiny that they will fulfil, only the Christian can rest assured regarding the future.