



DISCOVERING BABYLON

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Babylon, mythical city of evil and excess. Once renowned throughout the ancient world for its luxurious gardens and temples, the ancient metropolis fell into ruin nearly two millennia ago, only to reemerge in western culture through biblical narratives such as the Tower of Babel and the “Babylonian captivity.”

Why does Babylon continue to fascinate us? And why is Babylon such a useful metaphor in describing opponents and enemies, their evil and decay?

Join religious studies scholar Rannfrid Thelle (Wichita State University) on a journey of discovery, as she traces the myth of Babylon from Biblical and ancient texts, through Medieval European art, to the ruins uncovered by archaeologists more than a century ago.

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