

## Revelation 18:1-24 Judgment and Fall of Babylon the Great

### Announcement of Fall of Babylon the Great

<sup>1</sup> After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. <sup>2</sup> And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!"

### Reason for Fall of Babylon the Great

<sup>3</sup> For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury."

### Mercy of God calling His People out of the path of destruction

<sup>4</sup> And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.

### Reason for Fall continued – Sudden Destruction

<sup>5</sup> For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

<sup>6</sup> Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her.

<sup>7</sup> In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, 'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.'

<sup>8</sup> Therefore her plagues will come in one day — death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her.

### The World Mourns Babylon's Fall

#### Kings

<sup>9</sup> "The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, <sup>10</sup> standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.'

#### Merchants

<sup>11</sup> "And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore:

<sup>12</sup> merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble; <sup>13</sup> and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men. <sup>14</sup> The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all.

<sup>15</sup> The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, <sup>16</sup> and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine

linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls! <sup>17</sup> For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.'

### Shipmasters

Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance <sup>18</sup> and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What is like this great city?' <sup>19</sup> "They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.'

### Heaven Rejoices

<sup>20</sup> "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!"

### Finality of Babylon's Fall

<sup>21</sup> Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore.

<sup>22</sup> The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you anymore. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore.

<sup>23</sup> The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore.

### Reasons for Fall

For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived.

<sup>24</sup> And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

### Announcement of Fall of Babylon the Great

- † After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! [Revelation 18:1-2]
- ✧ The fall of Babylon the Great will be announced world wide supernaturally by an angel so every one will hear the warning.
  - ✧ The appearance of the angel will be so bright that the earth will be illuminated by his glory.
  - ✧ The warning includes the future dismal outlook for the City as being made ruinous and uninhabitable for mankind.

### Reason for Fall of Babylon the Great

- † For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury." [Revelation 18:3]
- ✧ Great wealth is derived through illicit lascivious immorality and becomes intoxicating to nations given to unrestrained wantonness.

- ✧ Again we are reminded of the **reason for the Wrath of God.**  
**Evil deeds, Idolatry, worship of demons, murders, witchcraft sorceries, theft, and sexual immorality.** [Revelation 9:20-21, 22:15, Genesis 6:1-12, 18:20, 19:1-29, Leviticus 18:1-30, 19:29, Numbers 35:33, Deuteronomy 18:9-14, 2 Chronicles 24:18, 33:1-9, Jeremiah 3:9, Ezekiel 36:17-18, Nahum 3:1-4, Romans 1:18-32, Colossians 3:1-11, Revelation 16:6, 17:1-6, 18:23-24, 19:2]
- ✧ The unrestrained nations of the world are swayed only by their own lusts and covetousness and are easily led into sin by the influence of the luxurious city at the head of the world government.

### Mercy of God calling His People out of the path of destruction

- † And I heard another **voice from heaven** saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues." [Revelation 18:4]
  - ✧ God in His great mercy calls His people to come out of Babylon the Great before the Judgment of the city begins, just as He did for Lot to bring him out of Sodom before God destroyed the cities of the plain with fire and brimstone.
  - ✧ This is a supernatural calling by a voice from Heaven.
  - ✧ This is also in agreement with Old Testament prophecies regarding the same event. [Isaiah 51:1-10, Jeremiah 51:45, Zechariah 2:7-9]
  - ✧ Peter gives the examples of Noah and Lot. [2 Peter 2:4-9]

### Reason for Fall continued – Sudden Destruction

- † For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her.  
**In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously,** in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; **for she says in her heart, 'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.'** [Revelation 18:5-7]  
 Therefore her plagues will come in one day — **death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire**, for strong is the Lord God who judges her. [Revelation 18:8]
  - ✧ Pride comes before destruction is fulfilled here. [Proverbs 16:18]
  - ✧ Isaiah predicted this destruction of Babylon. [Isaiah 13:1-16, 14:3-11, 14:21-23, 47:5-15]

### Reasons for the fall of Babylon:

1. Deception,
2. Blood of the Prophets and Saints, and the slain of the earth,
3. Pride,
4. Abusiveness toward God's people,
5. Self indulgence,
6. Sins of disobedience,
7. Fornication,
8. Wickedness,
9. Accumulation of wealth and luxury by unrighteous means,
10. Failure to consider the latter end,
11. Witchcraft (sorceries, enchantments, looking to astrologers, stargazers, and the horoscope for predictions and daily guidance in decadence).
12. Trusting in their own wickedness,
13. Thinking that God does not see them,
14. Lack of mercy,
15. Self-assertiveness for personal gain,

16. Confidence in skills, sciences, and material possessions rather than trusting and acknowledging God Most High.

### The World Mourns Babylon's Fall

#### Kings of the earth

- † "The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.' [Revelation 18:9-10]
- ✧ The kings of the earth are grieved because the source of their illicit luxury and immoral decadence is gone.

#### Merchants

- † "And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore:

merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble; and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and **bodies and souls of men**.

The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all. [Revelation 18:11-14]

The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls! For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.' [Revelation 18:15-17]

✧ Merchants definitely feel the loss of their source of income and wealth, which included both honest merchandise as well as marketing of humans in slave trade of every kind.

#### Shipmasters

- † Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What is like this great city?' "They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.' [Revelation 18:17-19]
- ✧ Like the merchants and kings, the Shipmasters also mourn the loss of their wealth and income, not realizing that the end of all things is just ahead.
- ✧ All those focused on the here and now are oblivious of the Judgment that is looming just around the corner.

#### Heaven Rejoices

- † "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!" [Revelation 18:20]
- ✧ With full knowledge of all that is ahead, all Heaven and its occupants, including the Apostles and Prophets of God are rejoicing in eager anticipation of the Kingdom being set up in the near future.
- ✧ Their blood will be avenged and their reward awaits.

## Finality of Babylon's Fall

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**"Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore.**

The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you anymore. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore.

The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. [Revelation 18:21-23]

- ❖ The destruction of Babylon the Great will be total and final.

## Reasons for Fall

- † For your merchants were the **great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived.** [Revelation 18:23]
- ❖ God hates deceit, and the kingdom of the Antichrist is full of deceit.  
❖ People idolize as great men, those who have amassed great wealth, even when their gain was by less than honorable means.  
❖ God hates deceit of every sort and sorcery which is witchcraft.  
❖ All the nations were deceived by the Antichrist and his kingdom.
- † And **in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth.**" [Revelation 18:24]
- ❖ God holds Babylon the Great responsible for all the blood that was shed on the earth under her influence, including the martyred Saints and Prophets.