

BOOK OF REVELATION – REVELATION 18:1-24

THE THINGS SEEN AND ARE AND WHAT SHALL TAKE PLACE

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Revelation 15, is the prelude to the **7 Bowl Judgments** the “**seven angels** who had **seven plagues**, which are **the last**, because in **them the wrath of God is finished**”, **Rev 15:1**.

Revelation 16, is the actual the **7 Bowl Judgments** “the **seventh angel** poured out **his bowl** upon **the air**, and a **loud voice** came out of **the temple** from **the throne**, saying, “**It is done**”, **Rev 16:17**.

The **3rd Bowl Judgment** was on **the throne** of the **beast** (**Antichrist**), probably **his throne/Kingdom** centered in the rebuilt **City of Babylon** on the **Euphrates River**, **Rev 16:10**.

The **6th angel** poured **his bowl** on the **great river**, the **Euphrates** and **its water** was **dried up**, “**so that** the way would be prepared for **the kings** from **the east**”, **Rev 16:12**

Then **Satan** and **his** agents, release “**three unclean spirits** (**demons**)” to “**go out**” “**to gather** (**the Kings** of the **East**) together”, **Rev 16:12**, “**for the war** of **the great day of God, the Almighty**”.

Then **Babylon the great**, like **the cities of the nations**, was remembered before **God**, to give **her** (**Babylon**) the cup of the **wine** of **His fierce wrath**, like those who have the mark of **the Beast**, **Rev 16:19**

The **great city of Babylon** is the **Religious, Government, Commercial**, and **Sin** center of the **Antichrist’s Kingdom**, and **she** will receive a special outpouring of **God’s wrath** as detailed in **Rev 17** and **Rev 18**.

In **Revelation 17 John** is given more detail about **Babylon the great** and **the Beast**.

Babylon is spoken of as **already fallen**, “**Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great**”, **Rev 14:8, 16:19, 17:1, 18:2, 19:2** **First Babylon’s “judgment”**, **17:1**, because of **her “immorality”**, **17:2, 17:4**, and **her “abominations”**, **17:4, 17:5**.

Second the **mystery** of the **woman Babylon** and the **mystery** of **the Beast** (**Antichrist**) are explained, **Rev 17:7**. The **mystery** of **the Beast** is explained **first**, in **Rev 17:8-17**,

and then the **mystery** of the **woman “the great city” Babylon** is explained **second**, in **Rev 17:18**.

All of this occurred, after **the Beast** comes on the scene, in **Rev 13:1**, which begins **his 42 months**, **Rev 13:5**.

All of this fits into the last **3 1/2 years** of the **7 year Tribulation**, leading up to the **2nd Coming** of **Christ**, **Rev 19**.

In **Revelation 18** we see more detail about the **woman “the great city” Babylon**, **Rev 17:18, 18:18, Dan 4:30**

The **woman**, as a **city**, is referred to as “**she**” **8 times** in **Rev 18:2, 6, 7, 8, 16, 19** and in **Rev 14:8**.

The **woman**, as a **city**, is referred to as “**her**” **28 times** in **Rev 18:3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 18, 19, 20, 28, 24** and **14 times** in **Rev 14:8, 16:19, 17:2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 16, 19:2, 3**. “**Babylon**” is mentioned **282 times** in OT.

The **woman Babylon**, as a **city**, is referred to as “**the great city**” **6 times** in **Rev 17:8, 18:10, 16, 18, 19, 21**.

Babylon is spoken of as **already fallen**, “**Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great**”, **Rev 14:8, 16:19, 17:1, 18:2, 19:2**.

Rev 18:1 begins with “**After these things**”, which began back in **Rev 1:19**. See **Chart** Below.

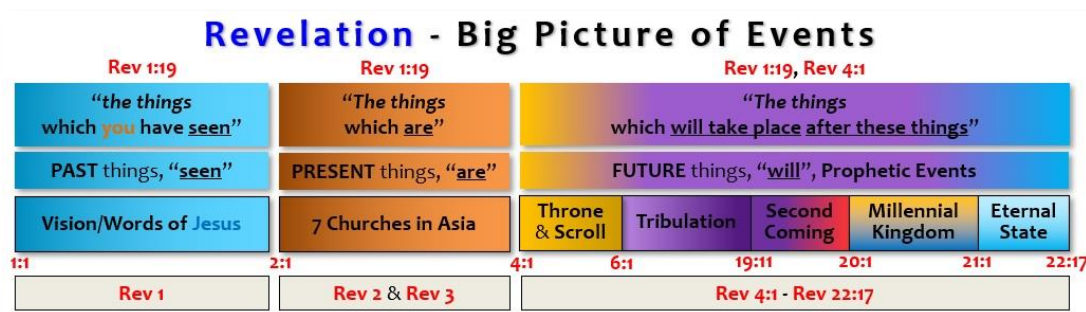
“**After these things**”, is referred to **9 times** in **Rev 1:19, 4:1, 7:9, 9:12, 15:5, 18:1, 19:1, 20:3**,

which speaks to the **Chronology of Events** in Revelation, especially in **Rev 1:19** and **Rev 4:1**.

... “**the things** which will take place **after these things**”, **Rev 1:19**.

“**After these things** I looked, and behold, a door standing open in **heaven**,

and the first voice which **I** had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with **me**, said, “**Come up here**, and **I will** show **you** what must take place **after these things**”, **Rev 4:1**.



Fallen is Babylon the great, the great Harlot, the Woman

Working Outline > Read Revelation 18:1-3 (Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 18:1-3

- I. 1 After these things Rev 1:19, 4:1, 7:9, 9:12, 15:5, 18:1, 19:1, 20:3
 - A. I (John) saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, 10:1, 15:1, 20:1
 1. and the earth was illumined with his glory.
 2. 2 And he (angel) cried out with a mighty (loud) voice, saying, Rev 5:2, 7:2, 8:13, 14:9, 15, 18, 19:17
 3. “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great ! Rev 14:8, 18:2, Isa 21:9, Jer 51:8, 51:55, 51:59-62
 - B. She (Babylon) has become a dwelling place of demons 12:9, 16:13-14
 1. and a prison (haunt) of every unclean spirit, 16:13-14
 2. and a prison (haunt) of every unclean and hateful bird (and beast). Isa 13:21-22, 34:11, Jer 50:39-40
 - C. 3 “For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, Rev 14:8, 17:2, Isa 51:7
 1. and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, 17:4, 18:9, 19:2,
 2. and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality.” 18:7, 11, 15, 19, 23

After these things, another angel from heaven, having great authority, Rev 18:1

Then After these things, meaning after all the things mentioned in Rev 17:1-18.

John saw another angel coming down from heaven, like in Rev 10:1, 15:1, 20:1

This angel has great authority, as always, given to him by God in heaven.

Then the earth was illumined with this angel's glory, with great brightness so clearly seen.

The Beast and his Kingdom (Babylon) was probably still “dark” from the 5th Bowl Judgment, in Rev 16:10.

The angel cried out with a mighty voice, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great”, Rev 18:2

Then the angel cried out with a mighty (loud) voice, as in Rev 5:2, 7:2, 8:13, 14:9, 14:15, 14:18, 19:17

saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great ! Rev 14:8, 18:2, Isa 21:9, Jer 51:7-8, 51:55, 51:59-62

Babylon is said to be “fallen” in Rev 14:8 but her actual falling is described here in Rev 18.

Then Babylon in her “fallen” state,

She (Babylon) has become a dwelling place of demons, fallen angels, spirit beings, Rev 12:9, 16:13-14

She (Babylon) has become a prison (haunt) of every unclean spirit, fallen angels, spirit beings, Rev 12:9, probably the Demon angels thrown down from Heaven, in Rev 12:7-9

She (Babylon) has become a prison (haunt) of every unclean and hateful bird (and wild beast).

“Babylon” is mentioned 282 times in OT, and especially characterized in Isa 13:21-22, 34:11, Jer 50:39-40

as full of owls, ravens, pelican, ostriches, desert creatures, goats, hyenas, jackals, hedgehogs.

all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her (Babylon's) immorality, Rev 18:3

Babylon the great has fallen, for the following 4 Key Reasons:

- 1) that all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, as in Rev 14:8, 17:2, Isa 51:7 “those who dwell on the earth”, the Unbelievers who receive the Mark of the Beast, in Rev 3:10, 6:10, 8:13, 11:10, 13:14, 17:8, “were made drunk with the wine of her (the harlot, Babylon's) immorality.”
A person drunk with immorality, is one dominated by intense immorality, based on God's Laws.
“drunk”, “dominated by an intense feeling”, Websters See Chart on Earth Dwellers, in Lesson 21
- 2) and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, 17:4, 18:9, 19:2, as in, “the kings of the earth, who committed acts of immorality and lived sensuously with her”, Rev 18:9 as in, “the unclean things of her immorality”, Rev 17:4 as in, “He has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality”, Rev 19:2
- 3) and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality.” 18:7, 11, 15, 19, 23
“The merchants of these things, who became rich from her”, Rev 18:15
“for your merchants were the great men of earth, because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery.
“in her was found the blood of prophets and saints and of all slain on the earth”, Rev 18:23-24
- 4) and the (merchant seamen) of the earth “as many who make their living by the sea”, Rev 18:23-24

Come out of **her** Babylon, for in one hour **her** judgment has come and **the Kings** of the Earth

Working Outline > **Read Revelation 18:4-10** (Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 18:4-10

- I. 4 I (**John**) heard another voice from **heaven**, saying, 10:4, 10:8, 11:12, 14:2, 14:13,
- A. “Come out of **her** (**Babylon**), **my** (**God’s**) **people**, Jer 51:6-9, 24-25, 54-58, 52:11, 2 Cor 6:17
1. **so that you** will not participate in **her sins** and receive of **her plagues**; 18:8, Gen 19:12, 15,
 2. **5 for her sins** have **piled up** as high as **heaven**, Jer 51:9, Gen 18:20,
 3. and **God** has **remembered her iniquities**. 16:19, Jer 50:15,
 4. **6 “Pay her** (**Babylon**) **back** even as **she** has **paid**, Ps 137:8, Jer 50:15,
 5. and **give back** to **her double** according to **her deeds**;
 6. in **the cup** which **she** has mixed, mix twice as much for **her**. 17:4, Jer 51:7,
 7. **7 “To the degree** (measure) that **she glorified herself** and lived **sensuously**, 18:9, Ezek 28:2-8,
 8. to the same **degree** (measure) give **her torment** and **mourning**; 18:10,
 9. **for** (Reason) **she** (**Babylon**) says in **her heart**, Isa 47:10,
 10. ‘**I** sit as a **queen** and **I am** not a **widow**, and will never see **mourning**.’ Isa 47:7-8
- II. 8 “**For this reason** in one day **her plagues** will come, 18:4, 18:10, Jer 50:31,
- A. **pestilence** and **mourning** and **famine**,
- B. and **she** (**Babylon**) will be **burned** up with **fire**; 17:16
- C. **for** (Reason) **the Lord God** who **judges her** is **strong**. Ps 24:8, Ps 58:11, Ps 96:10,
- D. 9 “**And the kings** of the earth, 17:2, 17:18, 18:3
- E. (**kings**) who committed acts of **immorality** and lived **sensuously** with **her**, 14:8, 17:2, 18:3
1. will **weep** and **lament** over **her**
 2. when **they** (**kings**) see the **smoke** of **her burning**, 18:18, 19:3,
 3. **10 (kings)** **standing at a distance** 18:15, 18:17,
 4. **because of the fear** of **her torment**, 18:7,
 5. (**kings**) saying, ‘**Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city** ! 18:16, 18:19,
 6. **For** (Reason) in one hour **your judgment** has come.’ 17:12, 18:8, 18:17, 18:19

I heard another voice from **heaven**, “**Come out of her** (**Babylon**), **my** (**God’s**) **people**, Rev 18:4

Then **John** heard another voice from **heaven**, a **divine voice**, like in Rev 10:4, 10:8, 11:12, 14:2, 14:13, saying, “**Come out of her** (**Babylon**), **my** (**God’s**) **people**”,

which is a **warning call** to all of **God’s people**, who happen to be in **Babylon**, to **come out** of there.

This is like the **angels** who warned **Lot**, to **come out** of **Sodom**, so **he** would not be **destroyed** by **fire** and **brimstone** from **the Lord**, in Gen 19:15, 19:24.

God’s people are also told to flee **Babylon**, in Jer 51:6-9, 24-25, 54-58, 52:11, and in 2 Cor 6:17.

Then the **divine voice** gives 2 **Reasons** for **God’s people** to come out of **Babylon**,

“**so that you** (**God’s people**) will not participate in **her sins** and receive of **her plagues**”. See Rev 18:8

for her sins have **piled up** as high as **heaven**, Rev 18:5

for (Because) **her** (**Babylon’s**) **sins** have **piled up** as high as **heaven**, and like **Sodom** in Gen 18:20 and Jer 51:9. and (Because) **God** has **remembered her** (**Babylon’s**) **iniquities**. **Read** Rev 16:19 and Jer 50:15.

Pay her (**Babylon**) **back** even as **she** has **paid**, Rev 18:6

the **divine voice** says, “**Pay her back** even as **she** has **paid** (others), Ps 137:8, Jer 50:15, Rom 12:17-19 and **give back** to **her double** according to **her deeds**;

the cup which **she** has mixed, mix twice as much for **her**. 17:4, Jer 51:7

Babylon will get **repaid** (retribution) in the way **she paid God’s people**, Ps 137:8

“this is the **vengeance** of **the LORD**, Take **vengeance** on **her**, as **she** has done to **others**, do to **her**”, Jer 50:15

Vengeance and **Wrath** is from **the LORD**, **Read** Rom 12:17-19

Babylon will get **repaid double** what **she** did to others, **the cup** which **she** has mixed, Rev 17:4, **Read** Jer 51:7

To the degree she glorified herself sensuously give her torment and mourning, Rev 18:7 the divine voice says,

“To the degree (measure) that she (Babylon) glorified herself and lived sensuously, 18:9, Ezek 28:2-8, to the same degree (measure) give her (Babylon) torment and mourning; 18:10,

Babylon will get repaid (retribution) by God to the same degree or to the same measure that she lived in a luxurious uncontrolled physical sensuous pleasurable manner.

for (Because) she (Babylon) says in her heart, the seat of her will, Isa 47:10, Zeph 2:15

‘I (Babylon) sit as a queen and I am not a widow, and will never see mourning.’ Read Isa 47:7-10

Babylon felt proud and secure in her wickedness, wisdom, knowledge, and uniqueness.

Babylon was deluded and arrogant in thinking that there was no one besides herself.

For this reason in one day her plagues will come, Rev 18:8

the divine voice says, “For this reason, for the reasons just given in Rev 18:6,

in one day, Isa 47:9, her plagues, Rev 18:4, will come, her judgment will come, Rev 18:10

“Behold, I am against you (Babylon), O arrogant one,” Declares the Lord God of hosts,

“For your day has come, The time when I will punish you”, Jer 50:31

her plagues will come, including “pestilence and mourning and famine”,

“and she (Babylon) will be burned up with fire”, Rev 17:16, 18:9

“for (Reason) the Lord God who judges, Ps 58:11, Ps 96:10, her is strong”, Ps 24:8

The Kings of the earth, will see her Burning and Judgment, Rev 18:9-10

The kings of the earth, 17:18, who committed acts of immorality, as said in Rev 14:8, 17:2, 18:3,

and who lived sensuously with her (Babylon), as in Rev 18:3, who lived in a luxurious uncontrolled physical sensuous pleasurable manner, with her.

They those Kings, will weep and lament over her (Babylon) when they see the smoke of her burning,

as in Rev 18:8, 18:18, 19:3, those Kings, will be “standing at a distance”, as in Rev 18:15, 18:17.

Those Kings, stood at a distance, because of the fear of her (Babylon’s) torment, that God will give her, as said in Rev 18:7.

The kings of the earth, will be saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city ! , which is called the great city, in Rev 18:16 and 18:19.

They will “weep” and “lament” and “fear” her “torment” and “Woe”, proclaim great distress for her.

For (Reason) in one hour, 17:12, 18:8, 18:17, 18:19,

“one hour”, does Not mean 60 minutes, it means “a period of time for an event” or “the time for the event”, as in Rev 18:10, 17, 19, and as used in, Rev 14:7, 14:15, Jn 17:1, Mk 14:41.

The kings of the earth, said, “your (Babylon’s) judgment has come”, as in Rev 17:1.

“I (angel) will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters”, Rev 17:1.

The Judgment of Babylon, and the Merchants of the Earth

Working Outline > Read Revelation 18:11-19 (portion of a Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 18:11-19

- I. 11 “And the **merchants** of the earth weep and mourn over **her** (Babylon), 18:9, 15, 19, & 18:7, 8, 15, 19, 23
- A. **because** (Reason) no one buys **their** (**merchant’s**) cargoes any more—, Like Tyre, Ezek 26, 27, 28,
1. 12 **cargoes** of **gold** and **silver** and **precious stones** and **pearls** Like Tyre, Ezek 27:12-25,
 2. and **fine linen** and **purple** and **silk** and **scarlet**, 17:4, 18:16, Ezek 27:7, 16, 28:5-6,
 3. and every kind of **citron wood** and every article of **ivory**
 4. and every article made from very costly **wood** and **bronze** and **iron** and **marble**,
 5. 13 and **cinnamon** and **spice** and **incense** and **perfume** and **frankincense**
 6. and **wine** and **olive oil** and **fine flour** and **wheat** and **cattle** and **sheep**,
 7. and **cargoes** of **horses** and **chariots** and **slaves** and **human lives**.
- B. 14 “The fruit **you** (**merchants**) long for (**merchandise**) has gone from **you**,
1. and **all things** that were **luxurious** and **splendid** have passed away from **you** 18:12-13
 2. and **men** will no longer find **them** (**merchandise**). 18:12-13
- C. 15 “The **merchants** of **these things**, who became **rich** from **her** (Babylon), 18:3, 18:17, 18:19
1. (**merchants**) will **stand at a distance** 18:10, 18:17
 - a. **because** of the **fear** of **her** (Babylon’s) **torment**, **weeping** and **mourning**, 18:9-11, 19
- D. 16 saying, ‘**Woe, woe, the great city** (Babylon), 17:18, 18:10, 18:18, 18:19
1. **she** who was clothed in **fine linen** and **purple** and **scarlet**, 17:4, 18:12
 2. and adorned with **gold** and **precious stones** and **pearls**; 18:12
 3. 17 **for** in **one hour** such **great wealth** has been **laid waste** !’ 17:16, 18:8, 18:10, 18:19,
- E. And every **shipmaster** and every **passenger** and **sailor**,
1. and as many as make **their** living by **the sea**,
 - a. (**merchant seamen**) **stood at a distance**, 18:10, 18:15
 2. 18 and were **crying out** as **they** saw the **smoke** of **her burning**, 18:9,
 - a. saying, ‘What city is like **the great city** (Babylon) ?’ 17:18, 18:10, 18:16, 18:19
- F. 19 “And **they** (**merchant seamen**) threw **dust** on **their heads**
1. and were **crying out**, **weeping** and **mourning**, 18:9, 11, 15,
 - a. saying, ‘**Woe, woe, the great city** (Babylon), 17:18, 18:10, 18:16, 18:18
 - b. in which all who had **ships** at **sea** became **rich** by **her wealth**, 18:3, 18:15
 - c. **for** in **one hour** **she** has been **laid waste** !’ 18:10, 18:17,

Rev 18:9-10, concerns **the Kings** of **the Earth** reaction to the **Judgment** and **burning** of **Babylon**.

Rev 18:11-17a, concerns the **Merchants** of **the Earth** reaction to the **Judgment** and **burning** of **Babylon**.

Rev 18:17-19, concerns the **Merchant Seamen** of **the Earth** reaction to the **Judgment** and **burning** of **Babylon**.

the **merchants** of **the earth** weep and mourn over **her** (Babylon), Rev 18:11

Then the **merchant dealers** of **the earth** weep and mourn over **her** (Babylon),

Like **the Kings** of **the Earth** do in 18:9, and like the **merchant seamen** do in 18:19. Also, 18:7, 8, 15, 19, 23

This event is **Like** the **City of Tyre**, described in Ezek 26, 27, 28, it had **great wealth** and **security**, but was finally **destroyed** in **332 BC** by **Alexander the Great**.

The **merchant dealers** weep and mourn over **Babylon** because no one buys the **merchant dealer’s** cargoes or **goods** that **they** sell any more, the source of **their wealth**, 18:15, 18:19.

The **merchant dealers**

“the **merchants** of **the earth** have become **rich** by the **wealth** of **her sensuality**”, Rev 18:3

“The **merchants** of **these things**, who became **rich** from **her** (Babylon)”, Rev 18:15

“for **your** (Babylon’s) **merchants** were the **great men** of **the earth**”, Rev 18:23

The **Merchant's Cargoes**, Rev 18:12-13

The **Merchant's Cargoes**, that **they** sold, are listed in detail.

cargoes of gold, silver, precious stones, pearls, fine linen, purple, silk, scarlet, citron wood, ivory, and costly articles of **wood, bronze, iron, and marble**. Also, Rev 18:16.

Also, **cargoes** of **cinnamon, spice, incense, perfume, frankincense, wine, olive oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle, sheep,** and **cargoes** of **horses, chariots, slaves,** and **human lives** (**human** trafficking).

This is **Like** the **City of Tyre**, described in Ezek 27:12-25,

This is **Like** “**the woman** (**Babylon**) was clothed in **purple** and **scarlet**, and adorned with **gold** and **precious stones** and **pearls**, in Rev 17:4 and Rev 18:16 and **Like Tyre** in Ezek 27:7, 16, 28:5-6.

The fruit **you Merchant's** long for has **gone** from **you**, Rev 18:14

“The fruit **you** (**merchants**) long for (your **merchandise**) has **gone** from **you**,

and **all things** that were **luxurious** and **splendid** have passed away from **you**, have been **burned**, as listed in Rev 18:12-13

and the **men** of **the earth** will no longer find **all things**, that (**merchandise**), as listed in Rev 18:12-13

The **Merchants** of **these things**, will **stand at a distance**, Rev 18:15

15 “The **merchants** of **these things**, who became **rich** from **her** (**Babylon**), 18:3, 18:17, 18:19 will **stand at a distance**, and like **the Kings** in Rev 18:10.

They will **stand at a distance**, because of the **fear** of **her** (**Babylon's**) **torment**, like **the Kings** in Rev 18:10. **weeping** and **mourning**, and in Rev 18:11, 18:19. Also, like **merchant seamen** in Rev 18:19.

The **Merchants** saying, ‘**Woe, woe, the great city** (**Babylon**), Rev 18:16

16 saying, ‘**Woe, woe, the great city** (**Babylon**). “**Woe, woe**”, as said in Rev 18:10, 18:16, 18:19, and “**great city**” as said in Rev 17:18, 18:10, 18:16, 18:18, 18:19, 18:21.

They proclaim **great distress** concerning **Babylon** when **they** say “**Woe, woe**” about **her**.

Because Babylon's Judgment has come, as said in Rev 17:1, 18:8, 18:10, 18:20, 18:21, 19:2.

she (**the great city Babylon**) who was clothed in **fine linen** and **purple** and **scarlet**, as in Rev 17:4, 18:12, and adorned with **gold** and **precious stones** and **pearls**, as in Rev 18:12.

Woe, to the great city (**Babylon**), for **her great wealth** has been **laid waste**, Rev 18:17a

Woe to Babylon, for (Reason) in **one hour** such **great wealth** has been **laid waste** !”

Babylon's great wealth has been **laid to waste**, in **one hour** as from **the Beast**, Rev 17:16

Also, as **Judgment** from **the Lord**, in Rev 18:8 and also, in **one hour** (**one day**), as said in Rev 18:8,

She is said to be “**desolate**”, “**naked**”, and “**burned up**” by **the Beast**, in Rev 17:16.

She is said to have “**plagues**”, “**pestilence**”, “**burned up**”, “**tormented**”, and “**laid waste**”, in Rev 18:8, 10, 19.

The **merchant seamen's** reaction, Rev 18:17b-18

And every **shipmaster** and every **passenger** and **sailor**, and as many (**persons**) as make **their** living by **the sea**, These **merchant seamen** **stood at a distance**, Rev 18:10, 18:15, and were **crying out** as **they** saw the **smoke** of **her burning**, 18:9, saying, ‘What **city** is like **the great city** (**Babylon**) ?’, as in Rev 17:18, 18:10, 18:16, 18:19.

The **merchant seamen** were proclaiming **her** uniqueness and that no other **city** could compare.

The **merchant seamen** **weep, mourn**, and **Woe** over **to the great city** (**Babylon**), Rev 18:19

Then **they** (**merchant seamen**) threw **dust** on **their** heads and were **crying out**, **weeping** and **mourning**, as said in Rev 18:9, 11, 15.

The **merchant seamen** were saying, ‘**Woe, woe, the great city** (**Babylon**), as in Rev 17:18, 18:10, 18:16, 18:18 in which (**City**) all who had **ships** at **sea** became **rich** by **her** **wealth**, as in Rev 18:3, 18:15.

The Reason for their grief, was **for** in **one hour** **she** has been **laid waste** and **Judged**, as in Rev 18:10, 18:17.

“**Woe, woe**” as the **Kings**, in Rev 18:9-10, and as the **merchants**, in Rev 18:16.

Rejoice God's people because God has pronounced Judgment against Babylon

Working Outline > Read Revelation 18:20 (portion of a Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 18:20

- I. 20 "Rejoice over her (Babylon), O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, 16:5-7
A. because God has pronounced judgment for you against her (Babylon)." 16:7

Four people groups are told to rejoice over Babylon being Judged by God, 18:8,
those in Heaven, the saints (believers), the apostles, and the prophets of Israel.

They are to rejoice because God has pronounced judgment for you against her (Babylon). 19:2, 16:5-7
God's judging and avenging for His people, He refrained from until this time, Rev 6:10, 19:2, 18:24
Revelation 6:10

10 and they (souls of slain) cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true,
will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those (unbelievers) who dwell on the earth?"

Revelation 19:2

2 because His judgments are true and righteous; for He has judged the great harlot (Babylon) who was
corrupting the earth with her immorality, and He has avenged the blood of His bond-servants on her."

Babylon be thrown down, because she deceived the Nations and has slain the saints

Working Outline > Read Revelation 18:21-24 (a Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 18:21-24

- I. 21 Then a strong angel took up a stone 5:2, 10:1
A. like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, Jer 51:63-64, Matt 18:6
 1. "So will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence, Rev 17:16, 18:8, 10, 19
a. and (Babylon) will not be found any longer.
 2. 22 "And the sound of harpists and musicians and flute-players and trumpeters
a. will not be heard in you (Babylon) any longer; Isa 24:8, Ezek 26:13,
 3. and no craftsman of any craft will be found in you any longer;
 4. and the sound of a mill will not be heard in you any longer; Jer 25:10,
 5. 23 and the light of a lamp will not shine in you any longer; Jer 25:10,
 6. and the voice of the bridegroom and bride will not be heard in you any longer; Jer 25:10, 7:34, 16:9
- B. for (Reason) your merchants were the great men of the earth, 18:11-17
- C. because (Reason) all the nations were deceived by your (Babylon's) sorcery. 21:8, 22:15, Nah 3:4,
- II. 24 "And in her (Babylon) was found the blood of prophets and of saints 16:5-7, 17:6, 6:10,
A. and of all who have been slain on the earth." 6:9,

Babylon, the great city, thrown down and will not be found any longer, Rev 18:21

Then a strong angel, like the ones in Rev 5:2, 10:1, took up a stone, like a great millstone and threw it
into the sea, saying, "So will (in the same way) Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence.

Babylon, will be thrown down with violence, like the way the angel threw down the millstone into the sea.

This "threw it" stone is compared to Babylon "thrown down" and is a Metaphor.

Babylon will be "thrown down", judged, laid waste, and burned, as said before, in Rev 17:16, 18:8, 10, 19.

Then because of all this, Babylon will not be found any longer, she will not exist.

Jeremiah 51:63-64

63 "And as soon as you finish reading this scroll, you will tie a stone to it and throw it into
the middle of the Euphrates,

64 and say, 'Just so shall Babylon sink down and not rise again because of the calamity that I am going
to bring upon her; and they will become exhausted.' " Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

What is the **City Babylon**? Is it a **City** or does **it** represent something else?

A common view is that it refers to the **city of Rome**, because of the prominence of **Rome** as the seat of the **Roman Catholic Church** and the capital of the ancient **Roman Empire**.

I think this is the ancient **City of Babylon** located on the **Euphrates River**, being rebuilt by **mankind**, as the capital and center of the world's **Economic empire** in the end time, that is here **destroyed** by the **Beast** and his **Kings**, **Rev 17:16**, because **God** put it in their hearts to do so to fulfill **His purpose**, **Rev 17:17**. **Babylon** here is like a rebuilt **City of Babel**, of **Nimrod's Kingdom**, **Gen 10:10**, "in the land of **Shinar**", **Gen 11:2**, named **Babel**, because the **Lord** confused the language, so as to scatter them over the whole earth, **Gen 11:9**. They disobeyed what **God** told them to do, to be fruitful and fill the whole earth, **Gen 8:17**. **Babylon** was the largest city in the world from **1770 BC** to **1670 BC**, and again from **612 BC** to **320 BC**.

The destruction of the city of **Babylon** is the final blow to "the times of the **Gentiles**", **Luke 21:24**, which began when the **Babylonian army** attacked **Jerusalem** in **605 BC**.



The rebuilt ruins of **Babylon**, **3 Charts**

On Feb 14, 1978, the Ba'athist government of **Iraq** under **Saddam Hussein** began the "Archaeological Restoration of **Babylon Project**": reconstructing features of the ancient city atop its ruins. [Wikipedia](#) This included the South Palace of **Nebuchadnezzar**, with 250 rooms, 5 courtyards, and large entrance arch.

Babylon's normal activity will not be heard or found any longer, **Rev 18:22-23**

Then the sound of **harpists**, **musicians**, **flute-players**, and **trumpeters**, no **craftsman** of any craft, the **sound of a mill**, the **light of a lamp**, the **voice of the bridegroom** and **bride**, will not be heard or found or shine in **Babylon** any longer. **Isa 24:8**, **Ezek 26:13**, **Jer 25:10**

for (Reason) **your (Babylon's) merchants** were the **great men** of the earth, **Rev 18:11-17**

Babylon's merchants who "became **rich** by **her wealth**", **Rev 18:19**

Babylon was **Judged** because (Reason) **all the nations** were **deceived** by **your (Babylon's) sorcery**.

Future Babylon's Sorcery

Sorcery. The practice whose adherents claim to have **supernatural powers** and **knowledge**; the ability to **foretell** the future and to summon **evil spirits** through charms, magical spells, or potions.

Sorcerers were present in **Egypt** (**Ex 7:11**), **Assyria** (**Nah 3:4**), and **Babylon** (**Dan 2:2**).

Sorcery was forbidden in **Israel** (**Deut 18:10**) and was punishable by **death** (**Ex 22:18**);

Paul included it in a list of **sinful** works (**Gal 5:20**) and the Book of Revelation condemned **its practitioners** to **the lake of fire** (**Rev 21:8**) and to **eternal separation** from the **righteous** (**Rev 22:15**) [Baker encyclopedia](#)

Babylon's Sorcery deceived all the nations

Deceived as **Satan**, the **Antichrist**, and the **False Prophet** deceived **mankind**, **Rev 12:9**, **13:14**, **19:20**, **20:10**.

in **Babylon** was found **the blood** of **prophets** and of **saints** and the **slain**, **Rev 18:24**

In **Babylon** was found **the blood** of **prophets** and of **saints**, as in **Rev 16:5-7, 17:6, 6:10**,
and of **all who** have been **slain** on **the earth**, as in **Rev 6:9**

At this point, the **political** and **economic** system of **mankind** has at last been **destroyed**.

All that remains is

for **Jesus** to come from **heaven** and defeat **the Antichrist**, and **the False Prophet**, and **their armies**,
which **He** does, in **Rev 19:19-21**.

JUDGMENT EVENTS, NOT MENTIONED IN REVELATION

The Judgment seat of Christ – when **we** at home with **the Lord**

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

6 Therefore, (**we**) being always of good courage,
and knowing that while **we (believers)** are at home in **the body** we are absent from **the Lord**—

7 for **we (believers)** walk by faith, not by sight—

8 **we (believers)** are of good courage,

I say, and prefer rather to be absent from **the body** and to be at home with **the Lord**.

9 Therefore **we (believers)** also have as **our** ambition,

whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to **Him**. **Heb 13:21**

10 For **we (believers)** must all appear before **the judgment seat** of **Christ**, **Rom 14:10-12**,

so that **each one** may be recompensed for **his deeds** in **the body**,

according to what **he** has done, whether **good** or **bad**. **1 Cor 3:10-15, 1 Cor 4:1-6**,

Before **we** are Resurrected/Caught Up

“while **we (believers)** are at home in **the body**” “**we (believers)** walk by faith”,

and do things “pleasing to **Him**”, and “bearing fruit in every **good work**”, **Col 1:10**

When **we** are Resurrected/Caught Up

When **we (believers)** are “absent from **the body** and to be at home with **the Lord**”, **2 Cor 5:8**

When **we** are in **Heaven**

“**we (believers)** must all appear before **the judgment seat** of **Christ**”, in **Heaven**.

“so that (Reason) **each one** may be recompensed (receive what is due) for **his deeds** in **the body**”,

according to what **he** has done, whether **good** or **bad (worthless)**”, **2 Cor 5:10**

Once **we** are Resurrected or Raptured as **believers** and are in **Heaven** or at home with **the Lord**,

we will be judged for all of our **works**, for **our deeds** in **the body**, while **we** were on **Earth**.

“So then **each one** of **us** will give an account of **himself** to **God**”, **Rom 14:12**

1 Corinthians 4:5

5 Therefore do not go on passing judgment before **the time**, but wait until **the Lord** comes

who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness

and disclose the motives of **men's hearts**;

and then each **man's praise** will come to **him** from **God**.

1 Corinthians 3:13-15

13 each **man's work** will become evident;

for **the day** will show it (**his work**) because it (**his work**) is to be revealed with **fire**,

and the **fire** itself will test the quality of each **man's work**.

14 If any **man's work** which **he** has built on it remains, **he** will receive a **reward**.

15 If any **man's work** is **burned up**, **he** will suffer loss;

but **he himself** will be **saved**, yet so as through **fire**.

We as **believers** will Not be judged for **our Sins**, that was paid for by **Christ**, **Eph 1:7**

JUDGMENT EVENTS, NOT MENTIONED IN REVELATION

The Judgment of all the nations – alive after the 7 Year Tribulation

Matthew 25:31–33

31 “But when **the Son of Man** comes in **His** glory, and all **the angels** with **Him**, then **He** will sit on **His glorious throne**.

32 “**All the nations** will be gathered before **Him**;
and **He** will separate **them** from **one another**,
as **the shepherd** separates **the sheep** from **the goats**;

33 and **He** will put **the sheep** on **His right**, and **the goats** on the left.

When **Jesus Comes**, **He** will sit on **His Throne**, and **All the nations**, **those** still alive after the **7 Year Tribulation**, **they** will be **gathered** before **Him**; and **He** will **separate them** from **one another**, **He** will separate **them**, as **the shepherd** separates **the sheep** from **the goats**;

The Judgment of blessed Believers – alive after the 7 Year Tribulation

Matthew 25:34

34 “Then **the King (Jesus)** will say to **those** on **His right (the sheep)**,
‘Come, **you** who are **blessed** of **My Father**,
inherit **the kingdom** prepared for **you** from the foundation of the world.

Judged on How they treated Jesus’ Brothers

Matthew 25:40

40 “**The King** will answer and say to **them (the sheep)**,
‘Truly I say to **you**, to the extent that **you** did it to one of **these brothers of Mine**,
even the least of **them (Jesus’ brothers)**, **you** did it to **Me**.’

The Judgment of accursed Unbelievers – alive after the 7 Year Tribulation

Matthew 25:41

41 “Then **He (Jesus)** will also say to those on **His left (the goats)**,
‘Depart from **Me, accursed ones**, into **the eternal fire**
which has been prepared for **the devil** and **his angels**;

Matthew 25:45

45 “Then **He (Jesus)** will answer **them (the goats)**,
‘Truly I say to **you**, to the extent that **you** did not do it (to one of **these brothers of Mine**)
to one of the least of **these (Jesus’ brothers)**, **you** did **not** do it to **Me**.’

Matthew 25:46

46 “**These (the goats, unbelievers)** will go away into **eternal punishment**,
but **the righteous (the sheep, believers)** into **eternal life**.”

The **accursed ones (the goats, unbelievers)** will go away into **eternal punishment**,
The **righteous (the sheep, believers)** will enter into and help populate the **Millennial Kingdom**.