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Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great! She Has Become a Home for Demons 18: 1-3

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DIG: Why will Babylon be so important to the antichrist? What two spots of perpetual desolation will there be during the Millennial Kingdom? Why will they be judged so harshly? What happened to the wealth of the false religious system?

REFLECT: If you were going to describe your life in terms of a city, what would you say? What kinds of cargoes are coming into it? What activities occur within its walls? How does it compare with Babylon? What would be a fitting name for your city? How do you keep the evils listed here out of your city or life?

At the very end of **Revelation 17** we learned that **Babylon** will be **the great city, that rules over the kings of the earth;** it is the end-time capital of the godless worldwide empire of **the antichrist**. It will be the mother of all evil and all forms of false religion. Like Paris, France, **she** will represent a lifestyle of high culture. Like Jerusalem, **she** will be a crossroad of world religion. Like Washington, she will be teeming with political power. As a matter of fact, if you took all of the most powerful cities in the world and put them together, you'd have **Babylon**. **She** will be the nerve center of **the antichrist's** final world system that opposes **ADONAI** and **His** people at every turn.



But it won't last. Actually, the moment **Satan** is thrown out of heaven **he** will know that **his time is short (12:12)**. Before **the antichrist** has time to break all of his campaign promises, his empire begins to fall apart. Earlier in **14:8** we were forewarned of **Babylon's** inevitable downfall: **Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great, which made all the** Gentile **nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries.** Like a helpless coastal city in the path of a giant tsunami, it is just a matter of time before she is reduced to nothing. **Revelation 18** begins with the same pronouncement, but adds some more details.

As it often does in the book of **Revelation**, the phrase **after this** marks the beginning of a new vision. While still discussing the general demise of the beast's world empire, the Holy Spirit moves from the fall of religious **Babylon** to the fall of commercial/political **Babylon**. As the new vision began, **John saw another angel**. Some believe this **angel** is **Messiah**, however, the use of *allos,* which means *another of the same kind,* instead of *heteros*, or *another of a different kind*, points to the fact that he is an **angel** *of the same kind* as the one in **17:1**. **He** may be the **angel** who had earlier predicted **Babylon's** downfall in **14:8**.

There are three features that reveal this **angel's** unusual power and importance. First, he came **down from heaven** with **great authority (18:1a). He** left the presence of **the LORD** with delegated authority to act on **God's** behalf. Secondly, **the** whole **earth was** suddenly **illuminated by the splendor** of the **angel (18:1b).** Elsewhere in the Bible, **ADONAI** is pictured as dwelling **in unapproachable light (First Timothy 6:16)** and has wrapped **Himself in light as with a garment (Psalm 104:2)**. Little wonder that those who come from **His** presence are marked by a lingering radiance like the **face** of **Moses (Exodus 34:29-35)**. Thirdly, **he** cried out **with a mighty voice**. **The angel's** message is summarized: **Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great (18:2a)!** The repetition of the verb **fallen**, found in the aorist tense, which speaks of a coming event as if it had already happened **(Isaiah 21:9, 34:13-15)**.[385]

The entire world will be fruitful and very productive during the Millennial Kingdom. The whole earth will be beautiful. Yet, there will be **two areas of perpetual desolation** during the entire thousand years. **The first of these two desolate areas, Babylon**, will be the former commercial and political capital of **the antichrist**. Throughout the thousand year Millennial Kingdom, no man will even **travel through** the ruins of **Babylon**. **How Babylon will be captured, the boast of the whole earth seized! What a horror Babylon will be among the nations! The sea will rise over Babylon; it's roaring waves will cover her.**

Her towns will be desolate, a dry and desert land, a land where no one lives, through which no man travels (Jeremiah 51:62-64). Not only will **Babylon** be a desolate waste throughout the Messianic Kingdom, it will also be a place of continual burning and **smoke**: **The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever (19:3).** The animals mentioned in **Isaiah** (see my commentary on **Isaiah, to see link click Dk – Babylon, the Jewel of Kingdoms, Will be Overthrown**) and **Jeremiah** (see my commentary on **Jeremiah Fd – The Devastation of Babylon According to the Divine Purpose of God**), cannot be literal animals. **John** explains what they really are: **She has become a home for demons and a haunt for every evil spirit, a haunt for every unclean and detestable bird (18:2b).** It will be a place of confinement for many **demons** during the Messianic Kingdom. **The second desolate area in the Kingdom will be Edom** (see my commentary on **Isaiah Gi – Edom's Streams Will Be Turned into Pitch**).

For all the nations have drunk the maddening wine of her adulteries. The kings of the earth committed adultery with her, and the merchants, or those who travel around **the earth, grew rich from her excessive luxuries (18:3).** The wealth originally collected through the influence of the apostate church will then be taken over by the political system in the Great Tribulation, which, with universal political power is able to accumulate fabulous wealth.[386] The graphic description of the fall of **Babylon** in **Jeremiah 50** is followed by a more detailed description in **Jeremiah 51** (see my commentary on **Jeremiah Fh – The Fall of Babylon and Assurance of the Exiles**). It will be **Babylon's** influence on other nations that will cause **God's** judgment to fall on her: **Babylon was a gold cup in the hand of the LORD; she made the whole earth drunk. The nations drank her wine; therefore, they have gone mad (Jeremiah 51:7)**

Having thrown off all restraint, sinners will indulge in a wild materialist orgy. Like King Belshazzar of ancient **Babylon**, **they** will be partying while **their city** is destroyed **(Dani'el 5:1-30)**. **James**, the brother of **Jesus**, who condemned the ruthless ways of the wealthy, could apply just as well to those in **Babylon** in the end times. **Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have**

reached the ears of ADONAI, God of heaven's armies. You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing you (James 5:1-5).

Dear Almighty and Just ***Father, Y****ou are awesome!* ***You*** *are just. Though* ***You*** *do not want anyone to be sent to hell for* ***You*** *died for all, the choice of each person's destiny is in their own hands.* ***The Father loves the Son and has given everything into His hand. He who trusts in the Son has eternal life. He who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him (John 3:35-36). You*** *are both loving and holy and* ***You*** *cannot ignore sin.* ***You*** *paid the price for sin-death* ***(Second Corinthians 5:21****), and* ***You*** *desire to give* ***Your*** *gift to all; but the gift cannot be bought by money, nor earned by good works, nor inherited from parents. The entrance to heaven is a heart of* ***love*** *for* ***God****.* ***And Yeshua said to him: You shall love Adonai your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment (Matthew 22:37-38).*** *The only thing that matters in this world – is to* ***love You. You*** *are Awesome! In your holy* ***Son's*** *name and power of* ***His*** *resurrection. Amen*