Revelation 18 "Babylon Is Fallen, Is Fallen"

Introduction: History of Babylon

- Mentioned 287 times, more than any other except Jerusalem
- Literal city on the Euphrates Genesis 11:1-10
 - Established by Nimrod (Babel Genesis 10:9)
- Later capitol of empire that conquered Judah
- Ancient Religious System
- Founded by Nimrod's Wife Semiramis

History of Babylon

Six chapters address Babylon

Isaiah 13-14 – Day of the LORD Jeremiah 50-51 – Israel seeks the Lord Revelation 17-18 – Destruction of Babylon

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Mystery Babylon (Rev 17)

- Symbol: Harlot woman.
- Identified with Rome (inland).
- Woman, whore, mother.
- Guilty of religious abominations.
- Destroyed mid-Tribulation
 by a political power that previously supported her.

Commercial Babylon (Rev 18)

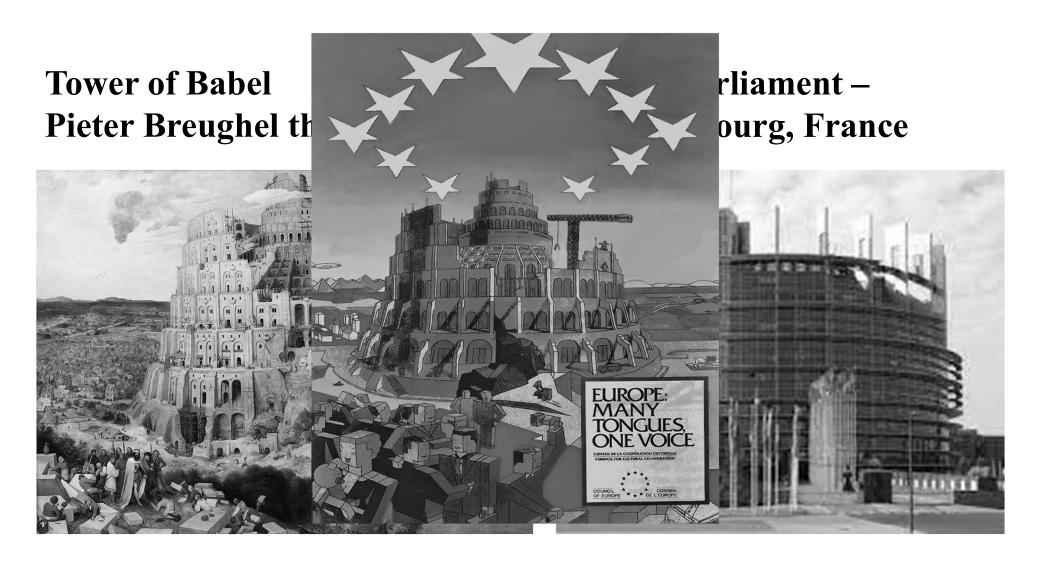
- Symbol: Great city.
- Identified with a port city (coastal).
- Great city, marketplace.
- Guilty of greed and selfindulgence.
- Destroyed late Tribulation by sudden act of God.

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John 15:18-19

"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before [it hated] you.

"If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.



Citizens for Global Solutions (fka World Federalist Association) Statement on Russia's Invasion of Ukraine: Feb 2022

We must transform the United Nations from a confederation of nations to a United Federation of Nations with the ability, through the vehicle of a world constitution and a global legislature, to create and enforce international law in order to eliminate war and nuclear weapons, protect universal human rights, save our fragile global environment, and cooperatively manage global pandemics. It is time for all of us to demand this better method to govern our world.

(as quoted by Carl Teichrib, 1/2024)

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Revelation 18:4
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.

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Key Verse - Revelation 1:1

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants--things which must shortly take place.

Vv 1-3 Babylon Is Fallen

Vv 1-3 – Babylon is Fallen

Psalm 1:1

Blessed [is] the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

Vv 4-5 A Call to Separate From Babylon

Vv 4-5 – A Call to Separate From Babylon

- Prosperity
- Parity (social justice)
- Poverty

Vv 6-8 Judgment Comes

Vv 9-10 Lament of the Kings

Vv 11-17a Lament of the Merchants

Vv 17b -19 Lament of the Sea Captains

V 20 Rejoice!

V 21-24 Babylon No More

V 21 – Babylon No More

Jeremiah 51:61-64

Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her: and they shall be weary

Matthew 18:6

But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

...the political and economic system of "the beast" has at last been destroyed. All that remains is for Jesus Christ to come from heaven and personally meet and defeat "the beast" and his armies. This He will do, and then establish His righteous kingdom on earth. – Wiersbe.

Matthew 6:31-34

"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we wear?' "For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day [is] its own trouble.

Philippians 4:11-13

Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

MEDITATION VERSE

Psalm 1:1-2

Blessed [is] the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight [is] in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

BENEDICTION

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you [is] faithful, who also will do [it].