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THE FALL OF POLITICAL BABYLON

LIVE REPORT



***FALLEN, FALLEN IS
BABYLON THE GREAT!***

BREAKING NEWS: THE HOPES AND DREAMS OF EARTH DEVASTATED

- ***FIRE IN THE SKY – BABYLON LIES IN RUINS***
- ***ARMAGEDDON LOOMS AMID HOPELESSNESS AND DESPAIR***
- ***SHIPPING INDUSTRY IN TURMOIL—NO FUEL, NO WHERE TO GO***
- ***WEEPING, WAILING & MOURNING FROM NEW YORK TO SHANGHAI***

OUTLINE ... (Revelation 18:1-24 ESV)

1. WITH GREAT AUTHORITY AND THE BRILLIANCE OF THE GLORY OF GOD AN ANGEL OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCES THE FALL OF BABYLON, 18:1-3.

- (Revelation 18:1–3 ESV) After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory. 2 And he called out with a mighty voice, “**Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.** 3 For **all nations** have drunk the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and **the kings of the earth** have committed immorality with her, and **the merchants of the earth** have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living.”

- A. An angel with the great authority and the brilliance of the glory of God Almighty proclaims the fall of Babylon.
- B. Babylon had become a dwelling place for everything demonic and despicable to God.
- C. The rulers of earth had thrived from the wealth generated through *the unholy fusion* of sex, money and religious and political compromise.

Fusion ... the process or result of joining two or more things together to form a single entity; a merging of diverse, distinct, or separate elements into a unified whole; a political partnership; a coalition of parties or factions.

2. WITH PASSION AND URGENCY “ANOTHER VOICE” CALLS THE PEOPLE OF GOD TO COME AWAY FROM THE IMPENDING DOOM OF BABYLON, 18:4-8.

- (Revelation 18:4–5 ESV) Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, “**Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues;** 5 for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.”
- A. The people of God are called to come out of Babylon lest they take part in her sins and her judgment.
 - B. *FIGURATIVELY*—The people of God are called to separate from the world system in all of its forms.

- (1 John 2:15–19 ESV) **Do not love the world or the things in the world.** If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 **For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.** 17 **And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.**



18 Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. 19 **They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.**

- (2 Corinthians 6:14–7:1 NLT) **Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness?** 15 What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever? 16 **And what union can there be between God's temple and idols?** For we are the temple of the living God. As God said: “I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 17 **Therefore, come out from among unbelievers, and separate yourselves from them,** says the LORD. Don't touch their filthy things, and I will welcome you. 18 And I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.” 1 **Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God.**



- C. *LITERALLY*—The people of God are called to flee Babylon as Lot was called to flee Sodom and Gomorrah.

- (Genesis 19:15 ESV) As morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city.”

D. The vengeance paid to Babylon will be equitable and fully deserved.

- (Revelation 18:6 ESV) Pay her back as she herself has paid back others, and repay her **double for her deeds**; mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed.

E. The vengeance paid to Babylon will be due to her pride and arrogance.

- (Revelation 18:7 ESV) As **she glorified herself** and lived in luxury, so give her a like measure of torment and mourning, since **in her heart she says, "I sit as a queen, I am no widow, and mourning I shall never see."**

F. The vengeance paid to Babylon will be swift—in a single day.

- (Revelation 18:8 ESV) **For this reason her plagues will come in a single day, death and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her.**

3. THE "VOICE FROM HEAVEN" CONTINUES AND DESCRIBES THE WEEPING AND WAILING AND MOURNING OF THE KINGS AND THE MERCHANTS OF EARTH, 18:9-19.

A. The powerful rulers of the world who partnered with Babylon will be stunned.

- (Revelation 18:9–10 ESV) And **the kings** of the earth, who committed sexual immorality and lived in luxury with her, **will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning.** 10 **They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say, "Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, Babylon! For in a single hour your judgment has come."**

B. The leaders of commerce in the world who traded with Babylon will mourn the loss of wealth.

- (Revelation 18:11–19 ESV) **And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her**, since no one buys their cargo anymore, 12 cargo of gold, silver, jewels, pearls, fine linen, purple cloth, silk, scarlet cloth, all kinds of scented wood, all kinds of articles of ivory, all kinds of articles of costly wood, bronze, iron and marble, 13 cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour,

wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and slaves, that is, human souls. 14 "The fruit for which your soul longed has gone from you, and all your delicacies and your splendors are lost to you, never to be found again!" 15 **The merchants of these wares, who gained wealth from her, will stand far off, in fear of her torment, weeping and mourning aloud,** 16 "Alas, alas, for the great city that was clothed in fine linen, in purple and scarlet, adorned with gold, with jewels, and with pearls! 17 **For in a single hour all this wealth has been laid waste."** And all shipmasters and seafaring men, sailors and all whose trade is on the sea, **stood far off 18 and cried out as they saw the smoke of her burning, "What city was like the great city?"** 19 And they threw dust on their heads as they wept and mourned, crying out, "**Alas, alas, for the great city** where all who had ships at sea grew rich by her wealth! **For in a single hour she has been laid waste.**

4. THE EARTH MOURNS BUT HEAVEN IS CALLED TO REJOICE FOR GOD'S JUDGMENT OF BABYLON, 18:20.

- (Revelation 18:20 ESV) Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, **for God has given judgment for you against her!**"

5. THE VIOLENT END OF BABYLON IS VIVIDLY PORTRAYED AS A MILLSTONE THROWN INTO THE SEA, 18:21-24.

- (Revelation 18:21–24 ESV) Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "So will Babylon the great city be thrown down with violence, and will be found no more; 22 and the sound of harpists and musicians, of flute players and trumpeters, will be heard in you no more, and a craftsman of any craft will be found in you no more, and the sound of the mill will be heard in you no more, 23 and the light of a lamp will shine in you no more, and the voice of bridegroom and bride will be heard in you no more, for your merchants were the great ones of the earth, and all nations were deceived by your sorcery. 24 And in her was found the

blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slain on earth.”

CONCLUSION: THE END IS COMING. ARE YOU READY?

I. God will judge this anti-god world system with finality and violence.

We must not miss the finality and the violence of God’s swift, dramatic judgment of Babylon as portrayed with the millstone being cast into the sea. God wants us to know how serious he is about dealing with sin from beginning to end. Being sinners ourselves and finite, fallen humans, we cannot understand the depth of God’s hatred of sin and the necessary punishment he must bring, but we must be certain to heed his warnings.

II. God will judge this anti-god world system suddenly.

Babylon in a single day went from being “the great city” of the world to being effectively wiped from the face of the earth. No more music ... no more craftsmanship ... no factories ... electricity gone ... no weddings ever again. The great ones of the earth made a deal with the devil and now will pay the price. Our Lord is patient but when it is time it will be time.

- (2 Peter 3:8–10 NLT) But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. 9 The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent. 10 **But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief.** Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment.

III. God will judge this world for every sin which humans have committed since Adam and Eve ate from the forbidden tree in Genesis three.

The enmity first acknowledged in Genesis three and carried out through the entirety of

earth history as the people of earth murdered the prophets and saints of God is brought to a head in God’s devastating judgment of the world system.

- (Genesis 3:15 ESV) I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.

IV. God loves his people—the sheep of his pasture—super-abundantly beyond our ability to understand, and he will avenge us.

- (Revelation 18:20 ESV) Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, for God has given judgment for you against her!
- (Revelation 18:24 ESV) And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slain on earth.

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- (2 Thessalonians 1:5–12 ESV) **This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— 6 since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, 7 and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels 8 in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, 10 when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. 11 To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, 12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

