

Rev 18:1-2 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illumined with his glory. (2) And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird.

Babylon falls in the OT

Isa 21:9 Look, here comes a man in a chariot with a team of horses. And he gives back the answer: 'Babylon has fallen, has fallen! All the images of its gods lie shattered on the ground!'"

Jer 50:2 "Declare and proclaim among the nations. Proclaim it and lift up a standard. Do not conceal it but say, 'Babylon has been captured, Bel has been put to shame, Marduk has been shattered; Her images have been put to shame, her idols have been shattered.'

OT Babylon will be a place for wild animals.

Isa 13:20 It will never be inhabited or lived in from generation to generation; Nor will the Arab pitch his tent there, Nor will shepherds make their flocks lie down there. 21 But desert creatures will lie down there, And their houses will be full of owls, Ostriches also will live there, and shaggy goats will frolic there.

Jer 50:39 "Therefore the desert creatures will
live there [Babylon] along with the jackals;
The ostriches also will live in it, And it will
never again be inhabited Or dwelt in from
generation to generation.

Rev 18:3-5 "For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality." (4) I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues; (5) for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

God's people are called out!

1 Cor 10:20 No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons. 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

2 Cor 6:14 Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

Eph 5:11 And do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; 12 for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret.

1 John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; 7 but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Rev 18:6 "Pay her back even as she has paid, and give back to her double according to her deeds; in the cup which she has mixed, mix twice as much for her.

2 Thess 1:6 For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, 7 and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, 8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Rev 18:7 "To the degree that she glorified herself and lived sensuously, to the same degree give her torment and mourning; for she says in her heart, 'I SIT as A QUEEN AND I AM NOT A WIDOW, and will never see mourning.'

They do not believe they will be punished.

2 Peter 3:3 Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."

Rev 18:8 "For this reason in one day her plagues will come, pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for the Lord God who judges her is strong.

1 Thess 5:2 For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.

2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

Two different terms!

Rev 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet

“On the Lord's Day *en tee kuriakee heemera*.
... It was easy, therefore, for the Christians to
take this term, already in use, and apply it to
the first day of the week in honor of the Lord
Jesus Christ's resurrection on that day
(Didache 14, Ignatius Magn. 9). In the New
Testament the word occurs only here and 1
Cor 11:20 *kuriakon deipnon* the Lord's
Supper). It has no reference to *heemera*
kuriou (the day of judgment, 2 Peter 3:10).”

Three fold mourning, kings, merchants, shipmasters
– first the kings

Rev 18:9 "And the kings of the earth, who committed acts of immorality and lived sensuously with her, will weep and lament over her when they see the smoke of her burning, (10) standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come

Three fold mourning, kings, merchants, shipmasters
— next the merchants

*Rev 18:11-17 "And the merchants of the earth weep
and mourn over her, because no one buys their
cargoes any more¹; (12) cargoes of gold and
silver and precious stones and pearls and fine linen
and purple and silk and scarlet, and every kind of
citron wood and every article of ivory and every
article made from very costly wood and bronze and
iron and marble,*

Three fold mourning-the merchants

Rev 18:13 and cinnamon and spice and incense and perfume and frankincense and wine and olive oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep, and cargoes of horses and chariots and slaves and human lives. (14) "The fruit you long for has gone from you, and all things that were luxurious and splendid have passed away from you and men will no longer find them. (15) "The merchants of these things, who became rich from her, will stand at a distance because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning,

Three fold mourning,—the merchants

Rev 18:16 saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, she who was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls; (17) for in one hour such great wealth has been laid waste!' ...

merchants what a shame all the profit is gone!
emphasis on luxury goods - slaves

Three fold mourning, kings, merchants, shipmasters
– finally the shipmasters/transportation

*Rev 18:17b ... And every shipmaster and every
passenger and sailor, and as many as make their
living by the sea, stood at a distance, (18) and
were crying out as they saw the smoke of her
burning, saying, 'What city is like the great city?'*

Rev 18:19-20 "And they threw dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea became rich by her wealth, for in one hour she has been laid waste!' (20) "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, because God has pronounced judgment for you against her."

v. 19 contrasts with the rejoicing in heaven of the next verse where God pronounces judgment

Heb 9:27 And inasmuch as it is appointed for
men to die once and after this comes
judgment,

2 Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the
judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be
recompensed for his deeds in the body,
according to what he has done, whether good
or bad.

Rev 18:21 Then a strong 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 not be found any longer. 22 "And the sound of harpists and musicians and flute-players and trumpeters will not be heard in you any longer; and no craftsman of any craft will be found in you any longer; and the sound of a mill will not be heard in you any longer; 23 and the light of a lamp will not shine in you any longer; and the voice of the bridegroom and bride will not be heard in you any longer; for your merchants were the great men of the earth, because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery

6 times the phrase no longer/not found is
repeated concerning all that brought the evil
happiness

Rev 18:24 "And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints and of all who have been slain on the earth."

She was responsible for the evil that men did thus
the blood is on her hands

Matt 27:24 And when Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; see to that yourselves."

Luke 11:47 "Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and it was your fathers who killed them. 48 "Consequently, you are witnesses and approve the deeds of your fathers; because it was they who killed them, and you build their tombs. 49 "For this reason also the wisdom of God said, 'I will send to them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and some they will persecute, 50 in order that the blood of all the prophets, shed since the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation,

Judgement is surely coming, coming to you and me.
We will be judged that morning, for all eternity.
Some will go into heaven, others will be denied.
Will you be in that number, standing outside?

(Chorus)

Standing outside the portals, standing outside denied.
Knowing that with the demons, ever you shall abide.
Never to share the beauty, waiting the sanctified,
Oh' what an awful picture, standing outside.

Can you not see the picture of those who're lost in
sin?

Standing outside the portals, without a hope to win.
Soul-crushed with deepest sorrow, without a friend
to guide,

Oh' what an awful picture, standing outside.

Act 22:16 And now what are you waiting for? Get
up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling
on his name.'