

The Demise Of Babylon



Revelation 14:8-20

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Babylon is Fallen

Revelation 14:8

⁸And another angel followed, saying, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”

***Babylon is
Fallen***

Double "Fallen" is not a
reprint in your Bible

Greek → Aorist tense

Babylon is Fallen – Continued

A citation from:

Isaiah 21:6-9

⁶ For thus has the Lord said to me:
“Go, set a watchman, Let him declare what he sees.” ⁷ And he saw a chariot *with* a pair of horsemen, A chariot of donkeys, *and* a chariot of camels, And he listened earnestly with great care. ⁸ Then he cried, “A lion, my Lord! I stand continually on the watchtower in the daytime; I have sat at my post every night.

⁹ And look, here comes a chariot of men *with* a pair of horsemen!”
Then he answered and said, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen! And all the carved images of her gods He has broken to the ground.”

Babylon is Fallen – Continued

A Memory of Jeremiah:

Jeremiah 51:54-56

⁵⁴ The sound of a cry *comes* from Babylon, And great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans, ⁵⁵ Because the LORD is plundering Babylon And silencing her loud voice, Though her waves roar like great waters, And the noise of their voice is uttered, ⁵⁶ Because the plunderer comes against her, against Babylon, And her mighty men are taken. Every one of their bows is broken; For the LORD *is* the God of recompense, He will surely repay.

Babylon is Fallen – Continued

A Memory of Jeremiah continued:

Jeremiah 51:57-58

57 “And I will make drunk Her princes and wise men, Her governors, her deputies, and her mighty men. And they shall sleep a perpetual sleep And not awake,” says the King, Whose name *is* the LORD of hosts.

58 Thus says the LORD of hosts: “The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly broken, And her high gates shall be burned with fire; The people will labor in vain, And the nations, because of the fire; And they shall be weary.”

Genesis 10:8-12

⁸ Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. ⁹ He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, “Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.” ¹⁰ And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. ¹¹ From that land he went to Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah, ¹² and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (that is the principal city).

Genesis 11:1-5

¹ Now the whole earth had one language and one ^lspeech. ² And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. ³ Then they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and bake *them* thoroughly.” They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. ⁴ And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *is* in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.” ⁵ But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.

Genesis 11:6-9

⁶ And the LORD said, “Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. ⁷ Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.” ⁸ So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. ⁹ Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

***Babylon is
Fallen
Continued***

Great Babylon made all
drink of the wine of wrath

Revelation 14:9-11

⁹ Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives *his* mark on his forehead or on his hand,

¹⁰ he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

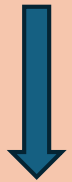
¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”

God's Judgment on Beast-Worship

1.

The wine of
God's fury

Greek



thermos

3.

Tormented before the
holy angels

Greek → ***basanismos***

Upheaval

5.

No rest day
or night

2.

Undiluted
wrath of
God

4.

Smoke of
torment
forever



***Revelatio
n 14:12***

The Saints of God

12 Here is the patience of
the saints;
here *are* those who keep
the commandments of
God and the faith of
Jesus.



***Revelatio
n 14:12***

The Saints of God

- A call for saints
- Patient endurance
- Obeying
commandments

The Magnificent Hope

Revelation 14:13

13 Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me,
“Write: ‘Blessed *are* the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’ ”
“Yes,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.”

Revelation 14:13

The Magnificent Hope

- ❖ A benediction on those dying in Christ
Greek → *makarioi*
- ❖ "Yes" says the Spirit because they will rest (a shabbat)
- ❖ Their works follow after them

Revelation 14:14-16

14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat *One* like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.

15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, “Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.”

16 So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

The Reaping of the Earth

**Not a command
to Christ but an
announcement
of time**



**A harvest of
Judgment**

Revelation 14:17-20

- 17** Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. **18** And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, “Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe.” **19** So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw *it* into the great winepress of the wrath of God.
- 20** And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses’ bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

Harvest of the Vineyard

Revelation 14:17-20

❖ Architectural structure of a vineyard vat

- The press is a *gath*

Hebrew → גַּת

- The receiving vat was a *yekebh*

Hebrew → יֶקֶב

- ❖ Grapes as early as June in the Jordan valley; Mediterranean coast in August; the Hills in September

Harvest of the Vineyard Continued

Revelation 14:17-20

- ❖ People encamped in booths around press and cut clusters with sickles
- ❖ Grapes brought to vat about two feet deep and slightly above deeper vat
- ❖ With washed feet they trod on the grapes. Juice flowed through pipe to lower vat, then into jars

Harvest of the Vineyard Continued

Revelation 14:17-20

- ❖ "The less the pressure, the better the product"
- ❖ Fermentation begins almost immediately with a slight foam on top
- ❖ The wine tithe taken early
- ❖ Action of fermentation produces more violent foaming

Harvest of the Vineyard Continued

Revelation 14:17-20

- ❖ At the bottom are the "lees"

Hebrew \Longrightarrow *shemarim* \Longrightarrow שְׂמָרִים

- ❖ On top is the wine

Hebrew \Longrightarrow *yayin* \Longrightarrow יַיִן

Grapes of Wrath

- ❑ Grapes are those who do not accept Christ's atonement
- ❑ Cast into the ***gath*** and tread upon by Christ the judge
- ❑ Blood splashes for 1600 stadia as high as horse bridles or 184 miles
 - 1 stadia = 670 feet
 - The length of Israel from Wadi el-Arish to mount Hermon