

A Further Explanation

b. Political and Commercial Babylon **Judged** (Revelation 18)

(1) Announcement of the **Fall** of Babylon (Revelation 18:1–8)

Revelation 18:1-24 - A Further **Explanation**

1 And **after these things** I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power;

Revelation 14:6-10

6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having **the everlasting gospel to preach** unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

7 Saying with a loud voice, **Fear God, and give glory to him;** for **THE HOUR** of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

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

9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with **fire and brimstone** in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

Revelation 14:18

18 And **another angel** came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

1b and the **earth was lightened**(to **shine** or send rays) **with his glory**.

Ezekiel 43:2 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice *was* like a noise of many waters: and **the earth shined with his glory**.

The **Religion** of Babylon has Fallen

2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice,

saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.**

Jeremiah 51:37-40

37 And **Babylon shall become heaps**, a dwellingplace for dragons, an astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant.

38 They shall roar together like lions: they shall yell as lions' whelps.

39 In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the LORD.

40 I will bring them **down like lambs to the slaughter**, like rams with he goats.

Revelation 17:4-6

4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

5 And upon her forehead *was* a name written, **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**

6 And I saw the woman drunken with **the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus**: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

Isaiah 13:19-22

19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

20 It shall **never be inhabited**, neither shall it **be dwelt in from generation to generation**: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.

21 But **wild beasts of the desert** shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.

22 And the **wild beasts** of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in *their* pleasant palaces: and her time *is* near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

Revelation 16:12-16

12 And **the sixth angel poured out his vial** upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

13 And I saw **three unclean spirits like frogs** *come out of the mouth of the dragon*, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

15 **Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.**

16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue **Armageddon.**

The Religious Babylon **unites** with the Political Babylon

3 For all nations have **drunk of the wine** of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth **have committed fornication with her**, and **the merchants of the earth** are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

Revelation 14:8 And there followed another angel, saying, **Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city**, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of **her fornication.**

The **Political Side** Explained

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins**, and that ye receive not of **her plagues**.

5 For **her sins** have reached unto heaven, and **God hath remembered her iniquities**.

Genesis 18:20 And the LORD said, Because **the cry** of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because **their sin is very grievous**;

Revelation 16:19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon **came in remembrance before God**, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

Double **Reward** for Double the **sin**

6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and **double unto her double according to her works**: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

Isaiah 40:2 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: **for she hath received of the LORD'S hand double for all her sins**.

Undeserved self decided **pomp and circumstance** (sitting on a **beast**)

7 How much **she hath glorified herself**, and **lived deliciously**, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, **I sit a queen**, and am no widow, and **shall see no sorrow**.

Isaiah 47:5

5 Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of **the Chaldeans**: for thou shalt no more be called, **The lady of kingdoms**.

Revelation 13:1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw **a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns**, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

The Rapidity of God's Judgment

8 Therefore shall **her plagues** come in **ONE DAY**, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be **utterly burned with fire**: for strong *is* the Lord God who judgeth her.

Revelation 6:8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to **kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth**.

Revelation 16:17-21 the **7th Angel**

17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, **It is done**.

18 And there were voices, and **thunders, and lightnings**; and there was a **great earthquake**, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, *and* so great.

19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and **the cities of the nations fell**: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, *every stone* about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

Isaiah 47:5-9 **Chaldeans Judged**

5 Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, **O daughter of the Chaldeans**: for thou shalt no more be called, **The lady of kingdoms**.

6 I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke.

7 And thou saidst, **I shall be a lady for ever**: *so* that thou didst not lay these *things* to thy heart, neither didst remember **the latter end of it**.

8 Therefore hear now this, *thou that art* given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, *I am*, and none else beside me; **I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children**:

9 But these **two things** shall come to thee **in a moment in ONE DAY**, the loss of **children, and widowhood**: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy **sorceries(magic)**, *and* for the great abundance of thine **enchantments(a spell)**.

Revelation 17:16 **(10 horns)**

16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, **these shall hate the whore**, and shall **make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire**.

Isaiah 34:9

9 And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof **into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch**.

Jeremiah 50:34 Their **Redeemer is strong**; the LORD of hosts *is* his name: he shall thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the land, and **disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon**.

(2) Anguish in the World Because of **Judgment on Babylon** (Revelation 18:9–19)

All kingdoms of the earth will **mourn**

9 And the kings of the earth, who have **committed fornication** and lived **deliciously(luxurious)** with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when **they shall see the smoke of her burning**,

Revelation 17:2 With whom the kings of the earth have **committed fornication**, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made **drunk** with the wine of **her fornication**.

Ezekiel 27:30 And shall cause **their voice to be heard against thee**, and shall cry **bitterly**, and shall cast up dust upon their heads, they shall **wallow themselves in the ashes**:

All **nations** gather outside and mourn

10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, **Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.**

11 And the merchants(**wholesale merchandise**) of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their **merchandise(a cargo, or wares)** any more:

The Power of Babylon - **Wealth**

12 The merchandise of **gold**, and **silver**, and **precious stones**, and of **pearls**, and **fine linen**, and **purple**, and **silk**, and **scarlet**, and all **thyine wood**, and all manner vessels of **ivory**, and all manner vessels of **most precious wood**, and of **brass**, and **iron**, and **marble**,

Revelation 17:4 And the woman was arrayed in **purple** and **scarlet** colour, and decked with **gold** and **precious stones** and **pearls**, having a **golden cup** in her hand full of **abominations** and filthiness of **her fornication**:

13 And **cinnamon**, and **odours**, and **ointments**, and **frankincense**, and **wine**, and **oil**, and **fine flour**, and **wheat**, and **beasts**, and **sheep**, and **horses**, and **chariots**, and **slaves**, and **souls of men**.

14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed(**GONE**) from thee, and all things which were **dainty(lipos - fat)** and **goodly** are departed from thee, and **thou shalt find them no more at all**.

15 The **merchants** of these things, which were **made rich** by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, **weeping and wailing**,

The **Prestige** of Babylon

16 And saying, **Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen**, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!

17 For **IN ONE HOUR** so **great riches is come to nought(WASTE)**.

All Outside **nations** Mourning

17b And every **shipmaster**, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,

18 And **cried(shriek)** when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, *What city is like unto this great city!*

19 And they cast dust on their heads, and **cried, weeping and wailing**, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were **made rich all** that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in **ONE HOUR** is she made **desolate(to lay waste)**.

Ezekiel 27:30 And shall cause their voice to be heard against thee, and **shall cry bitterly**, and shall **cast up dust upon their heads**, they shall wallow themselves **in the ashes**:

(3) **Joy in Heaven** Because of Judgment on Babylon, Revelation 18:20–24

Rejoicing in **Heaven**

20 Rejoice over her, *thou heaven*, and *ye holy apostles and prophets*; for God hath avenged you on her.

21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast *it* into the sea, saying, **Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.**

Jeremiah 51:63-64

63 And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, *that* thou shalt bind a stone to it, and **cast it into the midst of Euphrates**:

64 And thou shalt say, **Thus shall Babylon sink**, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her: and they shall be weary. Thus far *are* the words of Jeremiah.

Earthly **Party** ends

22 And the voice of **harpers**, and **musicians**, and of **pipers**, and **trumpeters**, shall be heard **no more** at all in thee; and **no craftsman**, of whatsoever craft *he be*, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;

Isaiah 24:8-10

8 The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, **the noise of them that rejoice endeth**, the joy of **the harp ceaseth**.

9 They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it.

10 The city of confusion is broken down: every house is shut up, that no man may come in.

The **Bright lights** are put out

23 And **the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee**; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for **by thy sorceries were all nations deceived(to go astray)**.

24 And in her was found **the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth**.