

# Revelation 18

## Babylon the Great is fallen!

- Another angel, with great authority (earth illuminated with his glory), cried **“Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!”**
- Merchants** of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury (wealth, materialism)
- Another voice announces, **“Come out her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.”**
- Her sins have “reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.”
- Repay her double!** As much as she lived luxuriously, in same measure give her torment and sorrow.
- She said “I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.” “Therefore” her sudden fall will come in one day, death and mourning and famine. She will be utterly burned with fire.
- Kings of earth** committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her, will weep and lament for her. (government)
- Merchants of the earth** also weep and mourn, for no one buys their merchandise anymore (commerce) Follows a long list of goods, 28 cargoes, include items from mineral, plant, animal and HUMAN kingdoms (slave trades, souls of men)
- Every shipmaster** (3rd group, global shipping) cried out, wept, mourned, alas, alas...”.all ships on the sea became rich by her wealth!”

- “Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets for God has avenged you on her!”**
- Mighty angel took millstone and threw it in sea** saying “Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore...” (illustrates the quickness, violence, completeness of her end)
- No more music, no more workers, no more daily activities, no light, no activity (no voice of bridegroom and bride) ever again.

- The reason?** “For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth.” (The world’s idea of “great men” were “merchants” - the world’s values are all about money.)



**“Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons...”**

**“Come out of her my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. For her sins have reached to heaven...”**

**“Render to her just as she rendered to you...for she says in her heart**

**“I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.”**

**“Therefore her plagues will come in day—death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her.”**

**“Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.”**

**“...for no one buys their merchandise anymore:**

- Gold and silver
- Precious stones and pearls
- Fine linen and purple
- Silk and scarlet
- Every kind of citron wood
- Every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble
- Cinnamon and incense
- Fragrant oil and frankincense
- Wine and oil
- Fine flour and wheat
- Cattle and sheep
- Horses and chariots
- Bodies and souls of men

**“...the fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all.”**

**“...thus with violence the great city of Babylon will be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore...”**

**“...Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls! For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.”**

**“What is like this great city? Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate...”**

**“...For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth.”**

**“...Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!”**