



Revelation Chapter 18

“Fallen, fallen, is Babylon the great!”

Babylon the Great is Fallen, Fallen

(1) After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory.

(2) And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "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!"

(3) For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury."

Revelation 18:1-3 NKJV



WHO IS BABYLON THE GREAT?	ROME	JERUSALEM
Has become a dwelling place of demons - vs. 2; Matthew 12:43-45	X	✓
Nations drank of the wine of her fornication... - vss. 3; (Isaiah 1:21; Ezek 16:ff	?	✓
Kings of the earth committed fornication with her - vss. 3, 9;	?	✓

Come Out of Her My People

(4) And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.

(5) For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

(6) Render to her just as she rendered to you and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her.

(7) In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, 'I sit *as* queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.'

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

Revelation 18:4-8 NKJV





The Fall of Rome

“The Fall of the Roman Empire was undoubtedly an earth-shattering occurrence in Western civilization, but there isn't one single event that scholars can agree on that decisively led to the end of the glory that was Rome, nor which point on a timeline could stand as the official end. **Instead, the fall was slow and painful, lasting over a period of two and a half centuries.**”

<https://www.thoughtco.com/fall-of-rome-short-timeline-121196#:~:text=Instead%2C%20the%20fall%20was%20slow,two%20and%20a%20half%20centuries.>



The Great Fire of Rome

On **July 18, 64 C.E.**, a fire started in the enormous Circus Maximus stadium in Rome, now the capital of Italy. When the fire was finally extinguished six days later, 10 of Rome's 14 districts had burned. Ancient historians blamed Rome's infamous emperor, Nero, for the fire. One historian said Nero was playing the fiddle while his city went up in flames. Other historians say Nero wanted to raze the city so he could build a new palace. Nero himself blamed a rebellious new cult—the Christians. Most modern historians don't blame Nero for the Great Fire of Rome. Ancient Rome was a city of one million people. A fire in one home could quickly engulf the entire block.

<https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/great-fire-rome/>

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Kings of the earth committed fornication with her - vss. 3, 9;	?	✓
Come out of her my people - vs. 4; Matthew 24:16-17; Luke 21:21-22	X	✓
God remembered her iniquities - vs. 5;	?	✓
Render to her, repay her double - vs. 6;	?	✓
I sit as a queen, and am no widow - vs. 7;	?	✓
Plagues will come in one day - vss. 8, 10;	X	✓
She will be utterly burned with fire - vss. 8, 9, 17; Matthew 22:4-7	X	✓

Alas, Alas, that Great City Babylon

(9) "The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning,

(10) standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.'

Revelation 18:9-10 NKJV



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Kings of the earth committed fornication with her - vss. 3, 9;	?	✓
Come out of her my people - vs. 4; Matthew 24:16-17; Luke 21:21-22	X	✓
God remembered her iniquities - vs. 5;	?	✓
Render to her, repay her double - vs. 6;	?	✓
I sit as a queen, and am no widow - vs. 7;	?	✓
Plagues will come in one day - vss. 8, 10;	X	✓
She will be utterly burned with fire - vss. 8, 9, 17; Matthew 22:4-7	X	✓
Strong is the Lord who judges her - vs. 8;	✓	✓
One hour your judgment has come - vs. 10, 17, 21; Rev 17:12; 18:10, 17, 19	X	✓

The Merchants of the Earth will Weep

(11) "And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore:

(12) merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble;

(13) and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men.

(14) 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.

Revelation 18:11-14 NKJV



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Plagues will come in one day - vss. 8, 10;	X	✓
She will be utterly burned with fire - vss. 8, 9, 17; Matthew 22:4-7	X	✓
Strong is the Lord who judges her - vs. 8;	✓	✓
One hour your judgment has come - vs. 10, 17, 21; Rev 17:12; 18:10, 17, 19	X	✓
Merchants will weep and mourn - vs. 11, 15-17, 19;	X	✓
Fruit is gone from you - vs. 14;	X	✓
Rich and splendid gone from you - vs. 14;	X	✓

'For in One Hour Such Riches Came to Nothing'

(15) The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

(16) and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls!

(17) For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.' Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance

(18) and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What is like this great city?'

Revelation 18:15-18 NKJV



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One hour your judgment has come - vs. 10, 17, 21;	X	✓
Merchants will weep and mourn - vs. 11, 15-17, 19;	X	✓
Fruit is gone from you - vs. 14;	X	✓
Rich and splendid gone from you - vs. 14;	X	✓

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You will find them no more - vs. 14;	X	✓

They Threw Dust on Their Heads

(19) "They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, '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.'

Revelation 18:19 NKJV



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You will find them no more - vs. 14;	X	✓
In one hour she is made desolate - vs. 19;	X	✓



Was the city of Rome Ever Abandoned?

“No, Rome was never abandoned. At the time of the fall of the Empire, Rome was a city in serious decline due to the loss of its status as capital (the capital of the Western Roman Empire was Ravenna), it has an economic crisis and repeated looting, however it was a city that is still quite populous.”

<https://www.quora.com/Was-the-city-of-Rome-left-abandoned-after-the-Empire-fell#:~:text=No%2C%20Rome%20was%20never%20abandoned,that%20is%20still%20quite%20populous.>

Rejoice over Her, O Heaven

(20) "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and *you* holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!"

Revelation 18:20 NKJV



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You will find them no more - vs. 14;	X	✓
She is made desolate - vs. 19;	X	✓
Apostles and Prophets avenged on her - vs. 20; Luke 11:45-51	X	✓

Luke 11:46-51 (NKJV)

(45) Then one of the lawyers answered and said to Him, "Teacher, by saying these things You reproach us also." (46) And He said, "Woe to you also, lawyers! For you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers. (47) Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. (48) In fact, you bear witness that you approve the deeds of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs. (49) Therefore the wisdom of God also said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute,' (50) that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation, (51) from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation.

HOW THE APOSTLES DIED

APOSTLE	WHERE DIED	WHEN DIED	MANNER OF DEATH
PETER	Rome Italy (Nero)	54-56 AD	Crucified head down at his own request
ANDREW	Edessa, Greece	? AD	Severly scourged & ties by ropes on an x-shaped cross where he hung 2 days before dying
JAMES	Jerusalem (Herod)	44 AD 1st apostle martyred	Beheaded with sword. Mark 10:39 & Acts 12:1-2
JOHN	Ephesus	98 AD	Thrown in boiling oil but unharmed. Died of natural causes in Ephesus
PHILIP	Hieropolis, Syria	?AD	Crucified
BARTHOLOMEW	India or Armenia	?AD	Beaten, flayed, and crucified head down
THOMAS	Edessa, Greece	?AD	Lanced by Idolatrous priests and burned up in an oven
MATTHEW	Nadabah, Ethiopia	About 60 AD	Axed to death with a halberd
JAMES	Jerusalem	66 AD	Thrown down from the Temple tower & not dead, so clubbed to death with a fullers clud at age 94
THADDAEUS	Edessa, Greece	72 AD	Crucified
SIMON	Brittainnia, Europe	? AD	Crucified
JUDAS ISCARIOT	Jerusalem	30 AD	Suicide by hanging
MATTHIAS	Jerusalem	? AD	Stoned & beheaded
PAUL	Rome. Italy	66 AD	Beheaded



A Mighty Angel Declares Babylon's Fall

(21) Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw *it* into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore.

(22) The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you anymore. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore.

(23) The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived.

(24) And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth."

Revelation 18:21-24 NKJV



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She is made desolate - vs. 19;	X	✓
Apostles and Prophets avenged on her - vs. 20; Luke 11:45-51	X	✓
Great millstone thrown... thus with violence - vs. 21; Matt 18:6; Mk 9:42; Lk 17:2	X	✓
Thrown down - vs. 21;	X	✓
Not found anymore - vs. 21;	X	✓
No musicians anymore - vs. 22;	X	✓
No craftsmen anymore - vs. 22;	X	✓
No millstones anymore - vs. 22;	X	✓
No lamps light anymore - vs. 23;	X	✓
No marriages anymore - vs. 23;	X	✓
Merchants were great men of the earth - vs. 24;	✓	✓
Sorcery has deceived the nations - vs. 24;	✓	✓
In you found blood of prophets and saints - vs. 25: (cf. Luke 11:51)	✓	✓



The Sacking of Rome (410 A.D.)

“The Sack of Rome on 24 August 410 AD was undertaken by the Visigoths led by their king, Alaric. At that time, Rome was no longer the administrative capital of the Western Roman Empire, having been replaced in that position first by Mediolanum (now Milan) in 286 and then by Ravenna in 402. Nevertheless, the city of Rome retained a paramount position as "the eternal city" and a spiritual center of the Empire. This was the first time in almost 800 years that Rome had fallen to a foreign enemy, and the sack was a major shock to contemporaries, friends and foes of the Empire alike.”

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sack_of_Rome_\(410\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sack_of_Rome_(410))

Top Roman Emperor Persecutors

“There are three Roman emperors whose names tend to appear on the top of the list as the most brutal persecutors of Christians: Nero, Decius and Diocletian. Nero, who ruled from 37 to 68 A.D., was the first Roman emperor to persecute the Christians.”

<https://www.oaoa.com/local-news/emperors-persecutions-of-christians-failed/#:~:text=%E2%80%9CThere%20are%20three%20Roman%20emperors,emperor%20to%20persecute%20the%20Christians.>



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