

THE FALL OF MYSTERY BABYLON  
REV. 18:1-8

Introduction:

A. Another angel. v1

1. "and after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven having great power."
  - a. power = eksousia - delegated authority.
2. "and the earth was lightened with his glory."
  - a. lightened = photizo - to light up, illuminate.

B. The announcement of the angel. v2

1. "And he cried mightily with a strong voice, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen."
  - a. cried = krazo - to scream.
  - b. fallen = pipto - to fall, This is repeated as though it is a funeral dirge.
2. "and is become the habitation of devils and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird."
  - a. habitation =- katoiketerion = down-dwelling, A permanent dwelling, a settling down, for demons.
  - b. hold = phulake - a watching = prison.
  - c. foul = akathartos - impure, unclean, unatoned.
  - d. cage = phulake - prison.
  - e. unclean = akathartos = unatoned.
  - f. hateful = stugetos - to be hated, abominated.

I. THE THREE REASONS FOR HER DOWNFALL. v3

A. "For all nations have drunk of the winepress of her fornication."

1. All of the nations have been intoxicated by the success and glory of one-worldism.

B. "the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her." v3



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1. The rulers of the world court one-worldism.
  2. They are lured to the bed of false religion.
- C. "the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies."
1. merchants = emporos - one who goes on ship-board as a passenger, a wholesale dealer.
  2. waxed rich = plouteo - to be wealthy.
  3. abundance = dunamis = power.
  4. delicacies = strenos - rudeness, insolence, pride; hence, revel, riot, luxury, (as a gangster or drug dealer lives in opulence.)

## II. GOD'S PLEA FOR SEPARATION. V4,5

- A. There is "another" voice from heaven.
1. "come out of her my people."
  2. "that ye be not partakers of her sins."
  3. "that ye receive not of her plagues."
- B. Judgment is ready to fall.
1. "for her sins have reached unto heaven."
    - a. reached = kollao - to stick to, to join to, Her sins have been joined or piled together until the over growing mass rose sky-high.
    - b. Remember the Tower of Babel?
  2. "and God hath remembered her iniquities."
    - a. remembered = mnemoneuo - remember.
    - b. iniquities = poneria - evil nature, sad state or condition, the wicked act of the wicked delighting in evil.

## III. GOD'S STANDARD OF JUDGMENT FOR BABYLON.

- A. God has set His laws and warned all. v6-8
1. Psalm 137:7-9. [593 B.C.]
  2. Rev. 18:9,10.

B. Kind for kind.

1. "Reward her even as she rewarded you."
2. reward = apodidomi - to give in full.

C. Double for each wicked work.

1. "and double unto her double according to her works."
2. "in the cup which she hath filled, fill to her double." Jesus cup in Gethsemane.

D. Torment and sorrow for self-glory and reveling.

1. "How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her."
2. glorified = doksakso - honor, praise.
3. deliciously = streniao - to live hard, revel. This is exemplified by our, high-energy lifestyle.
4. torment = basanismos = torture.
5. sorrow = penthos - mourning, lamenting. For every honor give dishonor, for every hour of reveling give two of torture.

E. Babylon's arrogance. Three things:

1. "for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen."
2. "and am no widow." Never in any wise shall be a widow.
3. "and shall see no sorrow."

#### IV. BABYLON'S DAY OF DEATH. VS

A. "Therefore shall her plagues come in one day."

1. plagues = piege - a stroke, a blow.
2. day = hemera = sunrise to sunset.
3. death = thanatos.
4. mourning = pentheo - to bewail, lament.
5. famine = limos - failure, want, as of food.

B. "and she shall utterly be burned with fire."

1. burn utterly = katakaiō - to burn down.

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2. Any way we may look at Babylon, she is evil. She must be burned to the ground.

#### V. HOW CAN THIS BE?

- A. "for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her."
  1. strong = megas = great.
  2. judgeth = krino - to divide, to separate, to make final judgment.
  
- B. "come out from among her."
  1. "my people."
  2. Do not participate in her evil or her judgment.

