

Babylon Will Fall - Revelation 17 and 18

Babylon the Harlot (Revelation 17) – *worldwide religious system*, portrayed as a woman, a harlot, riding a scarlet beast, who will be destroyed by the beast and 10 kings.

Babylon the Great (Revelation 18) – *the city that will be rebuilt*, and be headquarters for world religion, world government, world finance

Chapter 17 shows us the religious system of Babylon and her demise. (Stephen Davey)

Chapter 18 shows us the regal city of Babylon and her destruction. (Stephen Davey)

BABYLON THE HARLOT – Revelation 17

Revelation 17:5: “on her forehead a name was written, a mystery, “Babylon the Great. The mother of harlots and of the abominations of the earth.”

Revelation 17:16 “the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire.”

- The Antichrist will have no need of her; the one world church will be replaced around the middle of the Tribulation, when the Antichrist will claim to be god and set himself up to be worshipped alone. (S.D.)
- All false religions have been birthed from the Harlot Babylon – she is the mother of spiritual prostitution and has seduced people for 1000's of years. (S.D.)
- In the future, the city of Babylon will be rebuilt and be the capital city of the one world church. (*I call it: “The Church of Coexistence.”*)
- The Harlot Babylon has the blood of prophets and saints on her hands **Revelation 17:6** “I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.”
- The “*Church of Coexistence*” will kill those who stand in opposition to her, until her own opposition kills her: **Revelation 17:16:** “the 10 kings and the beast will hate the harlot – and destroy her”
- This will be the end of the “*Church of Coexistence*”... the end of harlot Babylon, but the great city of Babylon will remain for the 2nd half of the Tribulation

BABYLON THE GREAT CITY – Revelation 18

Rev 18 lists the products that will flow through its trading center. **Revelation 18:3:** “the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury.”

The luxurious city of Babylon does not exist right now. However, on the eastern side of the Euphrates River, about 55 miles south of the modern city of Baghdad are:

- the ruins of the city walls
- the remodeled Ishtar Gate
- mound of dirt where the Tower of Babel once stood (Ziggurat of Etemananki)
- Iraq is undertaking a huge building project to create a new shipping port on its southern border at the Persian Gulf, with railway systems to transport goods from the port – through Baghdad – to Turkey – and into Europe.
- The planners expect that it will become the largest of its kind in the Middle East, surpassing even Dubai's Jebel Ali Port.

Google: Jebel Ali Port in Dubai is the world's largest man-made harbor and the busiest, most efficient container hub in the Middle East. Located 35km southwest of Dubai, it is operated by DP World and connects over 150 ports worldwide via 80+ shipping lines.

<https://www.iraqidinarusd.com> (blog) **May 23, 2025: Major Progress in Iraq: Iraq Completes Major Portion of the Development Road Project**

This massive infrastructure project—linking the Al-Faw Grand Port to Turkey and Europe via road, rail, and pipeline—positions Iraq as a central trade hub between Asia and Europe. The Development Road initiative is not only about cargo. It's a multi-modal transportation corridor that includes railways, highways, and pipelines, aimed at linking Gulf ports with European markets via Turkey. Designed to rival Egypt's Suez Canal in regional importance, this strategic infrastructure could redefine Iraq's economic landscape and restore its role as a central hub for global trade. The first segment of the highway, spanning 62 kilometers and linking the Al-Faw Grand Port with Umm Qasr, is now complete. Transport Minister Razzaq Al-Saadawi confirmed that the first phase of the Al-Faw Grand Port is on track to be completed by the end of 2025. Once operational, this port—set on a 54-square-kilometer open-sea site—will become the largest of its kind in the Middle East, surpassing even Dubai's Jebel Ali Port. The initial phase of the Al-Faw project consists of five completed piers, a 2,400-meter underwater tunnel under the Khor Al-Zubair Channel, a container yard, and a new ship canal. These features will integrate the Al-Faw Grand Port into Iraq's broader transportation infrastructure, including the Development Road network, which is designed to connect Basra to Turkey and onward into Europe.

Washington, June 25, 2025 – The World Bank Board of Executive Directors approved yesterday a US\$930 million financing to help improve Iraq's railway performance, boost domestic trade, create jobs, and diversify the economy. The IREM project will rehabilitate and modernize 1,047 km of existing railways linking Umm Qasr Port to Mosul through Baghdad. By 2037, the revived railway line is expected to carry 6.3 million tons of domestic freight, 1.1 million tons of exports/imports, and 2.85 million passengers, including bulk commodities (such as grains or construction materials) and containerized commodities (such as industrial and consumer goods).

- In the future - **Revelation 18:17-19** “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?' 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.’”
- The destruction of Babylon is demonstrated by the angel like a huge millstone thrown into the sea, where it sinks, to the bottom of the ocean. **Revelation 18:21-24** “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.’”
- There is a day in the future when the Kingdom of Babylon will be no more.
- The warning: **Revelation 18:4** 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.”
- The kingdom of Babylon - the kingdom of rebellion against God - is NOT the kingdom to live in.

REMINDERS ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD:

Matthew 6:19-21 Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:31-34 Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

John 3:3-5 ³ Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

Ephesians 5:5 ⁵ For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

1 Thessalonians 2:12 walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

- The kingdom of Babylon is based on lies and deception.
 - ❖ The kingdom of Heaven is the source of truth and reality.
- The kingdom of Babylon is a world of wickedness, sexual immorality, and abominations.
 - ❖ The kingdom of Heaven is a place of holiness, righteousness and goodness.
- The kingdom of Babylon seduces people to join its wickedness.
 - ❖ The kingdom of Heaven invites people to become its citizens through confession of sin, repentance, and rebirth through the Holy Spirit.
- The kingdom of Babylon offers temporary fulfillment of self-centered desires.
 - ❖ The kingdom of Heaven provides a permanent place where an eternal, incorruptible inheritance will be received, because of the unselfish sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
- The kingdom of Babylon will be destroyed, never to be inhabited again. It's foundations are built on sinking sand.
 - ❖ But the God of Heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but **it will itself endure forever.** **Daniel 2:44**

The kingdom of Heaven is a kingdom of righteousness, and joy, and peace, and holiness because it is the KINGDOM OF GOD! It has an open invitation: anyone may come – through Jesus. As a citizen of the kingdom of God – you are safe forever! Babylon will burn, but our future is bright and beautiful.