

Revelation 14:8
The Pronouncement of Babylon's Fall
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What City Is Babylon the Great?

Revelation 14:8 And another angel, a second one, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen **Babylon the great**, she who has made all the nations drink of the wine of the passion of her immorality."

1. Jerusalem
2. Rome
3. Symbolic
4. Literal Babylon on the Euphrates

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Babylon Is Jerusalem?

1. Harlot references
2. Kills the prophets
3. Great city references

Revelation 17:5 And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: "Babylon the great, **mother of harlots** and of earth's abominations."

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Can This Be Said of Jerusalem?

Revelation 18:21 Then a strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "So will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence, and **will not be found any longer.**"

Zechariah 14:9-10 And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be the only one, and His name the only one. 10 All the land will be changed into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; **but Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site...**

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What About the Great City References?

"Great" is used in Revelation 61 times!

Revelation 16:19 **The great city** was split into three parts, and **the cities of the nations** fell. **Babylon the great** was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath.

Revelation 11:8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of **the great city** which mystically is called **Sodom and Egypt**, where also their Lord was crucified.

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What About Rome?

1. Babylon rules over the nations (Rev. 17:18ff)
2. Babylon persecutes the saints (Rev. 17:6)
3. Babylon sits on 7 mountains (Rev. 17:9ff)

Revelation 17:9-10 Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits, **10 and they are seven kings**; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while.

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Babylon Is Babylon!

1. John uses place names literally unless otherwise noted (Rev. 1:9; 2:1, 8, 2, 18; 3:1, 7, 14).
2. The mention of the Euphrates tips us off to Babylon's literal existence.

Revelation 16:12, 19 The sixth angel poured out his bowl on **the great river, the Euphrates**; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east... **Babylon the great** was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath.

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Real Babylon With Rich Symbolism

3. Babylon "the great" is a reference to Dan. 4:30
Daniel 4:30 The king reflected and said, 'Is this not **Babylon the great**, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?

Genesis 11:4 They said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

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Babylon's Fundamental Character

Jeremiah 51:6-7 Flee from the midst of Babylon, And each of you save his life! Do not be destroyed in her punishment, For this is the LORD'S time of vengeance; He is going to render recompense to her. **7 Babylon has been a golden cup in the hand of the LORD, Intoxicating all the earth.** The nations have drunk of her wine; Therefore the nations are going mad.

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Babylon's Assured Destruction

Isaiah 21:9 Now behold, here comes a troop of riders, horsemen in pairs." And one said, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon; and all the images of her gods are shattered on the ground.

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