

## **The Fall of Babylon the Great.**

### **1) There is the great angelic announcement from heaven.**

**Revelation 18:1** After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. (NKJ)

#### **1. Babylon will be destroyed because of spiritual corruption.**

**Revelation 18:2** And he cried mightily<sup>[a]</sup> 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! (NKJ)

##### **⇒ The spirit of bondage.**

**Romans 8:15** For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” (NKJ)

##### **⇒ The spirit of the world.**

**1 Corinthians 2:12** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. (NKJ)

##### **⇒ The spirit of man.**

**1 Corinthians 2:11** For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. (NKJ)

##### **⇒ The spirit of false teaching and preaching.**

**1 John 4:1** Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. (NKJ)

##### **⇒ The spirit of error.**

**1 John 4:6** We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. (NKJ)

#### **2. Babylon, the great capital city, will be destroyed because the city corrupted nations, kings, and merchants**

**Revelation 18:3** 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.” (NKJ)

**Romans 2:24** For “the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you,”<sup>[a]</sup> as it is written. (NKJ)

#### **3. The Worldly System is judged for its sinfulness.**

**Revelation 18:4-5** 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. <sup>5</sup> For her sins have reached<sup>[a]</sup> to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. (NKJ)

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**2 Timothy 3:1-2** But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. <sup>2</sup> People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, (NIV)

**2 Timothy 4:3** For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. (NIV)

#### **4. Babylon will be destroyed because the city will take the lead in persecuting God's people**

**Revelation 18:6** Render to her just as she rendered to you,<sup>[a]</sup> and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her. (NKJ)

#### **5. Babylon will be destroyed because of self-glory, pride, selfish extravagance, and indulgence**

**Revelation 18:7** 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.’ (NKJ)

**Revelation 3:17** Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— (NKJ)

#### **2) There is the quickness of Babylon's destruction.**

**Revelation 18:8** 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<sup>[a]</sup> her. (NKJ)

**Revelation 1:7** Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. (NKJ)