

**What City Do You Live In?  
The Fall Of Babylon  
Revelation 18:1 – 8**

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We have examined the long history of Babylon and learned that the roots extend from Genesis 4 and Adam's son, Cain.

We have learned that the Bible has in it a story of two competing cities, Babylon, the city of man reflecting the guiding forces behind all of human government that rejects God; and the city of Jerusalem, which is shown to be reflective of God even to the point that God has expressed His desire to dwell on Mount Zion which is in Jerusalem as He reestablishes Eden here on earth.

Lucifer, who we also know as Satan, as we have seen, desires the opposite and he desires to have his throne there, thus the battle for Zion continues even today.

We learned that the principalities and powers, the rulers, the fallen divine beings who fell with Lucifer, have been behind all false and apostate religion since Genesis 4 and the founding, by Cain and his descendants, of Eridu and establishing worship there, of the King of the Abyss, Satan. Those fallen divine beings who then were assigned to oversee the 70 language groups, the nations, resulting from Babel in Genesis 11, rebelled and demanded worship themselves.

We learned that much of the social issues we see today, abortion, LGBTQ+, and on and on are not new inventions but are simply continuations of what those fallen beings have been behind for thousands of years.

Ecclesiastes 1:9–11

“What is it that has happened? The same as what will happen. And what has been done? The same as what will be done. And **there is nothing novel under the sun**. Who shall speak and say, “Look! This is new!”? It has already happened in the eternities that came before us. There is no memory of the earlier ones and also of the last ones happening. There will be no memory of them among those who will happen at the end.” (Lexham Press 2020, Ecc 1:9-11)

Progressive Christians, also known as apostate believers, would have us believe this is all new and God has winked, it isn't, and He hasn't. It is very old and has its roots in a fallen divine being called Inanna, that is one of the names used over the centuries.

Ephesians 6:12

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.” (ESV)

Because of our spiritual blindness, reinforced by our western mindset and scientific explanation for everything, we fail to see the true nature of the universe around us.

We fail to see and understand that our world, society, economy and government are continually influenced by malevolent extraterrestrial alien powers who are supernatural in origin and activity. They are real and have been around for thousands of years.

As a result of these liars, we have been blinded and do not see that there is a creator, who has communicated with us from an extraterrestrial throne room using a method of communication that He has chosen, to let us know that we are not alone in this battle. He has outlined the entire struggle for us, in writing and communicated it to us over a period of thousands of years in an amazing document consisting of 66 books using 40 authors. We call this document the Bible and much of what He has told us in it is history in advance of it taking place. In all places that He has told about an event in advance and that event has taken place, it has always taken place just as He said it would.

This creator is so committed to us and our success on the battlefield that He sent His own Son, His Commander of the Heavenly Forces, to reassure us of His ultimate success. To be part of that coming mop up battle and to be on the winning side, all we must do is believe what it is that He did for us on the cross where He personally paid for our sins, died and then rose again from the dead three days later, showing His complete mastery over everything and catching the enemy by surprise. He has already won the battle and those of us who believe His message battle from that achievement and success. We are indeed more than conquerors.

He is still communicating today by placing, in all who would believe, His Holy Spirit thus providing us a direct conduit to the Throne Room of God of the Universe through the achievement of the one He sent to this planet, Jesus Christ.

We know that Jesus will come back for us and at this point in Revelation, that has already happened. We have arrived now near the end of the story, we are near the end of the Great Tribulation, the city which has reflected the history of unsaved mankind and the malevolence of the fallen is about to go down once and for all.

Revelation 18:1–3

After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illumined with his glory. And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird. For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality.” (NASB95)

About these verses, they are a taunt song aimed at the enemy. This is not a Haka, but very close.

The first section, vv 1–3, though often referred to as a funeral dirge or lament, is in fact a prophetic taunt song, though the latter is very probably a development of the former with the addition of a mocking tone (Eissfeldt, Introduction, 91); the victory song is also similar in that it incorporates themes from the taunt song. The angel serves as the leader of the ritual lament by making a public announcement of the

“death,” a formal feature of ancient Israelite ritual laments (Jahnow, Leichenlied, 101, 138, 167). Taunt songs have no fixed form but are characterized by derision and joy over the (past, present, or future) misfortunes and shortcomings of others (see 1 Sam 17:43, 44; Jer 22:14–15; Isa 23:15–16). In Isa 37:22–29, for example, Hezekiah taunts Sennacherib. Taunt songs were taken up by OT prophets for deriding the enemies of Israel and announcing their downfall (Isa 23–24, 47; Jer 50–51; Ezek 26–27). (Aune 1998, 976)

2 Corinthians 4:6

“The God who said, “Out of darkness the light shall shine!” is the same God who made his light shine in our hearts, to bring us the knowledge of God’s glory shining in the face of Christ.” (GNB)

In the midst of the 5th bowl judgement, with the entire planet thrust into darkness and the earth dwellers cowering and gnawing their tongues in pain in the dark, comes an angel who has been with Jesus. This angel who is reflecting the light of the Lord has a message for all the earth dwellers. He taunts them. Destruction is coming. The taunt is made using an angel so that they will all hear what is coming down.

No one will be able to ignore him. Everyone will hear him as well as see him. His message will add to the terror caused by his appearance. (MacArthur 2007, 273)

His message, one that will strike fear in the heart of all earth dwellers is “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great!” The angel then gives us the reasons why Babylon is going down.

The reconstructed Babylon along the Euphrates River has become “a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit.”

We have discussed the possibility that taking the mark of the beast may have also included genetic modification of some type thus making all who take the mark less than human. What we see with the pronouncement of the angel is that the earth dwellers who are busy doing business in this city have a common affliction, they are all hosts to demons, not just a few either.

Recall the fifth and sixth trumpet judgements

The fifth trumpet judgement, prior to the beginning of the Great Tribulation, saw the release of a massive demon army led by Apollyon and this demon army, which was so numerous that it resembled locusts, tortured all earth dwellers for five months. Once they were done, where did they go?

With the sixth trumpet judgement, we saw released, right there at the Euphrates River, a demon army of 200,000,000 who then went out and killed over 1 billion earth dwellers. Once they were done, where did they go?

The proclamation from the angel seems to indicate that both groups of demons went to Babylon, where due to the presence of the unholy trinity, they felt very much at home and, apparently, they took up residence in many who lived there.

Also, recall the size of the Army being summoned by the unholy trinity in Revelation 16:13, an event which appears to take place prior to this angel showing up since the Beast and the False Prophet will not be present in Babylon when it is destroyed.

It may be that all of those who have aligned with the Beast and taken his mark and worshipped his image, are possessed by demons.

We know, thanks to Jesus in Mark 5, that the demons have no problem going condo and large numbers inhabiting a single person.

#### Mark 5:12–15

“And the demonic spirits begged him, “Send us into the pigs. Let us enter them.” Jesus gave them permission. So the unclean spirits came out and went into the pigs. Then the herd rushed down the steep slope into the lake, and **about two thousand were drowned** in the lake. Now the herdsmen ran off and spread the news in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man sitting there, clothed and in his right mind—the one who had the “Legion”—and they were afraid.” (Mark 5:12–15, NET)

#### Revelation 18:2

“And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird.” (NASB95)

Prison - φυλακή (phylake) a place for wild animals and evil spirits to dwell—‘haunt, lair, dwelling place.’ (Louw and Nida 1996, 732)

The word can also mean prison or the act of guarding.

Again, remember, some of the demons had been held in prison for thousands of years prior to being released and they did one thing, they killed. These demons are so dangerous, that even the enemy must have a place to put them.

This could also be a reference to “aliens” being at Babylon with their formerly multi-dimensional vehicles. When the vehicles were “grounded” by being cut out of anything but the immediate atmosphere by virtue of the enemy being cast out by Michael, they had to go somewhere.

Babylon will also be “a prison of every unclean and hateful bird.” That phrase symbolizes the city’s total destruction. Like grotesque carrion birds, the demons will hover over the doomed city, waiting for its fall.

The depiction of the demons as unclean and hateful reflects heaven’s view of them. (MacArthur 2007, 273)

#### Revelation 18:3

“For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality.” (NASB95)

In verse 3 we get another reason as to why this city has to go down. It became the center of all economic activity for the entire planet. Because it was the center of all economic activity, all of the kings of the earth had to take note. By using the term of the earth, we recognize that this is a condemnation on Babylon due to what it was men were willing to do, this is not a reference to spiritual rulers.

The economic activity taking place at Babylon, which extended its reach planet wide, came with a price, take the mark and worship the image. Doing so results in eternal damnation.

Those who do not take the mark, have persecution to look forward to and death as there is no way they can buy or sell anything without the mark.

#### Jeremiah 51:7–9

“Babylonia had been a gold cup in the LORD’s hand. She had made the whole world drunk. The nations had drunk from the wine of her wrath. So they have all gone mad. But suddenly Babylonia will fall and be destroyed. Cry out in mourning over it! Get medicine for her wounds! Perhaps she can be healed! Foreigners living there will say, ‘We tried to heal her, but she could not be healed. Let’s leave Babylonia and each go back to his own country. For judgment on her will be vast in its proportions. It will be like it is piled up to heaven, stacked up into the clouds.’” (NET)

Babylon in her political character has had evil relationships with “all nations” described as “fornication.” In this, they have been led by the rulers, “the kings of the earth.” The resulting evil association has made the merchants of the earth rich. Just as the church had grown rich in proportion as it had been wicked, so the nations have likewise prospered, as they have abandoned God and sought to accumulate wealth of this world. The wealth originally collected through the influence of the apostate church is taken over by the political system in the great tribulation which with universal political power is able to exploit to the full its accumulation of wealth. (Walvoord 2008, 259-260)

As we have previously discussed, Zechariah 5:5-11 prophesied the development of this economic powerhouse in the last days and the fact that it was wholly evil.

Zechariah’s vision thus clearly foretells a time when the center of world finance and commerce will be removed from its bases in New York and Geneva and other great cities and transported quickly across the world to a new foundation and headquarters in the land of Shinar. (Morris 1983, 355)

The computer systems to run the economic powerhouse of the Beast are based in Babylon. All buying and selling has been done using this system for the past 3 ½ years resulting in the amassing of huge amounts of wealth from worldwide trade. The nations have been sucked into this as have all the merchants of the world.

The destruction of Tyre as shown in Ezekiel 27 is a picture of the ultimate destruction of Babylon here in Revelation 18.

Ezekiel 27:32–33

“In their wailing they raise a lamentation for you and lament over you: ‘Who is like Tyre, like one destroyed in the midst of the sea? When your wares came from the seas, you satisfied many peoples; with your abundant wealth and merchandise you enriched the kings of the earth.’” (ESV)

Revelation 18:4–5

I heard another voice from heaven, saying, “Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues; for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.” (NASB95)

There are believers, Jews in Babylon? Jesus is concerned. He wants them out. Some may be there unwillingly as slaves (Revelation 18:13,) others may be there for work. This would not be the first time that we see believers involved in a community that they had no business being in.

Genesis 13:10–13

“Lot looked around and noticed that the whole Jordan plain as far as Zoar was well-watered like the garden of the LORD or like the land of Egypt. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan plain. Then Lot traveled eastward, and they separated from each other. So Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled in the cities of the plain, setting up his tent in the vicinity of Sodom. Now the men of Sodom were particularly evil and sinful in their defiance of the LORD.” (ISV)

Genesis 19:1

“The two angels entered Sodom at sunset while Lot was sitting in the gate area of the city. When Lot saw them, he got up, greeted them, bowed low with his face to the ground,” (ISV)

Lot was no longer just living in or near Sodom, he was in the gate. This means he had become one of the rulers of the city. The expression sitting in the city’s gateway may mean that Lot was exercising some type of judicial function. (Biblical Studies Press 1996-2005)

Genesis 19:9

“But they replied, “Get out of our way! This man came here as a foreigner, and now he’s acting like a judge! So we’re going to deal more harshly with you than with them.” Then they pushed hard against the man (that is, against Lot), intending to break down the door.” (ISV)

This is a cycle that gets repeated over and over and over again. God warned about it with the story of Lot. In 1 John, John provides a lesson as well.

1 John 2:16–17

“For everything that is in the world—the desire for fleshly gratification, the desire for possessions, and worldly arrogance—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world and its desires are fading away, but the person who does God’s will remains forever.” (ISV)

It is all about what city do we really desire to live in? That is going to be brought up one last time at the final destruction of Babylon. There will be one last warning, and some will flee who had not worshiped the Beast but were involved in the economic system somehow.

What city do we live in?

Hebrews 11:13–16

“It was in faith that all these persons died. They did not receive the things God had promised, but from a long way off they saw them and welcomed them, and admitted openly that they were foreigners and refugees on earth. Those who say such things make it clear that they are looking for a country of their own. They did not keep thinking about the country they had left; if they had, they would have had the chance to return. Instead, it was a better country they longed for, the heavenly country. And so God is not ashamed for them to call him their God, because he has prepared a city for them.” (GNB)

Jeremiah 51:6

“Get out of Babylonia quickly, you foreign people. Flee to save your lives. Do not let yourselves be killed because of her sins. For it is time for the LORD to wreak his revenge. He will pay Babylonia back for what she has done.” (NET)

These are God’s people in a place they shouldn’t be, a place ripe for destruction. (Guzik 2013, Re 18:4-5)

2 Corinthians 6:14–15

“Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?” (NASB95)

It is so easy to be sucked in. It is a simple business partnership, but the partner does not know the Lord. Your partner is a businessman looking for business opportunities and they go looking wherever they may be. You may find yourself running a business you had no intent of ever getting into or making corporate donations to charities you would never donate to.

The appeal of salary and prestige will entice many capable Christian business and professional men—architects, engineers, merchants, doctors, accountants, and others—to participate in the planning and activation of this exciting and dynamic new metropolis. Christian workers in many construction and other trades will follow the enticement of high wages. No doubt many of these Christians will rationalize their move to Babylon by the opportunity thus afforded to “have a witness” in the world’s most important city, to its most important people. (Morris 1983, 357)

Luke 17:32

“Remember Lot’s wife.” (NASB95)



As we saw in Jeremiah 51:9, Babylon is ripe for judgement. “Foreigners living there will say, ‘We tried to heal her, but she could not be healed. Let’s leave Babylonia and each go back to his own country. For judgment on her will be vast in its proportions. It will be like it is piled up to heaven, stacked up into the clouds.’” (NET)

This city has a long history. It has killed millions and led millions of believers astray. Babylon has been a center for stumbling blocks over the centuries. Jesus had a warning for those who become stumbling blocks.

Mark 9:42

“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe to stumble, it would be better for him if, with a heavy millstone hung around his neck, he had been cast into the sea.” (NASB95)

Recall that when Nimrod was having the tower built, a stated goal was “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.” (Genesis 11:4, NASB95)

Over the centuries, the only thing that has reached into heaven is their sin.

God’s patience was used as an excuse to sin more, instead of repenting. (Uttley 2001, 122)

Romans 2:3–8

“But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same yourself, that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS: to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.” (NASB95)

Babylon has a long history of accumulated sins, and God has the record. It is one of the oldest cities in the history of mankind and is probably mentioned more than any other city in the Bible, with the exception of Jerusalem. Finally judgment breaks like a flood upon this city and its system. The judgment of God may be delayed, but it is sure. It may seem to us that the unbeliever is getting by with sin, but God’s judgment is coming. (McGee 1997, 1038)

Revelation 18:6–8

“Pay her back even as she has paid, and give back to her double according to her deeds; in the cup which she has mixed, mix twice as much for her. To the degree that she glorified herself and lived sensuously, to the same degree give her torment and mourning; for she says in her heart, ‘I SIT AS A QUEEN AND I AM NOT A WIDOW, and will never see mourning.’ For this reason in one day her plagues will come, pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for the Lord God who judges her is strong.” (NASB95)

Jeremiah 50:1–10

“The LORD spoke concerning Babylon and the land of Babylonia through the prophet Jeremiah. “Announce the news among the nations! Proclaim it! Signal for people to pay attention! Declare the news! Do not hide it! Say: ‘Babylon will be captured. Bel will be put to shame. Marduk will be dismayed. Babylon’s idols will be put to shame. Her disgusting images will be dismayed. For a nation from the north will attack Babylon. It will lay her land waste. People and animals will flee out of it. No one will inhabit it.’ “When that time comes,” says the LORD, “the people of Israel and Judah will return to the land together. They will come back with tears of repentance as they seek the LORD their God. They will ask the way to Zion; they will turn their faces toward it. They will come and bind themselves to the LORD in a lasting covenant that will never be forgotten. “My people have been lost sheep. Their shepherds have allowed them

to go astray. They have wandered around in the mountains. They have roamed from one mountain and hill to another. They have forgotten their resting place. All who encountered them devoured them. Their enemies who did this said, 'We are not liable for punishment! For those people have sinned against the LORD, their true pasture. They have sinned against the LORD in whom their ancestors trusted.' "People of Judah, get out of Babylon quickly! Leave the land of Babylonia! Be the first to depart! Be like the male goats that lead the herd. For I will rouse into action and bring against Babylon a host of mighty nations from the land of the north. They will set up their battle lines against her. They will come from the north and capture her. Their arrows will be like a skilled soldier who does not return from the battle empty-handed. Babylonia will be plundered. Those who plunder it will take all they want," says the LORD." (NET)

Daniel 11:44–45

"But rumors from the East and from the North will disturb him, and he will go forth with great wrath to destroy and annihilate many. He will pitch the tents of his royal pavilion between the seas and the beautiful Holy Mountain; yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him." (NASB95)

Yes, all the armies of the world are being drawn to Israel. Yes, the Beast has been the unchallenged ruler of the planet for almost 3 ½ years, but it appears that not all has been happy amongst his minions.

Again, remember who is behind the powers of the world at this point. They are rebels, and they are leading rebellion against the unholy trinity.

The Beast has left town to go and take down the perceived final roadblocks to global domination, Jerusalem and that remnant hiding out in Judean desert.

Revelation 12:14–17

"But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth. So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus." (NASB95)

Here in Revelation 18:6, it appears that instructions are now being provided to those forces that will be fulfilling what it is God has in store for Babylon. These are commands from the same voice in heaven that told those who are His people to get out. In the Greek pay back and give back are imperatives, commands.

Some say this is the angel who John saw on earth responding back to God to take down Babylon, but why would the angel use an imperative? I really think that these are instructions being provided to those who will be fulfilling the judgment, those nations moving on Babylon. This is consistent with chapter 17 where God uses the beast to judge the apostate church, here another enemy of God does work for Him.

The swift severity of the sentence begins this section: "Pay back to her as she has given" (recalling Jer 50:29 of Babylon); "Repay her for her deeds; do to her as she has done." The same verb is used in both parts: "Pay her what she has paid others." This is a frequent scriptural emphasis, and the basis of the doctrine of reward and punishment—what you do to others, God will do to you. (Osborne 2016, 294)

Literally, pay Babylon back twice for what she has done. All of those beneath the altar as well as the large numbers seen in chapter 7 are being remembered.

Revelation 18:6

"Pay her back even as she has paid, and give back to her double according to her deeds; in the cup which she has mixed, mix twice as much for her." (NASB95)



The literal translation from the Greek

“Render to her as also she did render to you, and double to her doubles according to her works; in the cup that she did mingle mingle to her double.” (Young 1997, Re 18:6)

A cognate accusative emphatically highlights the command to the executioners, διπλώσατε [τὰ] διπλᾶ (diplōsate ta dipla, “double the double things”). To requite in double measure meant to requite in full (cf. Ex. 22:4, 7, 9; Isa. 40:2; 61:7; Jer. 16:18; 17:18; Zech. 9:12). It does not mean retribution double in severity to the seriousness of the sin. “Double” has the sense that the punishment should be the exact equivalent of the offence in the same way that a person who looks exactly like someone else is called his “double.” (Thomas 1995, 324)

Revelation 18:7

“To the degree that she glorified herself and lived sensuously, to the same degree give her torment and mourning; for she says in her heart, ‘I SIT as A QUEEN AND I AM NOT A WIDOW, and will never see mourning.’” (NASB95)

We clearly see where the spirit of Laodicea, revealed to us in chapter 3, comes from. Again, the source of all false religion and apostasy is from the pit of hell.

Revelation 3:17

“Because you say, ‘I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,’ and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,” (NASB95)

The same law of retribution is indicated in verse 7 where the standard of her judgment is compared to her luxurious living in which she was given to self-glorification. The expression “lived deliciously” (Gr., *estrēniasen*) means “to be wanton” or “to revel” and comes from a word meaning “hardheaded” or “strong.” Her willful sin against God is now to be rewarded with torment and sorrow. The “torment” (Gr., *basanision*) refers to trial by torture with its resultant mental anguish and grief (Gr., *penthos*). Her wishful thinking in which she said, “I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow” is going to be rewarded by sudden destruction from the Lord which according to verse 8 will come in one day in the form of plagues, death, mourning, and famine, resulting in her utter destruction by fire. Her vaunted strength is as nothing compared to the power of God. Like the church at Laodicea, her wealth has brought a sense of false security (3:17). Her claim to not being a widow has only the faulty foundation of her illicit love affairs with the kings of the earth (17:2). (Walvoord 2008, 261)

In 3 ½ years, the attitude has become, for those who are in power, that nothing can upset this, nothing. They believe that the economic system that they have set up with all commerce and trade tied to a single economic currency will never fail. The arrogance is reflected in the comments which also sound a lot like the Laodicean church.

It is because of this arrogance, this attitude of being bullet proof that God has the message for Babylon of verse 8

Revelation 18:8

“For this reason in one day her plagues will come, pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for the Lord God who judges her is strong.” (NASB95)

The final destruction of this world system and this world capital, thought to be invulnerable, will take only a day.

When judgement fell in Genesis 7 with the flood, Noah was invited by God to enter the ark, and the world ended, for billions who thought it never would end.

The same in Sodom and Gomorrah – a single day is all it took

Genesis 19:22–25

“Hurry up and flee there, because I cannot do anything until you get to that town.” Therefore the name of the town was called Zoar. The sun had risen over the land about the time Lot reached Zoar. Then the LORD rained sulfur and fire out of the sky from the LORD on Sodom and Gomorrah, overthrowing those cities, all of the plain, and everyone who lived in the cities. He also destroyed the plants that grew out of the ground.” (ISV)

When it is time for judgement to take place, God does not delay but moves decisively.

“For this reason,” i.e., because of her arrogance, her spirit of independence and false security, her judgment comes in one day (i.e., suddenly). This stresses the fallacy of all false security. (Keathley III 2002, Re 18:7)

Overnight, the world empire has fallen, and those troops involved in the action are now moving on to Israel where the Beast and his armies are. They think this will be the final showdown, it will be, but another party is about to show up.

We will examine the lamentations over Babylon next.

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