

Revelation Ch 14:8



3 Angels

- So last week we looked at the first of three angels.
 - The first circled the globe preaching the gospel
- The second angel is seen in vs 8
 - Another of like kind.
 - A different angel but an angel.
 - Notice all three angels are proclaiming something.
 - Some angels are proclaimers
 - Some are messengers
 - Some are warriors
 - Some are worshipers
 - Some are executors of God's will.

What is the second angel proclaiming?

- Babylon is fallen
- Notice the angel repeats the “fallen”
 - Gen 41:32 Tells us that the dream was doubled because it is established by God and it will quickly come to pass.
- We see this later, in **Revelation 18:2**, another angel repeats the declaration:
“Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great! She has become a dwelling for demons and a haunt for every impure spirit...”
- Babylon the great city.

Was Babylon a city at the time?

- NO!

Babylon as a Symbol of a Corrupt World System

- Babylon, throughout the Bible, represents rebellion against God, idolatry, and human pride (Genesis 11:1-9, Daniel 4-5).
- In Revelation, Babylon is not necessarily a literal city, but rather a symbol of a worldwide anti-God system—likely referring to an end-times political, economic, and religious power that opposes Christ.
- This fits with Revelation 17-18, where Babylon is described as both a “great city” and a corrupting influence over nations.

The tale of two cities.

- The kingdoms are broken down into God's kingdom and Satan's kingdom.
- Within each kingdom there is a capitol city.
- We know God's capitol city is Jerusalem.
- Therefore, Satan's capitol city would be Babylon.
- The contrast between Babylon and Jerusalem in Scripture is one of the most profound spiritual oppositions in the Bible. These two cities represent two kingdoms, two ways of life, and two destinies—one rooted in rebellion and human pride, the other in divine grace and God's eternal rule.

ORIGINS: Human Rebellion vs. Divine Election

- **Babylon: Founded on human pride and rebellion**
 - First mentioned in Genesis 11:1-9 (Tower of Babel), where people sought to make a name for themselves apart from God.
 - Symbolizes human effort to reach heaven without God—a system of self-sufficiency and defiance.
 - Later, Babylon became the capital of an empire that enslaved God's people (2 Kings 25, Daniel 1).
- **Jerusalem: Established by God's divine choice**
 - First mentioned in Genesis 14:18 as Salem, ruled by Melchizedek, a priest of the Most High God.
 - Chosen by God as the city where His presence dwells (Psalm 132:13-14).
 - Represents God's kingdom, redemption, and His covenant with His people.

Origin

Babylon	Jerusalem
First mentioned in Genesis 11:1-9 as Babel , where people sought to build a tower to reach heaven in rebellion against God.	First mentioned in Genesis 14:18 as Salem (where Melchizedek, the priest-king, ruled). Later, it became the holy city of God.
Represents human effort, pride, and self-rule apart from God.	Represents God's dwelling place and His reign over His people.

SPIRITUAL MEANING: The City of Man vs. The City of God

- Babylon = The Kingdom of the World
 - Seeks glory without God.
 - Built on pride, materialism, and spiritual corruption.
 - Ends in judgment and destruction.
- Jerusalem = The Kingdom of God
 - Founded on God's grace and promises.
 - Dwelling place of God and His redeemed people.
 - Ends in eternal joy and righteousness.

Spiritual symbolism.

Babylon (Worldly Kingdom)	Jerusalem (God's Kingdom)
Symbolizes human rebellion, idolatry, and corruption.	Symbolizes God's presence, holiness, and redemption.
Ruled by kings who opposed God (e.g., Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar).	Ruled by kings chosen by God (David, Solomon, Jesus Christ as King of Kings).
A city of confusion (Babel means "confusion" in Hebrew).	A city of peace (Jerusalem means "city of peace").
Represents worldly power, wealth, and immorality (Revelation 17:1-6).	Represents God's eternal kingdom and the Bride of Christ (Revelation 21:2).

CHARACTER: Worldly Corruption vs. Divine Holiness

- **Babylon: A city of idolatry, luxury, and oppression**
 - Called "the mother of harlots" (Revelation 17:5) because she leads nations into spiritual adultery.
 - Worships false gods (Daniel 3:1-6) and represents a corrupt world system focused on wealth, power, and immorality.
- **Jerusalem: A city of holiness and righteousness**
 - Known as "The City of the Great King" (Psalm 48:1-2).
 - The center of God's worship, where the Temple was built (1 Kings 6).
 - Represents God's faithful people, the redeemed bride of Christ (Revelation 21:2).

Religious Influence

Babylon's False Worship	Jerusalem's True Worship
Center of idolatry and false religions.	Center of true worship (God's Temple was built there).
Encouraged the worship of man-made gods (Daniel 3:1-7).	Worshipped the one true God (Psalm 122:1-3).
In Revelation, Babylon is the "mother of harlots" , representing spiritual adultery (Revelation 17:5).	In Revelation, Jerusalem is the "Bride of Christ" , prepared in purity (Revelation 21:2).

FINAL DESTINY: Destruction vs. Eternal Glory

- Babylon: Destroyed by God
 - Revelation 18:2 – "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!"
 - Represents the final judgment on a world system that opposes God.
 - Those who trust in Babylon suffer eternal destruction.
- Jerusalem: Eternal and Glorious
 - Revelation 21:2 – *"I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband."*
 - Represents the eternal dwelling place of God's people in perfect peace and joy.

Final Destination.

Babylon's Destruction	Jerusalem's Restoration
"Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great!" (Revelation 18:2).	"New Jerusalem coming down from heaven" (Revelation 21:2).
Babylon is judged and destroyed for its sins.	Jerusalem is redeemed and made new as God's eternal city.
Represents the temporary and doomed rule of evil.	Represents eternal life and God's kingdom .

This is fallen and will be completely fallen shortly

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Where Do You Belong?

- Every person is spiritually aligned with one of these two cities.
- Babylon represents a life separated from God, pursuing worldly gain, self-exaltation, and rebellion.
- Jerusalem represents the redeemed, those who seek God's presence and live in obedience to Him.

Are you living for Babylon or for Jerusalem?

One leads to destruction, the other to eternal life with God.

Understand this is what the 3 angels are proclaiming.

- The first angel declares the Gospel
- The second angel says “make the choice between the two”
- The third angel says “if you choose Babylon, you will receive the wrath of the Lord.
- In other words
 - #1 the Gospel of the 1 true God (with the gospel of judgement)
 - #2 In contrast to the false god (through the “fallen” Babylon)
 - #3 Will say (chose the beast then here is the judgement)

You may ask how does this happen?

- Well it tells us
- Vs 8 continues
 - She made all nations drink the wine.
 - "Drinking the wine" – This represents intoxication, seduction, and deception.
 - Just as wine alters a person's state of mind, Babylon's influence distorts people's spiritual discernment, making them embrace sin and reject God.

Examples.

- Many are spiritually “drunk” on materialism, self-worship, and false ideologies that replace God with worldly desires.
- **Isaiah 5:20** – *“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil.”* Babylon promotes a **twisting of moral values**, making sin seem normal.
- The world often embraces immorality, greed, pride, and corruption, treating sin as if it were acceptable or even desirable.

Remember this.

- Because what has already happened and what is going to happen.
 - Think buy or sell
 - Think political correctness
 - Think gender and marriage shifts
 - Think idolatry, greed, comfort!
 - Think all inclusive religion.
 - In stock you look for market tone, This is world tone.
 - PEOPLE DRINK THIS UP!!!!!!!!!!
 - AND BECOME DRUNK BY IT.
- Babylon isn't just a city or a religious system; it also represents a corrupt global power that uses wealth, political influence, and deception to dominate others
- People can become **enslaved** to economic systems, political ideologies, or movements that **oppose God's ways**.

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Just because this is END TIMES

- We should be doing this NOW

How to Avoid Babylon's Deception

1. Stay spiritually sober – Do not be deceived by the world's values (1 Peter 5:8).
2. Come out of Babylon – Revelation 18:4 says, “*Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins.*”
3. Follow Christ alone – Jesus is the only way to truth and life (John 14:6).