

Babylon in Revelation 17—18 and Jeremiah 50—51

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Description		
<i>Holding golden cup from which nations drink</i>	the great prostitute ... with the wine of whose sexual immorality the dwellers on earth have become drunk ... ⁴ The woman was ... holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality. (Rev. 17:3-4)	Babylon was a golden cup in the LORD's hand, making all the earth drunken; the nations drank of her wine; therefore the nations went mad. (Jer. 51:7a)
<i>Dwelling on many waters</i>	the great prostitute who is seated on many waters (Rev. 17:1b)	O you who dwell by many waters ... your end has come (Jer. 51:13)
<i>Named the same</i>	And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: "Babylon the great" (Rev. 17:5) Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, Babylon! (Rev. 18:10)	The word that the LORD spoke concerning Babylon, concerning the land of the Chaldeans, by Jeremiah the prophet (Jer. 50:1)
Destruction		
<i>Destroyed suddenly</i>	For this reason her plagues will come in a single day (Rev. 18:8a) For in a single hour your judgment has come. (Rev. 18:10b)	Suddenly Babylon has fallen and been broken (Jer. 51:8)
<i>Destroyed by fire</i>	They will ... burn her up with fire (Rev. 17:16b) she will be burned up with fire (Rev. 18:8)	her dwellings are on fire (Jer. 51:30)
<i>Never to be inhabited</i>	So will Babylon the great city be thrown down with violence, and will be found no more (Rev. 18:21)	Therefore wild beasts shall dwell with hyenas in Babylon, and ostriches shall dwell in her. She shall never again have people, nor be inhabited for all generations. (Jer. 50:39)
<i>Punished according to deeds</i>	Pay her back as she herself has paid back others, and repay her double for her deeds (Rev. 18:6)	Repay her according to her deeds; do to her according to all that she has done. (Jer. 50:29)
<i>Fall illustrated</i>	Then a mighty 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" (Rev. 18:21)	⁶³ When you finish reading this book, tie a stone to it and cast it into the midst of the Euphrates, ⁶⁴ and say, 'Thus shall Babylon sink, to rise no more" (Jer. 51:63-64a)
Response		
<i>God's People Flee</i>	Come out of her, my people ... lest you share in her plagues (Rev. 18:4)	Flee from the midst of Babylon; let every one save his life! Be not cut off in her punishment (Jer. 51:6) Go out of the midst of her, my people! Let every one save his life from the fierce anger of the LORD! (Jer. 51:45)
<i>Heaven Rejoices</i>	Rejoice over her, O heaven ... for God has given judgment for you against her! (Rev. 18:20)	Then the heavens and the earth ... shall sing for joy over Babylon, for the destroyers shall come against them (Jer. 51:48)