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The word “**Babylon**” was universally applied by both Jews and Christian writers to the city on the Tiber [Rome] before AD 500.

Neither the church leaders writing from about A.D. 90 to the year 450, nor Jewish literature of that same time hint of assignment of “Babylon” or “Great city” to Jerusalem of Judea.

Revelation's Mystery Babylon Rome A.D. 95 Stanley W. Paher

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Rev 18:1 *After these things I saw another angel*

After these things—identification of the *Harlot as Rome* (Chp 17), the symbol of lust & seduction.

17:15 Rome *ruled the world*. (People & nations)

17:6 Rome *persecuted the saints* (Rev 18:20; 24)

17:17 Rome *sat on 7 mountains*.

17:18 *A great city reigns over the kings of the earth. Jerusalem didn't reign now!*

18:10-20 She was a *wealthy commercial capitol*

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Rev 18:2 And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, "**Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!**"

Fallen, fallen is Babylon: Direct quote of (Isa 21:9) and it's prophesied 100 yrs BEFORE the event !

Isa 46:9-10 "Declaring the end from the beginning.."

Announced in earlier visions for Rome. (Rev 14:8; 16:19)



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Rev 18:2 She has become a *dwelling place of demons* and a prison of *every unclean spirit*, and a prison of *every unclean and hateful bird*.

Dwelling place of demons: If the good does not fill space up, then evil will.
(Lk 11:24-26)



Hateful bird: language used for scavengers and predators
(Isa 34:11)

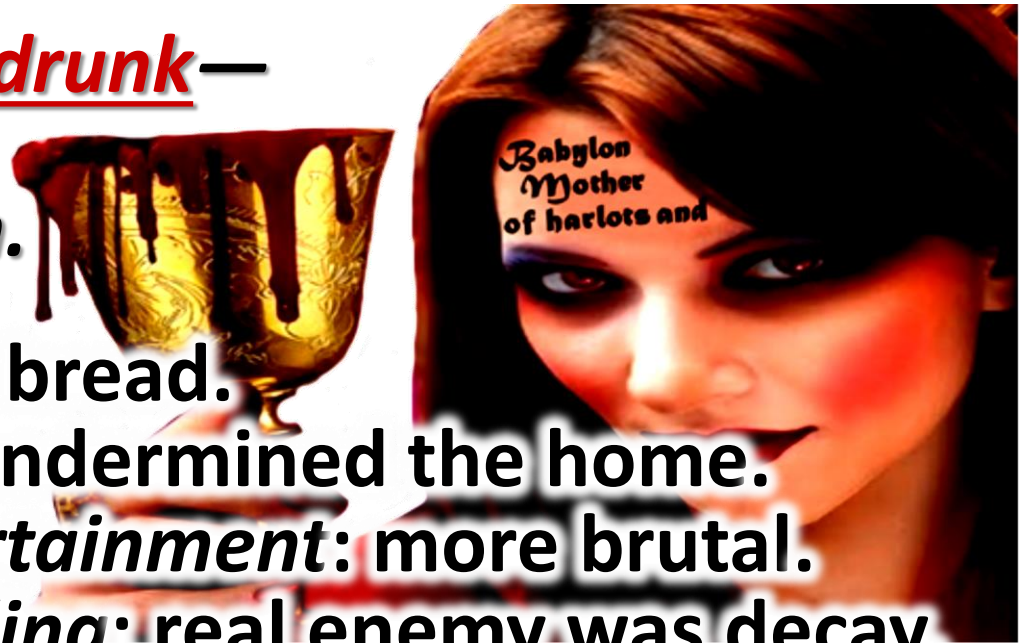
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Rev 18:3 "**For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality**

All the nations have drunk—
Rome's subjects followed her corruption.

Rising **taxes** for: free bread.
Rising **divorce** rate: undermined the home.
Rising **craze for entertainment**: more brutal.
Rising **military** spending: real enemy was decay.
Rising **decay** in religion: Form without faith.

Edward Gibbon's Decline & Fall of Roman Empire.



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Rev 18:4 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”

Come out of her, my people: Don't participate in Rome's sin & consequences !

(Isa 48:20) ***Go forth*** from ***Babylon!***

(2 Cor 6:17) ***Come out*** from among them.

**We take on the culture in which we live.
Worldliness creeps in, principles slip.**



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Rev 18:5-6 **For her sins have piled up as high as heaven** & God has remembered her iniquities.

- Idolatry
- Homosexuality
- Wickedness
- Greed
- Envy
- Murder
- Deceit
- Gossip
- Slander
- Hate God

(Rom 1:
24-31)

- Insolent
- Arrogant
- Boastful
- Evil
- Disobedient
- Ignorant
- Untrustworthy
- Unloving
- Unmerciful
- Approved sin

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Rev 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*.

Double according to her deeds—
Not twice as much as she deserves...
But exactly the appropriate penalty in this case.

(Ex 22:4, 7) Provided double damages for breach of trust. US law has provision for triple damages, in certain cases of wages, housing, lemon law, antitrust price-fixing etc.

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Rev 18:7 To the degree that she glorified herself & 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."

(Isa 47:7-8) **Babylon** said: "I will be a queen forever... I will not sit as a widow"

(Zeph 2:13, 15) **Nineveh**: Who says in her heart, "I am, and there is no one besides me."

Prov 16:18 **Pride** goes before destruction

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Rev 18:8 For this reason *in one day* her plagues will come, *pestilence and mourning and famine...*

In one day: relatively short time.

Rome's problems didn't all come in a literal 24 hr period. (Rev 18: 10, 17, 19)

Social decay, Financial collapse, The Dole, Weak military, Christianity, Divided Empire, Lead poisoning, Hoarding, the Deficit, Barbarians: Aleric the Visigoth sacks Rome, Odecer the Vandal became king: all caused Empire's fall.

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Rev 18:21 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 ..."

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Rev 18:21 Then a strong angel
took up a stone like a *great millstone*



The average weight
for a great millstone
was 1,100 pounds.

Rome as
the head
of an empire
Never Rose Again.

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Rev 18:24 In **HER** was found the **blood of prophets** and of **saints** and of **all who have been slain on the earth.**



Rome's attitude toward God is the kind that is responsible **for Everyone... Ever killed on Earth.**

This is Rome, ROME, ROME