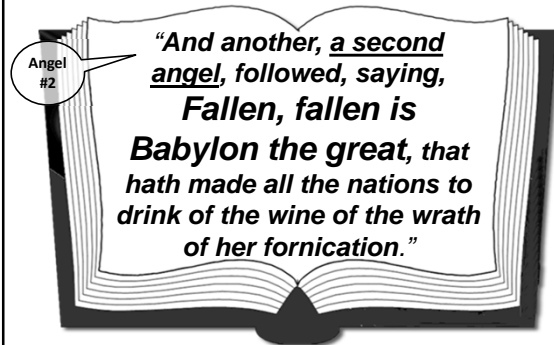


A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

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Judgment of Wicked Babylon. Revelation 14:8

- **Consequences – More in Chapters 17,18**
- **Brought by “another angel”**
 - *“Fallen, Fallen”*
 - **“Babylon the Great”**
 - “Babylon” used six times in the book of Revelation. (14:8; 16:19; 17:5; 18:2,10,21)

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- **Consequences – More in Chapters 17,18**
 - Old Testament Babylon was a place of arrogance and rebellion against God.
- **NOTE: Isaiah 13:17-22; 21:9; 47:5-9; 48:14; Jeremiah 50:32, 38; 51:7-8**
- **It was so wicked God overthrew it completely; it was never rebuilt.**
- **Repetition for tragic emphasis (prophetic)**

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- Babylon is symbolic for Rome.
- Seducer of the world (Jeremiah 51:1-7)
- All nations made to drink of the wine of *“the wrath of her fornication.”*
- Defeat is so certain, victory can be claimed before the battle is even fought!

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- It is true that Jerusalem was described by the Jewish prophets as a *“harlot”* (Ezekiel 16), but she is not the only Old Testament city to wear such a name.
- Nineveh was called a *“harlot”* (Nahum 3:4), as was Tyre (Isaiah 23:15-16; Ezekiel 26; 27), and Babylon (Isaiah 47; Jeremiah 50; 51).
- Much of the imagery found in Revelation 18 is that which is found in these Old Testament references of pagan cities which had committed spiritual harlotry.

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- "Some expositors identify Jerusalem as the Babylon / harlot of the book of Revelation, and they see the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70 at the hands of the Romans as the battle of Armageddon.
 - Such an interpretation radically changes the thrust of the visions."
- NOTE: "The beast (Roman Empire) and the false prophet (paganism) are the ones being punished by God."
- "Other Scriptures did prophesy that God would use the Romans to destroy Jerusalem (Matthew 24; Luke 17, 21), but those are different contexts than Revelation."
- "The point is that what may be true of one context does not necessarily mean that every other context using the same words has the same application."

(Robert Harkrider, *Revelation*, Truth Commentaries, Appendix 1, Page 322)

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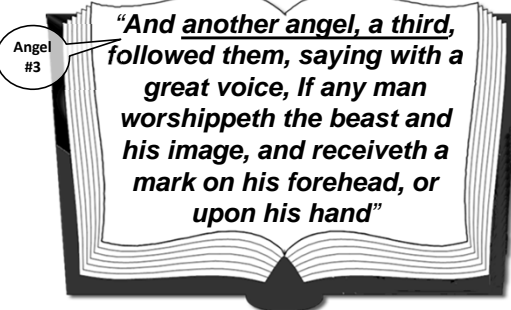
- The **ONE** great conflict in Revelation is between Satan and his allies against Christ and his army.
 - NOTE: That conflict was **not** between the Roman Empire and Judaism; instead, it was the Lord versus Satan with his allies, the beast (Rome) and false prophet (Paganism) of Revelation 13.
 - This conflict draws to a climax in Revelation 16:12-17 when the forces of evil are described as gathering for "**the battle of that great day of God Almighty**" (16:14) at Armageddon.

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Angel Number 2**Judgment of Wicked Jerusalem?**

- While it is true, the prophet Isaiah referred to apostate Jerusalem as *"the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers."* (Isaiah 1:21; cf. Matthew 23:34ff)
- Why would the vision be sidetracked from its major theme to present alleged details of conflict between Rome and Judaism?
- More in Chapters 17-18

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Revelation 14:10

"he also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is prepared unmixed in the cup of his anger; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb"

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"and the smoke of their torment goeth up for ever and ever; and they have no rest day and night, they that worship the beast and his image, and whoso receiveth the mark of his name."

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Emperor worshipers judged

- Consequences – Mark of the Beast (Chapter 19:19-21)
- Brought “a *third angel*”
- Proclaimed ... Revelation 14:10-11
 - “*If any one ...*” (conditional)
 - “*Worships the beast and his image*” (civil persecuting power – sea beast)
 - “*Receives a mark on his forehead or upon his hand*”

Revelation 14

Emperor worshipers judged

- Consequences – Mark of the Beast (Chapter 19:19-21)
- Proclaimed ... Revelation 14:10-11
 - He will “*drink of the wine of the wrath of God.*”
 - “*unmixed*” – full strength nothing held back!
 - “*He will be tormented with fire and brimstone*”
 - In the presence of the holy angels.
 - In the presence of the Lamb.
 - Just as the saints who were tormented before by them.

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Emperor worshipers judged

- Consequences – Mark of the Beast (Chapter 19:19-21)
- Fate of all those individuals who participated in the worship of the emperor
- Shared in Babylon’s fornication
- God’s undiluted wrath will pour out on all who helped in the persecution of the church – the saints!