**Rebuilding of Babylon:**

1. Babylon as a literal city is mentioned in the fulfillment of many things which must be after the rapture ([Rev. 14:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+14%3A8); [16:19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16%3A19); [18:19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A19); [18:1-24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A1-24)).

2. Zechariah predicted the rebuilding of Babylon ([Zech. 5:5-11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Zec+5%3A5-11)).

3. Babylon must again be a great commercial center ([Rev. 18:3-10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A3-10)).

4. Babylon must again be a great religious center ([Rev. 18:2-10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A2-10),[23-24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A23-24)).

5. Her sorceries will deceive all nations after the rapture ([Rev. 18:23](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A23); [2Th. 2:10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Th+2%3A10)).

6. Orders for the martyrdom of saints will go out from Babylon ([Rev. 18:24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A24)).

7. Babylon will be destroyed at the end of this age ([Rev. 16:19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16%3A19); [18:1-24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A1-24); [Isa. 13:19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+13%3A19); [Jer. 50:40](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+50%3A40)).

**Scriptures Related To The Time of the Destruction of Babylon:**

8. In the day of Israel's final restoration ([Rev. 16:17-20:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16%3A17-20%3A6); [Isa. 13:6-13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+13%3A6-13); [14:1-7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+14%3A1-7); [Jer. 50:4-35](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+50%3A4-35))

9. In the day of the Lord ([Rev. 16:19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16%3A19); [18:1-24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A1-24); [Isa. 13:6-13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+13%3A6-13))

10. At the end of the great tribulation ([Rev. 16:17-21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16%3A17-21); [18:1-24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A1-24))

11. Under the 7th vial ([Rev. 16:17-21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16%3A17-21))

12. When the planets are affected ([Rev. 16:17-21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16%3A17-21); [Mt. 24:29-31](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mt+24%3A29-31); [Isa. 13:10-11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+13%3A10-11))

13. When the world is punished for its sins ([Rev. 18:1-24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A1-24); [Isa. 13:11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+13%3A11))

14. When Israel is given rule over her oppressors ([Isa. 14:1-4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+14%3A1-4))

15. When Israel sings her triumph song ([Isa. 14:3-17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+14%3A3-17))

16. At the second coming ([Rev. 16:17-21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16%3A17-21))

17. At the beginning of the Millennium ([Rev. 16:17-21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16%3A17-21); [18:1-20:10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A1-20%3A10))

**How Babylon is to be destroyed:**

18. By an earthquake ([Rev. 16:17-21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16%3A17-21))

19. By a supernatural destruction ([Rev. 16:17-21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16%3A17-21); [18:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A8),[10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A10),[17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A17),[19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A19),[21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A21); [Isa. 13:6-13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+13%3A6-13); [Jer. 50:20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+50%3A20),[40](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+50%3A40); [51:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+51%3A8))

20. Suddenly in one hour ([Rev. 18:8-19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A8-19); [Isa. 13:19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+13%3A19); [Jer. 50:40](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+50%3A40); [51:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+51%3A8))

21. By fire from heaven ([Rev. 18:8-18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A8-18); [Isa. 13:19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+13%3A19); [Jer. 50:40](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+50%3A40))

22. With violence ([Rev. 18:21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A21))

23. By the earth swallowing her ([Rev. 18:21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A21); [Jer. 51:62-64](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+51%3A62-64))

24. By God ([Rev. 18:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A8),[20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A20)), as He destroyed Sodom ([Isa. 13:19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+13%3A19); [Jer. 50:40](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+50%3A40))

**Extent of Babylon's destruction:**

**a** [**For Israel hath not been forsaken, nor Judah of his God, of the LORD of hosts; though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel**] [Jer. 51:5-8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+51%3A5-8) have a future fulfillment, when Babylon will be suddenly destroyed. God assured Israel and Judah that they had not been forsaken; they were still His people and He would yet fulfill the covenants and promises with them. The way He plans to do this is by permitting the future king of Babylon, the Antichrist, to break his seven-year covenant with them, take over their land, and later seek to exterminate them as a people. They will be forced to turn to God in the time known as Jacob's trouble, and they will then be converted so that He can justly fulfill His obligations with them ([Zech. 12:10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Zec+12%3A10) -- [Zech. 13:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Zec+13%3A1),[9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Zec+13%3A9); [Rom. 11:25-29](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+11%3A25-29)).

25. Will never be inhabited again ([Isa. 13:20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+13%3A20); [Jer. 50:39-40](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+50%3A39-40); [51:29](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+51%3A29),[37](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+51%3A37),[43](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+51%3A43))

26. Arabs and shepherds will never dwell there afterward ([Isa. 13:20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+13%3A20))

27. Totally ([Rev. 18:21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A21); [Isa. 13:9-22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+13%3A9-22); [Jer. 50:3-40](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+50%3A3-40); [51:26-43](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+51%3A26-43))

28. Never to be found again ([Rev. 18:21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A21))

29. Her site to be one of the openings of hell ([Rev. 19:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+19%3A3); [Isa. 14:9-17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+14%3A9-17); [66:22-24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+66%3A22-24))

30. Desert creatures will dwell on the edges of this hell-hole ([Isa. 13:21-22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+13%3A21-22)

31. People will be astonished at such destruction ([Jer. 50:13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+50%3A13))

Not one of the above passages has yet been literally fulfilled, so they must refer to a future prosperity and destruction of Babylon.

That a literal city is referred to is proved by its predicted destruction along with the cities of the nations ([Rev. 16:19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16%3A19)).

In New Testament times "Babylon" was still a city with a Christian church ([1Pet. 5:13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Pe+5%3A13)). 500 years later, the Babylonian Talmud was written there. Since then it has not been destroyed as required in the above references. Even today there is a city called Hillah of nearly 300,000 population built just south of the old site of ancient Babylon. The soil is exceedingly fertile and engineers estimate that the Euphrates and Tigris rivers could irrigate 7,000,000 acres in winter and 3,000,000 in summer to grow varied crops. The whole of the East is rich in oil and other minerals. A commercial city called Babylon could be made here in a few short years.

This city will be the capital of Antichrist before he enters Palestine to make the Jewish temple his capital the last 3 1/2 years of this age ([Dan. 11:40-45](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+11%3A40-45); [2Th. 2:3-4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Th+2%3A3-4); [Rev. 11:1-2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+11%3A1-2); [13:1-18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+13%3A1-18)).

These facts lead us to conclude Babylon will be and IS a literal city in the present and future plan of God relating to National Israel

 [Rev. 14:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+14%3A8); [16:17-21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16%3A17-21); [18:1-24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A1-24).

18:12

These Thirty articles of commerce show us Babylon will once again be a commercial center on the Earth!

1. Gold

2. Silver

3. Pearls

4. Purple

5. Scarlet

6. Odours

7. Wine

8. Oil

9. Wheat

10. Beasts

11. Sheep

12. Horses

13. Chariots

14. Slaves

15. Fruits

16. Silk

17. Precious stones

18. Fine linen

19. Thyine wood

20. Vessels of ivory

21. Vessels of wood

22. Vessels of brass

23. Vessels of iron

24. Vessels of marble

25. Cinnamon

26. Ointments

27. Frankincense

28. Dainty things

29. Goodly things

30. Fine flour

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[**all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea**] Indicating travelers of all kinds and world merchants ([Dan. 12:4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+12%3A4)). Merchants do not get rich through religious systems. Such systems get rich through merchants and offerings of the poor. **This proves Babylon to be a literal commercial center, not a religious system as is mystery Babylon of** [**Rev. 17**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+17). Antichrist will have control of great riches of the East in the last days ([Dan. 8:25](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+8%3A25); [11:38-43](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Da+11%3A38-43); [Rev. 13:17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+13%3A17); [19:11-19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+19%3A11-19)).

18:19

**a** [**wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea**]

Three worlds enriched by Babylon:

1. Governmental world ([Rev. 18:9-10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A9-10))

2. Commercial world ([Rev. 18:11-16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A11-16))

3. Maritime world ([Rev. 18:17-19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A17-19))

18:20

**a** [**Rejoice**]

Three times heaven is told to rejoice:

1. When Satan is cast out ([Rev. 12:12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+12%3A12))

2. When literal Babylon is destroyed ([Rev. 18:20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A20))

3. When the marriage of the Lamb is come and His wife is ready ([Rev. 19:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+19%3A7))

Text.18:23 – Eight Causes Of Her Destruction

**a** [**by thy sorceries were all nations deceived**] Eight causes of the doom of Babylon:

1. Pride ([Isa. 13:19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+13%3A19); [14:4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+14%3A4); [Jer. 50:29-34](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+50%3A29-34); [Rev. 18:7-8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A7-8))

2. Oppression of Israel ([Isa. 13:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+13%3A1); [14:2-22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+14%3A2-22); [Jer. 51:24-25](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+51%3A24-25); [Rev. 18:24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A24))

3. Pleasures, sins, and luxuries ([Isa. 47:8-11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+47%3A8-11); [Rev. 18:3-19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A3-19))

4. Idol worship ([Jer. 50:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+50%3A2); [51:47](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+51%3A47); [Rev. 9:20-21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+9%3A20-21); [13:14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+13%3A14); [14:9-11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+14%3A9-11); [16:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+16%3A2))

5. Fornication ([Rev. 14:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+14%3A8); [18:3-9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A3-9))

6. Spiritism ([Rev. 18:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A2))

7. Sorceries ([Isa. 47:12-13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+47%3A12-13); [Rev. 18:23](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A23))

8. Martyrdom of saints ([Rev. 18:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A6),[24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+18%3A24))

[**all that were slain upon the earth**] This seems to teach that Babylon has been responsible for all murders on earth, as well as the martyrdom of all saints that have ever been slain, but this could not possibly be, for Abel and many other antediluvians were destroyed before Babylon ever existed.

Multitudes have been slain outside of Babylon in all generations since her existence.

 **The true meaning is that Babylon will be the final concentration of martyrdoms and reigns of terror, making her responsible in the same sense that all the blood from Abel to Zacharias the prophet was to be required of the Pharisees living at the time of Jesus (**[**Mt. 23:35-36**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mt+23%3A35-36)**).**

The idea is that of cumulative sins and judgment. God will punish Babylon with destruction and wrath equal to what she would receive if she were responsible for all that were ever slain upon earth.

Her destruction will culminate the wrath of God started under the 6th seal in the first 3 1/2 years of Daniel's 70th week ([Rev. 6:12-17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+6%3A12-17)).

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Iraq in the Bible

1. Early post-Flood civilization developed in Iraq (“the cradle of civilization”).
2. A very significant rebellion against God took place in Iraq, centered on the construction of the Tower of Babel (Genesis 10:8-97; 11:1-4): Story summary / Archaeological evidence.
3. The confusion of languages took place in Iraq - Genesis 11:5-11. (Prior to this event, there was apparently only one language in the world. To this day, we live with the far-reaching effects of this judgment of God.)
4. Abraham, the patriarch of the Jews and Muslims, came from a city in Iraq (Ur) - Genesis 11:31; Acts 7:2-4.
5. Isaac’s bride came from Iraq - Genesis 24:3-4, 10.
6. Jacob (Israel) spent 20 years in Iraq - Genesis 27:42-45; 31:38.
7. The first world empire formed in Iraq - Daniel 1:1-2; 2:36-38.
8. Various kings of Iraq were used by God to punish the children of Israel for turning away from Him.
9. The children of Israel spent much time in Iraq, as prisoners of war—as a punishment of God (Captivity).
10. The children of Israel returned to God in repentance in Iraq—and later returned to their promised land.
11. Perhaps the most amazing spiritual revival in history took place in a city in Iraq (Nineveh) - Jonah 3.
12. The events of the book of Esther took place in Iraq. With God’s help, she saved the Jews from a holocaust. This event is celebrated annually to this day (Purim).
13. The book of Nahum was a prophecy against a city in Iraq.
14. The book of Revelation contains prophecies against Babylon (one of Iraq’s former names) - Revelation 17-18.
15. No other nation, except Israel, has more biblical history and prophecy associated with it than Iraq.