

## Babylon

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What is the Babylon that is spoken of in Revelation? I have an idea for you to consider. Study it on your own and see if it lines up with scripture.

I do not believe that the Babylon of Revelation is a physical place. Rather, I believe that it is a spiritual condition.

The words Babylon and Babel both come from the Hebrew word Bavel meaning “confusion”. Bavel comes from a root word meaning “to mix”. BDB gives this definition of Bavel:

Babel or Babylon = “confusion (by mixing)”

When I saw this definition, the word “holiness” was brought to my mind. Holiness means “separate” or “set-apart”. Babel is the opposite of holiness.

We are to make a distinction between the holy and the profane and the clean and the unclean. We are not to mix them.

And they shall teach my people *the difference* between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

[Ezekiel 44:23 KJV](#)

Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed *difference* between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

[Ezekiel 22:26 KJV](#)

Revelation talks about the fall of Babylon. At the end, the the sheep will be separated from the goats (Matthew 25:32) and we will be taught the difference between the holy and the profane and the clean and the unclean. Gold will be separated from wood and stubble, good works from the rest (1 Corinthians 3:12). The confusion from mixing (Babel) will end.

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

[Revelation 18:4 KJV](#)

Again, all that I ask is that you consider it. Compare it to scripture and if I am wrong show me with scripture.