



Chronological Order of Tribulation

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1. Seal Judgments 6:1-17

Nonchronological information, 7:1-17

2. Trumpet Judgments 8:1-9:21

Nonchronological information, 10:1-15:8

3. Bowl Judgments 16:1-21

Nonchronological information, 17:1-19:2

“Some commentators called them (nonchronological chapters) parenthesis.”
or parenthetical

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Mystery

Greek *mystērion*

from a derivative of **muo** (to *shut* the mouth); a *secret* or “*mystery*” : mystery. Strong's

Denotes in general something hidden or not fully manifest. Some sacred thing hidden or secret which is naturally unknown to human reason and is only known by the revelation of God. Zodhiates

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Babylon in Rev. 17 & 18

Babylon in Rev 17

Is destroyed by the Antichrist and his 10 kings 17:12-13,16

Is destroyed midway of the Trib. 17:16-17, 13:1-18

Is a religious and ecclesiastical system 17:3-5

Is the One World Church, the ecumenical church 17:2-6, 15

Babylon in Rev 18

Is destroyed by God Himself by the seventh bowl 18:8, 20,16:19

Is destroyed at the end of the Trib. 16:17-21

Is a political and economical system 18:9-19

Is the One World Gov., the kingdom of the Beast 18:3, 9, 24

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“Babylon” ?

Is it only a religious and political system ?

Is it a system and a literal city as well ? ★

~~Is it a literal city only and not a system ?~~

The word “city” is used 6 times in chapters 14-18 referring to Babylon (symbolic or literal city?)

If a system and a city, what city ?

1. Literal Babylon ? In Iraq Isa 13:1-22
2. Rome, symbolic Babylon ? 1 Pet 5:13
3. Jerusalem, symbolic Babylon ? Matt 24:15, Rev 13:1-18
4. Another city, symbolic Babylon ? A capital in Europe



Revelation 11:8 (KJV)

⁸ And their dead bodies *shall lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.




Babylon

I personally believe that mystery Babylon is Rome and that, when it goes down in the midst of the Great Tribulation, the religious center shifts to Jerusalem because it is at Jerusalem that the False Prophet will put up his image of the Antichrist to be worshiped. Commercial Babylon is ancient Babylon, rebuilt as the commercial capital of the world. This city is the final capital of the political power of the Beast.

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