

The Two Cities of Revelation

The New Jerusalem

- The chaste bride, wife of the Lamb (21:2,9)
- New Jerusalem's splendor is the glory of God (21:11-21)
- The nations walk by New Jerusalem's light, which is the glory of God (21:24)
- The kings of the earth bring their glory to New Jerusalem (21:24)
- Uncleanness, abomination, and falsehood are excluded (21:27)
- The water of life and the tree of life for the healing of the nations (21:6, 22:1-2)
- Life and healing (22:1-2)
- God's people called to enter the New Jerusalem (22:14)
- Mother of faithful, who keep commandments of God and testimony of Jesus (12:17)
- New Jerusalem has glory of God like a rare jewel (21:11)
- Wearing bright, pure linen (19:8)
- Delivered (chapter 12)

Babylon the Great

- The whore with whom the kings of the earth fornicate (17:2)
- Babylon's splendor is from exploiting her empire (17:4; 18:12-13, 16)
- Babylon's corruption and deception of the nations (17:2; 18:3, 23; 19:2)
- Babylon rules over the kings of the earth (17:18)
- Babylon's abominations, impurities, deceptions (17:4, 5; 18:23)
- Babylon's wine which makes the nations drunk (14:8; 17:2; 18:3)
- The blood of slaughter (17:6; 18:24)
- God's people are called to come out of Babylon (18:4)
- Mother of whores and abominations (17:5)
- Adorned in gold and jewels and pearls (17:4)
- Clothed in purple and scarlet (17:4)
- Destroyed (14:8, 17:16)

"John did not make such sharp contrasts because the distinction between good and evil was obvious to his readers." P.155 Koester

"When the harlot's arrogance, violence, and obsession with luxury are described more fully in Revelation 18, modern readers will find themselves confronting forces that belong not to a forgotten age, but to the world that they know." P.159 Koester