1. (50:1-3, 41-43) The judgment of God’s wrath comes on those who forsake and completely abandon what amounts to both the tablets of the Law: loving God and loving others. It is the complete rejection of God personally and His Law completely.

2. (50:9; 51:1, 11-12) It is the same for Babylon just as it is for every nation and individual. God holds everyone accountable not only for their relationship with Him, but for their relationship and treatment of others.

3. (50:11) When God’s judgment falls on someone we’re supposed to learn the lesson for ourselves so as not to repeat it, not take it as a license to act in furtherance of our own sin.

4. (51:51; 50:32; 50:38; 51:7) Babylon doesn’t merely conquer literally, but also conquers spiritually. Physical enslavement to Babylon eventually culminates in spiritual enslavement to the gods of Babylon.

Summary: These are the same characteristics of the last Babylon to come who is rooted in pride, seduces the whole world, and makes war on God both against His people and against Him personally. The spirit of Babylon is repeated throughout history.

5. (51:56-58) Babylon’s physical sins reflect her even greater spiritual sins, and so her physical judgment reflects her even greater spiritual judgment.

6. (50:40) The comparison to Sodom and Gomorrah reflects Babylon’s lifestyle violating every commandment of God not just in their treatment of others, but of God personally. The inevitable result is the fire of God’s judgment.

7. (51:59-64) In truth, Babylon cannot be healed and the only biblical option is for God’s people to come out of her because of her total rejection of God’s Word.

Overall: Every occurrence in Scripture concerning Babylon is the Holy Spirit trying to teach us something about the final Babylon to come.