Is Fallen because of the Wine…

God has revealed in the second Angels’ message that Babylon is mentioned as falling a second time—because of the wine (14:8).

The Wine Sign
In the Revelation, wine is translated seven times as ‘wine’ and one time as ‘winepress.’

- Rev. 14:8 - And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.
- Rev. 14:10 - The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:
- Rev. 16:19 - And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.
- Rev. 17:2 - With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.
- Rev. 18:3 - For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.
- Rev. 19:15 - And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron: and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Psalm 11:6 and 75:8 speak of the wicked drinking of God’s cup of wrath… Doesn’t it make sense to turn from our wicked ways and live? (See Ezekiel 18:30-32)

Divine Wine
“Canvassers, remember that in the books you handle you are presenting, not the cup containing the wine of Babylon, doctrines of error dealt to the kings of the earth, but the cup full of the preciousness of the truths of redemption” (CEv 10).

Christ offered the cup of blessing to His followers (Matthew 26:27-28) while willing to take the cup of suffering for Himself (Matthew 26:38-44).

“There are few to whom you bring the truth, who have not been drinking of the wine of Babylon. It is hard for them to comprehend the truth, therefore the necessity of teaching it as it is in Jesus” (ISM 405).

Jesus Christ IS the central theme of the 3 Angels` Message of Daniel 1-6, as He is shown in Revelation 1:13 as standing in the MIDST of the seven golden candlesticks! A clear layout of the seven branched candlestick can be seen in Daniel 1-7 (see the image in study notes 1 or 2). Christ is the center of it all as our High Priest, King, Judge, Intercessor, Exemplar, and Deliverer.
Dine with Fine Wine

Daniel 5:1-5 shows that drinking the wine of Babylon (and treating God's holy vessels as common) not only leads one to worship the creature rather than the Creator (as condemned in Romans 1:18-32), but also brings God's judgment and wrath.

Common? Come on...

Treating God's holy things as though they are common has caused a lot of problems in history:
- Cain's offering of fruit instead of a lamb (Genesis 4:1-5)
- Nadab and Abihu offering common/strange fire (Leviticus 10:1-3)
- What if someone would have defaced God's holy garments, or mistreated His symbolic rites—treating them as common? (Leviticus 10:6-7).
- Treating God's holy day as common (Numbers 15:32-36)
- The men of Bethshemesh looking into the ark—50,070 men died! (1 Samuel 6:15-20)
- Uzzah trying to stabilize the ark after it had been treated as common on a regular cart—similar to how the Philistines carried it (1 Samuel 6:2-9, 2 Samuel 6:1-7)
- Ahimelech giving holy bread to a common David (by deceit he lost his life) (1 Samuel 21-22)
- The disobedient prophet—misapplying God's clear instructions (1 Kings 13)

Wine at the End of Time

“The whole chapter [Revelation 18] shows that Babylon that has fallen is the churches who will not receive the messages of warning the Lord has given in the first, second, and third angels' messages. They refused the truth and accepted a lie. They refused the messages of truth. See 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12. The message in the eighteenth chapter of Revelation is plain and clearly defined. "For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies" (verse 3). Anyone who reads this chapter need not be deceived.”

“How Satan would exult to have a message go broadcast [i.e. viral] that the only people whom God has made the repositories of His law are the ones to whom this message applies. The wine of Babylon is the exalting of the false and spurious sabbath above the Sabbath which the Lord Jehovah hath blessed and sanctified for the use of man, also [it is] the immortality of the soul. These kindred heresies, and the rejection of the truth, convert the church into Babylon. Kings, merchants, rulers, and religious teachers are all in corrupt harmony” (2SM 68).

A Keen Queen

The queen speaks to the king of a man in his kingdom which has “the spirit of the holy gods” (Daniel 5:10-11). She referred to him as having “and excellent spirit” (vs. 12). In vs 13 Daniel was brought in before the king which referred to the “spirit of the gods” in him… Wait a minute… Holy? Excellent? Why are those words missing? Was Belshazzar unwilling to condescend because of his pride to speak of a our holy God? Had he ignored the voice of the Spirit so many times that he was unwilling to even voice His identifying characteristics?

The king had “lifted up himself against the Lord of Heaven,” just as the exceeding great horn does in Daniel 8:9-12.

In the end, Babylon will fall because of the wine.