

BABYLON THE GREAT...DESTROYED (Revelation 18)

Understanding the difference between Revelation 17 & 18

I. THE REPORT OF BABYLON'S FALL (18:1-8)

A. The Announcement of CONDEMNATION by an Angel (18:1-3)

- Why is the term “fallen” mentioned twice regarding Babylon?
- What does John see that Babylon will ultimately become?
- What three reasons explain God’s Judgment on Babylon? (18:3)

B. The Command for SEPARATION by the Lord (18:4-8)

- What are God’s people instructed to do in relation to Babylon?
- What two reasons are given for this command?
- Why is this so ironic?
- What is the two-fold justification given for this divine judgment? (18:6)
- What two evils characterize this city/system?
- What does this passage teach us about the Lord?

II. THE REACTIONS TO BABYLON'S FALL (18:9-24)

A. The voice of Lamentation by the Wealthy (18:9-24)

1. The cry of the **kings of the earth** (18:9-10)
 - What does the word “*lament*” mean?

- Why do these kings “*lament*” Babylon’s destruction and “*stand at a distance*”?
- What does the phrase “*one hour*’ indicate?

2. The cry of the **merchants of the earth** (18:11-17a)

- What does “*merchants*” signify about this group?
- Why do these merchants “*weep and mourn*”?

3. The cry of the **sea merchants** (18:17b-19)

- What does the great commercial loss suffered by this group demonstrate?
- What is repeated for the third time?

B. The Voice of Jubilation in Heaven (18:20-24)

1. The sound from heaven (vs 20)

- What is heaven commanded to do in light of Babylon’s destruction?
- Why should the redeemed rejoice?
- What does this not imply?
- Why is God judging so severely here?
- What does this mighty angel do? What does this set forth?

2. The sentence against Babylon (vs 22-24)

- What phrase is repeated to set forth the permanence of Babylon’s judgment?
- What other reasons for Babylon’s destruction are given? (18:23-24)
- How does all this apply to believers in the age of grace?