

Living Connections Bible Study



Babylon Destroyed

Prayer

Icebreaker: Explain how the city Babylon can describe both a city/place and a system. Use Hollywood, Wall Street and Madison Avenue as examples.

Text: Revelation 17 and 18

1. How is religious Babylon described in Revelation 17:1 and what is the significance of this?

2. What do the waters represent on which this woman sits or holds influence over? 17:15

3. Who was the originator of the idolatrous belief system that began at Babel and became Mystery Babylon the Great Harlot? Genesis 10:8-10; 11:1-4, 8-9

4. Why is religious Babylon called MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT, **THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS** AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH? Revelation 17:5

5. With whom is this great harlot allied throughout the centuries and will destroy her in the end? Revelation 17:2, 12-17

6. John reveals a city associated with religious Babylon? What city reigned over the earth in John's day and what false belief system is associated with it today? Revelation 17:18

7. How do we know the destruction of Babylon in chapter 18 is different than in chapter 17? Revelation 17:1; 18:1-2

Revelation 18 describes the destruction of the new world order under Antichrist as well as a rebuilt city of Babylon. *Babylon the Great* describes both a city and a system. This Babylonian system is religious in that it requires all to worship the Beast. It is also commercial and political. In chapter 13:17 we learned that Antichrist will control the world's economic system. No one will be able to participate in this economic system who does not take the *Mark of the Beast*.

8. Count the times the word city is used in describing Babylon in Revelation 14:8, 17:18, 18:10-21.

9. We learned in chapter 17 that the 10 confederated kings under Antichrist will destroy the *Great Harlot* (religious Babylon). Who will destroy Babylon the Great (commercial and religious Babylon). Revelation 18:8-10; 16:9; Isaiah 13:1-5; 19-20

10. Chapter 17 describes a religious system, perhaps centered at Rome. What evidence do we find in chapter 18 that *Babylon the Great* will be the political and commercial center of the world? Revelation 18:3, 11-19

11. How do we know this commercial center will be built on the plains of Shinar? Zech. 5:5-11

12. What is the attitude of the 10 kings towards *Mystery Babylon the great harlot* compared to their attitude toward the destruction of Babylon the Great? Revelation 17:16-17; 18:9-10

Think About it this week:

Some Bible Teachers say that Darius the Mede fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies concerning Babylon's destruction when the Medo-Persian armies conquered Babylon in the days of Daniel. Check out the following passages, asking yourself if these prophecies were fulfilled in the past.

Jeremiah 50:39-40; 51:8, 24-26; Isaiah 13:1-11; 19-20; 14:1-8; Zechariah 5:5-11