

Revelation 18
Babylon is Fallen

The Announcement (1-3)

The Angel

Great authority (Genesis 19:13 / Daniel 10:13) **to rule & overthrow cities**

Glorious light (Luke 24:4) **from shining appearance to illuminating earth**

Gargantuan voice (I Thessalonians 4:16)

The Announcement – “Babylon is Fallen” (Jeremiah 51:62-64)

The attributes of this city

Home for demons (Luke 11:24-26) **when the Holy Spirit is absent**

Haunt for evil (James 3:14-16) **result of worldly wisdom**

Harlots and adultery abound (II Peter 2:14) **result of false teaching**

Having excess luxuries (James 5:1-5) **living at the expense of others**

The Appeal (4-8)

Come out of her (Jeremiah 51:45)

Do not share in her sins (Ephesians 5:6-7) **God will judge sin!**

Do not receive her plagues, flee (I Tim. 6:11/II Tim. 2:22/I Cor. 6:18)

Coming back on her head (Matthew 18:7-9) **leading others into sin – woe!**

Sins that are piled up to heaven (Jeremiah 51:9)

She deserves a double portion of what she did (Isaiah 40:2 / Jeremiah 51:58)

Consumed by fire

Overtaken in a single day

Our Lord God is a Might Judge! (Psalm 2:9-12) **all will bow before Jesus**

The Anguish (9-19) (Luke 12:18-21; 18:23-25) **world's offerings come us short**

Of kings – who shared in her luxuries and are terrified at her torment

Of merchants – no longer able to sell her wares (including the souls of men)

Of sea captains – who had become rich through transporting her goods

The Acclaim (20-24) – remember those under the altar (Revelation 6:9-10)

Rejoicing in heaven – judged for the way she treated the saints (Jer. 51:47-48)

Recognizing her end – never able to recover (Jeremiah 50:39-40/Isaiah 13:19-20)

Repaid for the blood she had shed – all who had been killed on the earth

(Genesis 9:6 / II Kings 21:16; 29:3-4 / Jeremiah 15:4; 19:4)

Our nation will be held accountable for the shedding of innocent blood

Discussion questions for Revelation 18

What authority do angels hold over men? (Luke 1:19-20/Hebrews 2:2; 1:4/I Corinthians 6:3)

We are responsible to follow the message they give us from God. They are used by God to carry out his wrath – but for believers they are ministering servants. Someday we as believers will judge angelic beings.

What allows evil to infiltrate our lives? (Deuteronomy 7:6; 12:29-31 / Romans 12:2 / II Timothy 4:3-4) ***Bringing into our homes things that the enemy uses. Trying to imitate the world and/or conforming to its standards. Seeking teachers who tickle our ears rather than heading the teachings of Scripture.***

Why are we sometimes encouraged to stand and other times to flee? (Ephesians 6:10-13 / I Corinthians 10:12-13 / I Timothy 6:11 / II Timothy 2:22 / I Corinthians 6:18)

We are able to stand against temptation and our enemy when we stand in Christ. However, there are certain sins which we do not want to be participants of in any way. (the love of money, sexual sin, and the evil deeds of darkness – Ephesians 5:11-12)

Why is it foolish to hoard the things of this world? (II Corinthians 4:18 / Matthew 6:19-21 / Luke 16:25 / I Timothy 6:17-19 / James 5:1-5) ***They are temporary. They can be stolen or destroyed. They can lead us to thinking we are self-sufficient. They can cause us to be arrogant and deceived, thinking we have security in them. They can cause us to use others for our own gain and pleasure.***

Babylon is repaid for her actions. Read the following verses: Matthew 12:36-37; I Corinthians 3:11-15; II Corinthians 5:10; Galatians 6:7-8; Hebrews 4:13. How should we respond? ***We ought to fear the LORD! We need to regularly confess to Him. (I John 1:9) We need to seek His strength and presence, surrendering our lives to Him. (Romans 6:11-14) We ought to encourage the LORD to seek and expose areas of our lives that need to change. (Psalm 139:23-24)***

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