

Babylon is Fallen!

Revelation 18:1-3 *And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.*

2. *And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.*

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.*

- Babylon refers to a secular and political system of the ungodly world rather than just a city.
- In this chapter, the commercial system which includes trading, buying, selling with the other kingdoms is destroyed and the political system is judged by God.
- I mentioned in earlier chapters that sometime the bible refers a nation or a City as she, or her or a woman. This is not to degrade women so don't try reading too much into that. God would not degrade what He has made. If there are any degrading, it would be because we have done it to ourselves.
- The whole earth is defiled with the corruption of this political and secular system.
- The financial market of the earth have profited economically from this political and secular system.

Revelation 18:4, *And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.*

Notice the call, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." (v.4)

Obviously, some of God's people are in the city, so God warns them to come out of that Babylonian secular and political system. The city is about to be judged and God wants to deliver His people from defilement and spare them from judgment. If they remain in the City, they will be partakers of the judgement to come.

Revelation 18:5-6, *For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.*

6. *Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.*

So this is double judgement.

Revelation 18:7, *How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she say in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.*

Babylon is so puffed up, arrogant, full of pride, rebellious and will be found guilty of apostasy and murder. Babylon has glorified itself and opposes God because of the wealth that she has accumulated

however, as we'll see in verse 8 the wealth will be stripped in one day.

Revelation 18:8, Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judge her.

Their judgment will come in one day implies that they will be swiftly judged.

Revelation 18:9, And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

So all those who made money off of her, and lived in luxury because of her show mourn. Babylon not only lose because the wealth is now being destroyed, but all those who make money because of her also loses. As a result they cry, weep and mourn. They will be brought down because of the wrath of God.

Revelation 18:10-19, Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour is thy judgment come.

11. And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buy their merchandise any more:

12. The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all your wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,

13. And cinnamon, and odors, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.

14. And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.

15. The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

16. And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!

17. For in one hour so great riches is come to nothing. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,

18. And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, "What city is like unto this great city!

19. And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! For in one hour is she made desolate.

So there you have it. People are crying, weeping and wailing how they don't know how they are going to make it now. They're wealth has now been diminished and brought to nothing.

Revelation 18:20, Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

God has now avenged the holy apostles, profits and all the godly in heaven. So they rejoice!

Remember back in Revelation 6:9-10 under the altar were the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

Well, now they are told to rejoice for justice has prevailed. God has avenged them.

Revelation 18:21-24 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. [22] And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; [23] And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. [24] And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

The Judgment is settled and final and there is no more opportunity for repentance. The antichrist and is ungodly world system will be totally destroyed.

That concludes the word for today. Stay tuned for chapters 19 through 22 so we'll see what will happen in these chapters. I pray that you enjoy this word and if you wanna be saved, then ask the Lord into your life today. All you have to do is confess with your mouth, and believe in your heart the Lord Jesus in the Bible says you shall be saved. Let me guide you. Just repeat after me, Lord God, I believe that you sent your son Jesus to this earth to die for my sin. Forgive me for all that I've done wrong, come into my life, come into my heart. I thank you!