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# **Revelation 18**

# "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen"

# **The Fall of Economical / Political Babylon**

# **REVELATION 18:1-24**

1 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. 2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! 3 For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury." 4 And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. 5 For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. 6 Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her. 7 In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, 'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.' 8 Therefore her plagues will come in one day—death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her. 9 "The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, 10 standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.' 11 "And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: 12 merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble; 13 and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men. 14 The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all. 15 The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, 16 and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls! 17 For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.' Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance 18 and cried out

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when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What is like this great city?' 19 "They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.' 20 "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!" 21 Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore. 22 The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you anymore. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore. 23 The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived. 24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth."


# **THE FALL OF BABYLON THE GREAT** (v. 1-3)

#### **REVELATION 18:1**

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After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and

the earth was illuminated with his glory.



Rev. 16:10;	<b>Isaiah 60:2</b> ;	<u>Exodus</u>	<u>34:35</u> ;
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## **REVELATION 18:2**

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And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!



<u>Isa.</u>	<b>21:9</b> ;	<u>Jer. 51:7</u>	<u>'-10; J</u>	<u>ude</u>	<u>1:12;</u>	
Rev.	<u>2:11</u> ;	<u>20:6; 20</u>	):14; <u>2</u>	<u>1:8</u> ;	Rev 2	0:14;
<u>Rev.</u>	21:8;	Rev. 17	<u>- 18</u> ;	Eph.	<b>6:12</b> ;	<u>2:2</u>

#### **REVELATION 18:3**



Revelation 18:3

For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury."

Rev. 17:2;	1Tim	othy	<b>6:10</b> ;	Matt.	6:24
Mark 4:15-	<u>19</u> ;	<u>Mark</u>	7:21-	<u> 23</u>	


# <u>Trusting in the world's monetary system</u> <u>rather than Gods, is in fact, "Idolatry".</u>

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# COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE (v 4-7)

#### **REVELATION 18:4**



Revelation 18:4

And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.

# <u>Isa. 52:11</u>; <u>Jer. 51:45</u>; <u>Gen. 19</u>


## **REVELATION 18:5**

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For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.



# Heb. 8:12


#### **REVELATION 18:6**



Revelation 18:6
Render to her just as she rendered to you and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her.

# **Exodus 22:4-9**

#### **REVELATION 18:7**

In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, 'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.'

Rev. 18:7



This passage presents a three-fold sin.

1)	 	 	
2)	 	 	
3)			

# THE WORLD MOURNS BABYLONS FALL

#### **REVELATION 18:8**

Therefore her plagues will come in one day—death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her.



# "The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning,

#### **REVELATION 18:10**

standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.'



#### **REVELATION 18:11**

Revelation 18:11

"And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore:



# **Daniel 2:45**; Revelation 19


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#### **REVELATION 18:12**



# Revelation 18:12

merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble;

#### **REVELATION 18:13**



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and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men.

#### **REVELATION 18:14**

The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you,

and you shall find them

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no more at all.

#### **REVELATION 18:15**



The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

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#### **REVELATION 18:16**

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and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls!



#### **REVELATION 18:17**

Revelation 18:17

For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.'

Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance



#### **REVELATION 18:18**

and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What is like this great city?'



#### **REVELATION 18:19**

Revelation 18:19

"They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.'



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Jer. 51:61-64; Matt. 18:6

#### **REVELATION 18:20**

"Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!"

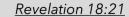


# Finale: The Death Blow to Commercial Babylon

#### **REVELATION 18:21**

Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea.

saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore.





#### **REVELATION 18:22**





#### Revelation 18:22

The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you anymore. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore.

## **REVELATION 18:23**

Revelation 18:23

The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore.

For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived.





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## THE FINAL CHARGE AND REASON FOR THIS CALAMITY.

#### **REVELATION 18:24**

#### Revelation 18:24

And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth."



Genesis 12:3					

# Take Aways

#### 1. God forgets our sins -

- $\Rightarrow$  **Isaiah 43:25** "I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.
- ⇒ **Revelation 18:5** says that God remembers the sins of the ungodly, unrepented Babylonians.
- $\Rightarrow$  **Psalm 103:12** states: As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us."
- ⇒ **James 4:8** "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse [your] hands, [you] sinners; and purify [your] hearts, [you] double-minded."

# 2. Come out and be separate.

- ⇒ Christians are called to separate themselves from that which is ungodly.
- ⇒ **Ephesians 5:11** "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose [them]."

# 3. Rebellion brings about rejection and later judgement.

- ⇒ <u>Proverbs 6:15</u> "...therefore calamity will come upon him suddenly; in a moment he will be broken beyond healing."
- ⇒ <u>1Thessalonians 5:3</u> For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

# **Questions for Reflection**

- 1. God has not only forgiven your sins but also has forgotten them based on the work of Christ on the cross.
  - How does the knowledge of this truth effect your perspective on life?
- 2. In view of the enticements of Western society, do you sometimes find it difficult to "come out and be separate? In what ways?
- 3. Do you ever struggle with materialism?
- 4. What is your attitude toward wealth and the possession of material things?

5. Can you possess wealth without wealth possessing you? If you suddenly lost your wealth, how would it effect you?

6. Do you live like a citizen of earth or of "New Jerusalem"?

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