

**THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST**  
"The Collapse of the World's Economic System"  
**Revelation 18**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. The Judgments that have pounded this earth.
  - a) The SEVEN Seal Judgments; SEVEN Trumpet Judgments; and the SEVEN Bowl Judgments
    - 1) **SEVEN Seal Judgments** - Revelation 6 & 8:1-6
      - a. Parenthesis Chapter 7
    - 2) **SEVEN Trumpet Judgments** - Revelation 8-9 & 11:14-19
      - a. Parenthesis Chapter 10
    - 3) **SEVEN Bowl/Vial Judgments** - Revelation 16
2. It is helpful to remember that Chapter 17 and 18 would be considered parenthetical.
  - a) Chronologically Chapter 19 (The 2<sup>nd</sup> coming) follows Chapter 16:17-21, the final Bowl Judgment.
  - b) Chapters 17 & 18 give information concerning the destruction of Babylon.
3. Chapter 17 paints a sobering picture of a worldwide religious system which began all the way back in Genesis 10-11 and is sanctioned by the Antichrist before he turns and destroys it toward the end of the Great Tribulation,
4. During the Gulf War, it was reported that Saddam Hussein wanted to rebuild the great city of Babylon and a replica of the Tower of Babel.
5. Babylon will become, prior to its destruction, the third city out of which the Antichrist will operate during the Tribulation:
6. **Daniel 4:30**
  - a) Today we call that "humanism" - or Self-Worship. "I"

**I. THE REASON'S FOR BABYLON'S JUDGMENT**

- Notice **18:1**
  - Here we see an angel pronouncing judgment upon the city of Babylon.
    - In Chapter 17 we saw judgment pronounced on Babylon - ecclesiastically.
    - In Chapter 18 we will see Babylon - commercially.
- **Revelation 18:2**
  - "**Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great!**"
    - It means to fall in a moment!!
    - **18:19**

- Revelation 18:3

## THERE ARE FOUR REASONS GIVEN FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF BABYLON

### A. BECAUSE OF HER SINS

1. Vs 4

2. Vs 5

a) We are told that Babylon's sins "for her sins are heaped high as heaven"

1) The term "**heaped**" means "**to glue or weld together**"

b) The city has become the habitation of every sort of unclean spirit and demonic power.

### B. BECAUSE OF HER INFLUENCE

1. Vs 3

a) Not only is the city wicked and evil but she has influenced others to follow her wickedness.

b) Vs 3

1) "**and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her**"

2. The nations of the earth will come under the allure of Babylon's social, political, cultural, and commercial life.

a) All because they wanted those same "riches" for themselves, they will drink of the "wine" and fall into the trap of her influence.

3. Materialism and humanism will be the hall marks of this system.

### C. BECAUSE OF HER UNFAITHFULNESS

1. Vs 7

a) "**and she glorified herself**"

2. Her words remind us of Satan's when he boasted that he would become like the most high.

3. **Isaiah 14:14**

4. Vs 7

## D. BECAUSE OF HER PURSUIT OF LUXURY

### 1. Vs 12-13

a) 28 articles of merchandise!!

### 2. Articles of merchandise which have first place in men's hearts.

a) **Gold, Silver, Jewels, and Pearls.**

### 3. Articles of adornment.

a) *Fine linen, purple cloth, silk, scarlet cloth.*

### 4. Precious woods, metals, and stones:

a) *Wood, metal and ivory.*

### 5. Perfumes:

a) Vs 13

### 6. Livestock & other luxury items

a) Vs 13

### 7. Vs 13

a) "*and slaves, that is, human souls.*"

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## II. THE TOTAL JUDGMENT ON BABYLON

### 1. Vs 21-23

a) "*no more*"

1) Is found 6 times.

2. It is the strongest way the Greek language could say - "**not at all**"

## III. THE RESPONSE TO THE JUDGMENTS

### A. KINGS WILL MOURN

#### 1. Vs 9-10

a) The powerful will wail, and lament, the destruction of the one in whom they had put their hope.

2. The city and worldview they thought was their salvation, will be destroyed and with it their hopes of continued indulgence and prosperity.

## **B. MERCHANTS WILL MOURN**

1. **Vs 11-17a**
2. **WORLD financial crash is coming to a bank near you.**
  - 1) Bank failure
  - 2) Stock Market crash

## **C. THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY WILL MOURN**

1. **Vs 17-19**

## **IV. REJOICING OF THE SAINTS OVER BABYLON**

1. The Kings, Merchants and Mariners all mourn over the destruction of Babylon.
2. But in Heaven, three other classes of people rejoice over the destruction of Babylon: Saints, Apostles, and Prophets.
3. **WOW!!!!** There will be unrestrained jubilation in Heaven as the people of God are at last vindicated and retribution is allotted upon the city which martyred them.
  - a) **Vs 20, 24**
4. **Vs 21**
5. **Matthew 18:6**

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. What do we do with this?
2. **Revelation 18:4-7**
3. **2 Corinthians 16:14-18**
  - a) This is a command. Not a suggestion.
4. There are **two reasons to flee BABYLON:**
  - a) **To separate from the SINS OF BABYLON**
  - b) **To separate from the plagues and judgments coming upon the Antichrist and those who follow him.**
5. Just remember that the Spirit of Babylon is alive and well.