



BABYLON

The Collapse of Deception

Revelation 17 & 18

CALL TO THE WORD

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; Let the sea roar, and all its fullness; Let the field be joyful, and all that *is* in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD.

PS 96:11-13

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For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with His truth.

PS 96:11-13

INTRODUCTION

Judgement on the World Economic System



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***“... a worldwide economic boom will come. It will flourish; it will consume the whole world. A one-world global economy, built on lust for luxury, materialism. Capitalism will reach its apex under Satan and Antichrist.*”**

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It will be hammered by judgment from God, but it'll survive until finally God pronounces its doom. And that ultimate doom will come when Jesus returns to destroy what is left of the vestiges of an already destroyed world economy.” (MacArthur)

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“What is this world but a combination of religion, government and commerce? In other words, Babylon in all its parts stands for that which Christ called ‘the world.’” (Barnhouse)

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OUTLINE

- **Review vv.1-8**
- **Three Laments vv. 9-20**
- **The Death Knell v.21**
- **The Aftermath vv. 22-24**

REVIEW

Verses 1-3: The announcement of Babylon's fall and the call for people to come out of her.

Verses 4-5: The warning to avoid participation in Babylon's sins and to not partake in her judgment.

REVIEW

Verses 6-7: A statement about Babylon's pride, luxury, and judgment coming swiftly.

First, *self-indulgence* (lived luxuriously).

Second, *pride* (glorified herself... sits as a queen).

Third, *avoidance of suffering* (am no widow, and will not see sorrow).

REVIEW

Verse 8: A declaration plagues will come all at once, bringing destruction and mourn

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REV 18:9-10 THE LAMENT OF THE KINGS

**Three times they cried out in deep anguish over
Babylon's sudden and absolute destruction:**

18:10, 18:16-17, 18:19

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REV 18:11-17 THE LAMENT OF THE MERCHANTS

Luxuries – not necessities

The Bible never outright condemns luxuries.

Php 4:12

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REV 18:11-17 THE LAMENT OF THE MERCHANTS

It's when luxuries become essential to life; they are viewed as the sole means of peace and source of security.

Luke 12:16-21

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REV 18:11-17 THE LAMENT OF THE MERCHANTS

“The combined picture is one of complete abandonment to the wealth of this world and complete disregard of the God who gave it.”
(Walvoord)

Ultimately, hell will be a place of unfulfilled desire.

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REV 18:17-20 THE LAMENT OF THE SEA CAPTAINS

Ship captains will mourn the loss of Babylon and the lucrative transport business that went with it.

The lament will be over Babylon's destruction, not her sin.

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REV 18:21 THE DEATH KNELL

God has the last word.

Jer 51:60-64

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REV 18:22-24 THE AFTERMATH

Babylon is Left Desolate and Powerless

The ultimate reason for commercial Babylon's judgment: She has killed the prophets and saints.

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REFLECTION

One of the great mysteries of Christianity is contentment. What we must learn is that contentment is not something that's found; it is an attitude.

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REFLECTION

Contentment comes in knowing God's plan for your life, having a conviction to live it, and believing that God's peace is greater than the world's problems.

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REFLECTION

Establish

- ***A reasonable standard of living***
- ***A habit of giving***
- ***An attitude of gratitude***

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- ***An attitude of fearlessness... 2Ti 1:7***
- ***A proper perspective... Php 3:8***
- ***A heart of trust... Php 4:7, 13***

REFLECTION

Contentment and peace are not out of reach. These are not things you seek out... they are attitudes that come from the heart.

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