

Revelation 18
The Judgement of Babylon

I. Her fall

A. A comparison between Revelation 17:16, 17, and this chapter (18).

1. This chapter describes the fall of Babylon – the union of the false church and the political power of the final kingdom of the antichrist. The end of chapter 17 does also.
2. In what ways is chapter 18 different or more extensive than chapter 17, and thus to what does this chapter give more emphasis?

B. The fall as such:

1. Note the announcement of her fall at the beginning.
 - a. Is there significance to the angel's appearance (1), and the mighty cry (2).
 - b. Explain the significance of:
 - 1) The repetition (2) [is fallen, is fallen].
 - 2) The past tense [is fallen].
 - 3) Her becoming the habitation of devils, etc.
 - c. Compare with Isaiah 13:19-22; 34:11-15.
2. Note the symbolic act (21).
 - a. What is the meaning of this symbolic act?
 - b. What is the effect? (22, 23)

C. Her plagues are listed:

1. What are they and what do they indicate? (8)
2. Why do these *come in one day*?

II. The chapter pictures the complete despair of Babylon.

A. Vss. 9, 10. Kings bewail her fall.

1. Who are they?
2. What is their lament?

B. Vss. 11-19. Merchants bewail her fall.

1. Who are these merchants?
2. What is their lament?

III. The just judgment indicated.

A. What evidence is there that this is a judgment?

B. For what sins is Babylon judged?

C. The judgment:

1. Who execute the judgment? (6, 7)
2. What shows that it is a just judgment?
3. Is it just to reward her double for what has been done? (6)

IV. The message to God's people.

A. Be separate (4, 5).

1. How is this to be done?
2. Does this apply to us today?

B. Rejoice (20)

1. To whom is this spoken?
2. Why are they called to rejoice? (What is the meaning of: *God hath avenged you on her*? Is this proper? (See also vs. 24.)