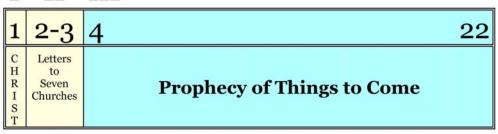
Behold the Lamb of God

The Fall of Babylon Revelation 18 Lesson 18

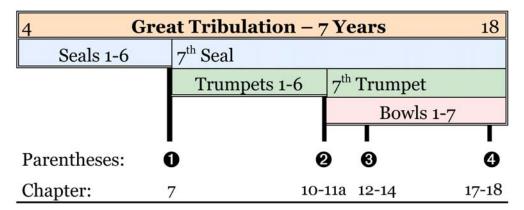
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Revelation – overview

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III Prophecy of Things to Come			
4 18	19	20	21-22
Great Tribulation – 7 Years	Return of Christ	1000 Year Reign	Eternal State



- **1** − the elect of God preserved
- **2** John and the 2 witnesses
- **3** − Spiritual realities
- **④** − Babylon the Great

The Judgment of Babylon the Great and the Great Prostitute

► The judgment

- 16:19 "God remembered Babylon the great"
- 17:1 "I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute"
- 18:8 ". . . for mighty is the Lord God Who has judged her."
- 19:2 "He has judged the great prostitute"

► The sin

- 17:2; 18:23b; 19:2 corruption of the earth
- 17:6; 18:24; 19:2 killing the saints

Two Images - One Entity

- ► The great prostitute beautiful and evil
- Babylon the great power and prosperity
- ► Note: the common description (17:4; 18:16)
- ► Revelation 17:18 the woman is the great city

Babylon in Scripture

- ▶ Three actual cities
 - Babel (Babylon) (Genesis 10-11)
 - Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel)
 - Babylon at the end of the age (Revelation 17-18)
- ▶ Three Divine interventions
 - Genesis 11:1-9 confusion of language
 - Daniel 5 "God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end"
 - Revelation 18 the judgment of the great city

The Figurehead of Folly

- ► Proverbs 1:7; 9:10; Job 28:28 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom . . .
- ► Proverbs 14:12; 16:25 A way that seems right unto man its end is the way of death
- ► The head of gold in Nebuchadnezzar's image
 - Great city capital of world-wide empire
 - Dominated all aspects of life political, commercial, social, religious
 - The way of the fool "No God" (Psalm 14:1-3)
 - Hostile to God and the saints
 - The mind that dominates the kingdom of man

Two Babylons

- ► The world an "alternative" to God
 - James 4:4-5
 - 1 John 2:15-17
- A city at the end of the age
 - Dominant in prestige and glory and influence
 - A visible representation of man's way.
- Anticipates a City to come

The Scarlet Beast

- ► The prostitute's mount
- Distinct from the prostitute
- Supports the prostitute
- ► Leads a final revolt against the Lamb
- ► Satan is the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4)
- ► Exposes the power and purpose of the prostitute

The End of Babylon

- ► Revelation 17:16-17 summary statement
- ► The Beast against the Lamb (17:12-14)
- ► The great battle of Armageddon (19:17-21)

The Fall of Babylon – Revelation 18

- ► The judgment of the great prostitute (Rev. 18:1-19:5)
- ► The fall of a great city
 - By the Beast and 10 kings (17:16-17)
 - In preparation for the final Battle of Armageddon
- Destruction of the "way that seems right to man"
 - Figurative the city is destroyed
 - Actual world-wide impact of destruction of Babylon

Revelation 18

- ► The announcement of the end of Babylon (18:1-3)
- ► The call to the people of God (18:4-8)
- ► The destruction of Babylon (18:9-20)
- ► The description of the end of Babylon (18:21-24)

Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!

Revelation 18:1-3

- Another angel
- ► Inevitable end: Isaiah 21:9-10; Revelation 14:8
- ► The influence of Babylon
 - A dwelling place for demons
 - The wine of the passion of her sexual immorality
 - The power of luxurious living
 - Universal corruption

A call to the people of God

Revelation 18:4-8

- Come out of her
 - Jeremiah 51:6-8 flee from the midst of Babylon
 - 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 come out from among them
- Sins are heaped as high as heaven
- God has remembered her iniquities

Sins of Babylon - Revelation 18:7

- Self-glorification
- Satisfaction in luxury
- Haughty self-confidence
- Denial of discipline or wrath

Judgment in a single day

- ► Death, mourning, famine, fire
- ► Mighty is the LORD God the Judge

The destruction of Babylon

Revelation 18:9-20

- Weeping and mourning
- ► Alas for the great city! Gone in a single hour!
 - Revelation 18:10; 18:16-17; 18:19
 - Kings: great power pleasures
 - Merchants: wealth materialism without morality
 - Shipmasters: No other city!
 - 1 John 2:15-16 lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, pride of life
 - Genesis 3:1-6 the original temptation

The destruction of Babylon

- Heaven's perspective
- ► Rejoice, saints, apostles, prophets
- ► God's judgment "for you against her."

The end of Babylon

Revelation 18:21-24

- Babylon in the Old Testament
 - Isaiah 13; 14:11; 21:9; 34; 47; Jeremiah 50-51
- ▶ A millstone in the sea
- ▶ No Musicians or craftsmen
- ► No mills
- ► No lamps
- ► No marriage
- All nations deceived by sorcery
- Blood of the prophets

Babylon is fallen!

- Judgment of the prostitute Babylon the Great
 - Destruction of a great city
 - The end of the way of man
- A present challenge for the people of God
 - Two alternatives: Christ or the prostitute; wisdom or folly
 - The examples of Daniel and Joseph
 - In the world but not of the world
- ► Revelation 17-18 give God's view of the world
 - A prostitute a golden cup full of abominations
 - A great city a deceptive luxury
 - The certain pathway to death

"Am I a Soldier of the Cross" Trinity Hymnal #481

Is this vile world a friend to grace, To help me on to God?