

## **Fall of Babylon Revelation 18**

### **I. Heaven's Announcement - 18:1-3**

1. John sees another angel – 1  
Coming down from heaven, with great authority  
"The earth was made bright with his glory"
2. He called out "with a mighty voice" - 2  
Heaven's voice must be heard by those on earth  
"Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!"  
If Christ's Kingdom is going to come – Rev. 20  
If God's eternal city is to come down to a new earth – Rev. 21  
Man's city with all of its "vanity & vexation of spirit"  
– Eccl. 1:14  
Babylon must fall
3. God's evaluation of man's system & its faults – 2  
"She has become a dwelling place for demons"  
"A haunt for every unclean spirit"  
"A haunt for every unclean bird"  
"A haunt for every unclean and detestable beast"
4. "For all nations have drunk the wine of passion" – 3  
Leading to "sexual immorality"  
"Kings of earth have committed immorality with her"  
Spiritual adultery as humans have worshipped other gods  
"Merchants of earth have grown rich from power of her luxurious living"

### **II. Message for God's People – 18:4-8**

1. Another voice from heaven calls out – 4  
"Come out of her, my people" – "lest you take part in her sins"  
"Lest you share in her plagues"
2. Don't join in her iniquities – 5-7  
God will remember & pay her back, even double  
She (this world system) has glorified herself & lived in luxury  
She will be given a like measure of torment & mourning  
She says "I sit as a queen, I am no widow"  
"Mourning I shall never see"
3. God will judge those who follow this world – 8  
Her plagues will come in a single day" –  
"She will be burned up with fire"  
"Mighty is the Lord God who has judged her"

### **III. Winners, Who Lose – 18:9-19**

1. Kings of the earth – 9-10  
Committed sexual immorality – Lived in luxury  
Weep and wail over her – see smoke of her burning
2. Merchants of earth – 11-17  
Weep & mourn – No one buys their cargo  
Items of luxury – costly food, animals, chariots, slaves (human souls)  
They mourn these great losses – 14-17

3. Shipmasters, seafaring sailors – 17-19  
Cried out as they saw the smoke of her burning – 18  
"What city was like the great city"  
They threw dust on their heads as they mourned - 19

### **IV. Heaven Rejoices as City Falls – 18:20-24**

1. Heaven calls for rejoicing – 20  
God responds to the cries of His people  
You saints, apostles and prophets  
For "God has given judgment for you against her"
2. A Mighty angel takes up a stone (like a millstone)- 21  
Threw it into the sea saying:  
So will Babylon, the great city be thrown down with violence & be found no more
3. The city of Babylon lies silent – 22  
All music has gone silent in the city  
The craftsman's skill is forever lost  
All industry has ceased to produce
4. Human inventions have lost its glow – 23  
Light of the lamp is gone  
Voice of bridegroom & bride will be heard no more  
For your merchants were the great ones of earth  
And all nations were deceived by your sorcery
5. The worldly city has renounced God's truth – 24  
In this city was found the blood of martyrs  
God's prophets and saints – all who have been slain on earth
6. John adds his words of counsel – 1 John 2:15-17