

THE SECOND FALL OF BABYLON
Revelations 18:1-24 / 3-20-19 / WED

I. FIRST, THERE IS A VOICE OF CONDEMNATION.

- A. This first voice announces the coming fall of Babylon—18:1-2a.

Revelation 18:1-2

18 After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor. 2 With a mighty voice he shouted: “Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!.....

- B. This first voice also lists the reasons for Babylon’s fall—18:2b-3.

Revelation 18:2b-3

2b....She has become a dwelling for demons and a haunt for every impure spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable animal. 3 For all the nations have drunk the maddening wine of her adulteries. The kings of the earth committed adultery with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries.”

- C. Jesus warns Christians about the lure of money and wealth—Matt. 6:19-21.

II. SECOND, THERE IS A VOICE OF SEPARATION.

- A. God has always intended that His people live lives separated from the sinful world around us.

1. God called Abraham to leave his country and kindred—Gen. 12:1.
2. God led Israel out of Egypt to the Promised Land.
3. Paul calls on Christians to live separated lives—Romans 16:17-18 and 2 Cor. 6:14-18.

- B. This second singer lists several reasons God’s people should separate themselves from this False Economic System.

1. First, because of their sins—18:4.
2. Second, because of God’s coming judgments on them—18:5-7.

Revelation 18:5-7a

5 for her sins are piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes. 6 Give back to her as she has given; pay her back double for what she has done. Pour her a double portion from her own cup. 7 Give her as much torment and grief as the glory and luxury she gave herself.....

3. Third, because of their pride—18:7b

Revelation 18:7b

.... In her heart she boasts, 'I sit enthroned as queen. I am not a widow; I will never mourn.

III. THIRD, THERE IS A VOICE OF LAMENTATION.

- A. First, monarchs lament the fall of Babylon—18:9-10.
- B. Second, merchants lament the fall of Babylon—18:11-16. (v.11).
- C. Third, mariners lament the fall of Babylon—18:17-19 (v. 19).

IV. FOURTH, THERE IS A VOICE OF REJOICING.

- A. God's people will rejoice that God's righteous judgment has finally come on Babylon—18:20.
- B. Christian martyrs will rejoice because their deaths will be avenged—18:24.