

## **THE DOOM AND DESTRUCTION OF BABYLON THE GREAT (Revelation 18)**

- \* How do chapters 17 and 18 relate to each other?

### **I. THE REPORT OF BABYLON'S FALL (18:1-8)**

#### **A. The Voice of CONDEMNATION by the ANGEL. (18:1-3)**

- \* Why is the term "*fallen*" repeated twice regarding Babylon?
- \* What will Babylon ultimately become?
- \* What 3 reasons explain God's judgment on this city and system?

#### **B. The Voice of SEPARATION by the LORD. (18:4-8)**

- \* What are God's people instructed to do in relation to Babylon?
- \* What 2 reasons are given for this command?
- \* What bit of irony does vs. 5 contain?
- \* What is the two-fold justification given for this divine judgment?
- \* What 2 evils characterized this system and city?
- \* What does this passage teach us about the Lord?

### **II. THE REACTIONS TO BABYLON'S FALL (18:9-24)**

#### **A. The Voice of LAMENTATION by the WEALTHY. (18:9-19)**

##### **1. The wail of the kings of the earth. (vs. 9-10)**

- \* What does the word "*lament*" mean?
- \* Why do these kings "*lament*" Babylon's destruction and "*stand at a distance*"?

\* What does this phrase “*one hour*” explain to us?

**2. The wail of the merchants of the earth. (vs. 11–17a)**

\* What does “*merchants*” signify about his group?

\* Why do these merchants “*weep and mourn*”?

\* What items were these merchants selling to Babylon?

**3. The wail of the sea merchants. (vs. 17b–19)**

\* What does the great commercial loss suffered by this group demonstrate?

\* What is repeated for the third time?

**B. The Voice of JUBILATION in HEAVEN. (18:20-24)**

**1. The sound from heaven. (vs. 20)**

\* What is “*heaven*” commanded to do in light of Babylon’s destruction?

\* Why should the redeemed “*rejoice*”?

\* What does this not imply?

**2. The symbolism of the angel. (vs. 21)**

\* What does this mighty angel do?

\* What does this set forth?

**3. The sentence against Babylon. (vs. 22-24)**

\* What phrase is repeated to set forth the permanence of Babylon’s judgment?

\* What two more reasons for Babylon’s severe destruction are given?

\* How does all of this apply to believers in this age of grace?