

Revelation  
Lessons 31-32  
Revelation 18

Memory Verse – Revelation 22:17 – *“And the Spirit and the \_\_\_\_\_ say, \_\_\_\_\_ . And let him that \_\_\_\_\_ say, \_\_\_\_\_ . And let him that is \_\_\_\_\_ come. And whosoever \_\_\_\_\_, let him take the water of life \_\_\_\_\_.”*

Memory Verse for the Next Lesson – Revelation 22:18 – *“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:”*

Passage to Read for the Next Lesson – Revelation 19

Review – Taken from Revelation 17.

B	M	N	A	P	Q	B	C	P	D	I	G	N	Y	J	seven
M	R	Y	M	D	G	M	M	R	D	R	N	O	W	Y	vials
A	E	V	S	P	R	P	O	O	E	A	U	I	A	A	come
L	K	H	I	T	Q	L	L	A	M	J	B	T	T	T	whore
D	G	F	E	A	E	S	T	O	F	T	S	A	E	B	drunk
S	L	N	A	D	L	R	W	O	R	C	K	C	R	X	decked
K	N	U	R	D	E	S	Y	W	A	O	H	I	S	D	fornication
P	T	M	R	C	W	K	A	F	F	M	Z	N	B	B	woman
S	E	V	E	N	Z	D	C	Y	B	E	P	R	A	G	blasphemy
Y	T	I	C	X	I	U	N	E	E	J	D	O	B	F	mystery
H	R	J	R	W	I	B	K	C	D	Y	G	F	Y	B	Babylon
S	E	A	H	B	L	A	S	P	H	E	M	Y	L	G	idols
H	Z	O	W	O	V	M	K	I	N	G	E	D	O	I	beast
N	R	R	Z	E	H	G	H	M	V	M	G	S	N	Q	war
E	C	C	Z	S	I	F	W	W	E	Z	P	U	C	D	Lamb

King  
waters  
great  
city

## **Revelation 18**

This chapter continues the justification of the statement in Revelation 16:19 – “...and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.” Both chapters 17 and 18 answer the question, “Why Babylon out of all the cities on earth?” Chapter 17 described the city as a harlot that seduced the nations. This most likely symbolizes the city’s idolatry becoming the worldwide religion that is allied with the political dominion of the Beast – the Antichrist. At the end of Rev. 17 the political realm has used up the usefulness of religion and turns on it. No one else seems to care (Rev. 17:15-17).

Most nations consist of three aspects which act like the legs of a three-legged stool. There is the political aspect (civil government), the economic aspect, and the religious aspect. In Chapter 17, Babylon’s political portion “ate up” the religious aspect (Rev. 17:16-17). Now what’s left? The political and economic power of the city. The Lord in Rev. 18 further whittles down the strength and realm of the Antichrist by destroying its economic capital – the city of Babylon.

### **Revelation 18:1-3**

With a voice that surely cannot be tuned out, the angel in these verses announces the fall of Babylon. Since it is later described as all happening in an hour, it might be the mighty earthquake in Rev. 16:18 is the cause.

### **Revelation 18:4-8**

Another voice warns any people of God to escape Babylon while they can. In a way that reminds us of the original Babel (Gen. 11:4 and Rev. 18:5) and the judgment on Sodom (Gen. 19:12-13 and Rev. 18:4), this voice describes the terrible judgment that will fall on the city.

### **Revelation 18:9-19**

Three groups bewail the destruction of the economic power of Babylon –

1. Rev. 18:9-10 – the kings of the earth – those that taxed her wealth.
2. Rev. 18:11-16 – the merchants of the earth – the storeowners (middlemen).
3. Rev. 18:17-19 – the common service providers – the transporters.

### **Revelation 18:20-24**

The suddenness and completeness of Babylon’s destruction is pictured in these verses. Now that the religious aspect and the economic aspect of the domain of the Antichrist have taken such hits, what’s left? In the next chapter the final moments of the “Times of the Gentiles” are described as the true King comes to establish His Kingdom. (Luke 21:24-27)