

Chapter 18 - Fallen, Fallen Is Babylon!

Introduction: Chapters 17 and 18 are further explanations of God's judgment of sin and the process of redemption of the world -

Chapter 17 - The Corrupt Religion Chapter 18: The Corrupt Economics, Politics, Social Systems

What Sin Did:

To Politics and Government -

Men became power seekers rather than be submissive to God.

Men wanted to rule. Wickedness caused every method and means to be employed to corrupt civilization and life!

To Economics and Commerce -

Created a world built on having, getting, keeping, protecting

Greed

-vs-

Giving, Sharing, Blessing, Sacrificing

To the Priorities of Man -

1 The purpose of life became pleasure!

Having, Going, Doing → Whatever is best for me or makes me feel good!

Others, God-Given, Purpose, Submission to His Will and Plan!

*When the harlot (Tribulation Religion) is struck down in Chapter 17, no one weeps.

When the political, economic, and social systems are judged, the world weeps.

What does this tell you about the world systems? They world's cares about place and position, power, possessions and prosperity and pleasure - More than it cares about religion.

I. The Announcement of the Angel -

Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great. Why?

(1) A dwelling place for demons and every unclean spirit.

(2) All the nations have drunk - Immorality, kings and merchants

* A Call to be Separate from Her Sins!

Pride - Humility Greed - Generosity Pleasure - Holiness

(3) Her sins have piled up as high as heaven.

(4) Sinful Pride, Sensual Living, Blindness

IN ONE DAY - Judgment comes!

II. The World's Reaction to this Judgment -

A. The kings of the earth will weep!

“In an hour your judgment has come!”

B. The merchants of the earth “weep and mourn over her.” Because

C. Every ship master and passenger and sailor “crying out, weeping and mourning.”

“What city is like the great city?”

III. The Call to the Saints, Apostles, and Prophets to Rejoice!

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They have shed the blood of the children of God for generations.

IV. The Strong Angel and the Millstone -

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“Threw it into the sea”

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Thrown down with great violence! [Be found no longer.]

An expansion of the 7th bowl of wrath when the great earthquake will split the city into three parts.

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[Activities of life will take place no more!]

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Possible tsunamis beyond what the world has seen - Causing massive tidal waves that bury the city.

*Some commentators believe it could be the use of nuclear weapons that in one hour it is gone!