

THE BOOK OF REVELATION
Chapter 18

OUTLINE

I. THE FALL OF BABYLON PROCLAIMED (1-8)

A. BY AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN (1-3)

1. John sees an angel coming down from heaven
 - a. Having great authority
 - b. Illuminating the earth with his glory
2. The angel cries mightily with a loud voice
 - a. Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen
 - b. She has become...
 - 1) A dwelling place of demons
 - 2) A prison for every foul spirit
 - 3) A cage for every unclean and hated bird
 - c. With her...
 - 1) The nations have drunk of the wine of her fornication
 - 2) The kings of the earth have committed fornication
 - 3) The merchants of the earth have become rich

B. BY A VOICE FROM HEAVEN (4-8)

1. Calling God's people to come out of her
 - a. Lest they share in her sins and her plagues
 - b. For her sins have reached to heaven and God has remembered her iniquities
 2. Calling for judgment to be rendered her
 - a. Render her just as she rendered them
 - b. Repay her double according to her works
 - c. In the cup she has mixed, mix double for her
 - d. To the degree she glorified herself and lived luxuriously...
 - 1) Give her torment and sorrow
 - 2) For she says in heart that she is a queen and will not see sorrow as a widow
 - e. Her plagues will come in one day...
 - 1) Death, mourning, and famine
 - 2) Utterly burned with fire
- For great is the Lord God who judges her

II. THE FALL OF BABYLON MOURNED (9-20)

A. BY THE KINGS OF THE EARTH (9-10)

1. Those who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her
2. They shall weep and lament when they see the smoke of her burning
3. They shall stand afar off for fear of her torment, saying...
 - a. "Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city!"
 - b. "For in one hour your judgment has come."

B. BY THE MERCHANTS OF THE EARTH (11-17a)

1. They shall weep and mourn over her
2. For no one buys their merchandise anymore
3. All that they longed for, both rich and splendid, they shall find no more
4. The merchants shall stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing...
 - a. "Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls!"
 - b. "For in one hour such great riches came to nothing."

C. BY THE TRADERS AND TRAVELERS ON THE SEA (17b-19)

1. They stood at a distance, crying when they saw the smoke of her burning, "What is like this great city?"

2. Throwing dust on their heads, they cried out, weeping and wailing...
 - a. "Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth!"
 - b. "For in one hour she is made desolate."

D. BUT NOT BY THE HOLY APOSTLES AND PROPHETS (20)

1. They are to rejoice over her
2. For God has avenged them on her

III. THE FALL OF BABYLON JUSTIFIED (21-24)

A. THE EXTENT OF HER FALL ILLUSTRATED (21-23a)

1. By a mighty angel...
 - a. Who took a stone like a great millstone and cast it into the sea
 - b. Who then proclaims "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore."
2. Neither shall be heard or seen in her...
 - a. The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters
 - b. A craftsman of any craft
 - c. The sound of a millstone
 - d. The light of a lamp
 - e. The voice of bridegroom and bride

B. THE EXTENT OF HER FALL JUSTIFIED (23b-24)

1. For her merchants were the great men of the earth
2. For by her sorcery all the nations were deceived
3. For in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who slain on the earth