

The Revelation of Jesus Christ
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Chapter Eighteen

1. **Chapter 18** can be divided into the following three sections our for **understanding**:
 - 1) The continuous _____ of the fall of _____ and God's people are charged to not _____ her (**vv. 1-8**),
 - 2) The _____ to the fall of Babylon (**vv. 9-20**), and
 - 3) The completeness of Babylon's destruction is _____ (**vv. 21-24**).
2. Lightened **apter 17**, John described the _____ bowls of wrath poured out and the harlot's _____ was made known; **chapter 18** opens with John seeing another _____ coming out of heaven – this angel had great _____ because the earth is _____ (**lightened up**) with his presence.
3. This angel proclaims, "**Babylon the great is _____, is _____, and has become a dwelling place of _____, a prison for every _____ spirit, and a cage for every _____ and _____ bird.**" Rome has fallen and with it, her pagan god-Caesar worship is coming to an end. [**Remember, John is seeing a vision of things to occur in the future regarding the Roman Empire; it was many years after the death of John that the Roman Empire collapsed**]. Rome is to become the home of the _____ kind of people.
4. The message for the first century Christians and for us today is to know with certainty that every power that _____ itself against God will _____. It was Solomon who said, "**_____ exalts a nation, but _____ is a reproach to any people**" (**Prov. 14:34**).
5. John, in the chapter, describes _____ classes of people seduced by the "**_____ of the wrath of her fornication**" (**v. 3**):
 - 1) The _____ (**people**),
 - 2) _____, and
 - 3) _____ and Shipmasters.
6. Babylon (the **Harlot or Rome**) wasn't content to sin by herself, so she enticed other _____ (**people**) to sin with her (**Rev. 14:8; 17:3 and 18:3**); in this, these nations

committed _____ fornication – these people had acquired the “_____ of the **beast**” (cf. **Rev. 13:17**).

7. In **verse 4**, John hears the voice of another angel saying to the Christians, “_____ **out of her, my _____, lest you share in her _____, and lest you receive her _____.**” Today, we are _____ out of the world (**2 Cor. 6:17-18; Eph. 5:11**), or we will _____ the wrath of God (**Col. 3:6-11**).

8. The _____ of Babylon (the **Harlot or Rome**) were many and God was _____ of her works [**Let’s never forget that God is knowledgeable of our _____ – Rom. 2:6-11**]; God couldn’t _____ her sins any longer – He had tried to get her to _____, but Babylon wouldn’t listen.

9. Babylon had dished out a “**cup of _____ (sins)**” to seduce the surrounding _____, but God is going to deliver _____ the wine of wrath on Babylon, that is, God’s wrath is going to be _____ – **Babylon is absolutely going to fall!**

10. Babylon has lived in _____ and _____; she has said in her heart, “**I sit as _____, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow**” (**v. 7**); as a result of this haughty _____, Babylon is going to experience the wrath of God.

11. Babylon’s destruction is absolute is the meaning of the following statement, “**Therefore her _____ will come in one _____ – death and mourning and famine**” (**v. 8**).

12. The point that John is making is that the _____ Empire is going to fall – she is not going to be annihilated as a people, but the Roman Empire as a _____ power is coming to an end; **this ends the first section of the chapter.**

13. **Verse 9** starts describing section two of the chapter - the world _____ to the fall of Babylon (**vv. 9-20**). This section examines the reaction of the _____ of the earth (**vv. 9-10**), the _____ (**vv. 11-16**), and the _____ who put their trust and hope in Rome.

14. The second angel says “**Alas, alas, the great city Babylon, that _____ city! For in one _____ your judgment has come,**” that is, her destruction is _____ and will be complete.

15. John is told that “_____ of the earth will weep and mourn over her” (v. **11**); they weep not because they _____ Rome, but because they could no longer _____ from her.

16. In **verses 12-14**, because of the fall of the great city of Babylon, the glorious city, John provides a list of nearly _____ items that the merchants will no longer be able to _____ to Rome.

17. In **verses 17-18**, John hears the statement again, “**For in one _____ such great riches came to nothing**,” again meaning the destruction is absolute and _____; the _____ who had delivered goods, “**stood at a _____**” and was astounded at the fall of Babylon.

18. Both the merchants and the shipmaster _____ and _____ not for sympathy for the Roman Empire, but because their means of making _____ was gone.

19. In **verse 19**, for the third time John hears the statement, “**For in one _____ she is made desolate**” referring to the absolute _____ of the fall of Rome – the Harlot.

20. In **verse 20**, while those of the world weep over Babylon’s fall, the Christians are told to “_____ over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has _____ you on her!” This brings an end to section two of this chapter; Christians will rejoice because they will see, in the _____ the fall of the Roman Empire.

21. In the concluding section, the completeness of Babylon’s destruction is _____ (vv. **21-24**); in **verse 21**, a third angel is described as “**a _____ angel**.” [In **Revelation 10**, John mentioned the “**mighty angel**.” Who is this mighty angel is not certain; some think that it might be the angel _____.]

22. John sees the “**mighty angel**” taking a _____ like a great _____ and casting it into the sea, this is a metaphor that the great city of Rome shall be found no more.

23. In **verses 22-23**, John is given a graphic picture of the _____ of Rome:

- 1) the _____ of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters will cease,
- 2) the _____ (**workers**) will be dead and quiet,
- 3) the sound of a _____ (**making of bread**) will be no more,

4) there will be no _____ in the streets, and

5) all _____ will cease to be.

24. Those who possessed the “_____ **of the beast**” will no longer be able to enjoy the lifestyle of the rich and the powerful “_____” of the world – Rome.

25. Rome has spilled the _____ of Christians over the years, but now the wrath of God will spill her _____ – this is certain!