



# REVELATION

Chapter 18:1-24

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## **Intro:**

At the conclusion of the last bowl judgment of Ch 17 God has completed all of His wrath upon the world.

The religious system instituted by the false prophet will be destroyed by the beast.

In Ch 17 we looked at the spiritual characteristics of Babylon; here in Ch 18 we will understand the political and economic side of the Great City, Babylon.

Though connected, the two are separate.

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## **I. The Proclamation of Judgment**

There are two main reasons for this final judgment:

**1.** Demonic activity; **vs 2**

**2.** Hedonistic sensuality, **vs 3, 7,9.**

**Isaiah 34:11-15** depiction of this end time  
destruction of Babylon is symbolic of demons  
devouring the souls of men.

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## **II. The Admonition of God**

Two reasons God calls out His people from unrighteous systems:

- 1.** So they don't share in their sins,
- 2.** So they don't receive their plagues.

There are three sins indicated:

- 1.** Idolatry , **Ch 17**,
- 2.** Pride, **vs 7**
- 3.** Hedonism.

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## **III. Judgment Defined**

The plea for vengeance echoes that of OT saints,  
**Ps 137:8.**

Three reasons for Babylon’s destruction: **vs. 7**

- 1.** She was proud; she glorified herself,
- 2.** She pursued self gratification; sensuality,
- 3.** She was guilty of self sufficiency

Three plagues are mentioned, pestilence, mourning,  
famine.

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## **IV. The Lamentations of Kings**

There are three groups bemoaning the loss of Babylon:

- 1.** Kings, at least the 10 king confederacy, **vs 9**
- 2.** Merchants, **vs 11,**
- 3.** Distributors, **vs 17**

They weren't lamenting their sin, but the loss of their wealth, **Vs 14**

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## **V. The Celebration of Heaven**

There are three reasons for the rejoicing in heaven;

- 1.** The triumph of righteousness,
- 2.** The exaltation of Jesus Christ;
- 3.** The arrival of His kingdom on earth.

The millstone of vs 21 reflects the punishment declared by the Lord in **Matt. 18:6.**