

Series "Jesus Unveiled"
"Commercial Babylon"
Revelation 18:1-24
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Revelation 18:1-8

God's Command: Revelation 18:4 "**Come out of her, my people,**"

Revelation 18:5 – Spiritual Scales of Heaven Tipping, "That's IT!"

Revelation 17 – "Religious Babylon" (Destroyed by the Beast & his Allies)

Revelation 18 – "Commercial Babylon" (Destroyed by God)

Jesus summed it up this way – **Mark 8:35-38**

Key Verse Of Revelation: Revelation 1:19 – the book has 3 parts.

Revelation 4-5 – Heavenly Scenes.

Rev 6-19 – The Tribulation – Consists Of 3 Sets Of Judgments.

Thought Of Our Passage: Commercial Babylon Is Ever Attempting To Make Us Love The World Rather Than Loving God.

1. Verses 1-8 – Reasons Babylon Must Fall

2. Verses 9-20 – Reactions To Babylon's Fall

3. Verses 21-24 – Results Of Babylon's Fall

1. Verses 1-8 – Reasons Babylon Must Fall:

Revelation 18:1

"After these things" – the destruction of Babylon, the Religious System.

"I saw another angel" – Revelation 17:1,7

"having great authority," – 2 Kings 19:35; The authority was to announce that.

"and the earth was illumined with his glory." – Reversing the darkness of the 5th Bowl Judgment, Revelation 16:10.

Revelation 18:2

4 Reasons Why Commercial Babylon Must Fall:

1. Verse 2 – Babylon Is A Demonic System: “She has become a dwelling place of demons.”

Ephesians 2:1-3

2 Corinthians 4:4

1 John 2:16

“the lust of the flesh” – Lust of Passions

“and the lust of the eyes” – Lust of Possessions

“and the boastful pride of life,” – Lust of Position

“and a prison of every unclean spirit,” – Revelation 9:1-11 – Released Demons from the Abyss. 6th Trumpet – Revelation 9:13-16 – 4 fallen angels in the area of Babylon who release 200 million demons.

“and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird.” – Mark 4 – Satan came and took the Word that had been sown, Matthew 13:31-32.

2. Verse 3 – Babylon Promotes Sensuality: unrestrained indulgence, Revelation 18:3.

“committed acts of immorality with her,” – The term can mean “unfaithfulness.”

3. Verses 4-6 – Babylon’s Sins Have Reached Heaven:

Revelation 18:4.

God’s Command: “Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins” – Disentangle Yourselves From The World System.

Jeremiah 51:6

Jeremiah 51:45

Genesis 19:12-14 – Sodom

This command applies to God’s people throughout the ages: Romans 12:2.

2 Corinthians 6:17-18

Ephesians 5:11; James 1:27; James 4:4

Revelation 18:5

“piled up” – “glued or welded together like piling bricks on each other”; Picture of the tower of Babel, Genesis 11:5-9.

The days of Noah, God had to send a flood. Genesis 6:5-6

Revelation 18:6

“Pay her back,”; “double according to her deeds;” – “to pay a debt, to give back what is due”; Retributive Judgment because of the enormity of her sins.

4. Verses 7-8 – Babylon’s Pride Must Be Judged:

Revelation 18:7.

“sensuously,” – Literally comes from a word meaning, “hardheaded” or “strong”; Stuck and committed to their own sinful ways, unrestrained indulgence!

“torment” – “torture” and mourning; “grief from torture.”

Genesis 3:3-4 – “You surely shall not die! The first doctrine denied and challenged by the Devil is the doctrine of the judgment of God!”

Revelation 18:8

Hosea 8:7

2. Verses 9-20 – Reactions To Babylon’s Fall:

Revelation 18:9

Verses 9-10 – Reaction of World Leaders: “lived sensuously with her,” – The unfaithfulness and unrestrained indulgence of the world’s leaders.

Revelation 18:10

“standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment,” – We notice that it is not sin but judgment that is the concern.

Verses 11-19 – Reaction of Merchants and Shipmasters: Revelation 18:11

Why Merchants Weep And Mourn: "weep" – "loud wailing"

Revelation 18:12-13

Most of the items are luxury items, with the exception of human trafficking: "and slaves and human lives."

Revelation 18:14-19

Matthew 6:19-21

Verse 20 – Reaction Of Heaven: Revelation 18:20

"Rejoice over her," – Notice the different reaction of those in heaven, 1 John 2:17.

3. Verses 21-24 – Results Of Babylon's Fall:

Revelation 18:21

Jeremiah 51:60-64

Revelation 18:22-23

2 Reasons For The Total Destruction:

- 1. Babylon Has Deceived The Nations:** "because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery."

Colossians 2:10

- 2. Babylon Has Killed The Saints:** Revelation 18:24.

Application: Revelation 18:4

- 1. Don't Participate In Babylon's Sins: "you will not participate in her sins"** – The Main Sin Of Babylon Is Loving The World And The Things Of The World. God Is Replaced By The World. It Is Impossible To Love The World And Love God At The Same Time. Our Relationship To God Will Suffer: 1 John 2:15.
- 2. Don't Receive Babylon's Plagues: "and receive of her plagues;"** – The Plagues Of Babylon Are The Judgment Of Loving The World. Instead Of Enjoying Things And Loving People, We Will Use People And Love Things: 1 John 4:11-12.