

Revelation 18

The Fall of Babylon

Lesson 21

John was shown a vision of the great prostitute who sits on many waters and the kings who follow after her. (Revelation 17:1, 2) There will come a time when the ten kings who supported her will turn against her. They will give all their authority to the Beast who will destroy her and use his power to make war against the Lamb.

The Fall - Revelation 18:1 - 8

1. But before John was shown the war, another angel came down from heaven. What was unique about this angel? (vs. 1)

2. What did he announce with a mighty voice? (vs. 2a)

3. How did the angel describe this Babylon, the great prostitute? (vs. :2b)

4. What three groups benefited from their association with her? (vs. 3)

5. Then another voice was heard from heaven. To whom was the voice calling? (vs. 4)
 - Why?

6. The voice said, "Her sins are piled up to heaven and God has remembered her crimes." (vs. 5) Make a list of words used to describe this Babylon. (vs. 7)

7. Yet God will pay her back for what she has given. What portion will she receive? (vs. 6)

8. In contrast to her life of luxury, how is she described on the day God judges her? (vs. 7a, 8)

Reaction to the Fall - Revelation 18:9 - 20

9. Who will be the first group to react to the fall of Babylon? (vs. 9)

10. In one word, what will their reaction be? (vs. 10)

11. Who will be the second group? (vs. 11)

12. Why will this group weep and mourn? (vs. 11)

13. As you look over the list in verses 12 & 13 of items sold in Babylon, does anything on that list stand out to you? If so, why?

14. Will Babylon's riches be restored? (vs. 14)

15. What will be the reaction of that second group? (vs. 15)

16. They will cry out *"Woe! Woe, O great city, dressed in fine linen, purple and scarlet, and glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls!"* (Rev. 18:16) What was the reason for their woe? (vs. 17a)

17. Who will be the third group? (vs. 17b)

18. What will their reaction be? (vs. 19a)

19. They too will cry out, *"Woe! Woe!"* Why are they so distressed? (vs. 19)

Judgment - Revelation 18:20 - 24

20. Who is told to rejoice over her fall? (vs. 20a, b)

21. Why are they to rejoice? (vs. 20c)

22. Then John saw another mighty angel. Using vs. 21:

- What did this mighty angel pick up?

- What did he do with it?

- What did that demonstrate?

23. Make a list of what will cease in the city? (vs. 22)

24. What else will cease? (vs. 23a, b)

25. In the past, how were the merchants of Babylon described? (vs. 23c)

26. What had this Babylon done to bring God's judgment of destruction on her? (vs. 23d, 24)

Think about it!

27. As you look over the many description of Babylon and what the people of the world were saying, how would you describe this city?

28. What did God see in this city?

29. From this lesson on "The Fall of Babylon," what can you learn about:

- The world

- God

- Yourself