

The Revelation of
Yeshua The Messiah To Yochanan (John)
Study Notes
Chapter 18 PT. 1: The Fall of Babylon

Revelation 18:1-8 (NASB)

Babylon Is Fallen

“¹After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated from his glory. ² And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, ‘Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird. ³ For all the nations have fallen because of the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed *acts of sexual immorality* with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich from the excessive wealth of her luxury.’ ⁴ I heard another voice from heaven, saying, ‘Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive *any* of her plagues; ⁵ for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her offenses. ⁶ Pay her back even as she has paid, and give back *to her* double according to her deeds; in the cup which she has mixed, mix twice as much for her. ⁷ To the extent that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, to the same extent give her torment and mourning; for she says in her heart, “I sit *as a queen* and I am not a widow, and will never see mourning.” ⁸ For this reason in one day her plagues will come, plague and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for the Lord God who judges her is strong.’”

Review:

Note: Chapter 17-18 are chapters that go back and fill in details that were not given in Chapter 16.

Chapter 17 - Outlines for us the Religious aspect of the Great City (Revised Roman Empire).

Chapter 18 - Outlines the destruction of the economic component of the Great City (Revised Roman Empire).

Understanding: When reading the Book of Revelation, you will see these phrases “the Woman” and “the Great City” referenced. Please note, depending on the context, they could mean very different things.

2 Women in Revelation

1st Woman: Revelation 12 - “Is Israel”



Revelation 12:1-2 (NASB) – “¹A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; ²and she was pregnant and she *cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.”

2nd Woman: Revelation 17 - “The Harlot”



Revelation 17:3 (NASB) – “And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns.”

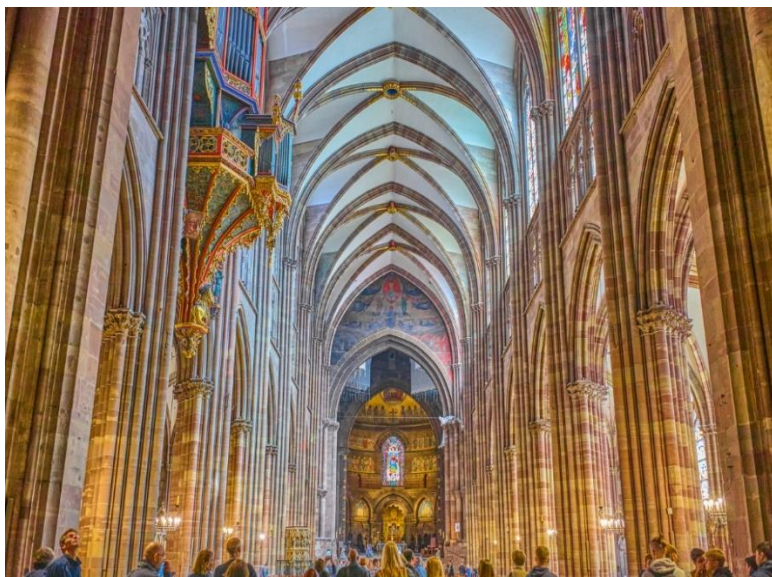
2 Cities in Revelation

1st Great City: Revelation 11- “Jerusalem”



Revelation 11:8 (NASB) – “And their dead bodies *will lie* on the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.”

2nd Great City: Revelation 16 - “Rome/Revised Roman Empire”



Revelation 16:19 (NASB) – “The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered in the sight of God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath.”

Verses 1-2

“Another Angel”

Revelation 18:1-2 (NASB) – “¹After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated from his glory. ² And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird.”



Understanding: This is in reference to the prediction of the fall of pagan Babylon (**Isaiah 21:9**), where the word is repeated as it is here: “*has fallen, has fallen*”.

“Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great”!

- She has become a dwelling place of demons.
- A prison of every unclean spirit.
- A prison of every unclean and hateful bird.



Bird-(Greek)-*orneon*- fowl or a bird (specifically, a black vulture).

Understanding: This is referencing the law of Moses which commanded them **not** to eat certain unclean birds (**Leviticus & Deuteronomy**).

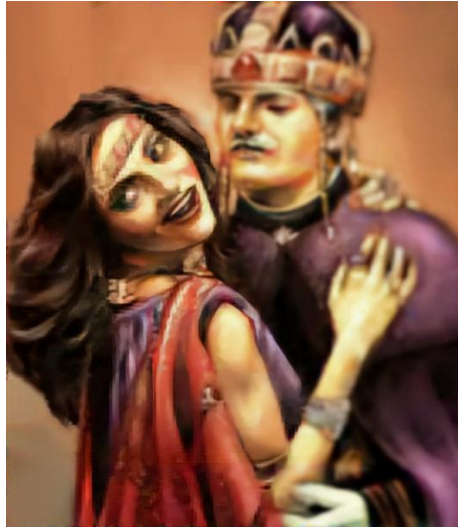


Key: These verses reference the repeated falling into apostasy of the Religious System (The Harlot), and the fact that the city (Rome) has become a place where demons and every unclean spirit dwells.

Apostasy – Rebellion against religion, faith, G-d Himself, and the things or people of G-d.

Verse 3

“All Nations Have Fallen”



- They are seduced by the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality (this is spiritual adultery, letting anything in **except** what is sacred or holy).
- The kings of the earth have committed *acts of* sexual immorality with her.
- The merchants of the earth have become rich from the excessive wealth of her luxury.

Verse 4

Revelation 18:4 (NASB) – “I heard another voice from heaven, saying, “Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive *any* of her plagues;”



- This shows us that an opportunity was given for repentance.
- They chose the false religion over the one and true G-d.
- This shows they chose riches and luxury more than salvation.
- This shows that they did deserve the wrath of G-d.

Revelation 16:6 (AMP) - Because they have poured out the blood of Your people (the saints) and the prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. Such is their due [they deserve it]!

Verse 5

Revelation 18:5 (NASB) - “for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her offenses.”

- This is **not** a one-time sin.
- This is ongoing and willful sin.
- This is the love of money and riches.



1 Timothy 6:10 (AMP) – “For the love of money [that is, the greedy desire for it and the willingness to gain it unethically] is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves [through and through] with many sorrows.”

- They are chasing what will put them in chains.
- They are chasing man-made temporary crowns.



Verses 6-7

“Double According To Her Deeds”

Revelation 18:6-7 (NASB) – “Pay her back even as she has paid, and give back *to her* double according to her deeds; in the cup which she has mixed, mix twice as much for her. ⁷ To the extent that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, to the same extent give her torment and mourning; for she says **in her heart**, ‘I sit *as* a queen and I am not a widow, and will never see mourning.’”

- The False Religious System is given back **double** in the Wrath of God.
- The False Religious System will have to drink from the cup that she has poured out on humanity.



Note: Remember, her destruction is “double”.

Revelation 17:16 (AMP) - “... the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the prostitute and will make her desolate and naked [stripped of her power and influence], and will eat her flesh and completely consume her with fire.”

- This is a Religious System.
- It is **all** religions participating.
- Kings from all religions were seduced by her wealth.

Verse 8

“For This Reason”

Revelation 18:8 (AMP) – “For this reason in a single day her plagues (afflictions, calamities) will come, pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire *and* completely consumed; for strong *and* powerful is the Lord God who judges her.”



- The voice from heaven affirms that G-d judges in righteousness.
- G-d is a just G-d.
- This Religious System that has deceived, seduced, and put in bondage so many, now gets her just reward.

People see the Crown, but NOT the Chains!

Selah...

The End