

The Book of Revelation
A Study of the End Times!



Our Journey Continues!

The Text:

Revelation 18:1-24!

The Title:

The Collapse of Human Government!

The Theme:

*The Revealing of the Things
Which Must Shortly Come to Pass!*

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III. (4:1-22:21) The Things Which Must Soon Come to Pass!

A. (4:1-5:14) The **CONTRAST: Between Heaven & Earth!**

1. (Chap.4) The Throne Chapter: Praise in Heaven!
2. (Chap.5) The Scroll Chapter: Punishment on Earth!



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B. (6:1-16:21) The **COMING TRIB: Three Judgments!**

1. (Chap.6) The Seven Seal Judgments!
2. (Chaps.8-9) The Seven Trumpet Judgments!
3. (Chaps.15-16) The Seven Bowl Judgments!



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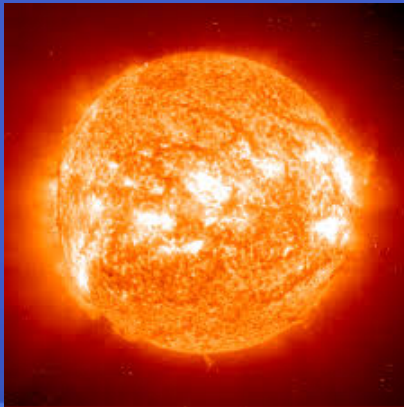
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C. (17:1-18:24) The CLARIFICATION: The 5TH Interlude!

1. (Chap.17) The Judgment of Religious Babylon!
2. (Chap.18) The Judgment of Political Babylon!



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In chapter 18 it will be on the judgment of political Babylon (source of wealth).

In chapters 17 and 18 we are given a glimpse of the events that will take place on earth between the pouring out of the seventh bowl judgment (chapter 16) and the second coming of Christ (chapter 19). The theme being emphasized in this final interlude is – the kingdom of antichrist will be destroyed just like all the other kingdoms of man before it.

Psalm 2:2-4:

**The Kings of the earth take their stand
And the rulers take counsel together
Against the Lord and against His anointed, saying,
“Let us tear their fetters (shackle for feet) apart
And cast away their cords from us!**

**He who sits in the heavens laughs,
The Lord scoffs at them.**

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II Thessalonians 1:7-10:

The Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed.

Next week: The Second Coming of Christ!

Our Outline for Chapter 18 is Fourfold!

- I. (18:1-3) The ANNOUNCEMENT of Judgment!
- II. (18:4-8) The APPEAL to God's People!
- III. (18:9-19) The AGONY of the World Leaders!
- IV. (18:20-24) The ATTITUDE of Heaven!



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I. (18:1-3) The **ANNOUNCEMENT** of Judgment!

A. (v.1) The **PRESENCE** of Another Angel.

B. (v.2) The **PROCLAMATION** of the Angel.

C. (v.3) The **PUNISHMENT** is Summarized by the Angel.



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I. (18:1-3) The **ANNOUNCEMENT** of Judgment!

II. (18:4-8) The **APPEAL** to God's People!

A. (v.4a) The **PRESENCE** of a Second Angel.

B. (v.4b) The **PROCLAMATION** of the Second Angel.

C. (vs.4c-8) The **PASSION** of God is Presented by the Angel.



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A. (vs.9-10) The **REACTION** of the Kings.

B. (vs.11-18) The **RESPONSE** of the Merchants.

C. (v.19) The **RECOGNITION** by All Over the Loss.



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A. (v.20) The **REJOICING** of Heaven over the Destruction.

B. (vs.21-23a) The **REALITY** of the Destruction.

C. (vs.23b-24) The Three **REASONS** for the Destruction.



Three Lessons from Chapter 18!

1. The events recorded in chapters 17 and 18 focus on the final judgment of the great city of Babylon. The events recorded in chapter 17 (religious Babylon) will be fulfilled at the midpoint of the seven year tribulation period. The events given in chapter 18 (political Babylon) will take place at the end of the tribulation period and prior to Christ's second coming.



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2. The words of Jesus in Luke 12:16-21 form a fitting conclusion to the judgment of political Babylon:

The land of a certain rich man was very productive. And he began reasoning to himself, saying, "What shall I do since I have no place to store my crops?" and he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for you; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your soul is required of you;



Three Lessons from Chapter 18!

3. With the closing of the fifth and final interlude in the book of Revelation, the stage is now set for the climax of the book – the second coming of Jesus Christ!

