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Revelation 18

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The New Jerusalem: The Bride of the Lamb

- **Rev. 21:12** It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written on the gates, which are **the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel**. **13** There were three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. **14** And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were **the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb**.

Two “Brides” Contrasted

Counterfeit Bride (Babylon)

Rev. 17:1 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls

came and spoke with me, saying,

“Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who sits on many waters, ...

17:3 And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness;

and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast

True Bride (New Jerusalem)

Rev. 21:9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls, full of the seven last plagues,

came and spoke with me, saying,

“Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.”

21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain,

and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

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Revelation 18: The Fall of Babylon

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John re the Counterfeit Christ

- **1John 2:18** Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now **many antichrists have appeared**; from this we know that it is the last hour.
- **1John 4:2** By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; **3** and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is **the spirit of the antichrist**, which you have heard is coming, and now it **is already in the world**.

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Old Testament Allusions in Revelation 18

- **Is 13, 47, Jer 50-51** Fall of Babylon 539 BC
- **Ezek 26-28** Fall of Tyre 572 BC
- **Nah 3, Zeph 2** Fall of Ninevah 614 BC

- **Jer 7, 25, Lam 2** Fall of Jerusalem 586 BC
- **Gen 19** Fall of Sodom ~1900 BC
- **Is 34** Fall of Edom ?

I. Judgment Proclaimed (Rev. 18:1-3)

- **Rev. 18:1** After 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.”

II. Judgment: Reasons and Results (Rev. 18:4-20)

A. *Call for Righteous to Flee (18:4-5)*

- **Rev. 18:4** 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.

II. Judgment: Reasons and Results (Rev. 18:4-20)

B. Call for Retribution (18:6-8)

- **Rev. 18:6** “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.

Babylon Destroyed by Beast and Ten Kings (Rev. 17:16-18)

- **Rev. 17:16** “And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the prostitute and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire. **17** “For God has put it in their hearts to execute His purpose by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled. **18** “The woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth.”

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C. *The World Laments: Rulers (18:9-10)*

- **Rev. 18:9** “And the kings of the earth, who committed acts of sexual immorality and lived luxuriously with her, will weep and mourn over her when they see the smoke of her burning, **10** standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come.’

II. Judgment: Reasons and Results (Rev. 18:4-20)

C. *The World Laments: Merchants (18:11-17a)*

- **Rev. 18:11** “And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargo any more— **12** cargo of gold, silver, precious stones, and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk, and scarlet; every kind of citron wood, every article of ivory, and every article made from very valuable wood, bronze, iron, and marble; **13** cinnamon, spice, incense, perfume, frankincense, wine, olive oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle, sheep, and cargo of horses, carriages, slaves, and human lives.

II. Judgment: Reasons and Results (Rev. 18:4-20)

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- **14** “The fruit you long for has left you, and all things that were luxurious and splendid have passed away from you and people will no longer find them. **15** “The merchants of these things, who became rich from her, will stand at a distance because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning, **16** saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city, she who was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls; **17** for in one hour such great wealth has been laid waste!’

II. Judgment: Reasons and Results (Rev. 18:4-20)

C. *The World Laments: Mariners (18:17b-19)*

- **Rev. 18:17b** “And every shipmaster and every passenger and sailor, and all who make their living by the sea, stood at a distance, **18** and were crying out as they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, ‘What city is like the great city?’ **19** “And they threw dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning, saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea became rich from her prosperity, for in one hour she has been laid waste!’”

II. Judgment: Reasons and Results (Rev. 18:4-20)

D. Call for God's People to Rejoice (18:20)

- **Rev. 18:20** “Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, because God has pronounced judgment for you against her.”

III. Illustration of Judgment (Rev. 18:21-24)

- **Rev. 18:21** Then a strong angel picked up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, “So will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence, and will never be found again. **22** “And the sound of harpists, musicians, flute players, and trumpeters will never be heard in you again; and no craftsman of any craft will ever be found in you again; and the sound of a mill will never be heard in you again;

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- **23** and the light of a lamp will never shine in you again; and the voice of the groom and bride will never be heard in you again; for your merchants were the powerful people of the earth, because all the nations were deceived by your witchcraft. **24** “And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slaughtered on the earth.”

Rejoicing in Heaven (Rev. 19:1-6)

- **Rev. 19:1** After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying,
- “Hallelujah! Salvation, glory, and power belong to our God, **2** because His judgments are true and righteous; for He has judged the great prostitute who was corrupting the earth with her sexual immorality, and He has avenged the blood of His bond-servants on her.” **3** And a second time they said, “Hallelujah! Her smoke rises forever and ever.” **4** And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!” **5** And a voice came from the throne, saying,
- “Give praise to our God, all you His bond-servants, you who fear Him, the small and the great.” **6** Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters, and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying,
- “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

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- **1John 2:15** Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

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- **Heb. 11:8** By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he left, not knowing where he was going. **9** By faith he lived as a stranger in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; **10** for **he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.**

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