

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Chapters 15-19 – The *Fourth* and *Final* Journey Through the Tribulation Period

BABYLON POLITICAL-COMMERCIAL SYSTEM – REVELATION 18:1-24

When we began our study two weeks ago we learned chapters 17-18 contain offensive topics to a majority of the world's religious population. As was stated—It is every person's inalienable right, endued by the Creator, to worship and believe the way they please. It is a _____ and God will not have it any other way. However, political correctness and Bible preaching do not work together. Although these things are indeed personal, no personal attacks are intended. If there is an offense, it is the word of God that offends.

Today we press forward into chapter 18. It is important to remember that this chapter differs from 17. In chapter 17 we were shown the destruction of *religious* Babylon. Here in 18, we witness the future _____ of the antichrist's one-world empire—*political* and *commercial* Babylon.

1. Two parts of _____ system
 - a. Chapter 17 – A religious system
 - The focus is on the _____ aspect of the world's populace...
 - b. Chapter 18 – a political (and commercial) system
 - The focus is on the _____ aspect of the world's populace...
 - c. The counterfeit Babylon system (typified as a woman) is actually a _____ – Rev. 17:18
 - She is an unclean city - Rev. 18:2
 - She is a drunken city - Rev. 18:3
 - She is a pagan city - Rev. 18:4
 - She has a golden cup - Rev. 18:6; 17:4
 - She is a proud city - Rev. 18:7
 - She is a popular city - Rev. 18:9
 - She is a mighty city - Rev. 18:10
 - She is a rich city - Rev. 18:12
 - She is a commercial city - Rev. 18:19
 - She is a political city - Rev. 17:18
 - She is built on seven mountains (hills) - Rev. 17:9
 - She is drunk with the blood of the saints, and the martyrs of Jesus - Rev. 17:6
 - She wears purple and scarlet, she is decked with gold, precious stones, and pearls - Rev. 18:16
 - She is a whorish city - Rev. 17:1
 - She is a doomed city - Rev. 18:5, 21



Note: There is only one city out of all the cities in the entire world that meets all of these criteria—_____ or _____.

2. Babylon – a political (and commercial) system

a. The reasons for Babylon’s destruction – Revelation 18:1-8

- She is polluted:

A habitation of _____...

A fornicator with all nations, kings, and _____ of the earth

God’s people need to come _____ of her

She has committed _____ that reach unto heaven...

- She must be judged:

She will reap _____ what she has sown

In one day and in one hour she will be destroyed – verses 8, 9, 17, 19

She is an arrogant self-proclaimed _____ – Deut. 32:4, 15, 18, 30 → 31-37; Jer. 44:15-19

b. The response to Babylon’s destruction – Revelation 18:9-20

- She will be:

Bewailed

Lamented over

Viewed from afar off

Wept over

Mourned

Economically bankrupted

Cried over

_____ over by the inhabitants of heaven, the holy apostles and prophets – Ps. 137

c. The record of Babylon’s demise – Revelation 18:21-24

- Her destruction is _____ executed

- She is “no more at all” – nothing that the world loved about her will ever exist – Ro. 12:19

NEXT WEEK: Chapter 19 – The Day of the Lord