

Revelation 18

John witnesses the destruction of the city of Babylon.

- I. The Revelation (18:1): An angel with great authority and splendor announces Babylon's destruction.
- II. The Reasons. (18:2-3, 5, 7, 13b, 23c-24): The city is destroyed for its many sins.
 - A. It becomes a den of demons** (18:2).
 - B. It is filled with immorality** (18:3a).
 - C. It is materialistic to the core** (18:3b).
 - D. Its sins are as high as the heavens** (18:5).
 - E. It is totally proud and arrogant** (18:7).
 - F. It has deceived the nations and killed the saints** (18:23c-24).
 - G. It is buying and selling human slaves** (18:13b).
- III. The Removal (18:4): God orders his people to leave this corrupt city.
- IV. The Retribution (18:6, 8, 10b, 17a, 19b): This city is destroyed by God himself.
 - A. The severity of the destruction** (18:6): She is given double punishment for all her evil deeds.
 - B. The suddenness of the destruction** (18:8, 10b, 17a, 19b): Fire from heaven consumes the city in a single moment.
- V. The Reaction (18:9, 10a, 11-16, 17b-19a, 20)
 - A. Great remorse by the unsaved** (18:9-10a, 11-19a)
 - 1. What the merchants of the world cry out (18:10a, 16, 19a): "How terrible, how terrible for Babylon, that great city!"
 - 2. Why they cry out (18:9, 11-15, 17b-18): Because there is no one left to buy their cargoes of precious metals, clothing, wood, ivory, brass, iron, marble, perfume, food, cattle, and even human slaves.
 - B. Great rejoicing by the saved** (18:20)
- VI. The Results (18:21-23b): The city disappears from the face of the earth, resulting in:
 - A. No sound of music in Babylon** (18:21-22a)
 - B. No industry in Babylon** (18:22b)
 - C. No light in Babylon** (18:23a)
 - D. No joyous weddings in Babylon** (18:23b)