

The Destruction of Babylon, the Great Prostitute

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Study 18. Part 2: The Description of the Judgment of the Prostitute

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A. The Pronouncement of an Authoritative Angel. 18:1-3

1. What did John see coming down from heaven? 18:1 _____
 - a. What did this angel possess? _____
 - b. How dazzling was he? _____
2. What did he pronounce with a mighty voice? 18:2a “ _____”
_____.
3. How did he describe the vileness of the Prostitute? 18:2b She had become
 - a. A dwelling place of _____
 - b. A prison of every _____
 - c. A prison of every _____ and _____
4. The angel proceeded to justify the coming terrible judgment upon the Prostitute. 18:3
 - a. Who had drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality? All the _____.
 - b. Who had committed acts of immorality with her? The _____ of the _____.
 - c. Who had grown rich by the wealth of her sensuality? The _____ of the _____.

B. The Message of a Voice from Heaven. 18:4-20

1. The call for **separation** from the Prostitute. 18:4
 - a. What did John hear from heaven? _____
 - b. What did the voice say? “ _____.”

- c. What were the reasons for this call for separation? So that God's people would not
 - 1) Participate in her _____
 - 2) And not receive of her _____.
2. The voice from heaven proceeded to **justify** the punishment of the Prostitute. 18:5
 - a. How did the voice describe the enormity of her sins? " _____
_____ "
 - b. How did it describe the remembrance of her sins? " _____
_____ "
3. The voice further described the **extent** of punishment awaiting the Prostitute. 18:6-7
 - a. Payment must be 18:6a _____

 - b. She must be paid back _____ for her deeds. 18:6b
 - c. The cup which she has mixed for others must be mixed _____ as much for her. 18:6c
 - d. Poetic Justice to be the fate of the Prostitute. 18:7
 - 1) How did the voice describe her extravagant living? " _____
_____ "
 - 2) To that same degree, she was to be given _____ and _____.
 - 3) What arrogant stance had the Prostitute taken in her heart? "I sit as a _____, and I am not a _____. I will never see _____."
4. The voice next described the **severity** of the Prostitute's punishment. 18:8
 - a. How quickly would her punishment come? _____
 - b. What plagues would come to her?

- 1) _____
 - 2) _____
 - 3) _____
 - c. She would be burned with _____¹
 - d. The reason? For the Lord God who judges her is _____!
5. The lament of the **Kings of the Earth** in reaction to the judgment of the Prostitute. 18:9-10
- a. What had been the involvement of the kings of the earth with the Prostitute? 18:9a They had...
 - 1) _____
 - 2) _____
 - b. What will be their emotional reaction? 18:9b They “will _____ and _____ over her.”
 - c. What will cause their mourning? 18:9c They see the _____ of her _____.
 - d. Because they fear her torment, where do they stand? 18:10a _____
 - e. These kings vocalize their mourning. What do they say? 18:10b

¹ 18:8 - she will be burned up with fire: Four times in Revelation 17 and 18, John speaks of the Prostitute City of Babylon being burned with fire: Rev. 17:16; 18:8, 9, 18. The effects of Babylon being burned with fire are so catastrophic that the Kings of the Earth (18:9), the Merchants of the Earth (18:11, 15), and all Mariners (18:17, 19) weep, lament, and mourn over her fiery demise. If we are very near the fulfillment of these events, there is one thing that the Religion of Babylon will hold as a trump card to induce the earth’s Kings, Merchants, and Mariners to submit to her false religion in order to do business around the world. What is that trump card? It is oil. That same commodity will induce the Global Ruler (Antichrist) and his ten supporting Kings also to cooperate with her for a time (17:3).

But the Global Ruler and his Ten Kings will grow weary of the Religion of Babylon, and will hate her so passionately that they burn her with fire (17:16). My best guess is that the Global Ruler and his Ten Kings will completely burn down the entire Middle Eastern oil infrastructure that is the trump card deployed by the False Religion. Then she will be powerless to hold sway over any government because her trump card will have been rendered useless. The economic results for the earth’s Kings, Merchants, and Mariners, however, will be absolutely catastrophic! It is no wonder that they will loudly and publicly mourn Babylon’s fiery demise!

1) “_____ , the great city, _____ , the _____ city!”

2) “For in one _____ your _____ has come!”

6. The lament of the **Merchants of the Earth** in reaction to the judgment of the Prostitute. 18:11-17a

a. The merchants of the earth will _____ and _____ over the Prostitute. 18:11a

b. Why will they weep? Because no one _____ their _____ anymore 18:11b

c. Identify each item in each category that will no longer be able to be transported or purchased: 18:12-13

1) Precious metals and stones: _____ and _____ and _____ and _____;

2) Dry goods: _____ and _____ and _____ and _____;

3) Expensive building and furniture materials: every kind of _____ and every article of _____ and every article made from very costly _____ and _____ and _____ and _____;

4) Commodities: 18:13 and _____ and fine _____ and _____

5) Livestock: and _____ and _____, and cargoes of _____

6) Transportation and munitions: and _____

7) Slave trade: and _____ and _____.

d. Summarize the pronouncement of loss. 18:14 _____

e. Like the kings of the earth (18:9-10), the merchants of the earth, who

became wealthy from the Prostitute, because of their fear of her torment, will stand where? 18:15a _____

- f. The merchants will show their sorrow by _____ and _____ . 18:15b
- g. How do the merchants vocalize their sorrow? 18:16a
 - 1) “ _____, _____, the great city.”
 - 2) How do they describe the city?
 - a) Her clothing: _____

 - b) Her adornment: _____

 - 3) How quickly had the Prostitute City’s wealth been laid to waste? 18:17a _____
- 7. The lament of the **Mariners of the Earth** in reaction to the judgment of the Prostitute. 18:17b-19
 - a. There are four categories of people identified who express their dismay. Who are they? 18:17b
 - 1) Every _____
 - 2) And every _____
 - 3) and _____
 - 4) and as many as _____
 - b. Like the kings of the earth and the merchants of the earth before them, where do they stand? 18:17c _____
 - c. What do they see that makes them cry out? 18:18a _____

 - d. What do they ask? 18:18b “ _____
_____?”
 - e. What did they throw on their heads to indicate their misery? 18:19a

- _____
- f. What actions demonstrated their misery? 18:19b They were _____, _____ and _____
 - g. What did they say? “_____, _____ the _____ city!” 18:19c
 - h. Who had become rich by her wealth? 18:19d All who had _____ at _____.
 - i. How quickly had she been laid waste? 18:19e _____
8. The call for God’s kingdom to rejoice in reaction to the judgment of the Great Prostitute! 18:20
- a. Certain people were called, not to join in mourning, but instead to _____!
 - b. Who are those called upon to rejoice?
 - 1) O _____
 - 2) and you _____
 - 3) and _____
 - 4) and _____.
 - c. For what reason were they called upon to rejoice? Because _____!

C. The Symbolic Action of a Strong Angel. 18:21-24

- 1. What did a strong angel throw into the sea? 18:21a _____
- 2. What did he say his action symbolized? 18:21b _____

- 3. The results of Babylon’s overthrow. 18:22-23a How did the angel describe
 - a. The silencing of music? 18:22a _____

 - b. The cessation of technology? 18:22b _____

- _____
- c. The stilling of commerce? 18:22c _____

 - d. The darkening of artificial illumination? 18:23a _____

 - e. The silencing of social institution? 18:23b _____

4. The reasons for Babylon's overthrow. 18:23b-24
- a. Because of her entanglement with the great _____ of the _____
18:23b
 - b. Because of her deception of the nations: 18:23c "because all the
_____ were _____ by her _____."
 - c. Because of her murders. 18:24 In her was found the blood
 - 1) of _____
 - 2) and of _____
 - 3) and of all who have been _____ upon the earth.

D. The Loud Voice of a Great Multitude in Heaven Praising God for Destroying Babylon. 19:1-4

- 1. Their ascribing praise to God! 19:1
 - a. What did the praise sound like? _____

 - b. What was the place of the praise? _____
 - c. What was the content of the praise? " _____!
_____ and _____ and _____
belong to our God!"
- 2. The reasons for their praise. 19:2
 - a. Because of God's legal verdicts. What did they say about the accuracy

- and fairness of God's legal verdicts? "Because His judgments are _____ and _____!"
- b. Because of God's having judged the great _____! She was worthy of judgment because she had been _____ the earth with her _____.
 - c. Because of God's having avenged the _____ of His _____ upon her.
3. The repetition of their praise. A second time John heard something like the sound of a great multitude up in heaven saying, 19:3 "_____!" Her _____ rises up _____ and _____!"
4. The worship of those surrounding the throne. 19:4
- a. Who were those participating in worship?
 - 1) _____
 - 2) _____
 - b. What was the posture of their worship? They _____ and worshiped _____ who sits on the _____.
 - c. How did they show their agreement with what sounded like a great multitude? "_____!"

E. Food for Thought

1. How extensive will be the earth's involvement with the Religion of Babylon?
2. What kind of Political Power will the Religion of Babylon exercise for a time?
3. What kind of Economic Power will the Religion of Babylon exercise for a time?
4. How will the Religion of Babylon treat those who choose to follow God and Jesus?
5. What will be the reaction in heaven when Babylon and its Religion is burned and rendered powerless?

6. The Religion of Babylon will one day gain sweeping global influence. Many people will compromise with this false religion for economic advantage. Has your desire for money pulled you away from whole-heartedly worshiping God through Jesus?
7. Have you compromised your walk with God?

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