

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup>
  - 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

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<sup>1</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ 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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