

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST
Chapter 18
“REJOICE! BABYLON THE GREAT IS FALLEN!”

I) THE JUDGMENT OF BABYLON (v1-9)

(v1-2) **Babylon is filled with demons, foul spirits** (Ephesians 6:12-13 - *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*) & **unclean bird** (false religions – ref. Matthew 13:31-32).

(v3) **All the nations, kings, merchants have committed fornication with Babylon** – Babylon is a global unification, politically, religiously and economically. Its leader will be the antichrist and its alliance will be found in the **“mark of the beast, 666”** (Rev. Ch. 13).

(v4-8) **In the Great Tribulation believers are called to come out of the Babylonian system.** This is a call to holiness, a call to separation, a call to follow the Lord Jesus Christ! Lessons from Lot, **Genesis Ch. 19 (Observe five C’s of Sodom & Gomorrah - Carelessness, Compromise, Corruption, Confusion, Consequence!)**

> How to overcome Babylon: (4 steps)

Step #1 – FOLLOW JESUS! - Luke 9:23-26 - *Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.*

Step #2 – COME OUT! - 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 - *Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty." (Joshua 24:14-28)*

Step #3 – DO THE WILL OF GOD! - 1 John 2:15-17 - *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.*

Step #4 – BE TRANSFORMED! - Romans 12:1-2 – *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

II) THE SORROW FOR BABYLON (v10-19)

In one hour Babylon is destroyed! The kings and merchants mourn.

(v9-14) **The world will even merchandise “bodies & souls”** (*bodies* – slave trade for work and sex. *Souls* – slaves to false religions.) The fruit that their soul longed for is now gone! (Riches, power, immorality!)

(v15-19) **The world will weep and wail, but will not repent!**

III) REJOICE! REJOICE! REJOICE! (v20-24)

(v20-23) **Rejoice for Babylon is destroyed, the corrupt, evil and murderous world system is finished!**

(v23-24) **Why Babylon is judged** – *“For your merchants were the great men of the earth for by your sorcery (“pharmakia” drug trafficking and occult practices) all the nations were deceived.” “And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth.”*

Conclusion: John 15:18-27 – *“the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me”*

*"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace
Who bring glad tidings of good things!"
Romans 10:15*