

Revelation 18:1-24

Introduction:

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 **Reason** (18:2-3, 5, 7, 13b, 23c-24): The city is destroyed for its many sins
 - A. It has become 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** reach as high as the heavens (18:5)
 - E. It is totally **proud** and arrogant (18:7)
 - F. It is buying and selling human **slaves** (18:13b)
 - G. It has deceived the nations and killed the **saints** (18:23c-24)
- III. The **Removal** (18:4): God orders his people to leave this corrupt city.
- IV. The **Retribution** (18:6, 8, 10b, 17a, 19b): The 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 (18:18:10a, 16, 19a)
 2. Why they cry out (18:9, 11-15, 17b-18): Because there is not one left to buy their precious metals, pearls, clothing, wood, ivory, brass, iron, marble, perfume, food, cattle, and even human slaves.
 - B. Great rejoicing by the **saved** (18:20): "...God hath avenged you on her."
- 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)