

BABYLON'S END, PART 1  
(Revelation 18:1-20)

- I. Babylon's Fall DECLARED (Rev. 18:1-3)
  - A. A HEAVENLY message (18:1-2a)
    - 1. Delivered by an ANGEL with great AUTHORITY
    - 2. Accompanied by a BRILLIANT LIGHT
    - 3. Announced in a MIGHTY VOICE
  - B. A HOPELESS message (18:2b-3)
    - 1. A HABITAT of DEMONS
    - 2. A HEADQUARTERS of DEPRAVITY
      - a. Full of the PASSION of IMMORALITY
      - b. Full of the WEALTH of CORRUPTION
  
- II. Babylon's Sin DENOUNCED (Rev. 18:4-8)
  - A. A FINAL call to "COME OUT" (18:4)
    - 1. A call to SAINTS
    - 2. A call to SEPARATION
      - a. To avoid PARTAKING of her sins
      - b. To avoid PARTICIPATING in her plagues
  - B. A FEARFUL indictment (18:5-8a)
    - 1. A TOWER of SINS reaching HEAVEN
    - 2. A TERRIBLE consequence on EARTH
      - a. For PRIDE, receive TORMENT and GRIEF
      - b. For PRESUMPTION, receive plagues and pestilence and mourning and famine and, ultimately, FIRE
  - C. A FEROCIOUS judge: the LORD GOD

- III. Babylon's Friends DISMAYED (Rev. 18:9-19)
  - A. The lament of the MONARCHS (18:9-10)
    - 1. Standing "at a DISTANCE"
    - 2. Shaken by the city's DESTRUCTION
    - 3. Stunned by the SPEED of the collapse
  - B. The lament of the MERCHANTS (18:11-17a)
    - 1. CRYING over economic COLLAPSE
    - 2. CATALOGUING economic LOSS
      - a. PRECIOUS goods
      - b. MANUFACTURING supplies
      - c. LUXURY items
      - d. NECESSARY provisions
      - e. TRANSPORTATION
      - f. HUMAN TRAFFICKING
    - 3. Comprehensive statement of LOSS
      - a. Lost everything CRAVED
      - b. Lost everything considered ENJOYABLE
  - C. The lament of the MARINERS (18:17b-19)
    - 1. Dismay of ALL who WORK the SEA
    - 2. Despair over loss of the SOURCE of their WEALTH
  
- IV. Babylon's Enemies DELIGHTED (Rev. 18:20)
  - A. The RETRIBUTION of GOD
  - B. The REJOICING of HEAVEN
    - 1. The SAINTS
    - 2. The APOSTLES
    - 3. The PROPHETS
  
- V. Lessons
  - A. The DEMONIC quality of the world system
  - B. The DECEPTIVE allure of material wealth
  - C. The DEVASTATING extent of God's judgment