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Revelation 18:1-8

God Overthrows Economic Babylon
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Total Destruction of Babylon

Revelation 17 – Babylon: H.Q. of false religion
Revelation 18 – Babylon: H.Q. of economics

18:1-3 Angel’s proclamation of judgement
18:4-20 Voice from heaven: “Babylon will fall”
18:21-24 Angel’s proclamation of judgment

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The First Angel’s Announcement

Revelation 18:1-2 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illumined with his glory. 2 And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, “**Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!** She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird.

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The Sins of Babylon

Revelation 18:3 "For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality."

Passion = thumos – "wrath"

Immorality = porneia – spiritual/physical

Sensuality = streiniao - living for promiscuity

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God Calls His People Out

Revelation 18:4-5 I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues; 5 for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

Jeremiah 50:8 Flee from the midst of Babylon, and go out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as male goats before the flock.

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How Do We Flee Babylon?

John 17:15-16 I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one.

1. We remain in the same physical habitation
2. We don't remain in the same spiritual sphere

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Babylon's Glory Overthrown

Revelation 18:6-7 Pay her back even as she has paid, and give back to her double according to her deeds; in the cup which she has mixed, mix twice as much for her. 7 To the degree that **she glorified herself** and **lived sensuously**, to the same degree give her torment and mourning; for she says in her heart, 'I SIT as A QUEEN AND I AM NOT A WIDOW, and will never see mourning.'

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Our God Is a Warrior!

Revelation 18:8 For this reason in one day her plagues will come, pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; **for the Lord God who judges her is strong.**

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