

**GOSPEL** of *Grace*  
FELLOWSHIP

**Revelation 18:9-24**

God Overthrows Economic Babylon Pt. 2

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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 Unregenerate Mourn**

Revelation 18:9-11 And the kings of the earth, who committed acts of immorality and lived sensuously with her, will **weep and lament** over her when they see the smoke of her burning, 10 standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come.’ 11 And the merchants of the earth **weep and mourn** over her, because no one buys their cargoes any more...

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### The Removal of Babylon's Riches

Revelation 18:12-14 cargoes of gold and silver and precious stones and pearls and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet, and every kind of **citron wood** and every article of ivory and every article made from very costly wood and bronze and iron and marble, **13** and cinnamon and spice and incense and perfume and frankincense and **wine** and olive oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep, and cargoes of horses and chariots and **slaves and human lives**. **14** The fruit you long for has gone from you, and all things that were luxurious and splendid have passed away from you and men will no longer find them.

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### The Great City Isn't So Great!

Revelation 18:15-17 The merchants of these things, who became rich from her, will stand at a distance because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning, **16** saying, 'Woe, woe, **the great city**, she who was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls; **17** for in one hour such great wealth has been laid waste!' And every shipmaster and every passenger and sailor, and as many as make their living by the sea, stood at a distance...

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### Jerusalem: God's City

- A. Harvest from a destroyed world 24:1-13
- B. Song of world remnant 24:14-16a
- C. Sinful world overthrown 24:16b-20
- D. The waiting world 24:21-23
- E. Song of ruined city 25:1-5
- F. Mt. Zion! 25:6-12**
- E. Song of the strong city 26:1-6
- D. The waiting people of God 26:7-21
- C. Evil spiritual forces overthrown 27:1

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Judgement on Satan's City

Revelation 18:18-19 ...and were crying out as they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What city is like the great city?' 19 "And they threw dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea became rich by her wealth, for in one hour she has been laid waste!'

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Judgment on Satan's City

Ezekiel 27:32-33 Moreover, in their wailing they will take up a lamentation for you and lament over you: 'Who is like Tyre, Like her who is silent in the midst of the sea? 33 'When your wares went out from the seas, you satisfied many peoples; with the abundance of your wealth and your merchandise you enriched the kings of earth.

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God's People Rejoice

Revelation 18:20-21 Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, because God has pronounced judgment for you against her." 21 Then a strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "So will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence, and will not be found any longer.

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The Reason for Judgment

Revelation 18:22-23 And the sound of harpists and musicians and flute-players and trumpeters will not be heard in you any longer; and no craftsman of any craft will be found in you any longer; and the sound of a mill will not be heard in you any longer; 23 and the light of a lamp will not shine in you any longer; and the voice of the bridegroom and bride will not be heard in you any longer; for your merchants were the great men of the earth, **because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery.**

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The Reason for Judgment

Revelation 18:24 And in her was found **the blood of prophets and of saints** and of all who have been slain on the earth.

2 Thess. 1:6-7 For after all it is only just for God **to repay with affliction those who afflict you,** 7 and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven ...

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