

## **Revelation 18 Outline**

- 1A** The post-mortem of Babylon, by the commanding and glorious angel, vv.1-3:
  - 1B** The descent of the commanding and glorious angel, 1 After these things I saw another angel descending from heaven, having great authority; and the earth was illuminated from his glory.
  - 2B** The fall and current status of the city, 2: And he cried out with a strong voice, saying, “Babylon the Great fell, and became a dwelling place of demons, and a prison for every unclean spirit, and a prison for every unclean and hated bird.
  - 3B** The reason for her fall, 3: Because all the nations have fallen from the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth fornicated with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich from the power of her arrogance.”
- 2A** The imminent fall of Babylon, vv.4-24:
  - 1B** Warning to flee, 4: And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, “Come out from her, my people, that you might not share in her sins, and that you might not receive from her plagues.
  - 2B** Basis for warning, 5: Because her sins have congealed as far as heaven, and God remembered her wrongs.
  - 3B** The nature of her punishment, vv.6-8:
    - 1C** Full nature of repayment, 6: Repay to her as also she paid, and double to her double according to her works; in which she mixed, mix double for her.
    - 2C** The just nature of her punishment, 7: However she glorified herself, and luxuriated, in the same manner give to her torture and grief; Because she says in her heart “I sit as queen, and I am not a widow, and I will not certainly not see sorrow.”
    - 3C** The swift nature of her punishment, 8: For this reason her plagues will come in one day, death and grief and famine, and she will be burned with fire, because the Lord God is strong Who judges her.
  - 4B** The mourning of the former associates, vv.9-20:
    - 1C** The kings, vv.9-10:
      - 1D** Their crimes and grief, 9: And the kings of the earth who committed fornication and luxuriated with her will cry and mourn over her, when they see the smoke of her burning,
      - 2D** Their fearful declaration, 10: standing at a distance because fear of her torture, saying, “Woe, Woe, the great city Babylon, the strong city, that Your judgment came in one hour.”
    - 2C** The merchants, vv.11-17a:
      - 1D** The mourning of the merchants, 11: And the merchants of the earth cry and mourn over her, because no one buys their merchandise any longer:
      - 2D** Their merchandise, vv.12-13: 12 merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and pearls, and linen, and purple, and silk and scarlet; and every citron log, every vessel of ivory, and every vessel from precious wood, and bronze, and iron, and marble; 13 and cinnamon, and incense, and myrrh, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and grain, and cattle, and sheep; and horses, and chariots, and bodies, and souls of men.

- 3D The permanent nature of their loss, 14: And the ripeness of the lust of your soul departed from you, and everything which is splendid and radiant departed from you, and you will never find them again.
- 4D The declaration of mourning, vv.15-17:
  - 1E Their fearful declaration, 15: The merchants of these things, those rich from her, will stand at a distance because of the fear of her torture, crying and grieving,
  - 2E Their remembrance, 16: and saying, "Woe, woe, the great city, the clothed in linen and purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls;
  - 3E The brevity of the desolation, 17: Because in one hour such wealth was made desolate.
- 3C The seafaring mourners, vv.17b-20:
  - 1D Their identity and fear, 17b: And every captain, and everyone who sails at the place, and sailors, and as many as work the sea, they stood at a distance,
  - 2D Their comparison, 18: and they cried out, seeing the smoke of her burning, saying, "Who is like the great city?"
  - 3D Their mourning and amazement at the brevity of her desolation, 19: And they cast dust on their head, and cried out, weeping and grieving, and saying, "Woe, woe, the great city, in which everyone who had ships on the sea were made rich from her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.
  - 4D Their reference to the victims of Babylon, 20: Rejoice over her, heaven, and the saints, and the apostles, and the prophets, because God executed your judgment from her."
- 5B The casting of the great stone for her destruction, 21: Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, "Thus with a sudden swoop Babylon the great city is thrown, and she will never be found."
- 6B The ending of joyful things in Babylon, vv.22-23b:
  - 1C The end of music, 22: And a sound of harps and musicians and flutists and trumpeters will not be heard in you anymore.
  - 2C The end of light, 23a: And the light of the lamp will not shine in you anymore,
  - 3C The end of celebrations, 23b: and the voice of bridegroom and bride will not be heard in you anymore;
- 7B The causes of the end, 23c-24:
  - 1C The greatness of her merchants, 23c: because your merchants were great men of the earth;
  - 2C The deceit of her pharmakeia, 23d: because in your drugs all the Gentiles were deceived.
  - 3C The blood of her martyrs, 24: And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and all who were slaughtered upon the earth.