

Revelation 17:15-18:24 – The Fall of Babylon
Sunday Morning – 13 January 2019
Sermon Outline

Introduction: 7th and Final Cycle

- Comparing two women: The Great Prostitute and the _____ of Christ

The Desolate Woman (17:15-18) ~

The woman that you saw is the great city that has dominion of the kings of the _____ (17:18)

- Rome, yes . . . but the same spirit as _____

She is pictured as seated – ruling people, multitudes, nations, and languages

- This is mimicking the Bride of _____ - one nation / one body from every tribe, nation, people, and language
- She has intoxicated the nations – seducing them into immorality and _____

How do the recipients of her treasures repay her? (the despicable nature of evil exposed)

- They make her _____
 - o They strip her naked
 - o They devour her _____ (like a wild beast)
 - o They burn her up with _____ (like a conquered city)

Not just destruction – but _____ destruction – Civil War

This Unholy Alliance is Anti-Everything

Comfort in the Sovereignty of God

- God uses evil to destroy _____

The Announcement of the Fall (18:1-3) ~

Fallen, Fallen is Babylon the Great! (already heard this in 14:8 – from Isaiah 21:9)

What does her fall look like? _____

- A dwelling place for _____
- A haunt for every unclean and detestable creature
- Devoid of anything _____

Why has this judgment of desolation come upon her?

- Immorality and _____
- She is charged with corrupting the whole _____

The Plea to Flee (18:4-8) ~

Then I heard another voice from _____ saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues, for her sins are heaped high as heaven, God has remembered her iniquities (18:4)

- Letters to the churches warned against _____
- Avoid Power-Hungry / Pleasure-seeking / Idolatrous-worshipping cult and culture
- We are to be in the world, but not _____ of the world

Pay Backs: Not twice as much as she deserves, but the _____ (twin) of the crime

- God will execute justice

What has been the problem – why the fall / judgment?

- Self-Glorification and Self-Indulgence

Mighty is the LORD God who has judged her (18:8) – highlighting the power, might, and holiness of the LORD – not highlighting the woman, beast, or Satan.

The False Lover's Lament (18:9-24) ~

The response to those who participated in her wickedness

- *Woe, Woe* (repeated chorus): Exclamation of _____ / Anguish / Pain
- In a single hour her judgment has come
- Why do they weep and mourn?
 - o Not because of the loss of a lover, but because of the loss of _____

One Hour (echoes Daniel's judgment of King Nebuchadnezzar – Daniel 4)

What is the response in heaven to these judgments upon the earth?

- _____ *over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, for God has given judgment for you _____ her.*

Image of a stone – like a Great Millstone thrown into the sea

- Permanence / Irreversible Fall / _____
- NO MORES of judgment vs. the NO MORES of glory

Questions for Family Worship / Follow-Up ~

What are some differences between the Great Prostitute and the Bride of Christ?

What do we learn about the evilness of evil in this passage?

Why does Babylon Fall – what are her sins / crimes / transgressions?

What are we called to do in light of the seductions of this present evil age?

What comfort are we to gain from passages about God's just judgment?