



Revelation Ch. 18: "The Destruction of Babylon and It's Government and Religion"

Opening Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank you for bringing us together in your name.
Bless our time together as we seek to be more like the image of Christ.
We know that your word is trustworthy and true. Open our hearts and minds to the wisdom of your word.
Let your truth guide our thoughts, words and actions daily so that we can share it with those we encounter.
We ask these things in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Study Guide Group Questions: Revelation Ch. 18

- 1) How long does it take God to fully destroy the great city of Babylon described in Revelation 18?

- 2) How can we relate Jesus's warnings to the seven churches in the beginning of Revelation to what we see happening in this Revelation 18?

3) Look closely at verses 5 & 7. Can you see these verses symbolizing events of ages past in the early days of the evil spirit of "Babylon?"

4) In verses 21-23, we see the word 'never' used 5 times. What is the meaning of this word across the three verses?

5) **For reflection:** In the Old Testament, we see all the events that occurred in Israel pointing to the one true king who would eventually come to perfectly fulfill the law (Jesus). Then we see the cradle of Jesus pointing to the cross, as this was His purpose in bringing the power of God unto salvation for all of mankind. Then we see the cross pointing to Revelation and the finality of God's covenant with mankind.

In summation, all of scripture, from the very first page of Genesis, points to this most important book of Revelation. It's a book that brings blessings in the beginning and in its closing. I look at it as a blessing for beginning to read and understand it and another one at the end to encourage us to go to the very end in reading and coming to understand it.

Can you see the message that God has for us in this book? Can you see the importance of the journey that we are all on to know better what this message is? Do you find it important that we share this message, just as Noah did, even when they laughed at him for building a boat in a land that had never seen rain?

Closing Prayer

May the LORD bless us and keep us.

May the LORD make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us.

May the LORD lift up His countenance towards us and give us His peace,

The kind of peace that can only come from the Prince of Peace,

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.