

The Fall of Babylon

Revelation 17-18

1. What literary key does God give to John and his readers to understand this profound vision in the first part of Chapter 17?

The Background of Babylon

2. While Babylon is initially illustrated by a great harlot in verse 1, what is it actually?

3. Why did the people of Shinar want to build their great tower into the heavens in Genesis 11:3-4?

4. Where was this tower built?

5. What did this city name eventually become named?

6. Who was its founder and what was he known for?

7. What emphasis is made in the worship of Tammuz (idol associated with Nimrod's son) and also Babylon in Isaiah 47:11-13?

Meeting the Harlot

8. The Harlot (Babylon) has in her hand a cup "full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication." She is drunk with the blood of the martyrs and the saints. What does the author indicate this phrase means?

9. What do the words, "Mystery, Babylon" indicate to us beyond the physical city of Babylon?

10. When the true church is raptured prior to the tribulation, what does the author assert will flow into the that vacuum left behind?

11. What is this false religion represented by in the text?

12. What are some things that the author lists or things that you see already present in our world today that would align with this false religious system called Babylon?

Riding the Beast

13. What is this beast that Mystery Babylon is riding described in Revelation 17:8?

14. The beast is depicted with seven heads and ten horns. What is the angelic explanation about the heads found in Revelation 17:9-11?

15. According to the author, Five of the seven heads had already passed when John wrote. The one that “is” was the current head of Rome during John’s writing. The seventh head was yet to come for John, but has already passed from our perspective in history. Who does the author assert is the eighth king?

16. Revelation 17:12-14 describes 10 more kings that are coming in the future who will reign simultaneously with the Antichrist. What is their purpose in aligning together?

17. Who can possibly stand against eleven kings and their vast military?

The End of the Harlot

18. The end of the harlot is in Revelation 17:15-18. What part of “Babylon” does the author say is ending here?

19. What does the angel inform John that the waters represent?

Moving to the Next Mountain

20. The author notes that the desolation that takes place in Revelation 16:19-21 and also in Chapter 18 takes place in 60 minutes. What does he say is the cause of this destruction?

Fallen, Fallen

21. Who or what is being talked about here? Is this a literal city or is it a symbol of the political and economic system of that time? What is the author's opinion as to the Babylon spoken of here?

22. What does the author say *is* clear in this chapter?

It's All Gone

23. "After the world has been wrecked, people will still hold on to hope. They will believe that someday, all the bad will pass. Somehow things will all get better again. They think they will be able to pick up the pieces and rebuild. Why do they think this?"

24. Then what happens in Revelation 18:14-19?

25. What did God tell His people in the midst of captivity and judgment in Jeremiah 29:11?

26. As so often happens in Revelation, amid the misery there is rejoicing. (Revelation 18:20). Why are the apostles and prophets told to rejoice?