

The Party is Over--A Tale of Two Babylons

Revelation 17-18

Babylon: A False Religious System

17:1-14

- The false religious system of Babylon gains power and prestige in the first half of the Tribulation.
- The prostitute personifies spiritual adultery, idolatry and apostasy.
- As the mother of prostitutes, Babylon is the fountainhead of evil religious practices.
- The worldwide apostate church of the Tribulation will be powerful and influential.
- The final world government led by the Antichrist is symbolized by the eighth beast or empire.
- A ten nation federation will have a brief period of power before giving all power to the Antichrist.

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17:15-18

- The Antichrist and his ten ruler federation unite to destroy the one-world apostate church.
- The false religion that has flourished in the first half of the Tribulation is crushed.
- The Antichrist sets himself up to be worshipped in the Great Tribulation.
- God's sovereign purpose prevails as He allows the evil world leaders to destroy false religion.

***Walk in the _____ of God's sovereignty regardless of chaos in the world.
Our God reigns!***

Babylon: A Commercial and Political Power Center

18:1-3

- God's angel announces the fall of the wealthy, commercial and political city of Babylon.
- The judgment of God makes Babylon a home for evil.
- All the nations are corrupted by the political and material immorality of Babylon.

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18:4-24

- God's people are called to leave Babylon to avoid the judgment that is coming.
- Divine justice will mete out a double portion of judgment for the hideous sins of Babylon.
- World rulers and merchants are grief stricken over the loss of wealth, power, and luxury.
- Heaven rejoices at Babylon's downfall.

***Hold the wealth and power of this world _____.
Hold fast to the _____ stored up for you in Heaven!***

Key: truth, lightly, treasures

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GENESIS 11:1,4 Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.”

REVELATION 13:3 One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast.

DANIEL 11:36-37 And the king shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods. He shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished; for what is decreed shall be done. He shall pay no attention to the gods of his fathers, or to the one beloved by women. He shall not pay attention to any other god, for he shall magnify himself above all.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:3-4 Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.

GENESIS 19:15 As morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city.”

LUKE 17:31-33 On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back. Remember Lot’s wife. Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it.

REVELATION 6:9-10 When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”

2 PETER 3:9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

MATTHEW 6:19-21 Do not lay up for yourselves treasure on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.