

Revelation Chapter Eighteen

- Chapter 18 describes another fall of Babylon, but this is not the same Babylon from chapter 17.
 - Religious Babylon is destroyed by the Antichrist and his world empire in order to setup a religion focused on worshipping him.
 - The kings of the world do not mourn over the destruction of religious Babylon.
 - This Babylon (commercial) is destroyed by God and the kings of the world lament its destruction.
- Another angel comes down from heaven to declare the fall of Commercial Babylon [18:1-3].
 - This description of this angel [18:1] makes it clear that it is not one of the seven as we saw in Rev 17:1.
 - The angel declares Babylon as “Fallen” since the heavenly decree has already been issued [18:2].
 - Political leaders and merchants from every nation throughout the world are involved in the activities of Commercial Babylon and benefit from their involvement [18:3].
- Though the heavenly decree has already been issued, the actual destruction of Babylon is now described as imminent [18:4-8 cp. Isa 47:7-11].
 - A warning comes from heaven for God’s people to flee Commercial Babylon before the judgment of her iniquities comes [18:4-5].
 - The judgment of Commercial Babylon will be in proportion to her deeds and arrogance [18:6-7].
 - The Lord God will bring judgment upon Commercial Babylon suddenly and swiftly [18:8].
- The world will lament the downfall of Commercial Babylon [18:9-19].
 - The kings will weep and lament [18:9-10].
 - The merchants will weep and mourn [18:11, 16-19].
 - The scope of Commercial Babylon will be like nothing the world has ever known [18:12-15].
 - The riches/luxury which are reaped from participation with Commercial Babylon are unparalleled as well.

- Some entities (Dutch East India Co., British East India Co., WTO, etc.) are a type of Commercial Babylon.
- Heaven will rejoice over the downfall of Commercial Babylon [18:20-24].
 - God's judgment is on behalf of His people [18:20].
 - Every aspect of the activity of Commercial Babylon will come to an end when God brings about her violent destruction [18:21-23].
 - The prophets and saints of the Tribulation are persecuted and even killed by the Satanic forces within Commercial Babylon [18:24].