

A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

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Revelation 18

REVELATION 18:20

cf. Revelation
6:9-11

*"Rejoice over her, thou
heaven, and ye saints, and ye
apostles, and ye prophets;
for God hath judged
your judgment on her."*

Revelation 18

Rejoicing of the Saints!

- The **righteous** can now rejoice!
- **Vindication** has now been achieved!
– Revelation 6:9-11; 11:17-18
- Worldly weep but God's servants rejoice!
- Sinful persecutors have received a **righteous judgment**
- Not a **happiness** over the loss of life and souls of men – but the **victory** of good over evil! **Righteousness triumphs!**

Note: Ezekiel 33:11;
2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:4

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REVELATION 18:21

Isaiah
13:17-22;
14:21-23;
Jeremiah
50-51

*"And a strong angel took up a
stone as it were a great
millstone and cast it into the
sea, saying, Thus with a
mighty fall shall Babylon, the
great city, be cast down, and
shall be found no more at all."*

Revelation 18

Character of Rome's Fall

- Example of the **mighty angel**
- Took up stone – like a great **millstone** – threw it into the sea
- Millstone used for grinding meal
- Makes a **big splash and sinks very quickly!**
- **Persecuting Rome** of John's day has ended!
- **Emperor worship** and **persecution** of the God's children – is no more!

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Character of Rome's Fall

- She lost the glory of a city that ruled the **world**
- Never again to be **restored** to that lofty power state again – **Jeremiah 51:63-64**
- Rebellious and arrogant Rome will **never rise again!**
- Capital city no longer **wallowing** in luxury and spiritual adultery!

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REVELATION 18:22

"And the voice of harpers and minstrels and flute-players and trumpeters shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft, shall be found any more at all in thee; and the voice of a mill shall be heard no more at all in thee;"

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"and the light of a lamp shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee; for thy merchants were the princes of the earth; for with thy sorcery were all the nations deceived."

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REVELATION 18:24

"And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all that have been slain upon the earth."

Revelation 16:6; 17:6

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Ancient Rome Dead Forever

- **Life (not buildings)** as known by the Roman citizen will **cease to exist**
 - Paganism backed by the empire fell with Rome!
- **"Life as usual"** – never to be enjoyed again!
- **Wrath of God** has been visited upon the city:
 - No voice of harpers and musicians
 - No pipers and trumpeters
 - No craftsmen
 - No sound of a millstone anymore (economic)

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Rome

- **Wrath of God** has been visited upon the city:
 - No light of candle shines anymore
 - Voice of the bridegroom and bride no longer heard
 - Merchants were great on the earth
 - For by sorceries all the nations had been deceived!

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Why?

- **Wrath of God** has been visited upon the city: **Revelation 14:1, 7; 14:9-12, 19; 16:1; 19:11-16**
 - Blood of the prophets
 - Blood of the saints
 - All the slain upon the earth
 - Shall reap of her sins against the church!
 - Figurative way the "blood of all" was on her hands.
 - In the first appearance of "the beast" in Revelation, he was portrayed as the power that militated against God's two witnesses who prophesied.
 - He would "war against them and shall overcome them, and kill them" (11:7-8; 17:6; 18:20).

BOOK OF REVELATION: CHAPTER 19



**RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT OF GOD PRAISED
THE VICTORIOUS CHRIST**

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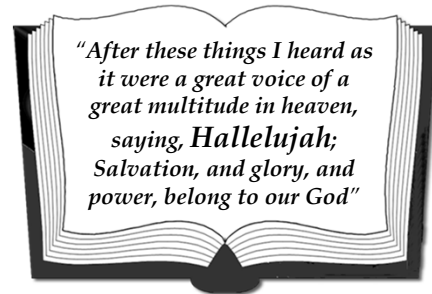
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REJOICING OF THE SAINTS

- Chapter 18 revealed the destruction of the harlot city Rome and the world's reaction of sorrow due to a loss of luxurious living and social status.
 - In contrast with the mourning of the kings, merchants, and those who made their living on the sea, were the saints of God. The saints were told to rejoice at the tyrant's fall (Revelation 18:20).
- Chapter 19 expounds upon this rejoicing and reveals the destruction of the beast and the false prophet.
 - While those who drank Rome's wine and were intoxicated with her lust, wealth, and worldly status believed she was indestructible the Lord proved her weak and feeble.
 - Her ways that seemed so appealing and entertaining have now been proved poisonous and deadly.
- The saints who abstained from fellowship with her sins have cause for rejoicing because they were right to reject her pernicious ways (see Revelation 18:4).

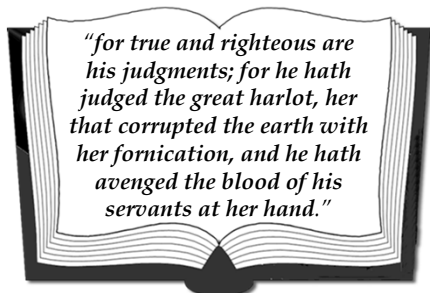
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REVELATION 19:1



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REVELATION 19:2



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REJOICING OF THE SAINTS

- Emperors' worshippers judged (14:9-12) (cf. Revelation 17:5; 18:20-21).
- First "Hallelujah" ("Praise to the Lord")
- "Loud voice of a great multitude" (Sounded like)
- Alleluia – "salvation, glory, honor and power belong to the Lord our God"
- World mourns – God's people rejoice!

Revelation 19
<p>REJOICING OF THE SAINTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Nowhere else is this word found in the New Testament; however, commencing with Psalm 104, many of the psalms begin and/or end with ‘praise ye the Lord.’ This scene of exultation should not have been separated from the last chapter, for it reveals a sharp contrast with the kings, merchants, and shipmen who mourn over the downfall of the harlot. John hears praise of God coming from heaven four times (19:1, 3, 4, 6).” <p><small>(Robert Harkrider, <i>Revelation, Truth Commentaries</i>, page 277)</small></p>

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