A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

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Revelation 18

Babylon - Rome?

- "Babylon, the great is fallen, fallen" (Isaiah 21:9; cf. Isaiah 13:19; Jeremiah 50-51)
- cf. Isaiah 23:15-17 Tyre
- Why called Babylon?
 - Both world ruling cities capitals of empires
 - Both thought themselves secure and invincible
 - God brought down the pride and arrogance of ancient Babylon - would also bring down

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Word Pictures ...

- Dwelling place for demons
- A prison for every foul spirit
- A cage for every unclean and hated bird! (Isaiah 34:11-15)
- Glorious pagan temples not inhabited by evil and gruesome things word pictures!
- Satan's empire and Rome intertwined (cf. Revelation 12-13)

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Reason ...

- "For <u>all nations</u> have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication"
- "<u>Kings</u> of the earth have committed fornication with her"
- "Merchants of earth have become rich through abundance of her luxury."
- Not content to sin herself brought in others to join her
- **Spiritual fornication** turning against the God of heaven!

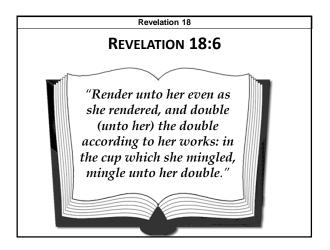
"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying,
Come forth, my people, out of her, that ye have no fellowship with her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues:"

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"for her sins have reached even unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."

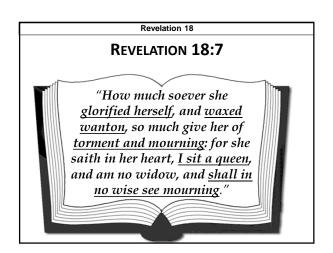
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Warning For God's People to Flee From Rome

- Call come for God's people to **come out** (separated themselves from wickedness)
- Have no fellowship with her sins
 - Like the call to flee from Babylon of old (Jeremiah 50:8)
 - Like the call for Christians to flee the destruction of Jerusalem (Matthew 24)
- In Rome their **iniquity is full!**
 - 2 Corinthians 6:14ff
 - Ephesians 5:11
 - Jeremiah 51:9
 - Romans 1:18-32

Consequences of Persecution One will reap what he sows Galatians 6:7-8 Rome was to receive what was just by her conduct Balancing the scales! In proportion to what she meted out against God's people!





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