

*“After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, 'Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!’” – Revelation 18:1-2*

**Overview:**

From heaven's perspective the accomplishment of the judgment against Babylon is clearly seen. She sees herself as a queen and not a widow and in her arrogance she believes she will see no sorrow (v.7). But God says “her plagues will come in a day-death and morning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her. (v.8)

Babylon's judgment is shown from four different perspectives. The first perspective is from the, “kings of the earth”, the political might of Babylon (v.9-10). The second perspective is from the, “merchants of the earth”, the economic power of Babylon (v.11-17a). The third perspective is from all the, “sea-goers”, the foundation Babylon afforded (v.17b-19). And the fourth perspective is from Heaven (v.20). Earth dwellers lament, weep, wail, and mourn but heaven rejoices.

**References:** (Key Passages: Jeremiah 50-51, Isaiah 14)

**Rev 18:2** – A picture of desolation (Jeremiah 50:13, 23, 40, 45; 51:7, 37)

**Rev 18:4** – Come out - Flee Babylon (Jeremiah 51:6, Jeremiah 50:8)

**Rev 18:5** – Sins have reached to heaven (Exodus 3:7-10) Key is Jeremiah 51:9

**Rev 18:6** – Just as she rendered to you – Saul (Acts 9:4-5), The least of these (Matthew 25:44-45), and even the small things matter (Matthew 10:42)

**Rev 18:6** – Repay her double (Jeremiah 50:29)

**Rev 18:7** – I sit as queen (Isaiah 47:5; 7-15)

**Rev 18:7** – I will not see sorrow (Isaiah 47:8)

- Should lead to action (2 Corinthians 7:10-11)

- No submission or accountability to God (Isaiah 14:12-15)

**Rev 18:8** – Mourning, she says I won't see it and God says she will (Proverbs 16:9)

**Rev 18:8** – Strong is the Lord (Jeremiah 50:24)

**Rev 18:14** – Longing for things that please the flesh instead of the Lord (Matthew 5:6, James 5:1-3)

**Rev 18:21** – An object lesson to illustrate (Jeremiah 51:59-64)

**Rev 18:24** – Heart of Babylon revealed (Psalm 116:15, Rev 6:10, 7:14, 8:7, 8:8, 11:6, 16:3-4, 16:6, 17:6)

**Rev 18:24** – Can't say, God must be blessing us just look around

- Peace, peace when there is no peace (Jeremiah 6:12-15)

- The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord (Jeremiah 7:3-11)

**Questions:**

\* When you view the issues facing the U.S., which of these four perspectives do you see things through?

\* Take some time and ask God to give you a heart for the lost people that God has put into your life.

**Additional Study:**

**Rev 18:6**

\* Talionic justice (*lex talionis*) – the law of retaliation

**Rev 18:7**

\* Lived luxuriously (*streniaō*) – living to please the senses (the flesh)

\* Sorrow (*penthos*) – a grief that should lead to action

**Rev 18:8**

\* Death – (*thanatos*)

\* Mourning (*penthos*) – she says I won't see it and God says yes she will

**Rev 18:9**

\* Weep (*klaio*) – tears and every external expression of grief

\* Lament (*kopto*) – beating the breast: pain for pain; hurting myself physically for the hurt that I feel inside

**Rev 18:11**

\* Weeping – (*klaio*)

\* Mourning (*pentheo*): mourn – (*pentheo*) – sadness or grief because of depressing circumstances. Not the results of wickedness but the loss of profit. A passionate grief that should lead to action

**Rev 18:15**

\* Weeping and wailing – (*klaio*) and (*pentheo*)

**Rev 18:19**

\* Weeping and wailing – (*klaio*) and (*pentheo*)

**Rev 18:22**

\* Sound – the music of Babylon gone – (*musikos*) probably singers here