

Revelation 18

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The Two Babylons of Revelation

Many who read Revelation two manifestations of Babylon. One in Revelation 17, the woman arrayed in purple and scarlet, referred to as “Mystery Babylon” and a second in Revelation 18 simply referred to as “Babylon, the great”. Most agree that this is not two Babylons. The first is a representation of a religious system that shall dominate during the time of great tribulation. The other is a representation of a commercial system. Both will be brought down by Christ during the battle of Armageddon.

Revelation 18: 1-3

- 18:1** And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.
- ² And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.
- ³ For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, **and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.**

Christ Coming Down

- **18:1** And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

This angel **coming down from heaven** is so “fresh” from God’s presence that he glows. “So recently has he come from the Presence (of God) that in passing he flings a broad belt of light across the dark earth.”

Christ's Anger with Commercial Babylon

Verses 3 through 19 detail the reasons Christ is coming to bring an end to the commercial dominance of the Antichrist referred to as Babylon.

The Fate of the Wicked City

In verse 20, the angel invites heaven to rejoice as the economic system of the Antichrist shall be brought to an end.

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb



The Phases of Jewish Wedding

Phase One

- The Marriage Covenant
- The Father pays for the bride and establishes the marriage covenant
- Acts 20:28

Phase Two

- The Bridal Chamber Prepared
- The Son returns to his father's house and prepares the bridal chamber
- John 14: 2-3

The phases of a Jewish Wedding

Phase Three

- The Bride is fetched
- At a time determined by the father, the groom goes to get the bride and bring her to his father's house. Although the bride expects the groom to come, she does not know when. As a result, the groom precedes his arrival with a shout letting the bride know he's on his way.
- John 14:3
- 1 Thes. 4: 13-18

Phase Four

- **The Bride is cleansed**
- **The bride undergoes ritual cleansing prior to the wedding ceremony.**
- **Revelation 19:7**
- **The ceremony and the consummation takes place privately with only invited guest.**
- **Revelation 19:9**

Moving to a new place

- The Bridegroom get's the new place ready as he rides a white horse and fights the battle of Armageddon. The Bride's habitation shall be on a new earth.

Revelation 19:11-21



