

# Revelation 18

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## **The Fall of Babylon**

<sup>1</sup> And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

<sup>5</sup> For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

<sup>6</sup> Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

<sup>7</sup> How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

<sup>8</sup> Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

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## Lament Over Babylon

**9** And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

**10** Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

**11** And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:

**12** The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,

**13** And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.

**14** And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.

**15** The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

**16** And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!

**17** For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,

**18** And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!

**19** And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

**20** Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

**21** And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

**22** And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;

**23** And the light of a candle 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 great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

**24** And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### **Angel** — ἄγγελος (Angelos)

Angel, messenger

The Greek **angelos** (ἄγγελος) means angel or messenger. Angels announced Christ's birth (Luke 2:9-14), ministered to Him (Matthew 4:11), and will accompany His return (Matthew 25:31).

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### **Apostle** — ἀπόστολος (Apostolos)

Apostle, sent one

The Greek **apostolos** (ἀπόστολος) means apostle or sent one—an authorized messenger. The twelve apostles were chosen by Christ and empowered as His witnesses, laying the foundation of the church (Ephesians 2:20).

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**Blood** — αἷμα (Haima)

Blood

The Greek **haima** (αἷμα) denotes blood. Christ's blood 'cleanseth us from all sin' (1 John 1:7), securing 'eternal redemption' (Hebrews 9:12) through His once-for-all sacrifice. Believers have been 'purchased with his own blood' (Acts 20:28).

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**Glory** — δόξα (Doxa)

Glory, majesty, splendor

The Greek **doxa** (δόξα) means glory, splendor, or magnificence—the radiant manifestation of God's perfection. Christ revealed the Father's glory: 'we beheld his glory' (John 1:14).

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**God** — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

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**Heaven** — οὐρανός (Ouranos)

Heaven, sky

The Greek **ouranos** (οὐρανός) denotes heaven—God's throne and the believer's eternal home. Jesus taught His disciples to pray 'Our Father which art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9) and promised to prepare a place there (John 14:2).

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**Judgment** — κρίσις (Krisis)

Judgment, decision

The Greek **krisis** (κρίσις) denotes judgment—evaluation and sentence. All will stand before God's judgment seat (Romans 14:10), and Christ has been appointed Judge of the living and dead (Acts 10:42).

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**Lord** — Κύριος (Kurios)

Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

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**Prophet** — προφήτης (Prophētēs)

Prophet

The Greek **prophētēs** (προφήτης) denotes a prophet—one who speaks forth God's message. Jesus was recognized as 'a prophet mighty in deed and word' (Luke 24:19), fulfilling and surpassing the prophetic office.

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**Sin** — ἁμαρτία (Hamartia)

Sin, missing the mark

The Greek **hamartia** (ἁμαρτία) means sin—missing the target of God's perfection. 'All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God' (Romans 3:23), requiring Christ's atoning sacrifice.

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**Spirit** — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

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## CROSS REFERENCES

**Revelation 18:1** **Glory:** Revelation 21:23; Ezekiel 43:2. **Light:** Luke 17:24. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 10:1; 17:1; 2 Thessalonians 2:8

**Revelation 18:2** **References Babylon:** Revelation 14:8; 16:19; 17:5; 18:10; 18:21; Jeremiah 51:8; 51:37. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 17:18; Isaiah 14:23

**Revelation 18:3** **Judgment:** Revelation 14:8. **Kingdom:** Revelation 17:2; 18:9. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 18:23; Jeremiah 51:7

**Revelation 18:4** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 50:18; Isaiah 52:11; Jeremiah 50:8; 51:45; 2 Corinthians 6:17; 2 John 1:11. **Sin:** Isaiah 48:20; Jeremiah 51:6; 1 Timothy 5:22

**Revelation 18:5** **References God:** Revelation 16:19; 2 Chronicles 28:9; Ezra 9:6. **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 51:9; Jonah 1:2

**Revelation 18:6** **Parallel theme:** Revelation 14:10; 16:19; 17:4; Psalms 137:8; Jeremiah 16:18; 17:18; 50:15; 50:29; 51:24; Zechariah 9:12

**Revelation 18:7** **Parallel theme:** Lamentations 1:1; Zephaniah 2:15

### Revelation 18:8

**References God:** Jeremiah 50:31. **References Lord:** Jeremiah 50:34; 51:6; 51:58; 1 Corinthians 10:22. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 17:16; 17:18; 18:17; 18:19; 19:3

**Revelation 18:9** **Parallel theme:** Revelation 14:11; 18:7; 18:18; 18:20; 19:3; Genesis 19:28. **Kingdom:** Revelation 17:2; 18:3; Jeremiah 50:46

**Revelation 18:10** **Parallel theme:** Revelation 17:12; 18:19; Numbers 16:34; Jeremiah 30:7; Joel 1:15; Amos 5:16. **Judgment:** Revelation 14:8; 18:8. **References Babylon:** Isaiah 21:9

**Revelation 18:11** **Parallel theme:** Revelation 18:3; 18:9; 18:15; 18:20; 18:23; Isaiah 47:15; Zephaniah 1:11; 1:18

**Revelation 18:12** **Parallel theme:** Revelation 17:4

**Revelation 18:13** **Parallel theme:** Exodus 21:16; Deuteronomy 24:7; Nehemiah 5:8; Isaiah 50:1; Ezekiel 27:13; Amos 2:6; 1 Timothy 1:10; 2 Peter 2:3

## **Revelation 18:14**

**Parallel theme:** Numbers 11:4; Psalms 106:14; Luke 12:20; 1 Corinthians 10:6; James 4:2. **Good:** Luke 16:25

**Revelation 18:15** **Parallel theme:** Revelation 18:3; Ezekiel 27:31

**Revelation 18:16** **Parallel theme:** Revelation 17:4; 18:19

**Revelation 18:17** **Parallel theme:** Revelation 17:16; 18:19; Isaiah 23:14; Jeremiah 51:8; Jonah 1:6

**Revelation 18:18** **Parallel theme:** Revelation 13:4

## **Revelation 18:19**

**Parallel theme:** Revelation 18:3; 18:8; 18:10; Joshua 7:6; 1 Samuel 4:12; 2 Samuel 13:19; Nehemiah 9:1; Job 2:12; Ezekiel 27:30

**Revelation 18:20** **Holy:** Revelation 6:10; 2 Peter 3:2. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 12:12; Psalms 58:10; Proverbs 11:10; Isaiah 26:21; 49:13. **References God:** Psalms 94:1. **Prophecy:** Ephesians 2:20; 4:11

## **Revelation 18:21**

**Parallel theme:** Revelation 5:2; 12:8; 16:20; 18:22; 20:11; Job 20:8; Ezekiel 26:21; Daniel 11:19

**Revelation 18:22** **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 7:34; 16:9; 25:10; Ezekiel 26:13

**Revelation 18:23** **Parallel theme:** Revelation 17:2; 17:5; 18:3; 18:22; 21:8; 22:15; Isaiah 23:8; Jeremiah 7:34; 16:9; Nahum 3:4

## **Revelation 18:24**

**Holy:** Revelation 16:6; 17:6; Daniel 7:21. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 11:7; Jeremiah 51:49; Matthew 23:27. **Blood:** Revelation 19:2. **Prophecy:** Acts 7:52