

APOCALYPSE NOW XXXV

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READ: Revelation 18:1-24

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Chapter 18 is a more detailed account of the fall of Babylon the great; aka “the judgment of the great harlot” (17:1). Three speakers will address her fall.

1. The first speaker cries out in vv. 1-3. How is he described? (v. 1)? What do you make of this?

What does his declaration, *in advance of Babylon’s fall*, suggest (v. 2a)?

What will result from her fall (v. 2b)?

Why will she fall (v. 3)? (What deserves this judgment?)

2. The second voice is heard in vv. 4-20. What is his summons & assurance (v. 4a)?

Why are God’s people to “Come out of her” (v. 4b)?

Discuss the plagues that befall her (vv. 5-8). (Why? What are they? Results?)

3. The first of three (groups of) mourners are introduced in vv. 9-10. Who are they?

Why do they react as they do to the fall of Babylon? How has her fall impacted them?

4. The second mourners are introduced in vv. 11-17a. Who are they?

Why do they react as they do to the fall of Babylon? How has her fall impacted them?

5. The third mourners are introduced in vv. 17b-19. Who are they? Why do they react as they do to the fall of Babylon? How has her fall impacted them?

6. In contrast to those who mourn her fall on earth, what is the reaction in heaven (v. 20)? Why?

7. The third voice is heard in vv. 21-24. How does this angel describe her fall? How does it overlap with the description in v. 2?

What, again, is behind her fall (vv. 23b-24)? What drives this judgment?

8. How do these verses pertain to the reality that we live in the midst of "Babylon the great" (cf. v. 4)?

- Romans 12:2
- 1 John 2:15
- Philippians 3:20