

This is the future – what Jesus says “will take place later.”

Ch. 18 “The Fall of Babylon”

This occurs after the seven seals are opened, and the seven trumpets are heard, and the seven angels pour their bowls of rath onto the earth.

Rev. 18:1-3 – “After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory. And he called out with a mighty voice, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast. For all nations have drunk the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living.”

What has fallen? What symbolism do you see in this passage?

1. Birds – often used to symbolize evil taking away the seeds of God (fallen angels)
2. Beast – no concern for righteous humanity, morality, and repentance
3. Wine – the overconsumption of sex and worldly indulgences, and the inability to decipher right from wrong.
Can you see this happening, as it has in our day, on a global scale? Will there be only two classes of people?

Rev. 18:4-8 - “Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues; for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. Pay her back as she herself has paid back others, and repay her double for her deeds; mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed. As she glorified herself and lived in luxury, so give her a like measure of torment and mourning, since in her heart she says, ‘I sit as a queen, I am a widow, and morning I shall never see.’ For this reason her plagues will come in a single day, death and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her.”

Who is God calling out to?

Who is God talking about in the feminine context? What are her qualities and characteristics?

These souls do not repent and seek God. Thus God does not forget their sins.

Jeremiah 31:33-34 – “This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No long will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

What does this say about God and about the hearts of man?

How does this scripture pertain to those living during the tribulation?

Rev. 18:11-17 – states that all products, goods, and minerals will be worthless. There will be no more trade as the economy collapses. This trade includes the trade of souls – slavery. Satan puts no value on souls as God does.

Mark 8:34-37 – Jesus said: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

What does Jesus mean when he says “take up his cross”? Do you think the disciples realized what he was saying about his future death and their future death?

Jesus puts a high value on your soul. Why?

Do you realize the value of your soul?

Do you realize the value of others’ souls?

Rev. 18:20-21 – men on the sea witnessed the complete destruction of the city where the Antichrist’s economy was based saying: “Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, for God has given judgement for you against her!” Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying. “So will Babylon the great city be thrown down with violence, and will be found no more;...”

This city is responsible for the death of tribulation saints. **Rev. 18:24** – “And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slain on earth.”

The souls who followed God and the teachings of Christ will be tortured and killed by the citizens of this city. Know that there is extreme violence and evil here. Why is there such hatred for Christians during this time?

This city on or near the coast is completely destroyed by God setting the stage for Chapter 19.

God will then “put an end to all evil in the world” and there will be celebration in heaven.