

## **The Demise of Babylon**

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**Text:** *Revelation 18:1-3*

### **The Great Prostitute and the Scarlett Beast (17:1-18)**

- The vision of \_\_\_\_\_ demise (17:1-6).

“The prevailing \_\_\_\_\_ system in alliance with \_\_\_\_\_ and its related authorities, as it exists in various forms throughout the ages” (Beale, *Revelation a Shorter Commentary*, p. 354).

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the vision (17-18).

### **The Ultimate Demise of Babylon (18:1-19:10)**

- The \_\_\_\_\_ response to Babylon’s destruction (18:1-3).
- Heavenly \_\_\_\_\_ for God’s people (18:4-8).
- Worldly \_\_\_\_\_ (18:9-20).
- The final demise (18:21-22).
- The righteous \_\_\_\_\_ (19:1-10).

## **Life Enrichment**

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What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- If you could be famous for one hour, for what would you like to be known? Why?
- Who is the central figure in this scene? In what sense is she influential (evil, attractive, repulsive, etc.)?
- Why do you think John portrays the sinful world system as a prostitute?
- How is it possible for God's people to be seduced by her attractive appearance and the economic and social advantages she offers those who cooperate with her?
- If ours is the most materialistic and wealthy society in human history, are these temptations even greater for us today? What does compromise with the world system look like for us?
- What aspects of the ungodly world's influence on us have the potential to numb us from reflecting on the reality of God's coming judgment?
- How can Christians protect themselves from the seductions of the ungodly world system? Which institution of our society tempt us most?
- Why do you think there are such varying responses to Babylon's demise (think kings, merchants, sea captains, and the heavenly multitude)? Why would Lamb-follower rejoice at Babylon's destruction? How might that help shape our response to the world system we live in?