

Revelation Study Guide

Chapter 18



Rev. 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. **4** 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. **5** For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. **6** 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.

The first statement lets us know that this city we are talking about has become a foul place filled with demonic spirits. As of this writing, Rome is the home of many foul things, but just imagine what Rome will be like when all of the world's religions are pulled together. The city of Rome becomes the official head of all religion everywhere under every circumstance, can you imagine what will happen? Buddhist, Hindu, Shintoism, African Animism, Satanists of every kind of will are subject to the leadership in centered in Rome. It means that all of the lying spirits that empower them will fill the city. It is already corrupt and when you are there you can feel it in the air, a spiritual opposition. If you live in a place of opposition you can feel it, I think the people of the church that I Pastor can feel that they live in a town of opposition. You can just go toward the mainland and you can feel the change. I went to both Athens and Rome, I went to Rome first, and I could literally feel something in the place, then I went to Athens and things felt lighter, different. I was on Mars Hill, while there I met another American. We struck up a conversation and he had just come from Rome. I said I just came from Rome and had the funniest feeling while there. It seemed like an oppression to me. He was also a Christian and upon hearing what I had said, he said, "Thank God, I thought it was just me." He said that you can feel it in the air. The Greek Orthodox town of Athens is a totally different place, when it comes to the way that they rule over the people, and there was a difference in the air.



This place (Rome) is going to be totally saturated with that evilness because it is the world church headquarters or world religion headquarters, it all flows from here. Now we hear a message from God, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." A Catholic would ask doesn't God want me to stay in the Catholic church? It sounds like the word of God is calling you out of it, or else you will be a partaker in her sin. You have to be careful what you are a part of, because if you are part of supporting something that really is evil, you will probably receive part of the judgment. God calls his people out of her completely, He says, "Get out of her." Then we hear another voice telling us how deliciously she has lived and how her sins have reached unto heaven and God has remembered that sin and now she is going to get what is coming to her.



Then it says "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." That communion cup is the number one item in the Catholic church, the bread and that cup are of the money and power.

Rome holds it up and says we have a monopoly on this. We are the only ones that can turn Christ into bread. You are required to eat him, this way taking him into your life, without this, your salvation isn't complete

and your not going to heaven. Hidden from the people is the fact that Christ died once on the cross, if they believed on him and they would be saved. Jesus needs never to die again. Believe on Jesus Christ and you have eternal life. The Catholic teachers have Jesus repeatedly coming back in the form of bread and dying over and over again, in order to lessen one's time in Purgatory. If you ask a faithful Catholic if they are going to heaven they die most will say nobody can know. You have to wait until the last minute to find out, you need to have last rights, you need to be buried on holy ground, you may go to purgatory. The way I understand about Christ's blood is that it atoned for the sins of the whole world and there was payment enough that even he was released from any obligation enabling him to raise from that grave to life evermore. Jesus is now sat down at the right hand of God the Father to make intercession for us. As far as paying for the work of redemption it is already done, but they have him dying again for the redeemed. The cup is of special notice to God in our text. He is going to pour her double of what she has filled her cup throughout the ages, she is going to suffer judgment.

Rev. 18:7 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.

What preachers like myself have been saying is that the Roman Catholic religion is not truly a Christian religion but is basically associated to Nimrod and the Babylonian religion. The representation of Mary, the queen of heaven in the Catholic church is not the Biblical Mary, it is rather Semiramis, the Babylonian religion's queen. But Rome will respond to the charge by claiming that the Catholic church is the queen of heaven. They will insist that the Catholic church is the true and only church.



Rev. 18:8 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. **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.

She is to receive her judgment in one hour. In one hour she is totally destroyed. The modern weapons of the world are capable of destroying an entire city in an hour. This would not have been possible until the nuclear age. Those who sold their merchandise to Rome weep as they watch the ancient city burn.

Notice that last thing on the list of what Rome has lost is the "Souls of men." Rome has literally owned souls of men.

Rev. 18:14 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.

This is very simple to figure out what we have seen here. God pours out His judgment on this woman, Mystery Babylon, the Roman Catholic system. It is now the center of all the worlds' religions. The ten kings are going to hate her, not all of the kings of the world hate her. The reason the ten kings hate her is because they want a one world government where the Antichrist is God. They, the Ten Kings will destroy Rome to allow them to go and rape every cathedral, rape every church, take every clergyman that will not cooperate and rid them of him. The world is only going to have one religion and the worship of the Antichrist is everything. Now only one temple is needed. There is just one holy city now, and it will be Jerusalem. They will nationalize every asset that Roman Catholic church has and convert it all for the purpose of worshiping the Antichrist.

I think that they drop a big Nuclear bomb on Rome and everybody is afraid to even go around her now, because she is radioactive. One of the things that we heard about her was this is the city where the blood of the prophets and apostles are at. As I told you before a lot of good commentaries will tell you that Chapter 17 is Mystery Babylon the religion, but then they go to Chapter 18 and say that the Babylon covered here is the commercially rebuilt city in Iraq. We are also told that this would be the Antichrist's headquarters and financial center of the world. If that were true then you would have two different subjects going here. I do not think this is right. Here is what I think, Chapter 17 just introduces the woman and her relationship to the ten kings, then in Chapter 18 we see the woman's actual destruction. Notice the language is the same in Chapter 17 and 18, this is a worship system, people are told to come out of it. A golden cup is in the hand of the woman. These things are also found, fornication with kings, weddings, the blood of the apostles and prophets, it is the same woman in both chapters. Further information to be considered, look at the first few verses of Chapter 19. There will be a shout in heaven when Mystery Babylon is destroyed. Are they talking about a commercially built city or are they talking about the spiritual city Mystery Babylon?



Only one Babylon is the inspiration for the shouting. The commercially built Babylon in Iraq is just a tourist trap and a mad man's dream. This is just one subject from the beginning of Chapter 17 all the way to these verses in Chapter 19.

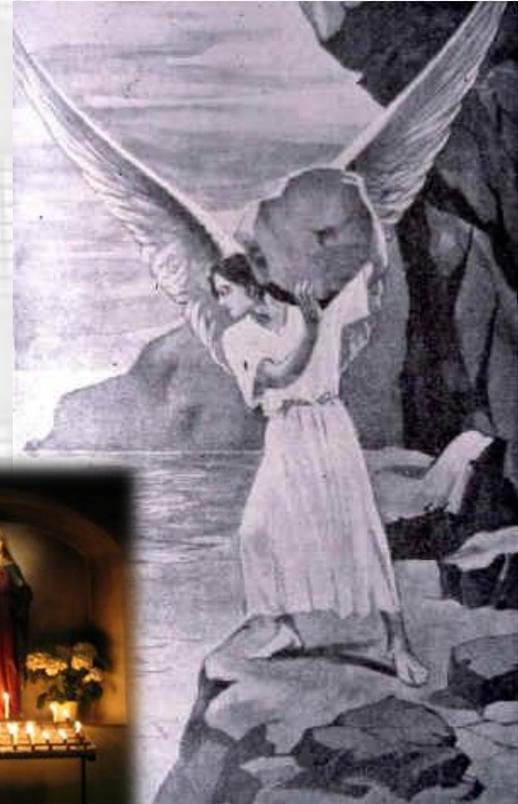


This is Rome and there the blood of apostles and prophets can be found. An angel throws the millstone into the water. Why the millstone? The Roman Catholic religious system, the cloaked Babylonian worship system has been like a millstone hanging around the neck of all humanity. Let me give you an example, anywhere that England came, she allowed Protestantism to flourish. Look at the standard of living, the economy and the station of people who have been influenced by the Protestant work ethic. Now look at wherever Portugal, Spain, and France went with Catholicism and see their standard of living and the condition of the people. Would you rather live in Haiti or America? Mexico or the United States? Live in Brazil or Canada? It isn't that we are all better people, it is that the protestant faith allowed you to become something, even if you were not a Christian, the work ethic, freedom, and democracy allowed a person to have a

higher standard of living. The countries that have had the Catholic religious system have often been in league with terrible dictators, who have made slaves out of the people. Did you know that Mexico couldn't win their freedom until they banned Catholicism from Mexican politics?



Catholicism has been a millstone but it is about to be cast into the sea. And God says there aren't going to be any more candles in you.



If you ever go to Rome, the one thing that you are going to see a lot of is candles. Church upon church, cathedral upon cathedral, everywhere you look, you will see candles lit up before Mary. Do you know why they do that?



Semiramis and along the other fertility goddesses were the goddesses of fire, and when you lit a candle with your prayer, your prayer would get answered. Now all of that has been put onto Mary. Mary can't answer prayers. Candles are a money making thing. One of the things that I saw in Rome that caught interest was a modernized church with electric candles. You put a quarter in and the candle lights up and if it burns out before your prayer is answered you put another quarter in. It is an awful thought that you might have been able to pray through but you ran out of quarters. God says I am not going to have this anymore. There will be no more bride and bridegrooms there. The kings of the world are weeping, crying and moaning, only the Ten Kings are pleased with her destruction.

Why is everybody moaning over the loss of Rome? Rome is nothing but one great museum, you can go into one church and the whole wall is painted by Raphael, there are fountains and statues by Bernini. And the Sistine Chapel was painted by Michael Angelo, and all of the old history and glory of Rome, the Roman ruins, the Coliseum, it is all obliterated in a single day. We have seen here relationship with the ten kings and the Antichrist and what is going to happen to her. Which brings us to Chapter 19.

