



The  
**Revelation**  
of **Jesus Christ**

**23. The destruction of Babylon**



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Do you  
believe this?

Behold, I am coming soon.  
Blessed is the one who **keeps**  
the words of the prophecy of this book.

(Revelation 22:7)

# Concerning the world...

From the parable of the sower...

Others are the ones sown among thorns.

They are those who hear the word, but

- **the cares of the world**
- **the deceitfulness of riches**
- **the desires for other things**

enter in and choke the word,  
and **it proves unfruitful.**

(Mark 4:18-19)



## Concerning the world...

**Do not love the world** or the things in the world...

For all that is in the world—

- **the desires of the flesh**
- **the desires of the eyes**
- **the pride of life**

—is not from the Father but is from the world.

And **the world is passing away...**

(1 John 2:15-17)



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*Whoever wishes to be **a friend of the world**  
makes himself **an enemy of God.***

(James 4:4)



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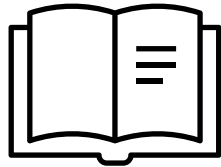
*A friend of the world = an enemy of God.*

That's a bit  
extreme,  
isn't it?



*apokalypsis* = disclosure,  
manifestation, unveiling

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ...



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Antichrist

...and I saw a woman sitting on a **scarlet beast**...

The woman was arrayed in **purple** and **scarlet**,  
and **adorned with gold** and **jewels** and **pearls**,  
holding in her hand **a golden cup full of abominations**  
and the impurities of her sexual immorality.

Idolatry

And on her forehead was written a name of mystery:

***Babylon the great,  
mother of prostitutes  
and of earth's abominations.***

Great persecution

And I saw the woman, **drunk** with the **blood of the saints**,  
the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.

(Revelation 17:3-6)





# Why did you marvel?

(Revelation 17:7)

Or hills

- The seven heads [of the beast] are **seven mountains** on which the woman is seated...
- The waters that you saw, where the prostitute is seated, are **peoples** and **multitudes** and **nations** and **languages**.
- And the woman that you saw is **the great city** that has **dominion** over the kings of the earth.

Rome

(See Revelation 17:7-18)



# What is the woman? What is Babylon?

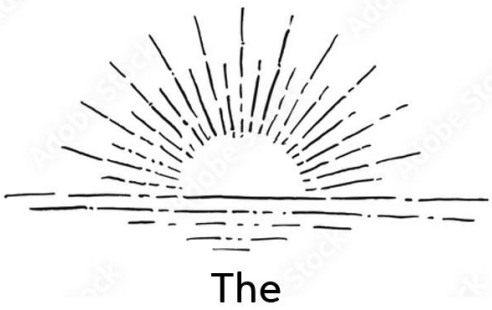
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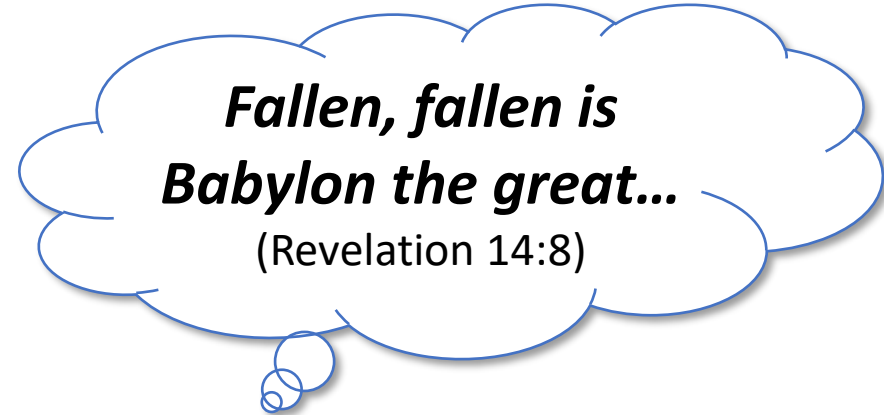
## **Revelation - Chapter 18**

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Another angel ... having great authority ...  
And he called out with a mighty voice,



Isaiah 13:21

**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.

(See Revelation 18:1-2)

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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.

(Revelation 18:3)



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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 at all...***

(Revelation 18:21)

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*The sound of harpists and musicians,  
of flute players and trumpeters,  
will be heard in you **no more at all**,  
and a craftsman of any craft  
will be found in you **no more at all**,  
and the sound of the mill  
will be heard in you **no more at all**,  
and the light of a lamp  
will shine in you **no more at all**,  
and the voice of bridegroom and bride  
will be heard in you **no more at all...***

(Revelation 18:22-23)

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*...for your **merchants**  
were the great ones of the earth,  
and **all nations were deceived** by your sorcery.*

And in her was found  
the **blood** of **prophets** and of **saints**,  
and of all who have been slain on earth.

(Revelation 18:23-24)



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And **the kings of the earth**,  
who committed sexual immorality  
and lived in luxury with her,  
will **weep and wail** over her  
when they see the smoke of her burning.

They will stand far off, in fear of her torment,  
saying,

*“Alas! Alas! You great city,  
you mighty city, Babylon!*

***For in one hour your judgment has come.”***

(Revelation 18:9-10)

The ten horns ... and the  
beast will hate the prostitute.  
They will make her desolate  
and naked, and devour her  
flesh and **burn her with fire...**  
(Revelation 17:16)

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And **the merchants of the earth**  
weep and mourn for her,  
since **no one buys their cargo anymore**,  
cargo of gold, silver, jewels, pearls, ...

... cattle and sheep, horses and chariots,  
and **slaves**, that is, **human souls**.

“The fruit for which your soul longed  
has gone from you,  
and all your delicacies and your splendors  
are lost to you, **never to be found again!**”

(Revelation 18:11-14)

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Every **shipmaster**, all who travel by ship, **sailors**, and as many as **trade on the sea**, stood at a distance and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying,

*“What is like this great city?”*

They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying,

*“Alas, alas, that great city,  
in which all who had ships on the sea  
became rich by her wealth!*

***For in one hour she is made desolate.”***

(Revelation 18:17-19)

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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.*

(Revelation 18:4-5)



Revelation  
16:19

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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 no widow,  
and mourning I shall never see.*


(Revelation 18:6-7)

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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.

(Revelation 18:8)



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Revelation 19:1-4

**Rejoice over her, O heaven,**  
and you saints and apostles and prophets,  
for God has given judgment for you against her!

(Revelation 18:20)

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*our Lord and Saviour!*



# The danger...

Brethren, join in imitating me...

For many, of whom I have often told you  
and now tell you even with tears,

**walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.**

Their end is destruction,  
their god is their belly,  
and they glory in their shame,  
**with minds set on earthly things.**

**Can you see  
Babylon here?**

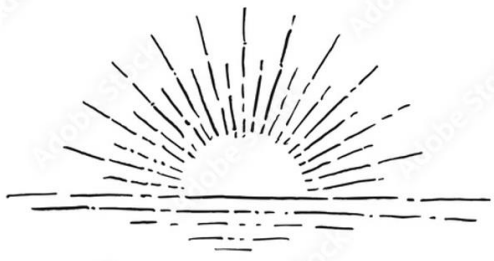
**But our citizenship is in heaven**, and from it  
we await a Saviour, **the Lord Jesus Christ...**

(Philippians 3:17-20)

Therefore...

# My checklist to encourage spiritual growth

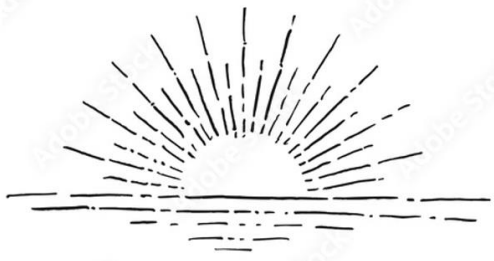
- ✓ **I make time to learn** from my Lord and to gain wisdom so that I may be equipped to be His witness in my life.
- ✓ **I welcome the Holy Spirit to convict me** of whatever displeases Him in my words, thoughts and deeds.
- ✓ **I look to my Shepherd for grace and wisdom** to resist all that can seduce me to follow the ways of the world.
- ✓ **I practice self-discipline** so that I will not be controlled by addictions, bad habits, laziness, gluttony or selfishness.
- ✓ **I don't follow fashion or the world's fads** thoughtlessly, knowing that the spirit of the world is not of God.
- ✓ **I work honestly and generously**, as unto the Lord, not seeking selfish gain or advantage, nor to become rich.
- ✓ **I keep a watch on my speech**, so that I may say nothing that might dishonour the Lord Jesus or stumble someone.



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**Do not be conformed  
to this world,  
but be transformed**  
by the renewal of your mind...

(Romans 12:2)