

GOD JUDGES BABYLON

Revelation 17:1-18:24

Key Verse: 18:20

1. Who does the great prostitute represent and what is her destiny (17:1,5,18)? What is her crime (2)? How is she described (3-5)? Why was John greatly astonished (6)?
2. How did the angel explain the meaning of the woman and the beast (7-8)? Who does the beast represent, and what is its destiny? What are the seven heads and ten horns (9-12)? What is essential in understanding this revelation (9a; 13:18)?
3. What conflict arises, who wins, and why is the Lamb triumphant (13-14)? Who shares in his triumph? Who do the waters represent (15)? What finally happens to the prostitute (16-18)? How has God been accomplishing his purpose?
4. What will happen to Babylon and why (18:1-3)? In the time of judgment against Babylon, what should God's people do (4)? Who judges Babylon and why (5-8)?
5. What repeated words can you find in verses 9-19? How do earthly powers respond to the fall of Babylon? In contrast, how should God's people respond (20)? How did the mighty angel demonstrate Babylon's final doom (21-24)?
6. What are the nature and characteristics of Babylon, and how can it be identified in history and in our times? What do you learn about God who judges Babylon?