

Revelation 17:1-18

The Words of God are Fulfilled

Vs 1-6 God gives John insight as to why God is giving judgement to the great prostitute.

Many people believe this great prostitute was Babylon. The Babylonians were greedy, pursued money, and there was sexual sin.

Babylon had to fall. It is believed that Rev 16:18-19 and the 7th bowl was talking about her fall.

The city appears as a woman who was a prostitute.

This chapter explains about the woman and the beast. We will see why she falls

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Babylon was both powerful and luxurious. It was full of greed, money, and sin. Specifically sexual sin.

Babylon was a place where there was persecution of Christians and martyrdom of Christians.

Some say the beast on which Babylon sits is the antichrist.

Leviticus 20:10 Punishments for Sexual Immorality

If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

Romans 13:13-14 *Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.*

1 Corinthians 5:11 *But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one.*

If someone continues in unrepentant sexual sin and does not care, it seems that this person might not be saved. God tells us that with this unrepentant sin we must encourage our church family members to repent and turn to Jesus. They must leave their sin and turn to Jesus.

1 Corinthians 6:13 *Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.*

1 Corinthians 6:18 *Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.*

1 Corinthians 7:2 *But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband.*

1 Corinthians 10:8 *We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.*

2 Corinthians 12:21 *I fear that when I come again my God may humble me before you, and I may have to mourn over many of those who sinned earlier and have not repented of the impurity, sexual immorality, and sensuality that they have practiced.*

Galatians 5:19 *Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,*

Ephesians 5:3 *But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints.*

Colossians 3:5 *Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.*

1 Thessalonians 4:3 *For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, 5 not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; 6 that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. 7 For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. 8 Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.*

This chapter alludes to people who are following the beast and sin, which leads to their fall. God would bring them down.

As Christians, we must read this and consider that we are to keep God first. We are to endure until we die or Christ comes back. We do not need to follow money, the world, or sexual sin. We need to stay faithful to Christ.

Vs 7-14 It is easy for us to see something that looks impressive and we can marvel. We can want something amazing. But.... God is showing us that we must resist temptation and keep our eyes on Him. He is all that satisfies.

There is allure to sin, but all of these people are bound for hell. They worship the world and things of the world instead of worshipping and following Jesus!

There are seven heads and seven kings. It could mean these are kingdoms that fall.

The beast could be the antichrist. Some say one kingdom could be the Roman kingdom.

The kings might reign for a short time, but that is only for a short season when the beast rises up. These kings will think they are on top, but they have sold themselves to satan and will lose their kingdom and perish.

As Christians, we are called to remain faithful. We should not be led astray by power, control, money, or lust. We need to stay focused on Jesus because He will come back and He will win!

- Are you faithful to Christ right now?
- Are you led away from Christ because of pride, power, money, or lust?

Vs 15-18 Many kingdoms, countries, or people will fall because they do not stay faithful to God.

The prostitute and beast will fall apart. That alliance will not last. It is alluring, but it will end in ruin.

Babylon, kingdoms, and people who do not follow Christ will fall. We must not sell out! Stay faithful.