

REVELATION CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

Now as we prayerfully consider the eighteenth chapter of Revelation, let's take the first five verses and compare them with Revelation chapter 10. As we do this, we can see clearly how Revelation 10 deals with the living element of the Bride saints, but Revelation 18 deals with the Jews and the tribulation saints that are called out by the 144,000 Jewish ministers as they preach the Everlasting Gospel to the world. Their gospel will keep many precious souls from bowing down to the beast and his image.

The message of the 144,000 warns the world in general not to bow to this devilish church system. Their message will also help the people to qualify to enter into the millennial reign as a mortal people to repopulate the earth during that time by keeping them from taking the mark of the beast, or worshipping his image.

As Revelation chapter 10 here shows the mighty anointing of Christ on the Bride, the first verse of Revelation chapter 18 shows the mighty anointing of God on the 144,000 Jews, to make a way for their ministry in that dark hour.

Verse 1: *"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with His glory."*

Now let's compare Revelation chapter 10, verse one, with Revelation chapter 18, verse one. Both the tenth and the eighteenth chapters show an angel coming down from heaven. Revelation 10:1 shows Him as *"a mighty angel."* Revelation 18:1 shows Him as an angel, *"having great power."* Revelation 10:1 says, *"His face was as it were the sun."* Revelation 18:1 says, *"The earth was lightened with His glory."* It's the same angel in both chapters. It's the anointing on the Word, or Christ in an angelic form, to vindicate the ministry of the Bride and to vindicate the ministry of the 144,000 Jewish ministers respectively. Although the ministry to the Bride and the 144,000 Jewish ministry are more than 3 ½ years apart, Christ anoints both ministries to do their jobs. Revelation 18 lets the "still sleeping saints" know that Babylon has become the habitation of devils. There is one more comparison I want to make here between Revelation 10:1, which is **"His face as the Sun"** and Revelation 18:1, which is **"the earth was lightened with His glory."** Revelation 10:1 is for the revealed Bride, while Revelation 18:1 is for the natural people of the earth. It's the message of the 144,000, as is made clear in this chapter.

Now let's continue with Revelation 18, which takes place after Revelation 10 and is the ministry of the 144,000 which will warn the world not to bow down to the beastly system and will wake up the born again Christians that are still in the church systems.

Verse 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."*

Verse 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.”*

Notice this says, for all nations **have drunk**, meaning they’ve already drunk. This signifies the time just before Babylon is to be judged.

Verse 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.”*

Verse 5: *“For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.”*

The voice, *“as when a lion roareth,”* in Revelation 10 is a spiritual revelation to the Bride that Christ is no longer dealing in that realm of denominational Christianity. Notice the resemblance of what’s said about false religion in both the tenth and the eighteenth chapters.

This angel that cried mightily, saying, *“Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils,”* **has exactly the same affect as the roaring of the lion in Revelation 10:3, but to a different people.** At the time this angel of Revelation 18 comes down, the whole church system is ripe for the judgment of God.

Verse 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.”*

God begins to give a specific commandment to *“Reward her as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works.”* The 144,000 Jewish ministers will have the power of the Word to bring judgment against Babylon. This shows a message that will condemn Babylon. We can preach against Babylon all we want to and it will only help the Bride. There are a few people that hear it and come out.

I can tell you what Roman Catholicism is, I can show you the history, and show you how rotten she was in the Dark Age, and show you how many she’s put to death; but the Roman Church will go on and prosper. I can show you all these Protestant organizations, show you where they’re off the Word, and preach against them; but they’ll go right on. Why? Because the Voice is only to the Bride now. *“Come out of her, my people. Get away from her.”* But there’s coming a day after the Bride leaves this earth when God is going to have a voice against Babylon that’s going to be effective.

Here, in verse 6, God begins to give the command to reward her and to pronounce judgment against Babylon. The 144,000, according to Revelation 14, will preach the Everlasting Gospel and will condemn Babylon. They’ll preach and tell the world exactly what Babylon is. They’ll tell the world exactly what the Protestant daughters are. **When they get through, they will have preached and revealed to the world what this harlot system is.**

Verse 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.”*

That's what she's saying today. She feels very secure, but God has got judgment waiting for her. There's going to be a voice against her. That's the voice of the 144,000. The Jews will show the world what she is. The Gospel will return back to Israel according to the 15th chapter of Acts, Romans the 11th chapter and too many scriptures in the Old Testament to include here, but Zechariah, chapter 12:10-11 and chapter 13:1 will suffice. That's why they're in their homeland today. They're waiting for the two prophets to come and reveal to them who the Messiah is. The fourteenth chapter of Revelation said, "They weren't defiled with women." Do you know what these women are? The Catholic Church and all these Protestant denominations. They go over and try to convert the Jews to a Trinitarian belief, but thank God the Jews won't receive them. They've got better sense than that. They know that God said, "*Hear, O Israel, the Lord thy God is one God.*" That one God was manifested in human flesh, through His Son Jesus Christ.

Verse 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.*"

In the seventeenth chapter of this book, we showed you how the ten horns would judge and burn the Roman system. The last verse of the seventeenth chapter talks about the city. It says, "*And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.*"

There's two cities mentioned in the Book of Revelation. One of them is Babylon, which is what we're talking about here. **It's a church system.** It's the Roman whore and all of her harlot daughters. There's another city in the twenty-first and twenty-second chapters of Revelation, and it is the True Church. **Both cities are churches.** One of them is going to receive the anointing of God, but the other is going to be judged and burnt with fire. Which one are you in? Good question, isn't it?

What is a city for? In the Old Testament when cities first began to be built, they were places of refuge to go and find security from the enemy. The bigger the city was, the more people looked to that city for protection and for security. That's in the natural realm, but we're speaking here about a spiritual city.

People said in the Old Testament that Babylon was an impregnable city, that if you came into it you'd be secure. That's what they say about the Roman Catholic Church. "It's a big city. It's a big church. Come in and find security for your soul." But God said that it's going to fall. In one hour it's going to fall. God spoke the word of judgment against Babylon, the natural city, through the prophet Jeremiah; she fell and she'll never rise again.

Every false religion and every occult that has ever been on the face of the earth, the spirit of it was in natural Babylon. You can find in history where many of them even committed fornication in their worship services. That was in the natural. It's in the spiritual now. People commit fornication with the spirit of the antichrist. They're guilty of fornication, as you'll find out by reading this Word

of God, and is high-lighted in this book.

Let's go to Jeremiah 51. I want to show you just a little about this natural city and the destruction of it. Then I want to get back and show you the spiritual city, Babylon, as it's recorded in the Book of Revelation. Jeremiah 50 and 51 deal with the natural city of Babylon. You'll be surprised how much it resembles the spiritual city of Babylon. Here we find the story of how the city fell.

Listen to the Word. Jeremiah 51:6--*"Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the Lord's vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence."*

Those in Babylon said it was an impregnable city and could not be taken. They said it could not be destroyed and would stand forever, but the Word of God came through Jeremiah the prophet and he spoke the word of judgment against the city of Babylon and it fell.

What was said about the spiritual city? *"Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins."* Jeremiah stood up and prophesied against Babylon. Can you imagine how they laughed at that prophet? The city was miles around; the walls were unbelievably high and very, very thick, and they had a great army. But this prophet stood up and said, "Get out of Babylon; everyone that wants to be delivered, get out of Babylon." God's Word came and she fell. She lays in ruins today and she'll never be rebuilt.

Jeremiah 51:7-8--*"Babylon hath been a golden cup in the Lord's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad. Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed."*

Remember that God said He gave her (spiritual Babylon) a chance to repent. (Revelation 2:21) Here, God said to take balm for her that she may be healed, but there was no healing in her. There is no healing for spiritual Babylon. The Roman Catholic Church goes on in her own ways. She has murdered and killed and hasn't repented until this day. Neither did this natural Babylon repent. Jeremiah 51:9--*"We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country: for her judgment reacheth unto heaven and is lifted up even to the skies."*

Jeremiah spoke the Word of God, but they would not hear it. **Church, people of the world, hear my voice, "Forsake Babylon!"** Forsake this spiritual Babylon! People say that there is no way to take this great city. It looks like it is impossible to take this city or to destroy it. Souls run in it to find safety, only to be destroyed.

The Book of Hebrews tells about a city that you can flee into to find refuge for your souls. A city is a place to find refuge. There is a city where there is refuge. What is that city? It's the city of New Jerusalem that comes down from God out of heaven. There is refuge there; but Babylon is going to fall. Jeremiah 51:10--*"The Lord hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the Lord our God."* That's what we're doing, declaring the work of the

Lord. Jeremiah 51:11--*"Make bright the arrows; gather the shields: the Lord hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for His device is against Babylon, to destroy it; because it is the vengeance of the Lord, the vengeance of His temple."*

Jeremiah 51:63-64--*"And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, that thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates: And thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her; and they shall be weary. Thus far are the words of Jeremiah."*

As we pick up Revelation, chapter 18 again, you'll see an angel pick up a stone and throw it into the sea and say, *"with violence shall Babylon be destroyed."* That's speaking of the spiritual city of Babylon in Revelation.

Whose vengeance is it to destroy Babylon? It's the Lord's. How did He destroy Babylon? We read that God would stir up the spirit of the Medes to bring vengeance against Babylon. This great city of Babylon had a river that ran around the walls and through the middle. It seemed impossible for the armies to take it. They said it was an impregnable city, a city that cannot fall.

That's what they say about the Roman church today. They say it's a church that will never fall. It has existed for hundreds of years, but God's Word is being spoken against it. Wait until the 144,000 speak the word of judgment against it. She will fall; it will come down.

Notice that Belshazzar, king of Babylon, (in the Book of Daniel), was throwing a party for his captains of the army, the princes, etc. There came a handwriting on the wall: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. Daniel came and interpreted it. It said, *"Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. This night thy kingdom shall be taken from thee and given to other people."* At the very same hour that Belshazzar was throwing his party and the handwriting was on the wall, the Medes and Persians were digging canals so the river could run into an old dry lake-bed, to lower the river, so the armies of the Medes and Persians could march under the wall of Babylon, and that night Belshazzar was found dead with a knife in his back. Natural Babylon fell and so will spiritual Babylon.

History proves God's Word will come to pass. They said the city couldn't be taken, but the Word of God said, *"Babylon will fall."* What did He do? He stirred up the spirit of the Medes and said, *"Go take Babylon."*

The seventeenth chapter of Revelation, verses 16-18 says, that the ten horns hated Babylon (the whore), and God put it in their hearts to burn her with fire. The same thing that happened to Babylon in the Old Testament as a natural city, happens to the spiritual Babylon in the New Testament. **This church system will fall. It will be burnt with fire. Catholicism will come to an end.** Babylon will fall. Did it fall in the Old Testament? Many nations and cities joined to it for safety. Why? Babylon had the wealth, the commerce, and the money. It seems everything man needed was in Babylon natural, but God wasn't in it, neither is He in spiritual Babylon.

Let's deal with spiritual Babylon in this eighteenth chapter of Revelation. When the pope makes a covenant with many nations, it will look like everything

anybody would ever need would be found in this Babylonian system. It will take control of practically all the gold in the world, the military system, the monetary system, etc. There will be a one world military system and a one world monetary system. (I'm speaking of the prophetic world. This doesn't include the Far East.)

The world will wonder after that beast (Revelation 13:3) whose deadly wound was healed. As this Roman system comes back into power in this last day, the world will say that thing is God and that it's the greatest thing that's ever been. They will run into Babylon to find safety for their souls, but the Word of God is spoken against it.

At the same time the Roman Catholic Church is ruling Europe, there is a communistic spirit building up in those same ten nations. Communism (the European brand) will rise up and destroy Rome just as God has said. It will happen; the Word cannot fail.

Verse 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,"*

Verse 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."*

The kings that bewail her are not the ten European kings that hate the whore, and burn her with fire. (Revelation 17:16) This is the kings that are still deceived at this time. The ten communistic kings rejoice when they burn her. *"Standing afar off"* means the kings who have committed fornication with her in parts of the world other than these ten horns of Europe. At this time Babylon will be destroyed. It's going to come down; it's going to fall in the last part of the 70th week of Daniel, just before the King of kings and Lord of lords comes back to earth.

Verse 11: *"And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:"*

In the sixth chapter of this book, we studied about the antichrist spirit. There was a voice that cried out, *"A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine."* What are the merchants? It's both spiritual and natural. **The merchants that are peddling this Roman Catholic religion are the robed priests, as they go from country to country peddling the false doctrine.** They sell communion; they make a mass out of it. Everything is for monetary gain in that system.

Not only that, in these last days, the Roman Catholic Church has become one of the biggest financial institutions in the whole world. She's worth billions of dollars in stocks, bonds, companies, etc.

When she was in power in the Dark Age, she could call a strike and every Roman Catholic would obey. She's getting back into that place again, and as she is restored she'll cause humanity, both small and great, to take a mark. She'll have the means to pull the strings; and the image of the beast will be right in

there with it.

Do you see this Roman Church now? Do you see how she has control of the money and everything? But God's Word is spoken against her and she will fall.

Verse 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,"*

She's involved in much commerce. Some of this represents the spiritual things. The scarlet, purple, and precious stones are exactly how the woman was decked out. Not only is she involved in the business of the world, but she's selling her false doctrine to the world.

Verse 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 sells the souls of men. Many people have sold their life out to the Roman system, only to wake up and find out that they're lost. The priests say their prayers, and try to pray people out of "purgatory." There is no such place. The souls of men are slaves to that system. She's a whore. That's what the Bible says, and the daughters are harlots. It's this religious system.

Most of the rest of this chapter is self-explanatory and shows the commerce the Catholic Church is involved in, in the last hour as we have already explained prior to the reading of the remaining verses; which shows the shock of the carnal people at what has happened.

Verse 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."*

This church is falling. All organized religion will come to an end with the fall of the Vatican City.

Verse 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,"*

Verse 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!"*

Verse 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,"*

Verse 18: *"And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!"*

Verse 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."*

Verse 20: *"Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her."*

Heaven rejoices to know that this city that has killed and put to death millions will come to naught.

Verse 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.”*

What did we read about the natural city of Babylon? Jeremiah took a scroll, tied a rock to it, and threw it into the river, and said, *“With violence shall Babylon be thrown down and will be found no more.”* Was natural Babylon destroyed? Yes, it was. And spiritual Babylon will be destroyed; and this stone thrown into the sea is a symbol of what God will do. In the sixteenth chapter of Revelation, verses 17-18, the Word of God speaks of a great earthquake that takes place when God is finished with His judgment of this worldly system.

Verse 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 millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;”*

Verse 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.”*

This says that *“The light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee,”* meaning that it will be all darkness. *“And the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee.”* To sum it up, it's finished, it's judgment time. The last part of this verse says, *“For thy merchants were the great men of the earth.”* They are the robed priests that sell the false doctrine of this city that's decked with pearls, jewels, etc. The Roman Catholic Church beautifies herself for the last days. She is beautifying her gates today. **She is calling to all her wayward daughters to come on home. That's what the great ecumenical council was about. It's to call the daughters back to mother Rome.** She's beautifying her gates. She's saying there's safety in it..., so come back daughters!

Also, Roman Catholicism claims to be a bulwark against communism. She has lost every battle she's ever fought with communism. That's what the Viet Nam war was all about.

South Viet Nam was the only little stronghold of Catholicism in the Far East, but now it's under the hammer and sickle to fulfill God's Word. What happened? Communism came in and routed out Catholicism, Buddhism, and everything else; because it's prophesied that all the Far East will go under the hammer and sickle, as the kings of the East prepare for the battle of Armageddon.

But Roman Catholicism is beautifying her gates and saying, *“Come on and join up. Let's unite together and be a bulwark against communism.”* But she has lost every battle that she's fought with communism.

The rest of verse 23 says, *“For by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.”* Roman Catholicism has deceived most of the Western World by her sorcery, by her trickery, by her hocus-pocus, by her claim of praying them out of purgatory, by building her schools, by her false doctrine, and by her teaching.

Verse 24: *“And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that*

were slain upon the earth."

Do you see why I'm against Catholicism? Do you see why I'm against her protestant daughters? **The same spirit that murdered those saints back there is still on the people, and they're ready to put to death those that stand for the Word in this hour.**

Jeremiah, the prophet, said that Babylon was going to fall and for the people to come out of her and deliver themselves. That was the natural city. Did it fall? Was it destroyed? Yes. We showed in the fourteenth chapter a verse that said, *"Babylon is fallen is fallen."* That's spiritual Babylon.

This is the 144,000 Jewish preachers preaching against Babylon. We'll show you the Gospel they preach in this atheistic age that we are living in. Revelation 14:6-8--*"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."* Do you see what the message will be? Babylon is fallen. There are 144,000 that will call judgment against Babylon. It will be destroyed. It will fall. When it falls, that will officially do away with organized religion. **When Babylon falls, the Protestant daughters are going to go down with her. Amen.**