

The Final Destruction Of BABYLON

Revelation 18:1-8

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modifying the biblical text underlined with dots. The abbreviation "NIV84" stands for the NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION
of the Holy Bible published in 1984. You can find this passage in your Pew Bible on page 1203.

IMPORTANT SUMMARY STATEMENTS

1. Revelation 17 and 18 reveals two God-defiant systems:
 - A God-defiant, "works based" religious system
 - A God-defiant, political system (that's economically driven)
2. These "God-defiant" systems have their roots in the City of Babylon.
3. The Antichrist will set up a "religious capital" in Jerusalem (remember, the Antichrist will claim to be God and set up an image of himself in the Jewish temple) and, halfway through the Tribulation, a "political/ economic capital" is set up in a *rebuilt* Babylon.
4. Saddam Hussein, while in power, spent more than a billion dollars in oil money attempting to rebuild the City of Babylon—essentially as a monument to himself. (The UN-ESCO is pouring millions of dollars into the rebuilding of Babylon now.)
5. Here's what I want us to develop while studying the book of Revelation: (A) **A Sense of Urgency** about the Gospel of Jesus Christ [We need "Every Hand on a Plow"]; (B) **A Sense of Sinfulness** in each of our lives; and (C) **A Sense of Longing** for the Lord to return to the Earth.

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1. The _____ of Babylon.

Revelation 18:1–2, NIV84 - ¹ After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor. ² With a mighty voice he shouted: "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great! [a prophetic aorist phrase, announcing a future event as something that has already taken place—it denotes CERTAINTY!] She has become a home for demons and a haunt [lit., a hideout] for every evil spirit, a haunt for every unclean and detestable bird [a pejorative use of "bird"—an insult].

2. The _____ of Babylon.

Revelation 18:3, NIV84 - ³ For all the nations have drunk the maddening wine of her adulteries. The kings of the earth committed adultery with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries."

"Let the world pass, lest you pass away with the world."
- Augustine

3. The _____ of Babylon.

Revelation 18:4–8, NIV84 - ⁴ Then I heard another voice from heaven say: "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues; ⁵ for her sins are piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes. ⁶ Give back to her as she has given; pay her back double for what she has done. Mix her a double portion from her own cup. ⁷ Give her as much torture and grief as the glory and luxury she gave herself. In her heart she boasts, 'I sit as queen; I am not a widow, and I will never mourn.' ⁸ Therefore in one day her plagues will overtake her: death, mourning and famine. She will be consumed by fire, for mighty is the Lord God who judges her.

A Simple Observation:

The Selfish World longs for "Stuff" ("She [Antichrist] glorified herself" v. 7 ESV)

The Suffering Church longs for "Jesus" ("Come out from her, my people" v. 4)

Answers to "THE FINAL DESTRUCTION OF BABYLON" Sermon

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1. Spirit
2. Seduction
3. Sentence