

THE COLLAPSE OF POLITICAL BABYLON

Rev. 18:1-24

Study #38

Introduction: This is the destruction of Babylon, the great capitol of the antichrist. Whether it is an actual city or whether it represents all the systems of the world, the fact is that God is going to destroy it Himself. Most likely Babylon will be an actual city where the capitol of the world government is located.

A great angel with great authority and power with enough glory to light up the entire world will make the announcement of the immediate destruction of Babylon.

I. FIVE REASONS BABYLON WILL BE DESTROYED

1. Babylon will be destroyed because of leading the world into spiritual corruption.
2. Babylon will be destroyed because it led the world powers into spiritual fornication.
(to reject God and turn to other gods)
3. Babylon will be destroyed because it led the world into secularism, that is, a society that offers comfort, health, education, possessions, pleasures, recreation, culture and art all the while denying and rejecting God. Live for the day don't think of tomorrow.
4. Babylon will be destroyed because it led the world in persecuting God's people.
-The government will launch the worst holocaust in the world and literally millions will be persecuted and killed in the most inhuman ways.
5. Babylon will be destroyed because of self-glory, pride, selfish extravagance, and indulgence. It will lead the world to glory in wealth, science, technology and human effort and to ignore, reject and deny God.

II. BABYLON WILL BE DESTROYED IN A SINGLE DAY

1. Immediate and instantaneous total destruction will occur.
2. Destruction will come by a plague of some sort eradicating ALL population and an explosion of fire, like unto Sodom and Gomorrah, destroying the buildings.

III. THE EFFECT OF BABYLON'S DESTRUCTION

1. The world governments and leaders will mourn for they have been allies to Babylon.
2. The entire business people of the world will be devastated because their businesses depended upon Babylon. Bankruptcy will occur immediately and world wide.
3. Commerce all over the world will be brought to a halt as Babylon was the center of world trade. All business all over the world will collapse.
4. There will be REJOICING by the heavenly host for finally:
 - the ungodliness and evil of this world are being conquered.
 - righteousness is soon to be established among all people.
 - Jesus Christ is soon to come and set up His Kingdom on earth.
 - there will be no more rejection and rebellion allowed by God.
 - God will be worshipped and served by ALL people on earth.
 - all of God's people who suffered abuse and persecution will be vindicated.

IV. THERE WILL BE AN ACTUAL DESTRUCTION OF BABYLON

1. The destruction is violent. Picture an angel picking up Babylon as a large millstone and casting it into the sea...the speed of his throw; the violent impact as it hits the water; the immediate disappearance of the millstone; the waves that begin to rush out from the impact in all directions.
2. The destruction will be total. As the millstone immediately disappears beneath the waters, so will the disappearance of Babylon be and it will be no more.

CONCLUSION

God will judge any nation, government, society , or people for the same sins Babylon will be destroyed for:

- pride and arrogance
- sorcery and spiritual corruption
- deception
- persecution of believers
- misuse of wealth: selfish living in luxury, indulgence, and extravagance
- corruption of people