

Questions on Revelation chapter 18

1. What would indicate the greatness of the angel and his mission? Verse 1.
2. How is Babylon (a.k.a. Rome) different from the holy city? Verse 2. (See Revelation 21:27)
3. How did the kings of the earth commit fornication and the merchants of the earth wax rich with Babylon (a.k.a. Rome)? Verse 3.
4. Do you think the angel called for a physical departure from Rome or was his exhortation for a complete separation of the Christian from the sins of the world? Verse 4.
5. Does this verse indicate that there is a degree of iniquity in society that God will not tolerate? Verse 5.
6. Do you think this is the answer to the question asked by the martyrs in Revelation 6:10? Verse 6.

7. What were the three things about which the great harlot boasted? Verse 7.

8. What are the three plagues to be visited upon the great harlot and how long will it take for them to take place? Verse 8.

9. Why do the kings of the earth “weep and wail” (American Standard Version) over her? Verse 9.

10. Why don't the kings of the earth go to her rescue and help her? Verse 10.

11. Were the merchants grieved over the fall of Babylon or over their income being cut off? Verse 11.

12. Would the items in verse 12 be regarded as necessities or luxuries? Verse 12.

13. What does it say about the moral degradation of Babylon in listing “slaves and souls of men” as merchandise? Verse 13.

14. What do the goals of a person, that is, the things most desired, tell us about that person. Verse 14.

15. Why are the merchants “weeping and wailing” and why stand “afar off”? Verse 15.

16. The kings in verse 10 saw the city as indestructible, but how did the merchants view her, or, what was the cause of their lamentation? Verse 16.

17. What four groups of people are affected and stand “afar off”? Verse 17.

18. What is it about the great city’s fate that seems to have stunned the groups in verse 17 so much? Verses 18-19.

19. How is heaven affected by the desolation of Babylon? Verse 20.

20. What is a millstone and what is the significance of what the mighty angel did? Verse 21.

21. What are the five features of normal, everyday life that have suddenly become extinct? Verses 22-23.

22. What reason is given for the cessation of normal, everyday activities? Verse 23.

23. What barbarian activity is implied in verse 24?

24. In reading verses 9-18, the emphasis is upon trade, wealth, and luxury. Wouldn't there be some religious evil mentioned if the harlot represented an apostate church?