

DAY 1 – REVELATION 18:1-3

1. What did you find new and/or interesting from the lecture?
2. What do you learn about the angel from verses 1-2?
3.
 - a. Babylon is rebuked for its licentious passion. According to CCC 1767 what must govern our passions?
 - b. When are passions good? (See CCC 1768)
4.
 - a. From what had the merchants of the earth grown rich?
 - b. When is the drive for luxury evil? (See CCC 2535-2536)
5.
 - a. What will happen to “Babylon” as a result of its sexual impurity and greed?
 - b. How has your country suffered the natural consequences of sexual impurity and greed?

DAY 2 – REVELATION 18:4-8

6.
 - a. According to verse 4, what must God’s people do to refrain from evil? (See also Eph 5:6-8)
 - b. Why is this sometimes the only way to overcome temptation?
7.
 - a. Name another episode in salvation history when God called His people out of an evil environment to save them from plagues/destruction.
 - b. Describe a time when you felt the Lord asking you to leave a particular situation or social group because of pervading evil. **(Personal)**
8.
 - a. What is pledged in verse 5 concerning the crimes of Babylon?
 - b. Conversely, what is God’s promise concerning the sins of His people? (See Jer 31:33-34)
9. Babylon’s sins were piled up to the sky. What is described in Psalm 36:6-13 using similar language?
10. What portion is Babylon to receive for her smugness and self-reliance?
11.
 - a. Read about the fall of Babylon in Isaiah 47. What caused her downfall?
 - b. What have you learned from the “Fall of Babylon” in Isaiah 47 that you can apply to your life?

DAYS 3 & 4 – REVELATION 18:9-20

12.
 - a. What shows you that the kings’ relationships with “Babylon” were self-serving?

b. Have you experienced relationships that were self-serving? How were they destructive?
(Personal)

13. What instructions do you find in the following Scripture passages regarding relationships?

• Romans 12:16 _____

• 1 Corinthians 10:24 _____

• Philippians 2:3-4 _____

14. a. Why will the merchants and sea travelers weep and mourn?

b. What is the prudent use of wealth? (See 1 Tm 6:17-19)

c. If we store up treasure in heaven, how would we react when luxury, splendor and wealth are lost?

15. a. What is the difference between godly sorrow and worldly sorrow? (See 2 Cor 7:9-10)

b. Which type of sorrow do you observe in the groups in today's verses?

16. Which phrases from Sirach 13:1-7 apply to today's verses?

17. How does Paul's prophecy in 2 Timothy 3:1-5 about the last days find their fulfillment in today's verses?

18. Who will rejoice and why?

DAY 5 – REVELATION 18:21-24

19. a. What did the angel throw into the sea and what did this action symbolize?

b. How does Jesus use the imagery of the millstone in Luke 17:1-2?

c. Why would Babylon warrant such a punishment?

20. What sounds of life and prosperity would never be heard in Babylon again?

21. How are these verses a fulfillment of Jeremiah 51:40-45, 60-64?

22. a. By what were the nations led astray?

b. What leads people astray today?

23. What is avenged with the fall of Babylon and how does this give hope to the faithful?