

"Don't Weep"  
Revelation 18

Question: What did John see next? V. 1

Answer: "After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great \_\_\_\_\_, and the earth was \_\_\_\_\_ by his splendor." (Rev. 18:1 NIV) (Cp. Lk. 2:9)

Note: The "After this" language denotes a new circumstance or a new \_\_\_\_\_.

Note: The movement of the angel is from \_\_\_\_\_ to earth.

Question: What did the angel do? What was the content? Vv. 2-3

Answer: <sup>2</sup> "With a mighty voice he shouted: "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great! She has become a dwelling for \_\_\_\_\_ and a haunt for every \_\_\_\_\_ spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable animal.

<sup>3</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_." (Rev. 18:2-3 NIV)

Distinctions and similarities:

1. The vision of the woman and the \_\_\_\_\_ are not described in 18.
2. The addition of the demons and \_\_\_\_\_ is not in 17.
3. The focus is upon her \_\_\_\_\_, her materialism in 18.
4. The language of her "\_\_\_\_\_ " (doubled) is the same.

5. The language of the nations being \_\_\_\_\_ with her adulteries and the kings committing adultery are the same.

Question: What did John hear next?

Answer: <sup>4</sup> Then I heard another voice from heaven say: " \_\_\_\_\_ of her, my people,' so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues; <sup>5</sup> for her sins are \_\_\_\_\_ to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes. (Rev. 18:4-5 NIV)

Question: Who is the angel speaking to?

Answer:

1. People who became \_\_\_\_\_ during the Tribulation period and who have found themselves in Babylon/Jerusalem. Cf. Hosea 2:23 w/ Rom. 9:22-26.

2. \_\_\_\_\_. Cf. Rom. 9:27-29 and a multitude of O.T. scriptures.

Note: The voice is uttering a \_\_\_\_\_ much like the imperative action of Genesis 19:12-17, i.e. Lot and his family at the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Question: Why are they called to flee? And what implications does that have for us today?

Answer: So that they would not \_\_\_\_\_ the wrath/punishment of God. There are times when God calls us out of a situation but in our ignorance or in our \_\_\_\_\_, we stay and suffer the consequences – not as martyrs but as deceived, \_\_\_\_\_ servants.

Note: The phrase “piled up to heaven” is equated with Genesis 11 and the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. It is an allusion to someone piling up bricks to lift a roof.

Question: What does the angel request? Vv. 6-7

Answer: <sup>6</sup> “Give back to her as she has given; pay her back \_\_\_\_\_ for what she has done. Pour her a double portion from her own cup.

<sup>7</sup> Give her as much torment and grief as the glory and \_\_\_\_\_ she gave herself. In her heart she boasts, ‘I sit enthroned as \_\_\_\_\_. I am not a widow; I will never mourn.’” (Rev. 18:6-7 NIV) Cp. Exodus 22:9

Note: This is a \_\_\_\_\_ top prophetic word connected to Isaiah 47:7-9.

<sup>7</sup> You said, ‘I am forever-- the eternal queen!’ But you did not consider these things or reflect on what might happen.

<sup>8</sup> “Now then, listen, you lover of pleasure, lounging in your security and saying to yourself, ‘I am, and there is none besides me. I will never be a widow or suffer the loss of children.’

<sup>9</sup> Both of these will overtake you in a moment, on a single day: loss of children and widowhood. They will come upon you in full measure, in spite of your many sorceries and all your potent spells. (Isa. 47:7-9 NIV)

Question: What is the result of the judgement? V. 8

Answer: <sup>8</sup> “Therefore in \_\_\_\_\_ day her plagues will overtake her: death, mourning and famine. She will be \_\_\_\_\_ by fire, for mighty is the Lord God who judges her.” (Rev. 18:8 NIV)

Notice how the differing groups respond to her destruction. Vv. 9-19

vv. 9-10 The \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>9</sup> “When the kings of the earth who committed adultery with her and shared her luxury see the smoke of her burning, they will weep and mourn over her.

<sup>10</sup> Terrified at her torment, they will stand far off and cry: “Woe! Woe to you, great city, you mighty city of Babylon! In one hour your doom has come!” (Rev. 18:9-10 NIV)

vv. 11-17a The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>11</sup> "The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her because no one buys their cargoes anymore-- <sup>12</sup> cargoes of gold, silver, precious stones and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk and scarlet cloth; every sort of citron wood, and articles of every kind made of ivory, costly wood, bronze, iron and marble; <sup>13</sup> cargoes of cinnamon and spice, of incense, myrrh and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, of fine flour and wheat; cattle and sheep; horses and carriages; and human beings sold as slaves.

<sup>14</sup> "They will say, 'The fruit you longed for is gone from you. All your luxury and splendor have vanished, never to be recovered.'

<sup>15</sup> The merchants who sold these things and gained their wealth from her will stand far off, terrified at her torment. They will weep and mourn <sup>16</sup> and cry out: "Woe! Woe to you, great city, dressed in fine linen, purple and scarlet, and glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls! <sup>17</sup> In one hour such great wealth has been brought to ruin!" (Rev. 18:11-17a NIV)

vv. 17b-19 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

Every sea captain, and all who travel by ship, the sailors, and all who earn their living from the sea, will stand far off.

<sup>18</sup> When they see the smoke of her burning, they will exclaim, 'Was there ever a city like this great city?'

<sup>19</sup> They will throw dust on their heads, and with weeping and mourning cry out: "Woe! Woe to you, great city, where all who had ships on the sea became rich through her wealth! In one hour she has been brought to ruin!"

(Rev. 18:17-19 NIV)

Question: How was heaven to respond to the news? V. 20

Answer: <sup>20</sup> " \_\_\_\_\_ over her, you heavens! Rejoice, you people of God! Rejoice, apostles and prophets! For God has judged her with the judgment she imposed on you." (Rev. 18:20 NIV)

Question: What was the result? Vv. 21-24

Answer: <sup>21</sup> Then a mighty angel picked up a \_\_\_\_\_ the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea, and said: "With such violence the great city of Babylon will be thrown down, never to be found again.

<sup>22</sup> The music of harpists and musicians, pipers and trumpeters, will never be heard in you again. No worker of any trade will ever be found in you again. The sound of a millstone will never be heard in you again.

<sup>23</sup> The light of a lamp will never shine in you again. The voice of bridegroom and bride will never be heard in you again. Your merchants were the world's important people. By your magic spell all the nations were led astray.

<sup>24</sup> In her was found the \_\_\_\_\_ of prophets and of God's holy people, of all who have been slaughtered on the earth."

(Rev. 18:21-24 NIV)