Revelation

Lesson Twelve: The Fall of the Woman & the Beast

Revelation 18 *The Fall of Babylon the Great*

1. In words and images reminiscent of the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel that predicted the fall of ancient Babylon, Tyre, and Jerusalem, a mighty and brilliant angel along with another heavenly voice announce the fall of "Babylon the Great." This Babylon represents the false church and antichristian attitudes. Do the following verses serve as warning or comfort for believers today? Explain your answers.

    † Rev. 18:4 *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.*

    † Rev. 18:5 *…her sins are piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes.*

    † Rev. 18:8 *…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.*

    † Rev. 18:15-17 *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 16 and cry out: "Woe! Woe, O great city, dressed in fine linen, purple and scarlet, and glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls! 17 In one hour such great wealth has been brought to ruin!"*

    † Rev. 18:20 *Rejoice over her, O heaven! Rejoice, saints and apostles and prophets! God has judged her for the way she treated you.*

    † Rev. 18:21, 23 *Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder 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… Your merchants were the world's great men. By your magic spell all the nations were led astray."*

Revelation 19:1-10 *The Sound of Victory*

2. John wrote: "*After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: 'Hallelujah!'*" (Revelation 19:1) What two reasons are given for this praise burst?

3. Rev. 19:8 explains that the fine linen which the bride of Christ (the Church) wears represents "*the righteous acts of the saints*."

   "So we must be saved by works after all!" exclaimed one Bible student. How would you respond?

Revelation 19:11-21 *The Rider on the White Horse*

4. Give at least four reasons why we can identify the rider on the white horse as Jesus.

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5. Earlier, an angel had spoken about the blessing of being invited to the marriage feast of the Lamb (Rev. 19:9). Now, an angel standing in the sun sends out an invitation to the birds of the air to an utterly different kind of feast. What event does Rev. 19:17-21 describe?