

REVELATION
Chaps. 17 & 18

Such great importance was attached to Rome as the center of the persecuting power of the 1st century, that 3 whole chapters are given to portray her doom. **(Chaps. 17,18,19)** It already had been portrayed as “doomed” or fallen. **14:8; 16:19** In these next chapters we will see how all of this took place.

1. What did the angel want John to see next? Vv1,2

2. What did John see? Vv3-6

3. What does all this mean? Vv7-18

a. Who is this beast?

b. Who is this woman?

c. The 7 heads?

d. The 10 horns?

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CHAPTER 18

We continue to see the fall of Rome, now from a different perspective, as Babylon of the Old Testament. In John's day (1st Century) the destruction of Babylon is a thing of the past, it had already been fulfilled. Now, Babylon is used as a symbol of New Testament Rome. Rome is now pictured receiving the same fate of Babylon the great.....utter destruction awaits! (See Jeremiah chaps. 50,51)

1. How is Babylon (Rome) described here? V2

2. What warning was given to God's people? Vv4-8

3. What 3 groups of people mourned for her? And why did they mourn?
 - a. Vv9,10-

 - b. Vv11-16-

 - c. Vv17-19-

4. Who would rejoice over her destruction? Why? V20,24

5. How is her destruction described? Vv21-23