

We **began last week** talking about "**A Tale of Two Cities**"
The City of **Jerusalem** - **vs's** The City of **Babylon**

& - **Altho** some **people SEE** this **Babylon**
as **The PHYSICAL City - Rebuild**

We said Last msg - We SEE Babylon
Representing - TWO Systems of Man

1) the **System** of **The World's FALSE RELIGION**
Symbolized by the **goddess ASHERA** riding the **BAAL**

2) the **World SYSTEM** of **Money & Political Power**
Symbolized by **BAAL** (the bull)

in **Ch 17** - we **focused** on the **FALSE RELIGION** of the **world** -
Symbolized by the **goddess ASHERA** - (became **Europa**)

Today - in **Ch 18** - we **Focus** on the **BULL side** (BAAL)
of **that statue** we **looked at last Msg**

& **then** - **Beginning** in **Rev Ch 19** - We'll **see**
the **Earthly** AND **Eternal Victory** of the **City of JERUSALEM**

CH 17 - The **World's False Religion** - **Judged** by God (Ashera)

CH 18 - The **World System of Money & Political Power**
Judged by God (Baal)

CH 19 - **Begins** the **Earthly** and **Eternal Victory** of **Jerusalem**
and the **people of God** - - - (**LET'S PRAY**)

The 2nd - of the Two World Systems in the Last Days
is the World System of Economic & Political POWER

& it is Symbolized by the Bull (Baal) - That the Goddess
of False Religion is riding on from last msg

Jesus used a Word - for this World SYSTEM of Money & Power
Jesus called it - - MAMMON

But Pls Listen Closely

Jesus used the Word MAMMON
Because MAMMON *speaks of more than just 'money'*

MAMMON is defined as - the things that wealth BRINGS
that are worshipped in opposition to God

Mammon is NOT Just Money

It is the god of Seeking & Worshipping - the "Things of the World"
that Revolve Around - The LOVE of Money

THAT'S why Jesus said in Luke 16:13
You cannot serve both God and Mammon

Mammon was actually an Ancient Babylonian god that Represented
the LOVE of EVERYTHING "Wealth could Gain"

& BABYLON was actually Called - "The City of Mammon"

& so The MAIN Street - in our City of Babylon today
We are going to Call - MAMMON ROAD

It's the Road of Loving & Craving (in a way, worshipping)

ALL the "Things of This World"
that Revolve around the LOVE of Money

& Rev Ch 18 - Shows us Exactly WHERE that Road ENDS

Revelation 18:1 (NLT)

1 After all this I saw another angel come down from heaven with great authority, and the earth grew bright with his splendor.

After the Complete Destruction
of The World's False Religion we saw in Ch 17

We Now See - ANOTHER angel coming down from heaven

With GREAT AUTHORITY
& ILLUMINATING the Earth with HIS Splendor

& v.2 tells us - WHY He's coming down from Heaven

Revelation 18:2 (NLT) → →

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2 He gave a mighty shout: “Babylon is fallen—that great city is fallen! She has become a home for demons. She is a hideout for every foul spirit, a hideout for every foul vulture and every foul and dreadful animal.

**Babylon Represents - the BEST, & the MOST
This World Has to OFFER - In the Last Days**

**With the Help and Direct involvement of the Satanic Trinity
of Satan, The Antichrist, & the False Profit**

**But Now - ALL that Represents the BEST
of those who belong to the World**

**ALL of IT - has become a home for DEMONS.
a hideout for every foul SPIRIT,
a hideout for every foul VULTURE
and every foul and dreadful ANIMAL**

The **Ultimate World SYSTEM** - **Symbolized** by **BABYLON**

Has Quickly Become the Dwelling place of ONLY the DEMONIC

Cont'g - Revelation 18:3 (NLT)

3 For all the nations have fallen because of the wine of her passionate immorality (Ch 17). The kings of the world have committed adultery with her (Ch 17). Because of her desires for extravagant luxury, the merchants of the world have grown rich.”

THAT is the **Mammon system**
the **World System of Money & Power**

& **So - Not only** from a "**FALSE RELIGION**" **perspective**
But **ALSO** from a **MAMMON perspective**

This "World System" - Has BROUGHT
Spiritual Immorality & Adultery - (& *physical as well*)
Extravagant luxury and **Riches**

Warren Weirsbe says - **This is** the **World System** that **caterers** to
those who are "***lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God***"

which is **exactly** how **the Last Days** are **DESCRIBED** in **2Tim 3:4**

JEREMIAH WARNED God's People to **FLEE**
the **World System** of the **Physical BABYLON**

Because they were **Getting Comfortable** there
They were "**buying in to it**"

Jeremiah 50:8 - ***Flee from the midst of Babylon***

Jeremiah 51:6 - "***Flee from the midst of Babylon, let every one
save his life!***"

Jeremiah 51:45 - "***Get out of the midst of [Babylon], my people!
Let every one save his life from the fierce anger of the Lord!***"

God has **Sent** His people **WARNING** after **WARNING** -
From Jeremiah to Revelation

To FLEE from all that Babylon Represents

**BOTH - the gods of False Religion
& the god of Mammon**

& we see God's FINAL Warning in - Revelation 18:4-5 (NLT)

4 Then I heard another voice calling from heaven, "Come away from her, my people. Do not take part in her sins, or you will be punished with her.

5 For her sins are piled as high as heaven, and God remembers her evil deeds.

God says - *Come Away to ME*

Don't be SEDUCED into the Ways of Babylon

DON'T SHARE in the Sins of Babylon

SO THAT you WON'T SHARE in the Judgment that's coming

The **Final JUDGMENT** of God

Is **COMING** on the **World Ruling system of Babylon**

Both its False Religion and its worship of Mammon

THIS is WHY - Jesus said

We Cannot Serve BOTH God & Mammon

& that is why - 1 John 2:15 says (NLT)

15 Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you.

Babylon represents the Seductive & Deceiving "World System"
Of all things worshipped in opposition to God

& God SHOWS US - HERE in Rev Ch 18
the END of the ROAD for this World System

God has been WARNING this "World System"
Since the TOWER OF BABEL in GEN 11

BUT - the Time of Warning - is OVER
& It is time for ACTION

Revelation 18:6–8 (NLT)

6 Do to her as she has done to others. Double her penalty for all her evil deeds. She brewed a cup of terror for others, so brew twice as much for her.

7 She glorified herself and lived in luxury, so match it now with torment and sorrow. She boasted in her heart, 'I am queen on my throne. I am no helpless widow, and I have no reason to mourn.'

8 Therefore, these plagues will overtake her in a single day - death and mourning and famine. She will be completely consumed by fire, for the Lord God who judges her is mighty."

This is The Final Judgment - of the System of Babylon
that WORSHIPS the Things of this World
& STANDS in Opposition to God

& Next we get a PICTURE

of those Who have been SEDUCED - by this "World System"

First - It's the KINGS of the EARTH

Revelation 18:9–10 (NLT)

9 And the kings of the world who committed adultery with her and enjoyed her great luxury will mourn for her as they see the smoke rising from her charred remains.

10 They will stand at a distance, terrified by her great torment.

They will cry out, "How terrible, how terrible for you, O Babylon, you great city! In a single moment God's judgment came on you."

The KINGS of the Earth CRY OUT & LAMENT

The complete DESTRUCTION of this Great World System

& Next - are the MERCHANTS of the Earth

Also - CRY OUT & LAMENT

The Complete DESTRUCTION

of this (seemingly) Great World System of Babylon

Revelation 18:11–14 (NLT)

11 The merchants of the world will weep and mourn for her, for there is no one left to buy their goods.

12 She bought great quantities of gold, silver, jewels, and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk, and scarlet cloth; things made of fragrant thyine wood, ivory goods, and objects made of expensive wood; and bronze, iron, and marble.

13 She also bought cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, olive oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle, sheep, horses, wagons, and bodies—that is, human slaves.

14 “The fancy things you loved so much are gone,” they cry. “All your luxuries and splendor are gone forever, never to be yours again.”

& Remember - **MAMMON** is defined as - ***Worshipping the things of the World that Revolve Around the LOVE of Money***

All that **you** were **SEARCHING For**
in your **Deep DESIRE** for the **“Things of This World”**

It **ALL comes up** - **EMPTY !!**

It **VANISHES** in a **Moment**

& the **World System** - The **Represents ALL THINGS**
that are **in Opposition** to **God**

Is being Finally, & Completely JUDGED

Then - in **Vs’s 15-17** is **more about**
the **Money & Power** of the **World System of Babylon**

Revelation 18:15–17 (NLT) → →

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15 The merchants who became wealthy by selling her these things will stand at a distance, terrified by her great torment. They will weep and cry out,

16 “How terrible, how terrible for that great city! She was clothed in finest purple and scarlet linens, decked out with gold and precious stones and pearls!

17 In a single moment all the wealth of the city is gone!” . . .

Don't Misunderstand The Picture here

This is **Not A WARNING**

To God-Fearing Business People TODAY

The world today needs MORE - GODLY Business People

Babylon is a Picture the EPITOME of

Those who LOVE the Things of This World

Those who LOVE the Pleasures of This World

**Babylon is a Picture of those who CHASE AFTER - At All Costs
the Money, Pleasure, & Power of This World**

**& the Picture of those who LOVE & Worship the Pleasures
of this World System - is NOT Done being Painted**

Revelation 18:17(b)–19 (NLT)

17 . . . And all the captains of the merchant ships and their passengers and sailors and crews will stand at a distance.

18 They will cry out as they watch the smoke ascend, and they will say, “Where is there another city as great as this?”

19 And they will weep and throw dust on their heads to show their grief. And they will cry out, “How terrible, how terrible for that great city! The shipowners became wealthy by transporting her great wealth on the seas. In a single moment it is all gone.”

THREE Times we have Read:

in a single MOMENT it is ALL GONE

In a **SINGLE MOMENT** - **ALL** of The World’s **Economic Power**
Will be **DESTROYED**

The Entire **World System** - **Built around** the **PLEASURE**
that **comes from** the **Love of Money**

Will be **Destroyed** in a **SINGLE MOMENT**

& ALL who have **been SEDUCED**

into **Loving** the **Things of the World**

Every person caught up in The **Love of MAMMON**

They will **ALL** - be **WEEPING & WAILING**

When **The End Of The MAMMON ROAD** - **Finally Comes**

But - - **NOT SO** for those who have **Chosen GOD**
OVER the **LOVE of this WORLD**

**In V.20 - God Tells those who Belong to Him
To REJOICE Over the JUDGMENT of Babylon**

Revelation 18:20 (NLT)

20 Rejoice over her fate, O heaven and people of God and apostles and prophets! For at last God has judged her for your sakes.

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At **this point** in the **Tribulation** an **untold Number**
of **Martyrs** - Have been **KILLED BY** this **World System of Babylon**

& **God** says - **REJOICE** - I have **Poured out** this **Judgment**

To **Vindicate** the **Suffering** of the **Saints**
at the **hands** of **this FINAL World-Ruling System**

The **MARTYRS** First asked God **Way back** in **Ch 6**
WHEN He would **VINDICATE** their Suffering

& **NOW** - That **Vindication** - **IS Complete**

Next we see - a **“Tangible Illustration”** of **God’s Judgment**

& God has already Used this same **“Illustration of Judgment”** -
In the **Physical Ancient Babylon** (in **Jer 51**)

& **Now** - **God sends** - His **Final Message**
to the **World System of Babylon**

Revelation 18:21–23 (NLT)

21 Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a huge millstone. He threw it into the ocean and shouted, “Just like this, the great city Babylon will be thrown down with violence and will never be found again.

22 The sound of harps, singers, flutes, and trumpets will never be heard in you again. No craftsmen and no trades will ever be found in you again. The sound of the mill will never be heard in you again.

23 The light of a lamp will never shine in you again. The happy voices of brides and grooms will never be heard in you again. For your merchants were the greatest in the world, and you deceived the nations with your sorceries.

At the End of Babylon Road

there is a **CLIFF** that **this world** is **going over**
like **THELMA & LOUISE Driving full force** into the **grand canyon**

The World System of False Religion

the Worship of **all things Mammon** - **in** the **place** of **God**

Will end like a Millstone

being thrown into the **ocean** - by a **mighty angel**

& **Notice** also - the **end** of **V.23** says

The World System of Babylon

Has deceived the nations with her sorceries

Have you ever **known** someone **SO OBSESSED**
with **Chasing** After the **Things of this world**
That **they** seem **POSSESSED** By it ?

& then - our Final Vs - Revelation 18:24 (NLT)

24 In your streets flowed the blood of the prophets and of God's holy people and the blood of people slaughtered all over the world."

Within the **World System of Babylon**

The ***streets flowed with the blood of the prophets
and of God's holy people
and the blood of people slaughtered all over the world***

The Blood of **God's Martyrs** - is on **the Hands**
of this final **World Ruling System of Babylon**

Guys - **the Wheels** of **God's Justice** Grind **SLOWLY**
But **thy Grind** Exceedingly **FINE**

& **FINALLY** - **AT THIS POINT** in Revelation

The **World System** - of **MAN** & **The BEAST**
Has been Completely - **Judged** - & **Destroyed**

& the Next Ch starts - with "Songs of Victory in Heaven"

From this point on - we are going to see:

- The Marriage Supper of the Lamb
- The Second Coming of Jesus Christ
- The Millennium
- & the New Heaven & New Earth

There are still some "Moments" of Final Judgment

But at this point - The WRATH of God on the Earth
is Finished - *Say Amen!*

So - in these Two Difficult Chapters about
the World System of BABYLON - Hopefully we have Learned:

- #1) We've GOT to be ON GUARD - For FALSE RELIGION - &
- #2) We've GOT to be ON GUARD - For LOVING THIS WORLD
& Serving the god of MAMMON

Ch 17 made it clear, the END of the ROAD
for False Religion - is JUDGMENT

& Ch 18 makes it clear - the END of the Road
For this Word System of MAMMON - is JUDGMENT

But Isn't it **GREAT** - that we can **TURN** to the **end of the Book** -
& **SEE WHERE** These **Roads LEAD**

& Then we can Say to Ourselves:

Do I want to be **EMBRACING**
the **False Religion** of this **World**

Do I want to be **OBSESSED**
with **chasing after** the **things of this World**

Do I want to be **Loving & Serving GOD**

Remember - It's **A TALE OF TWO CITIES**

You can be a CITIZEN of BABYLON
Living in False Religion
& **Loving the Things of This World**

Or - You can be a **CITIZEN** of the **HEAVENLY JERUSALEM**
Living with God for Eternity?

When you get right DOWN to it

It **seems** like a **Pretty Clear Choice** - *Doesn't it?*

So - **Let's Evaluate** our **Lives**

& **Let's See** if we're **Serving** the **RIGHT God**

NOT the **god** of **this World's Babylon** - Called **MAMMON**

But the **God of Heaven** - **JESUS CHRIST**

Let's **SERVE Him** - Let's **LOVE Him**, & **WALK with Him**

Let's **CHASE AFTER** our **Heavenly INHERITANCE**

Let's Store up our **Heavenly TREASURES**

Let's Focus on our **Heavenly REWARD**

& **LETS LEAVE BEHIND** - this **soon to be judged**
World System of Babylon

Let's Pray