

Book of Revelation Chapters 17 and 18

These Chapters begin the “Tale of Two cities/women_____.”

Chapter 17 is the beginning of the end of the book.

Interesting Observations:

- John is carried away by the angel_____, in the Spirit, to the desert.
- John interacts with the angel about that which he sees. (v.7)
- The angel interprets his vision (for the 1st time).

17:1 The great prostitute is Rome_____ to the original readers.

There is more here that we have to consider: Two other times in OT scripture that a prostitute is mentioned (other than referring to Jerusalem).

1. Nineveh in Nahum 3:4
2. Tyre in Isaiah 23:17-18

Therefore the great prostitute is the world system of spirituality_____.

17:2 Two groups have slept with the prostitute: kings_____ of the earth, and those who inhabit_____ the earth.

The worst indictment is her corrupting influence; an exporter of immorality.

17:4-6 The harlot’s appearance:

Mystery
Babylon the Great
The Mother of Prostitutes

17:8 The description of the beast here is like chapters 11 and 13 where the it recovers from a fatal wound. It is also a parody_____ of Jesus.

Chapter 18

18:2 Babylon the great is a commercial and economic entity who is enjoyed by the kings and merchants of the earth.

18:4 The warning: Judgment is imminent _____, come out of her.

18:8 Babylon is destroyed by God in one day by earthquake and fire as part of the seventh Bowl judgment.

18:12 This encompasses all goods bought and sold in world commerce.

18:21 The destruction of this city will be total and eternal.