



THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST
Chapter 18
“REJOICE! BABYLON THE GREAT IS FALLEN!”

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(v1-2) Babylon is filled with demons, foul spirits (Ephesians 6:12-13 - *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*) & *unclean bird* (false religions – ref. Matthew 13:31-32).

- Satan’s army is described in rankings: (1) Principalities are demons that have the oversight of nations. (2) Powers are the privates who are the demons wanting to possess human beings. (3) Rulers of darkness of this world are those demons that have charge of Satan’s worldly business. (4) Spiritual wickedness in high places is demons in the heavenlies who are in charge of religion.

(v3) All the nations (all peoples), kings (all governments), merchants (all corporations) have committed fornication with Babylon – Babylon is a global unification, politically, religiously, and economically. Its leader will be the antichrist, and its alliance will be found in the “*mark of the beast, 666*” (Rev. Ch. 13).

- We must understand the Antichrist will have control over all trade and commerce (buying and selling), according to Revelation 13:17. The Antichrist will have control over all money, including gold and silver (Dan.11:43). He will be the god of the global government, and no one will be permitted to worship any other god (Rev. 13:8). Those who do not acknowledge the Antichrist as their god and worship him will be beheaded (Rev. 20:4).

- Listen to exhortation and counsel found in James 5:1-11 - *Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you! Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days. Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. You*

have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter. You have condemned, you have murdered the just; he does not resist you. Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord — that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

(v4-8) In the Great Tribulation believers are called to come out of the Babylonian system. This is a call to holiness, a call to separation, a call to follow the Lord Jesus Christ! Lessons from Lot, Genesis Ch. 19 (Observe four A's of Sodom & Gomorrah - Arrogant, Aggressive, Abusive, Antichrist!

> *How to overcome Babylon: (4 steps)*

- *Step #1 – FOLLOW JESUS!* - Luke 9:23-26 - *Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.*

- *Step #2 – COME OUT!* - 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 - *Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." 'I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.' (Joshua 24:14-28)*

- *Step #3 – DO THE WILL OF GOD!* - 1 John 2:15-17 - *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.*

- Step #4 – BE TRANSFORMED! - Romans 12:1-2 – *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

> (v9-19) THE SORROW FOR BABYLON!

In one hour Babylon is destroyed! The kings and merchants mourn.

(v9-14) The world will even merchandise “bodies & souls” (*bodies* – slave trade for work and sex. *Souls* – slaves to false religions.) The fruit that their soul longed for is now gone! (Riches, power, immorality!)

> Trafficking and slavery still exist today.

Slavery is illegal almost everywhere. But millions of men, women and children are trapped in modern-day slavery around the world. In India, entire families are enslaved in labor trafficking in brick kilns, rice mills, and garment factories working up to 20 hours a day. In the Dominican Republic, women and children are lured into sex trafficking with promises of school or a good-paying job. In the Philippines, children as young as two are sexually abused live for anyone in the world to watch through online sexual exploitation of children.

There are an estimated 50 million people held in slavery today.

An estimated 90% of labor trafficking takes place in the private economy—homes, business, and supply chains, and 22 million in forced marriage, according to the International Labour Organization’s 2021 Global Estimates of Modern Slavery, the most recent comprehensive global assessment available.

Human trafficking generates approximately \$236 billion in annual revenue. Sexual exploitation alone produces 73% of all forced labor profits, despite accounting for a smaller share of total victims. It is one of the fastest-growing criminal enterprises on the planet.

> Cartel Profits in 2025

In 2025, Mexican cartels are estimated to generate over \$40 billion annually from a diversified mix of drug trafficking and other illicit activities, with fentanyl and cocaine trafficking alone accounting for more than \$12 billion [thedefensenews.com](https://www.thedefensenews.com).

> Overall Scale of Cartel Income

According to the *World Drug Report 2025* and multiple international sources, **Mexican cartels — led by the Sinaloa Cartel and the Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG) — produce roughly \$12.1 billion per year from cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, and fentanyl trafficking** [thedefensenews.com](https://www.thedefensenews.com). This figure excludes other illicit revenue streams such as extortion, fuel theft, human smuggling, and illegal mining [thedefensenews.com](https://www.thedefensenews.com).

When these additional activities are included, **total cartel-generated revenue exceeds \$40 billion annually**, surpassing the GDP of several countries [thedefensenews.com](https://www.thedefensenews.com). This financial power enables cartels to maintain military-grade infrastructure, acquire advanced weaponry, and operate complex money-laundering networks.

> Key Revenue Sources

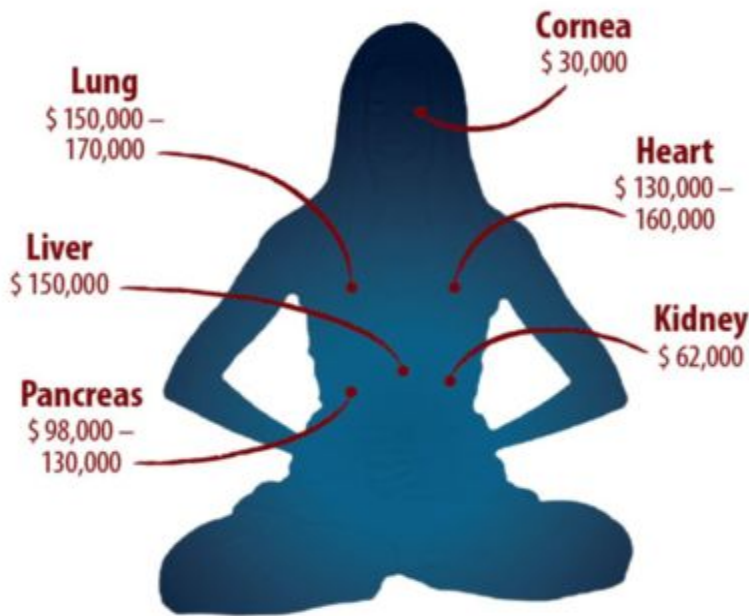
- **Fentanyl production and trafficking** – Central to cartel income, with precursor chemicals sourced mainly from China and processed in clandestine labs in states like Sinaloa and Michoacán [thedefensenews.com](https://www.thedefensenews.com). Fentanyl is sold in powder form or pressed into counterfeit pills, often laced with xylazine to increase potency [cartelinsider.com](https://www.cartelinsider.com).
- **Cocaine trafficking** – Major U.S. and global supply chain revenue [DEA.gov](https://www.dea.gov)¹.
- **Methamphetamine** – High-purity meth (near 97% purity) produced for domestic and international markets [cartelinsider.com](https://www.cartelinsider.com).
- **Extortion (“cuotas”)** – Fees imposed on businesses and agricultural producers, especially in Michoacán’s avocado export sector [thedefensenews.com](https://www.thedefensenews.com).
- **Fuel theft (“huachicol”)** – Large-scale siphoning from PEMEX pipelines, generating hundreds of millions to billions annually [thedefensenews.com](https://www.thedefensenews.com).
- **Human smuggling** – Estimated to yield up to \$14 billion annually [thedefensenews.com](https://www.thedefensenews.com).
- **Other crimes** – Illegal mining, logging, kidnapping, prostitution networks, and money laundering [thedefensenews.com](https://www.thedefensenews.com).

> Fentanyl Overdose Crisis in America 2026

The fentanyl overdose epidemic continues to be one of the most critical public health emergencies facing the United States in 2026, though recent data reveals unprecedented progress in reducing fatal overdoses. The current trajectory of fentanyl-related deaths represents a pivotal turning point in America’s decades-long battle with opioid addiction. The data presented above reflects the most comprehensive and current fentanyl

overdose statistics available from official United States government sources as of December 2025. These numbers demonstrate both the severity of the crisis and the remarkable progress achieved through coordinated public health interventions. The 24.5% decline in drug overdose deaths represents an unprecedented shift, with the twelve-month period ending in April 2025 recording 76,516 deaths compared to over 101,400 deaths in the comparable previous period. This translates to approximately 27,000 fewer deaths in a single year, marking the most significant improvement since the fentanyl epidemic intensified.

> GLOBAL MARKET PRICES FOR BODY PARTS HARVESTING:



Source: Kilgour & Matas

Alarming, any part of the human body, from skin to genitals, holds significant value on the black market. A recent report by the U.S. Department of State has shed light on a disturbing and underreported form of human trafficking that is gaining traction in North and East Africa: trafficking in persons for organ removal. This grim industry, long shrouded in secrecy, is becoming an increasingly prevalent threat, with experts warning that it may be growing faster than previously understood.

(v15-19) The world will weep and wail but WILL NOT REPENT!

> Top stock exchanges in the world will crumble:

- New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) – US. ...

- NASDAQ Stock Exchange –US. ...
- Shanghai Stock Exchange – China. ...
- EURONEXT Stock Exchange. ...
- Japan Stock Exchange – Japan. ...
- Shenzhen Stock Exchange – China. ...
- Hong Kong Stock Exchange – China. ...
- London Stock Exchange – UK.

> **(v20-24) REJOICE! REJOICE! AGAIN I SAY REJOICE!**

(v20-23) Rejoice for Babylon is destroyed, the corrupt, evil, and murderous world system is finished!

(v23-24) Why Babylon is judged – *“For your merchants were the great men of the earth for by your sorcery (“pharmakia” drug trafficking and occult practices) all the nations were deceived.” “And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth.”*

Conclusion: John 15:18-27 – *“the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me”*

*"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace
Who bring glad tidings of good things!"*
Romans 10:15

LET'S GO4GOD!!!