

REVELATION: Lesson 156

Chapter 18:1-4

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- “After these things”** See Revelation 4:1, 7:1, 7:9, 15:5, 19:1, and 20:3 for similar phrases.
- “Another angel”** This is a different angel from the one in Revelation 17:7 (Mystery Babylon).
- This angel announces the fall of commercial Babylon.
 - This is an angel, not Jesus Christ (as some believe).
 - Jesus Christ is unique. There is not another like Him. He cannot be another angel.
 - This angel has **“great power.”** Jesus Christ has ALL power (Mt 28:18).
 - The earth was lightened with his glory. This glory marks the greatness of the occasion; the fall of Babylon the Great (vs 2, vs 20).
- “Is fallen, is fallen”** The repeated word emphasizes the finality of this event. Babylon is down forever.
- “Is become...a cage”** This portrays every false religion on earth keeping a person caged, bound by the lusts of the flesh, the desires of the mind, and the pride of life. Jesus Christ is the way (John 14:6) and He is the only One who can set a person free (Jn 8:36).
- Hateful birds (vs 2)** Unclean birds often depict unclean spirits in the Bible. Devils have wings (not angels).
- **Jeremiah 5:25-27** In this passage, God links birds with the *deception* that traps, holds, and cages men.
 - **Isaiah 34:11-15** After Babylon is destroyed, unclean birds of all kinds will possess it along with dragons, beasts, and the satyr; all picturing the work of devils. The satyr (half man/half beast) playing pipes pictures Satan (Ezek 28:13).
 - Babylon will be the gathering place for unclean birds before Armageddon. They will fly to Israel to feast on the carnage.
 - **Matt 13:3-4, 18-19** Fowls (birds) picture the wicked one catching away the good seed of the word of God from those who have received it. Satan uses his fowls to devour that seed.
 - Those fowls of the air are devils. Their job is to prevent the word of God from getting to your heart.
 - That means the devils are working in churches where the word of God is being sown. They are not working in nightclubs (that is the flesh).
 - **Ecclesiastes 10:20** A **“bird of the air”** and **“that which hath wings”** carries your thoughts to the Devil (the prince of the power of the air!) so that he knows exactly how to trip you up and ruin your life. (Eph 2:2) (Jer 50, Zeph 2 for more on the subj).

“Another voice” (vs 4) This voice is very likely Jesus Christ. He calls to **“My people”** to **“come out of her.”**

- **“Her plagues”** refer to the seven last plagues (Rev 15:1, 16:1-2).
 - **“My people”** refers to Jewish saints who lingered. They didn’t flee. They are in Babylon or they are associated with the commercial empire of the beast.
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NOAH and LOT

Noah is a type of the Tribulation Jew who flees into the wilderness before judgment falls and makes it safely through to the other side.

Lot is a type of the Tribulation Jew who lingered and tarried in the accursed city until he had to be dragged out at the last minute (by God's grace). Abraham is a type of Jesus Christ who prayed for the righteous in the city (Gen 18:23-33).

- These people (Rev 18:4) of God were "righteous" in the sense that they had not taken the mark of the Beast or bowed down to his image.
- **Matthew 24:15-18** is the Lord's warning to the Tribulation Jew to flee.
 - The people who see the Antichrist enter the temple and call himself God will be able to read Matthew 24 and understand. That means they have a Bible in the Tribulation time!

COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE

Isaiah 48:20 "Go ye forth of Babylon, FLEE!"

Isaiah 52:11 "Depart ye, Depart ye...touch no unclean thing!"

2 Cor. 6:14-17 "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers."

¹⁷ Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*!"

1 Tim 5:22 You cannot straighten out this world. All you can do is separate yourself from those who sin and keep yourself pure.
