

## Bible Study 8 - Babylon judged - Revelation 17, 18

John was told: “Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later” (Revelation 1:19NIV)

The 3<sup>rd</sup> section of the book of Revelation is:

- Future: “What will take place later” (Revelation chapters 4-22)

After looking at what will happen in heaven (Revelation 4-5) after the Christians have been raptured to heaven, we now look at events on earth.

### ***PART 1 Background***

Revelation 6-19 relates to the coming period of God’s judgement (called the Tribulation) before He sets up His kingdom on earth. The judgements are given in 7 seals, 7 trumpets and 7 bowls (Revelation 6, 8-9, 1:14-19; 15-16). Now we get more detail of the judgement of Babylon, the Great (Revelation 14:8; 16:19b).

#### **1. What did Babylon mean to God’s people in the Old Testament?**

#### **2. What did God promise about Babylon?**

Isaiah 13, 14:3-27

Isaiah 21:9

Read Revelation 17, 18, noting: the prostitute (17:1-7); the beast (17:8-18); reasons for the judgement (18:1-8); earth laments (18:9-19; heaven rejoices (18:20; 19:1-5); its final doom (18:21-24).

### ***PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage about Babylon’s judgement***

#### **3. What I learnt about God the Father, Jesus Christ or the Holy Spirit.**

#### **4. Summarise the key verse(s)**

#### **5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?**

#### **6. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?**

#### **7. What personal applications can you make to your life?**

