

Prophecy devo #30 – The judgments of the Tribulation

The Destruction of Commercial Babylon (Revelation 18). This is the destruction of Antichrist's global economic system. Babylon is a symbol of false religion and global government that will replace the rule of God on earth. Originally Babel meant "gate of God" (Genesis 10:10). It came to mean confusion. The objective of Babel was to unify the world against God (Genesis 11:1-9). There are four voices in Revelation 18, making four important announcements. 1. THE VOICE OF CONDEMNATION (1-3). "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen..." The first Babylon fell in 534 BC. Babylon the Great, a worldwide demonic system of government, will fall at the end of the Tribulation. 2. THE VOICE OF SEPARATION (4-8). This is a warning to come out of Babylon and not share in her sins and receive her plagues (4-5). God will judge the sins of idolatry, materialism, pride, and presumption (7). The judgment will be sudden (8). The judgment will be just (8). The judgment will be for those who have broken God's law and rejected Christ's payment. 3. THE VOICE OF LAMENTATION (9-19). God will judge luxury, corruption, and greed at every level. Kings will be judged (9). Merchants of the earth will mourn, because no one will be buying their merchandise (11-16). Shipmasters will cry (17-18). People will throw dust on their heads and weep over the destruction of Antichrist's economy. It be destroyed "in one hour" (19). 4. THE VOICE OF CELEBRATION (20-24). God will vindicate His martyred servants (20). He will violently overthrow the violent rule of Antichrist's kingdom (21-24).