

## Revelation 18

### The Fall of the New World Order

#### The New World Order

- A “conspiracy theory” that hypothesizes a secretly emerging totalitarian world government.
- The New World Order “conspiracy theory” argues that a shadowy elite force is trying to implement a totalitarian world government.
- “New World Order” is a term used to refer to longstanding right-wing “conspiracy theories” about a socialist or communist one world government.
- Kremlin backs US President Joe Biden’s call for a new world order but says any new system should not revolve around the US.
- US & China lay out a vision for New World Order amid human rights differences.
- Anne-Marie Slaughter asks us to completely rethink how we view the political world. It’s not a collection of nation states that communicate through presidents...
- Trilateral Commission calls 2023 “Year of One” of a new world order. (The Trilateral Commission is a nongovernmental organization that seeks to deepen understanding between the U.S., Europe and Asia)

#### The destruction of Antichrist’s New World Order

- The destruction of Antichrist’s religious world order occurs at the middle of the Tribulation (Revelation 17).
- The destruction of Antichrist’s political & commercial world order will occur at the end of the Tribulation just before the return of Jesus Christ to earth (Revelation 18).
- Antichrist’s religious system is referred to “Mystery Babylon the Great the Mother of Harlots” (17:5).
- Antichrist’s political and commercial system is called “Babylon the Great.”
- More than 260 times Babylon is referred to in the Bible. It was the city of Nimrod, the grandson of Ham, who built Babel.
- Babylon the Great will be judged by God Himself, where Mystery Babylon the Great the Mother of Harlots will be destroyed by man.

- Babylon was not only an ancient city and a powerful empire, but the symbol of mankind's rebellion against God.
- The Book of Revelation calls Babylon a "city" at least eight times.
- OT prophecy is clear that the city itself will not be rebuilt (Isa. 13:19-22; Jer. 51:24-26, 61-64).
- Babylon is a symbol of a global false religion and a global government that will replace the rule of God.
- A new city (Babylon) may be rebuilt on Euphrates.
- The objective of Babylon (Babel) is to unify the world against God (11:1-9).
- **There are FOUR VOICES MAKING FOUR IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. Voice of Condemnation (read 1-3)**

- "Babylon the Great is fallen, is fallen" (2)
- The first Babylon fell in 534 BC
- Babylon the Great (a world-wide demonic system) will fall at the end of the Tribulation.

**2. Voice of Separation (read 4-8)**

- A warning to come out 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).
- They have broken God's law and reject Christ's payment.

**3. Voice of Lamentation (read 9-19)**

- God will judge luxury, corruption, and greed at every level.

**4. Voice of Celebration (read 20-24)**

- God will vindicate His martyred servants (20)
- God will violently overthrow the violent rule of Antichrist's kingdom (21-24)

**THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. How is the church today sharing in Babylon's sins?
  - globalism, abortion, gender identity politics, homosexuality
  - II Corinthians 6:14-17
2. What is the reason for this compromise?
  - I John 4:15-16
3. What practical things can we do to avoid compromising with the world?
  - Lust of the eyes
  - Lust of the flesh
  - Pride of life