

BABYLON IS FALLEN!

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In Rev. 17-18, we learn in detail of the destruction of Antichrist's false religious system, his political empire, and his capital city.

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1. The Scope of the Harlot's Influence (1-2)
2. The Source of the Harlot's Power (3)
3. The Symbols of the Harlot's Prosperity (4)
4. The Secret of the Harlot's Name (5-6a)

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Who are the Seven Kings of Rev. 17:10?

1. A chronological series of Roman emperors in the first century
2. A selection of Roman emperors, those who especially persecuted believers
3. Rulers contemporaneous with Antichrist who rule during the Tribulation
4. Seven Gentile world empires

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C. Its Destruction by God (14-18)

1. The Predictable End of Political Babylon (14)

2. The Surprising End of Religious Babylon (15-18)

Lessons

1. All false religion is satanic.

- Satan is always its ultimate source (Eph. 2:2).
- Demons create, energize, and are worshipped through all false religions (Dt. 32:16-17; 1 Cor. 10:20).
- False teachers and false prophets are the human instruments that propagate demonic religion (1 Tim. 4:1-2).

2. God hates all false religion and will destroy it (Rev. 17:16-17).

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3. God will not share His glory with any other object of worship (Is. 42:8).
4. One day, God alone will be worshiped and glorified (Rev. 21:3, 8, 22-23; 22:3, 15).
5. God controls and directs even the evil, self-serving actions of Satan, demons, human rulers, and every human being to accomplish His sovereign purpose (Rev. 17:17).

