

OVERVIEW OF REVELATION 17 & 18:

1. **GREAT PROSTITUTE:** Marvelled at by the godless but judged by God, 17:1-8.
2. **DEMON-POSSESSED GOVERNMENT LEADERS:** Ten demon-possessed men or women will receive authority from the unholy trinity to carry out their global initiative, 17:9-12.
--> **CROSS-REFERENCE:** (Revelation 16:13-14 ESV) *And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs. For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty.*
3. **DEMON-POSSESSED PUPPET KINGS:** These ten world leaders will in turn hand their power and authority back over to the beast and join him in making war on the Lamb, 17:13-14.
4. **GREAT PROSTITUTE CONSPIRED AGAINST:** The ten world leaders will also join forces with the beast to destroy the prostitute—Babylon, 17:15-18.
5. **BABYLON'S FALL DETAILED:** The fall of Babylon is announced, 18:1-3.
6. **PEOPLE OF GOD WARNED:** The people of God are warned to distance themselves from Babylon, 18:4-8.
7. **WORLD LEADERS MOURN:** The leaders of earth will mourn her destruction, 18:9-10. We may wonder how this may be since it seems that the ten world leaders take part in the destruction of Babylon, but I believe there are a few possibilities.
 - **One**, even though these “kings” take part, they are still greatly saddened by the loss of what had become the crown jewel of the new world.
 - **Two**, the “kings” referred to here are deposed leaders, those who have been tossed aside by the devil and replaced with the ten demon-possessed “yes” men (and women) who receive their position from the devil and immediately surrender that authority and power back to him.
 - **Three**, the devil is out of control in his pursuit of deity and great fear has swept over everyone, even those who have aligned themselves with him. They see the darkness but it is too late.
8. **TITANS OF INDUSTRY MOURN:** The business world mourns over the destruction of Babylon as it jeopardizes the world economy, 18:11-19.
9. **HEAVEN REJOICES:** Heaven rejoices over the decisive and violent judgment on Babylon, 18:20-24.
 - 5A: **The judgment will be violent.**
 - Babylon will be annihilated.
 - No more fine arts or music of any kind.
 - No more craftsmen of any craft.
 - No electricity.
 - No weddings and wedding receptions.
 - The great businessmen, the kings of industry, fall with Babylon.
 - 5B: **The judgment will be comprehensive back to the time of Cain and Abel.**



“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy” (John 10:10 ESV).