



Logos Class Book of Revelation- Ch 18

Oct 19, 2025
Rooms 123/124 New Building

10/19/2025

Randy Harrison - a Summary of their trip to Guatemala







Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ Oct 5, 2025
 - ✓ Oct 7, 2025
- ✓ Oct 12, 2025
- ✓ Oct 19, 2025
 - ✓ Oct 21, 2025
- ✓ Oct 26, 2025
- Nov 2, 2025
- Nov 9, 2025

- Revelation Ch 15/16 Manor Lake – Gospel of John
- Revelation Ch 17 Babylon
- Revelation Ch 18
- Manor Lake Gospel of John
- Revelation Ch 19 The 2nd Coming
- Revelation Ch 20
- Revelation Ch 21

Quick Update ...ICYMI

Middle East

- The Peace deal is signed, Israel has withdrawn to the red line
- All living hostages have been released, but about 25 deceased still need to be returned, Israel is slow walking return of Prisoner and dead Hamas Operatives to be commensurate with Hamas actions
- Hamas is killing Gazans they suspect of working with Israel Hundreds so far, video of the executions.
- Israel has not opened the Rafah Gate, and is taking military action when their troops are approached by Hamas aggressively
- Phase 2 has not started and won't until all the conditions of Phase 1 are complete by Hamas.
- Abraham Accords are expected to expand peace agreements very soon.

US/World

- The Ukraine/Russian war has more glimmers of hope. Trump has met with Zelenskyy and had phone call with Putin. Possible tri-lateral meeting in Budapest being discussed. Tomahawks on the table
- US government shutdown is beginning to cause funding suspension, and the "blame" is a partisan issue.
- "No Kings" organized protests by Democrats are being staged. Remember: No King but Jesus
- Violence and Anarchy are rising...courts are in the middle...Supreme Court to intervene.
- Earthquakes, Floods, volcanic eruptions, famine, and disease. Wars and rumors of wars.
- Many signs of the Tribulation are appearing with more frequency
 - Natural Disasters, Isolation of Israel, Antisemitism, Apostasy in the church, Peace in Israel to presage the Antichrist, Scoffers of Prophecy, and deniers of God. Time of Noah and time of Lot prophecies. Continuation of the Aliyah to Israel
 - Substantial European moves to One World Government taking place.
 - Church of England (King) and the Roman Church are joining forces on issues.
 - Remember, Israel is God's timepiece for the End of Time. Israel is the hour hand, Jerusalem is the minute hand, and the Temple Mount is the second hand

Revelation – How the Book of Revelation Unfolds- 1

The book of Revelation presents Jesus Christ in 3 areas: His Person, His Power, His Program This unfolds in **5 Parts:**

Part 1: Rev 1-3 - Jesus and His Church

- ✓ Introductions 1:1-8
- ✓ Unexpected Meeting 1:9-20
- ✓ Introduction to the Church
- ✓ Love Letters to the 7 churches (several lessons) Finish today

Part 2: Rev 4-5 – Journey to Heaven

- ✓ Heaven's Open Door- Ch 4
- ✓ Lion and Lamb Ch 5

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Part 3 – The Judgments of the Lamb – Rev 6-18

- ✓ The lamb opens the SIX seals Ch 6
 ✓ First interlude Ch 7 144,000 Jews sealed by the Lord
 ✓ The Trumpet Judgments Chapters 8-9
 ✓ Second Interlude Part 1 John eats the book Ch 10
- ✓ Second Interlude Part 2 Two witnesses Ch 11 (Today)
- ✓ Third Interlude Part 1 The Invisible War Ch 12 (midpoint in Tribulation)
- ✓ Third Interlude Part 2 Antichrist comes to power Ch 13
- ✓ Third Interlude Part 3 Preview of things to come Ch 14
- ✓ A Song for the End Ch 15
- ✓ The Pouring of the Bowls Judgments— Ch 16
- ✓ The Fall of Babylon Ch 17-18 Religions (17), Political (18)

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Part 4 - The Reign of the King - Rev 19-20

The Return of the King – Ch 19

Wrapping Things Up – Ch 20

Part 5: Eternity - Rev 21-22

All things new – Ch 21-22:5

Even So...Come - Ch 22:6-21

Maranatha!! We should finish Revelation Nov 16, 2025

Revelation Ch 17: Summary

- Last week we saw a panoramic set of visions by John of a future scene where the World Apostate church comes to power and then is destroyed by the leader of the One World Government. These are portrayed as a Harlot riding on a multiheaded scarlet beast. This woman is portrayed as the religious part of the Antichrist's Empire.
- Once her service to the Antichrist is complete, by gathering the millions of followers to Worship the Antichrist, she is no longer needed or wanted and is destroyed and with her the artifacts of her religion and Religious System
- In the Rev Ch 17:1-7 we see the Vision given to John, and in vv 8-18 we see the Angel interpretation of them, that was given to John.
- The Apostate Church leader is the False Prophet and is also referenced to the Great City that rules over the Kings of the Earth. This is either literal Rome or Babylon. Now we come to Ch 18, which is the Political side of "Babylon"

Revelation 18:1-2A Babylon is Fallen

18 After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor.

² With a mighty voice he shouted:

"'Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!'

I cannot imagine John seeing all that is in front of him, but by now, he had to be numb to the shock and awe of his visions. He has witnessed the scene with the harlot on the scarlet beast, and the destruction of the Harlot by God.

I want to take you back to a prophetic passage in the book of Isaiah for context

Isaiah 21:9

⁹Look, here comes a man in a chariot with a team of horses.

And he gives back the answer:

'Babylon has fallen, has fallen! All the images of its gods lie shattered on the ground!"

Revelation Ch 18:1-2A Discussion

Another Angel – This is another of the same kind, so this means that these last few angels, who talked to John, carried the bowls of wrath, poured out the bowls of wrath, and the same **types** of Angels

Great Authority - A distinguishing aspect of this particular angel, is that he appeared to have great authority in his presence, and his splendor lit up the earth

Herald – This angel is a Herald sent with a message for the Earth and John.

Message – Babylon the Great has Fallen, Fallen

Parallels a message in Isaiah, but Isaiah adds: All the images of its gods lie shattered on the ground!'

- All the remnants of worship of Antichrist, and other gods are thrown down and destroyed.
- Arrogance, Apostasy, and trying to replace God are thrown down

Revelation Ch 18:1-2A Two More Things...

- There are a couple of things I need to point out in the first 2 verses. By reading Chapters 17 and 18 together, many conclude these events are two events closely following each other. Some speculate they are just parts of the same event. When you look as these two verses more closely, we can see they are two separate events. 18:1 starts off "After this" which better indicates they are separated events that happen in sequence, but not necessarily immediately in sequence.
- As I mentioned last week, the Apostate Church is destroyed in the beginning of the 2nd half of the tribulation, also called the **Great** Tribulation, after the Antichrist declares himself to be God. The Fall of the real city, the political city happens closer to the Second Coming of Christ, or the end of the Tribulation period.
- In both Revelation and Isaiah, the term Babylon "has fallen" is repeated a second time. Most either believe this references both the Religious and the Political destruction, or that it is given twice to emphasize its importance... perhaps both.

Revelation Ch 18:2B A Haunt

She has become a dwelling for demons and a haunt (prison) for every impure spirit, a haunt (prison) for every unclean bird, a haunt(prison) for every unclean and detestable animal.

This is an interesting description. I want you to think about a modern context from our newspapers and TV screens. As Halloween approaches, we can see the vileness of the city and its situation as both a home for demons, and the imprisonment for evil spirits and unclean animals...think vultures and rats.

We glamorize haunted places, but in this case, it is a real place. I can picture the great cities of America, with their crime, evil actions, and filth everywhere. Rats abound along with evil people with evil intentions.

Revelation Ch 18:3 A Wealthy, Indulgent City

³ For all the nations have drunk the maddening wine of her adulteries. The kings of the earth committed adultery with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries."

This verse paints a picture of a rich city, opulent in nature and possessions, with both spiritual and physical immoralities ever present. It also describes a great center of wealthy business trade of all kinds of expensive things. Merchants have brought whatever her lust for things would sell.

Revelation Ch 18:4-5. Warning to Escape Babylon's Judgment

⁴ Then I heard another voice from heaven say:

"Come out of her, my people,'
so that you will not share in her sins,
so that you will not receive any of her plagues;
for her sins are piled up to heaven,
and God has remembered her crimes.

Jeremiah 51:6 (Read all of Ch 51 regarding the destruction of Babylon)

6 "Come out of her, my people! Run for your lives! Run from the fierce anger of the Lord.

God will protect and shield His Remnant, even in the midst of destruction.

Revelation Ch 18:6-8 Does Babylon fear the Lord?

- ⁶ Give back to her as she has given; pay her back double for what she has done. Pour her a double portion **from her own cup.**
- ⁷ Give her as much torment and grief as the glory and luxury, she gave herself.

In her heart she boasts,
'I sit enthroned as queen.
I am not a widow;
I will never mourn.'

⁸ Therefore in one day her plagues will overtake her: death, mourning and famine. She will be consumed by fire, for mighty is the Lord God who judges her.

Isaiah 47:7

⁷ You said, 'I am forever the eternal queen!' But you did not consider these things or reflect on what might happen.(to you)

Revelation Ch 18:9-10 Three Woes for Babylon

⁹ "When the kings of the earth who committed adultery with her and shared her luxury see the smoke of her burning, they will weep and mourn over her. ¹⁰ Terrified at her torment, they will stand far off and cry:

"Woe! Woe to you, great city, you mighty city of Babylon! In one hour, your doom has come!"

All the powers of earth are terrified of what they see, and do not rush to her aid, but stand far off and lament her demise in "1 hour". This means a very short time, not protracted destruction by fire... in an hour

Revelation Ch 18:11-13. Do they weep for a friend?

¹¹ "The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her **because no one buys their cargoes anymore—**

¹² cargoes of gold, silver, precious stones and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk and scarlet cloth; every sort of citron wood, and articles of every kind made of ivory, costly wood, bronze, iron and marble;

¹³ cargoes of cinnamon and spice, of incense, myrrh and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, of fine flour and wheat; cattle and sheep; horses and carriages; and human beings sold as slaves.

- Do they mourn for a friend? Or do they mourn for a more selfish reason? Note the cargo now unsold includes all manner of things, even human slaves.
- Our great cities today also traffic in human slaves. Mostly young women sold in satanic inspired enterprises. We are seeing Law Enforcement breaking up and arresting this "merchant", but the sin is large.

Revelation Ch 18:14-17A The Third Woe

¹⁴ "They will say, '**The fruit you longed for** is gone from you. All your luxury and splendor have vanished, never to be recovered.'

¹⁵ The merchants who sold these things and gained their wealth from her will stand far off, terrified at her torment. They will weep and mourn

¹⁶ and cry out:

"Woe! Woe to you, great city, dressed in fine linen, purple and scarlet, and glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls! 17 In one hour such great wealth has been brought to ruin!"

The wording is interesting saying the <u>"fruit you longed for"</u> is gone forever further indicating that all evil manner of "desire" were being offered for sale and their merchants were made very wealthy because of it.

Revelation Ch 18:17B-19 Poor me!

"Every sea captain, and all who travel by ship, the sailors, and all who earn their living from the sea, will stand far off.

¹⁸ When they see the smoke of her burning, they will exclaim, 'Was there ever a city like this great city?'

¹⁹ They will **throw dust on their hea**ds, and with weeping and mourning cry out:

"Woe! Woe to you, great city, where all who had ships on the sea became rich through her wealth! In one hour, she has been brought to ruin!"

- A couple of things to note: Apparently these goods arrived by ships which means
 this city was served by a port. This is another checkmark in the view that this city is
 not the landlocked city named Babylon in Iraq, but perhaps a city with a thriving port.
- They lament, throw dust on their heads indicating great mourning and utter laments feeling sorry for themselves in losing this wealthy trade partner.

Revelation Ch 18:20 Heavens Rejoice

20 "Rejoice over her, you heavens! Rejoice, you people of God! Rejoice, apostles and prophets! For God has judged her with the judgment she imposed on you."

"Judgment is mine says the Lord", and here it is finally coming to this city and structure of wickedness.

I want to take a few minutes and step back and look at this from a higher level. We have seen some pretty dark chapters with destruction, pain, and death visited on those that refuse the invitation of the Lord.

I'll have more on this if we have time at the end.

Revelation Ch 18: Reality Check

- For most of us, we look for security, and the ability to earn a living, raise our families, worship as we are led, and live free of oppression. Today in our world, and even in the US these ideals are a source of great friction. Governments and Culture want to control us, restrict our freedoms, take away our basic human God-given rights, and force us to accept the downward spiraling culture. If we do not accept these changes and applaud this deviancy, we become targets and suffer in society.
- As Christians, we are called to live in peace, as best we can, but never forsake our Biblical Identity, Biblical Truth, and cause of rejoicing. As hard as it may be, safety, financial wealth, married or single, healthy or not, and many other items are now challenging us. We are supposed to be citizens of Heaven and not earth, or Georgia, or wherever we live. We are supposed to be faithful followers of the Lord, His Word, and His Truth. Whatever we have now, can be taken away in an instant, and all we are left with is our relationship with God.
- Make sure it is secure in Jesus Christ.

Revelation Ch 18: What does it mean for us?

- What Babylon reveals to me is ever since Genesis, some have sought to replace God and His Word with earthly structures, beliefs and culture. Today the world is oppressing freedom, and many are clinging to supposed security and going along with the craziness. In the US, we are fighting back with common sense against these horrible trends, but the world is careening to judgment.
- Babylon was worse, it should remind us that no matter how powerful, how popular, how oppressing it gets, God has the last word. If we are living in our version of Babylon, our ultimate security is not for these brief few years, but for eternity.
- God is in control, and God's plan is being carried out by unwitting nations and movements, but at the right time on the "God" calendar, He will make it right.

Revelation Ch 18:21-24

- ²¹ Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large **millstone** and threw it into the sea, and said:
- "With such violence the great city of Babylon will be thrown down, never to be found again.
- ²² The music of harpists and musicians, pipers and trumpeters, <u>will never be heard</u> <u>in you again</u>. No worker of any trade <u>will ever be found in you again</u>. The sound of a millstone will never be heard in you again
- ²³ The **light of a lamp** will never shine in you again. The voice of bridegroom and bride will never be heard in you again.
- Your merchants were the world's important people. By your magic spell all the nations were led astray.
- ²⁴ In her was found the blood of prophets and of God's holy people, of all who have been slaughtered on the earth."

Final Thoughts...

Both in Matthew and Luke, Jesus tells his disciples (Luke 17.2)

It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble.

This verse emphasizes the seriousness to God of the sin and punishment coming to those that lead Children away from God. This also generally teaches the same for Apostasy for all who lead others away from Christ. As we see here, this prophetic verse in Luke is fulfilled in Revelation for the One World Government, and all its supporters and people who forced others to take the Mark or Die. It is not just those who take the mark who die, but the evil power structure that implemented it. "I was just following orders" will not make any difference here to God.

Final, Final thoughts... These verses weigh Heavy

Going back to Verse 20

20 "Rejoice over her, you heavens! Rejoice, you people of God! Rejoice, apostles and prophets! For God has judged her with the judgment she imposed on you."

Q: Why is this rejoicing taking place? It is because the mockers, the opposers, the persecutors, the judges, the system that persecuted and killed people trying to save others with the truth, are finally being judged.

God will return. God will judge those who mocked Him, Mocked His Word, and mocked His Children. **We are to spread His Word, Plant His seeds, water and tend the garden**. We are to pray, but the Harvest is the Lord's.

For those in our families we are praying for...for those friends who just cannot come to the Lord **now**...

We can be about the Lord's business in the preparing, praying, planting, and watering ... knowing that God is in control, and hoping that after the Rapture they will put away their pride, their hate of God, and come to Him.

Next Week

We finally get to the Second Coming and Good News

- Pray for the Situation in Israel to improve
- Be in prayer for our Nation, State, Israel, and all the leaders and Pastors
- Pray for a revival to come and workers for the harvest
- Pray for each other, and all our families and friends that need to come to the Lord, or renew their commitments
- Keep looking up. The Lord is coming back. Normal may not return but Jesus will!