

Studies in Revelation: Part Thirty-Eight

Wed. Night Bible Study

The Destruction of Babylon Pt.2, “The Responses”: Rev. 18:9-24

1. The Sovereign’s Response v.9-10 “the kings of the earth”
 - They wept for lost luxury “lived deliciously”
 - A. Their Sobbing v.9 “bewail...and lament” (Jer. 50:46, Ez. 26:16-17)
 - B. Their Scenery v.9 “see the smoke” (Is. 13:19, Joel 2:30-31)
 - C. Their Shock v.10 “for in one hour” (Ez. 32:8-10)

2. The Sellers Response v.11-17a “the merchants of the earth”
 - They wept for lost leisure “for no man buyeth”
 - A. Their Merchandise v.12-13 “The Merchandise of...” (Zep. 1:17-18)
 - B. Their Misplacement v.14 “find them no more” (Lk. 16:22-26)
 - C. Their Mourning v.15 “weeping and wailing” (Jms. 1:1-3)
 - D. Their Miscalculation v.16-17a “that great city...come to nought” (Mat. 16:26, Lk. 12:16-21)
 - E. Their Marvel v.17a “For in one hour” (Lam. 4:6)

3. The Shipmen’s Response v.17b-19 “and every shipmaster”
 - They wept for lost lively-hood “made rich all that had ships”
 - A. Their Dependency v.18-19 “this great city...made rich” (Ps.57:7, 1Tim. 6:17-19)
 - B. Their Distress v.19 “cast dust on their heads” (Lam. 2:10, Ez. 27:28-32)

4. The Societies Response v.21-23
 - They wept for lost liberty “no more” (Is. 24:7-10, Jer. 25:9-11)
 - No more Music “heard no more”
 - No more Manufacturing “craftsman”
 - No more Milling “millstone”
 - No more Marriage “bride shall be heard no more”

5. The Saints Response v.20, 24 “Rejoice over her, thou heaven”
 - They worshipped for the Lord’s lawful vindication “hath avenged” (Rom. 12:19, Deut. 32:35)