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- **Introduction: From Exposure to Destruction**

Whereas Revelation 16–17 revealed:

- The Beast system judged
- Babylon exposed – and an alliance of power, deception, and seduction

Revelation 18–19 now shows:

The complete destruction of that system and the triumph of the Lamb

- **Revelation 18: The Fall of Babylon**

A mighty angel declares: **“Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great”**

From Old Testament Imagery: Both Isaiah 21:9; Jeremiah 51, reference:

- Babylon as a fallen empire
- Judgment on a corrupt civilization
- Collapse of a system opposed to God

The Meaning here is something ***new***:

Babylon is not just weakened — it is finally **destroyed**

- **Revelation 18: The Fall of Babylon** *(Continued)*

There is significance to the description of **how** Babylon/the Harlot, is destroyed:

Previously defined:

- Beast → political power
- Babylon → religious/cultural/economic seduction

Now Revelation shows: **These are not stable partners:**

Phase 1: Cooperation

- Babylon rides the Beast
- She benefits from its power
- She influences the system

Phase 2: Conflict

- The Beast “hates the harlot”
- Political power no longer needs seduction
- Control replaces persuasion

- **Revelation 18: The Fall of Babylon** (*Continued*)

Phase 3: Destruction

- Babylon is devoured
- Burned
- Stripped

The system consumes itself

Subtle but important messaging: **This pattern is deeply rooted in the prophets.**

Ezekiel 16:37–41 Where God speaks of a harlot (*Jerusalem imagery*):

“They shall... strip you... and burn your houses with fire...”

Ezekiel 23:25–29 Same pattern:

- lovers turn against her
- strip her
- destroy her

Meaning: The thing she trusted becomes the instrument of her destruction

- **Revelation 18: The Fall of Babylon** (*Continued*)

Within the DCW framework (*Through the Heiser Lens*):

- Nations corrupted – **Deuteronomy 32**
- Systems built on rebellion
- Powers aligned under the Dragon

But: **There is no true unity in rebellion**

So What Happens?

- Power structures fracture
- Alliances collapse
- Internal destruction begins

Babylon is not overthrown by a *stronger* system—she is destroyed by the one she trusted. The Beast doesn't just *use* Babylon—it eventually devours her.

Theological Meaning: Evil is self-destructive by nature, it cannot sustain itself.

- **Call to leave Babylon**

Revelation 18:14 “Come Out of Her, My People! Come out of her, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues”

OT Connection **Jeremiah 51:45** “Go out of the midst of her, my people! Let every one save his life from the fierce anger of the LORD!”

Meaning

God calls His people to:

- a separate allegiance
- reject the system
- avoid participation in corruption

- **Sudden Collapse of Babylon**

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- **Sudden Collapse of Babylon** *(Continued)*

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OT Echo - **Isaiah 47**

Sudden downfall of Babylon

False security exposed

Meaning: The system that appeared permanent is **instantly removed**

- **Lament of the World System**

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Why They Mourn:

- loss of wealth
- loss of power
- loss of system stability

Meaning: The world grieves the loss of the system it depended on

- **Heaven Rejoices**

In contrast to earthly mourning: **Heaven celebrates**

Meaning: What the world sees as loss, heaven sees as **justice**

- **Revelation 19: Heaven Responds**

Heaven erupts in praise:

“Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God”

Meaning

Judgment reveals:

- God’s righteousness
- God’s justice
- God’s authority

- **The Marriage Supper of the Lamb**

“Blessed are those invited to the marriage supper”

OT Imagery **Isaiah 25:6–9**

- Feast prepared by God
- Victory over death

Meaning can be summed up in contrast:

- Babylon → false union
- Lamb → true covenant union

- **The Rider of the White Horse**

Christ appears as:

- Faithful and True
- Righteous Judge
- Warrior King

- **The Rider of the White Horse** (*Continued*)

OT Imagery **Isaiah 63:1-4**

- Divine warrior
- Judgment of the nations

Meaning: The Lamb is not only Savior — He is **King and Judge**

- **Defeat of the Beasts System**

With the Imagery used John is illustrating the end of the old **World Order** (Deuteronomy 32):

- Beast defeated
- False Prophet destroyed
- Armies overcome

Meaning: The system revealed in Rev 13-17 is now, it is **completely dismantled**

• The Two Kingdoms Fulfilled

Beast Kingdom (*Collapsed*)

- Dragon → authority
- Beast → power
- False Prophet → deception
- Babylon → seduction

Kingdom of the Lamb (*Established*)

- God → authority
- Lamb → King
- Spirit → truth
- People → faithful

• Final Divine Council Worldview Insight

Revelation 18–19: Demonstrates not just God's judgment against rebellion ... but the **removal of the entire Deuteronomy 32 system** with His Divine Authority reclaimed.

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