



The Canadian *Lord's Day* Association

Bible Course

Acts to Revelation

Lesson 86

Name: _____

Read Revelation 18

The message of chapter 18 is that apart from God there is inevitable ruin.

1. Chapter 18 tells of the fall of Babylon, the end of the woman and all that she represents. Note what it says in verse 2, _____ the great is _____, is _____. Notice the past tense. This hasn't happened yet, but it is so certain that God speaks as if it is already done. Also the repetition shows emphasis. Hebrew and Greek writers did not have italics or underlining or exclamation points. So the repetition is emphasizing that there will be utter desolation of the civilized world...all because of infatuation with the world. Is your heart in Babylon?
2. This chapter continues with a powerful call and warning. "_____ out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her _____, and that ye receive not of her _____. This is not a call to be a monk or separate yourself physically from the world. The world is in our hearts. We need the world taken out of our hearts and that can only be through the cross. Galatians 6:14: But God forbid that I should glory, save in the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the _____ is crucified unto me, and I unto the

_____.” For believers, if Christ gave His life for me, how can I have anything to do with a world that crucified the Lord of Glory? For unbelievers, if I continue to reject this work of Christ, my end is utter destruction.

3. In verses 5 – 8, read of Babylon’s luxury built up over years and how long it takes to destroy: Therefore shall her plagues come in _____
_____, _____,
_____, and _____; and she shall be
utterly _____ with _____. This
world is so impressive and seeks to con us into believing that it will be forever, but
its rebellion, worldliness, and evil will be permanently destroyed. The end is
coming!

Read Revelation 19

Chapter 19 is a victory celebration. The famous Handel’s Messiah, one of the most well-known pieces of religious music takes the Hallelujah chorus from this chapter. The heartfelt worship in this chapter is generated by the destruction of Babylon and the wedding of the Lamb. Jewish weddings include a betrothal which is like but more binding than our engagements today. The betrothal includes vows in the synagogue. Sometime later the groom comes with a group of men and the dowry money. There is a marriage ceremony and celebration which lasts about two weeks. Weddings were generally arranged and the bride had no part in the process. Spiritually, God arranges for the wedding of the church and Christ. This portrays the one-sided work of redemption. Initially love is one-sided – from God.

4. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him: for the
_____ of the _____ is come and
His wife has made herself ready.
5. Blessed are they which are called unto the _____
_____ of the _____.
6. The triumphant and victorious vision of Christ follows:

- a. And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called _____ and _____ (He is faithful to His promises, He is the True Messiah) ... and his mane is called The _____ of _____ (the revelation of God Himself) ...and he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, _____ of _____ and _____ of _____ (His right to judge, victorious, majestic).

Christ's special names are used in context for special meaning.

7. The battle lines are drawn. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. Then the battle is over, the very next verse says: And the _____ was taken, and with him the _____ that wrought miracles before him, ...and they _____ were slain with the sword.

Evaluator _____

Meditation

My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips, Psalm 63:5. Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, Rev. 19: 6-7.

What tends not to glory, O Lord, and is not thy own work, whatever appearance it may have, is not really good and profitable: presser and assist me, therefore, to do all things as of thee, in the sight, and to thy honour. May my soul

be ever magnifying thy name, O my Redeemer and Bridegroom, and my whole conversation be directed to thy praise. Grant that my heart and mouth may ever be full of thy great mercies, and overflow continually with thanksgiving.

My God, my King, thy various praise
Demands thanksgiving all my days;
O, let thy grace employ my tongue
Till death and glory raise the song.

Grant, Lord, that every hour may bear
Some thankful tribute to thine ear;
And every setting sun may see
New works of duty done for thee.

Thy faithfulness endures the same;
Thy bounty flows an endless stream;
Thy mercy swift, thine anger slow;
But dreadful to the stubborn foe.

And who can speak thy wondrous deed?
Thy greatness all our thoughts exceeds;
Vas and unsearchable thy ways;
Vast and immortal be thy praise.

A Golden Treasure for the Children of God, C.H.V. Bogatsky

Future Punishment

Everlasting despair? Oh how you will wish you had never been. How you will wish to tear out your memory, and these tender affections, and this accusing conscience. You will seek death, and it will flee from you. This, this is to be lost. This is everlasting destruction. This is to be a castaway.

Gems of Robert Murray McCheyne