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Revelation 18:14-24



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Lamenting on earth – joy in heaven



The consequences of this final judgment on the false church are felt in the whole world. All trading nations lament her downfall, because this system has supplied them with infinite wealth (vv15-19). But then another voice is heard. Yet not on earth but in heaven.

God commands all those to rejoice who down the long dark centuries have died a martyr’s death through the persecutions of this false church. God Himself will take on their case and judge their persecutors (v20). The final divine judgment is announced by an angel (vv21-24).



45. What indicated clearly that the judgment on Babylon is final (vv21-24)?



So far a strong angel has been mentioned three times in Revelation. In chapter 5:2 in connection to the judgment over the earth, in chapter 10:1 in connection with judgment over Israel. And here in verse 21 in connection with judgment over Babylon.



Those who suffer unjustly and hand their matters over to God have the best solicitor.



45. Babylon shall not be found any more (v21).