**Revelations 17**

**Religious Babylon’s Fate**

Verses 1-6, The Adulterous Woman.

* The counterfeit who controls kings.
* False worship that enriches itself.
* First empowered by world government.

Verses 7-14 The Woman Exposed.

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Verses 15-18. The Doom of the Woman.

* The doom is mid-tribulation.
* Those who attempt to leave her do not go far enough. Reference, Sardis: Revelation 3:1-6).
* The true Church of Jesus Christ has never sought political power, but historically sought the doctrine of Liberty; the separation of Church and state. John 18:36.

**Revelations 18**

**The Fall of The Economic and Governmental Babylon**

Verses 1-2 The Fall of the City Proclaimed.

* Isaiah 13-14 and Jeremiah 50-51 indicate the city of Babylon will be rebuilt.
* Isaiah 13:19-20.

Verse 3. The Sin of the City.

Verses 4-8 “Come out from her.”

* Who? Deuteronomy 4:30-31.
* Confidence is destroyed. (Tower of Babel again? Genesis 11:1-9).

Verses 9-18. The center of society.

* World Government flows from Babylon, so the rulers mourn.
* World commerce and the economy is dependent upon this city.
* Slaves. May not be actually slavery, but the deception that steals souls from God. Enslaves mankind.
* The ones who weep over this woman rejoiced over the fall of the other.

Verse 20-24. The contrast in Heaven.

* Who is this bridegroom and bride?
* This marks the end of the Tribulation.