

The Revelation to John

Chapter 18

The Fall of Babylon

The “Greek Chorus”		
<i>Earthly lament/ Heavenly celebration</i>		
1	another angel	18.1
2	another voice	18.4
3	kings of the earth	18.9
4	merchants of the earth	18.11
5	shipmasters and seafaring men	18.17
6	a mighty angel	18.21
7	a great multitude	19.1
8	twenty-four elders	19.4
9	four living creatures	19.4

v.4 – call to come out of Babylon (see e.g. Jer. 51.6, 45; Isa. 48.20)

vv. 12-13 – “Even human souls are reduced to cargo, traded as slaves to drive the engines of production and prosperity.” *ESV Study Bible*

v.20 – a transition from earthly lament to heavenly celebration

v. 24 – Babylon = “The whole world empire opposed to God from the beginning”
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Chapter 19

Heaven's Perspective

The Fourth Interlude:

I. Rejoicing in Heaven

v.1 - "Hallelujah, which occurs only here in the NT (19.1, 3, 4, 6), comes from a Hebrew term for "praise Yahweh," seen often in the Psalms (esp. Psalms 113-118)." *ESV Study Bible*

v.3 - "forever and ever." Babylon's judgment is irreversible

II. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

The Church as the bride of Christ (see e.g. Eph. 5.25-27; 2 Cor. 11.2)

The Messianic banquet (Isa. 25.6-9; Matthew 22.1-14)

Song: *Hallelujah Our God Reigns*

Hallelujah, for The Lord our God
The Almighty reigns
Hallelujah, for The Lord our God
The Almighty reigns

Let us rejoice and be glad
And give the glory unto Him

Hallelujah, for The Lord our God
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Rider on a White Horse / The end of the Beast & the False Prophet:

"The divine warrior who treads the winepress of God's wrath" *ESV Study Bible*

See e.g. Isa. 63.1-6