

## ***The Party is Over--A Tale of Two Babylons***

Revelation 17-18

### **Babylon: A False Religious System**

17:1-14

- The false religious system of Babylon gains power and prestige in the first half of the Tribulation.
- The prostitute personifies spiritual adultery, idolatry and apostasy.
- As the mother of prostitutes, Babylon is the fountainhead of evil religious practices.
- The worldwide apostate church of the Tribulation will be powerful and influential.
- The final world government led by the Antichrist is symbolized by the eighth beast or empire.
- A ten nation federation will have a brief period of power before giving all power to the Antichrist.

### **The Party is Over!**

17:15-18

- The Antichrist and his ten ruler federation unite to destroy the one-world apostate church.
- The false religion that has flourished in the first half of the Tribulation is crushed.
- The Antichrist sets himself up to be worshipped in the Great Tribulation.
- God's sovereign purpose prevails as He allows the evil world leaders to destroy false religion.

***Walk in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's sovereignty regardless of chaos in the world.  
Our God reigns!***

### **Babylon: A Commercial and Political Power Center**

18:1-3

- God's angel announces the fall of the wealthy, commercial and political city of Babylon.
- The judgment of God makes Babylon a home for evil.
- All the nations are corrupted by the political and material immorality of Babylon.

### **The Party is Over!**

18:4-24

- God's people are called to leave Babylon to avoid the judgment that is coming.
- Divine justice will mete out a double portion of judgment for the hideous sins of Babylon.
- World rulers and merchants are grief stricken over the loss of wealth, power, and luxury.
- Heaven rejoices at Babylon's downfall.

***Hold the wealth and power of this world \_\_\_\_\_.  
Hold fast to the \_\_\_\_\_ stored up for you in Heaven!***

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