

Syllabus
The Book of Revelation
Chapter 18

Rev. 18:1 ¶ *After these things I saw another angel coming down out of heaven, having great authority; and the earth was lightened with his glory.*

Rev. 18:2 *And he cried with a mighty voice, saying, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, and is become a habitation of demons, and a hold of every unclean spirit, and a hold of every unclean and hateful bird.*

Rev. 18:3 *For by the wine of the wrath of her fornication all the nations are fallen; and the kings of the earth committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth waxed rich by the power of her wantonness.*

Rev. 18:4 ¶ *And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come forth, my people, out of her, that ye have no fellowship with her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues:*

Rev. 18:5 *for her sins have reached even unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.*

For my comments and thoughts on this chapter, please see "Appendix: The Babylonian System."

I would only add this comment on verse 4.

Evidently there are those of His own on the earth "having fellowship with her sins."

He calls them "out of bed with her," so to speak. So I will repeat the following comment from The Numerical Bible:

The Numerical Bible, Hebrews to Revelation, Page 289

The future before the world is largely, alas, made up of judgment, although it is true that the judgment is for a blessing which lies beyond it, and which is as bright as God can make it. Yet the judgment is emphatically a judgment of the world as it is, a judgment in which the whole present fashion of it passes away; and how important that we should know *why* it should pass away, and now to apprehend the mind of God with regard to that which He is going to judge! In this way prophecy is of the most practical nature, and a grand help to real holiness; that is to a separation from evil which necessarily is found in fellowship with Him. If there are things with which finally it will be seen that He cannot allow to go on, then how clearly this must enter into our present estimate of them!

...God's moral ways...the end will perfectly bring them out.