

Revelation: A Vision of the Coming King

When Your god Collapses – Revelation 18:9-20

Last Week – Revelation 18:1-8

Last Sunday as we gathered, our time was spent in coming to a detailed understanding of the fall of political and economic Babylon in the first section of **Revelation 18:1-8**. Previously in **Revelation 17**, we were able to see the demise of Religious Babylon.

Babylon is the end time world system that will control the whole world under the grip of the Antichrist. Everyone in the world will buy into the end time worldview and from the nations, kings, and merchants, they will become intoxicated by all that she has to offer. The world will become the most me-centered generation in the last days as people live to pursue their pleasure without any real consequences.

This system will consist of a one-world religion and one economic and political system. All 3 will be intrinsically inseparable and they will be grounded in the worship and honor of the Antichrist. Every single bit of this system will be satanic and demonic driven through the power and influence of the Antichrist.

Every person who participates in this end time world system will be those who choose to take the mark of the beast. As they make this choice to be marked by the Antichrist, they will fall under the judgment of Almighty God.

We saw last week that this end time world system will be driven by greed, comfort, luxury, and immorality. The lure of money and possession will reach its highest peak in the last days as the world pursues every kind of luxury the world has to offer. Honestly, this mindset has prevailed and dominated our world system from almost the very beginning and it will rage on after us only to be crushed when Jesus returns to set up His Millennial Kingdom. That was last week!

The Voices of Revelation 18

John goes from heaven to earth again in Revelation 18

18:1-8 – 2 from Heaven

- **Angel**
- **Jesus**

Only making pronouncements about Babylon's fall as there is no longer any call to repentance, just an announcement of impending judgment.

18:9-20 – 3 sets/groups of voices from the earth.

- **Kings**
- **Merchants**
- **Shipmasters, seafaring men, & sailors**

Mourning over Destruction

As we hear the three groups voices, they will all have the same theme, standing the same kind of place (far off) and the same emotion as each of the others. The three groups we will hear from will be people who will each play a key roles in the end time political and economic system.

As we see them, they will all be mourning over the destruction of their god as they stand and watch it smolder. As they watch, they literally don't know what to do as their god collapses before their very eyes and they see the smoke rising from ash heap.

These mourners are the voices of Babylon's lovers who have lost their love and are completely devastated and dumbfounded.

Here are the words that we are contained in the text for today:

- Weep – (3x)
- Wail – (1x)
- Mourn/ing/ed – (3x)
- Judgment – (2x)
- Smoke of her burning – (2x)
- Wealth – (2x)
- City – (7x) ; “great city” (6x) ; “mighty city” (1x)

We will be dealing with people who simply have no idea what to do as their god has collapsed and is gone, crushed by the might and glory of Jesus.

Emphasis of Far Off – Distance from their god

Revelation 18:10 They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say, “Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, Babylon! For in a single hour your judgment has come.”

Revelation 18:15 The merchants of these wares, who gained wealth from her, will stand far off, in fear of her torment, weeping and mourning aloud,

Revelation 18:17 For in a single hour all this wealth has been laid waste.” And all shipmasters and seafaring men, sailors and all whose trade is on the sea, stood far off

Strong Emphasis on Suddenness

- **18:10** – “in a single hour” – your judgment has come ****they see it as judgment**
- **18:17** – “in a single hour” – “all this wealth has been laid waste”
- **18:19** – “in a single hour” – “she has been laid waste”

1. The Reaction to Babylon's Fall – 18:9-11

18:9 And the kings of the earth, who committed sexual immorality and lived in luxury with her, will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning. **10** They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say, “Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, Babylon! For in a single hour

your judgment has come.” 11 And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, since no one buys their cargo anymore,

In the Tribulation Economy, many people will get rich, but the big big money will likely rest in among not too many people.

Example

Just eight men own the same amount of money as the poorest half of the human race (3.6 billion people). We're on track to see the world's first trillionaire in the next 25 years, and yet 1 in 10 of us still earns less than \$2 a day.

If this is just today, where the richest continue to accumulate more in the world's economy, you can only imagine what it will be like in the last days where there is a one-world government ruling everything.

When she falls mightily under the hand of Christ, the reaction of those who made so much money and lived so luxuriously will naturally have the strongest of reactions.

• Reaction of the Kings – 18:9-10

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Q: Who are the kings mentioned here? This is a really good question to consider.

(1) Likely the 10 Kings who will give their authority to the Antichrist.

Revelation 17:12 And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast. **13** These are of one mind, and they hand over their power and authority to the beast. **14** They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.”

Even though they will give him their power and authority, they will become very rich from their positions of reigning alongside of the Antichrist.

They will live, eat, dress, travel, rule, go, do and spend their money and time in the finest of luxuries.

(2) Other leaders who may serve alongside the 10 Kings & Antichrist.

The text tells us that the kings will experience two things during the height of end time Babylon: **18:9b** who committed sexual immorality and lived in luxury with her,

(1) Committed Sexual Immorality

(2) Live in Luxury

They will love everything they will get from their relationship with her. They will have it so good. It will lead them to be well connected throughout the world as they reign alongside the Antichrist.

Keep in mind that the nations of the world have surrendered their sovereignty to the authority of Antichrist, and have put all of their eggs in one basket as they and the world looked to him to provide economic stability for the entire world.

For all of them, these have been the best of times and as the leaders of the world they have lived in a phenomenal season of prominence and popularity. Their approval ratings will be through the roof.

The whole world is under the illusion that this newfound government will have found the solution for all the world's problems. At the end of it all, in a moment of time, in the span of one day, all of their hopes and aspirations come crashing down with Babylon's collapse.

Their reaction to losing everything connected with her will be that they will...

“will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning”.

We have all seen on the news when people are standing before their home that has burned down and their emotion as they see the smoke rising. It is an overwhelming moment for people as they stand apart and can only stare at the smoke and what remains.

- **Weep & Wail over her**

Will “wail” is κόπονται [kopsontai] , they themselves will beat their breasts in anguish and mourning.

The kings of the earth bewail the fall of Babylon. They literally will “mourn and sob aloud” for the destruction of all their wealth & power. They will lament over Babylon's collapse, “an action of beating upon the breast in utter disbelief and mourning.”

Can you just imagine the chaos the world will endure as heads of state around the world realize that the money and prosperity has collapsed and the world economy is literally broke? These men will run away scared as the very system that established their power has been destroyed. They will no longer be the monarchs of the world as they will be no more kingdoms for man to reign.

10 They will stand far off, in fear of her torment,

“far off”

They will have had to flee from the city as it is not a place where you could remain for it is now all burned up and gone. The kings, merchants, & shipmasters have been forced to flee because of God's judgments and now they can only stand at a distance and watch. They cannot stop it or bring any kind of rescue nor will there be any possibility or

resurrecting it and building it up again. It is over and they have to flee because there is nothing left.

Q: Why are they in fear of her torment? They know that what happened to Babylon will happen to them. Keep in mind they will have heard the 2nd flying angel in **Revelation 14:8** Another angel, a second, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality.”

They will have also heard the 3rd flying angel in...

Revelation 14:9 And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10 he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. 11 And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.”

Seeing the fulfillment of all of this will bring great fear and force them to flee and watch at a distance!

and say, “Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, Babylon!

Alas, alas

“The English word ‘alas’ only partly conveys the feeling in the Greek *ouai*, the very sound of which bespeaks grief and terror. It is the same word translated ‘woe’ elsewhere like we see in Revelation 8:13ff.

Her luxurious wealth and position as a center of trade had made them rich, but now it was all gone and in their weeping and wailing, it will reveal and reflect this...

**Their sorrow is grounded in the loss
of their own self-interests rather than the city itself.**

Extreme selfishness will pervade even after it has all crumbled.

In spite of all its greatness and might, she falls in one hour as nothing can stand before the might and majesty of Almighty God.

**Here we have the rich and powerful standing far off
at a safe distance speaking
idle and inconsequential lamentations to themselves.**

great city, you mighty city, Babylon!

Q: Where is the might now? They see nothing of might as they can only see the smoke! They are forced to see that God is mightier and the Almighty!

For in a single hour your judgment has come.”

The conjunction for, ὅτι [hoti] , indicates the reason for their outburst: her destruction was so sudden and complete.

She had appeared to be so mighty, virtually unassailable, yet now she had been suddenly devastated and brought down to nothing. They can't believe it even though they see it!

This section is likely about the rebuilt city of Babylon, which will possibly be the capital city of Antichrist's empire. According to both the prophet Isaiah and Jeremiah, Babylon would be completely destroyed.

Isaiah 13:19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the splendor and pomp of the Chaldeans, will be like Sodom and Gomorrah when God overthrew them. 20 It will never be inhabited or lived in for all generations; no Arab will pitch his tent there; no shepherds will make their flocks lie down there. 21 But wild animals will lie down there, and their houses will be full of howling creatures; there ostriches will dwell, and there wild goats will dance. 22 Hyenas will cry in its towers, and jackals in the pleasant palaces; its time is close at hand and its days will not be prolonged.

Jeremiah 51:24 “I will repay Babylon and all the inhabitants of Chaldea before your very eyes for all the evil that they have done in Zion, declares the Lord. 25 “Behold, I am against you, O destroying mountain, declares the Lord, which destroys the whole earth; I will stretch out my hand against you, and roll you down from the crags, and make you a burnt mountain. 26 No stone shall be taken from you for a corner and no stone for a foundation, but you shall be a perpetual waste, declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 51:61 And Jeremiah said to Seraiah: “When you come to Babylon, see that you read all these words, 62 and say, ‘O Lord, you have said concerning this place that you will cut it off, so that nothing shall dwell in it, neither man nor beast, and it shall be desolate forever.’ 63 When you finish reading this book, tie a stone to it and cast it into the midst of the Euphrates, 64 and say, ‘Thus shall Babylon sink, to rise no more, because of the disaster that I am bringing upon her, and they shall become exhausted.’”

Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

We know that Babylon continued on for many years after its fall in the Old Testament so it was not obliterated. This means that these words from Isaiah and Jeremiah are were not fulfilled then so they would be fulfilled in the future. We see their fulfillment here in **Revelation 18**.

Some feel this is a rebuilt Rome and with this view, those who hold it see Rome as the spiritual side of the kingdom of the Antichrist and Babylon as the economic part.

Others see Rome as the power that rules in the first 3.5 years and Babylon the next 3.5 years, though it is all not completely clear.

While it does not say the actual location, just the same, this is clear – Babylon will fall and the kings stand a far off can't believe it is burning.

• Reaction of the Merchants – 18:11

18:11 And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, since no one buys their cargo anymore,

Keep in mind John is seeing all of this reaction by those in power and well connected. Not only will the kings of the earth mourn over Babylon's crushing disappearance in defeat, but all of the merchants who got rich off of the system will weep and mourn for her as well.

As people turn their attention increasingly towards making money and obtaining goods, they will continue to neglect the more important things that matter to God. *In Babylon's* destruction, God will destroy the idols of commercialism and materialism and all of the immorality that is connected to them as well.

The Old Testament city of Tyre had suffered a similar judgment as seen in...

Ezekiel 27:27 Your riches, your wares, your merchandise, your mariners and your pilots, your caulkers, your dealers in merchandise, and all your men of war who are in you, with all your crew that is in your midst, sink into the heart of the seas on the day of your fall.

The collapse of the global economy will cause the ruin of free trade and enterprise. During the Tribulation businessmen and entrepreneurs will enjoy a season of unmatched prosperity. These will be days of great excess in the business world. As the market collapses, these men will also mourn the loss of Babylon.

She has been the track for which their economic machines have run. There will be no money to purchase any of their goods. The goods that brought them wealth have been reduced to worthless merchandise.

All the leaders of the nations of the earth who have risen to power and prosperity on the back of this system now mourn over her destruction. Every economy of every nation on the earth will crash to the ground in a moment of time.

The crash will be accompanied by strongest the wailing and weeping from the rulers & merchants of the world.

2. The Reservoir of the World's Treasures – 18:12-13

18:12 cargo of gold, silver, jewels, pearls, fine linen, purple cloth, silk, scarlet cloth, all kinds of scented wood, all kinds of articles of ivory, all kinds of articles of costly wood, bronze, iron and marble, 13 cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and slaves, that is, human souls.

As it naturally is in the business world, companies keep a supply of their product so they can continue to move it and make money. When the entire system collapses including the financial market, no one will have money to buy anything so ships, warehouses, trains, planes, etc. will be full of the world's goods.

18:12-13 list some items that will be affected by the global collapse, but in them we see the utter desolation of the economic enterprise.

These merchants are the businessmen and women and CEO's of the great companies of the world. In an instant their financial empires are brought to utter desolation.

As we previously said, Babylon's commercial power will be unmatched and now the merchants have no one with which to do commerce, and all of their product will be piled up and no one will have enough money to buy anything.

They weep and mourn because no one has any money with which to buy their goods as we see in **18:12**.

- **Luxury Items – 18:12**

18:12 cargo of gold, silver, jewels, pearls, fine linen, purple cloth, silk, scarlet cloth, all kinds of scented wood, all kinds of articles of ivory, all kinds of articles of costly wood, bronze, iron and marble,

18:12 tells us that the luxuries of life will be out of reach. Houses, cars, jewelry, costly clothing, and precious stones as well as other fine things of life will be unobtainable.

The items listed here are those reserved for the rich and famous, those who live lives of excess and luxury. These items will no longer be affordable, even by the wealthiest. In a moment of time the wealthy of the world will become beggars in great need just like everyone else.

The luxuries of this life will be worthless in that day.

**All of the riches that men have accumulated
cannot buy health, happiness, or stay the hand of God.**

Those merchants who deal in these items will be out of business. d

- **Common Everyday Items – 18:13a & 13b**

18:13a cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots,

18:13ab tells us that the basic necessities of life will also be impossible to obtain. Spices, bread, meat and other foods will be out of the reach of every man. These are the common, everyday items that men need to survive, the basic necessities of life. The common things of life will be unaffordable with no market for their sale.

**The very things that men take for granted, those things that are
necessary to sustain life will no longer be available.**

Can you imagine a world where on a global scale, men can't bring home a loaf of bread, where a mother can't afford to buy milk for her baby, where aspirin and spices are beyond men's ability to buy?

- **Slaves and Trafficking – 18:13c**

18:13c and slaves, that is, human souls.

This reveals where this world system places its priorities. It has elevated profits over people as it built its power and prosperity through the oppression and enslavement of the common man. Those days are now over in the text!

The profits of commercial Babylon will come through the cruelty of using others for the most despicable and vile things. They will sell the bodies and souls of men. The implication here has many applications, none less so than today's widespread human trafficking, prostitution, and pornography that dominate the world.

So Babylon's fall will result in bringing an end to the abuse of people in all of the various kinds of people and slave trading.

With the economy of the world destroyed and burned up, there will be no money to pay for the trafficking of children, prostitution, etc.

The international traffic of forced prostitution - of men, women and children - is a tragic but financially lucrative business in our day and will undoubtedly become even bigger in the evil days of the Tribulation.

**They will have all of these things to sell
but no one can buy anything –
as it has all collapsed under the weight
of God's movement in judgment.**

All of a sudden all their goods, which were worth so much are worth nothing!

3. The Removal of Man's Deepest Longings – 18:14

18:14 "The fruit for which your soul longed has gone from you, and all your delicacies and your splendors are lost to you, never to be found again!"

Not only is the economy gone, but everything that mankind loves to do in sin will be taken away.

This verse has so many textures and layers to it and we should pause several moments to consider the fullness of all that is being communicated. The world is bent on one main thing – live for self and for pleasure in sin.

We spoke last week of there not being in kind of moral restraint in the world because...

- Church raptured
- Saints martyred

- Laws & military against all connected to Jesus

The voices calling for moral restraint will be killed except for the 144,000 male Jewish sealed Christ-followers.

- **“The fruit”**

The fruit represents sin, any and all of it in which man longs for. It is reminiscent of what we read in **Genesis 3:6** **So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.**

- **“for which your soul longed”**

1 John 2:15 **Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life[c] (Or pride in possessions)—is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.**

- **“has gone from you”**

- **“and all your delicacies and your splendors”**

- **“are lost to you,”**

The things that the soul lusted to have will no longer be available. Those things that brought pleasure to the lives of men, the extras and novelties, the finer things of life that man enjoyed – gone and out of reach. The days of carefree, abundance for all have quickly faded away.

- **“never to be found again!”**

All of the pleasures of the world that ruin man and mock God will be gone. Since the fall of man in the Garden of Eden they have never been out of man’s reach, but in the judgment and second coming of Jesus, these **“delicacies and splendors”** are never to be found again.

This strongly communicates that the manner of her destruction, will be permanent and irreversible.

When you begin to really think this through, it will bring a smile to your face and will lift your heart. Here is just a sampling of what will be gone...

- Sins connected to the pleasures of gossip
- Sins of blaming others for our problems or not fixing us will be gone
- Sins grounded in lying
- Sexual Sins – adultery, raunchy movies, exploitation of children
- Sins associated with drunkenness
- Sins and Abuses connected to money and power
- Sins that are the reason for the destruction of marriage and the family
- Sins of Anger that bring pleasure in the abuse of others
- Sins associated with the pleasure of persecuting and martyring the saints of God

Hell

Those who lived for the luxuries of commercial Babylon will be tormented in hell as in that place there will be the eternal absence of those luxuries all the more.

Ultimately, hell will be a place of unfulfilled desire. Nothing will be quenched or satisfied in hell.

4. The Ruin and Regret of the Loss - 18:15-18

Revelation 18:15 The merchants of these wares, who gained wealth from her, will stand far off, in fear of her torment, weeping and mourning aloud, **16** “Alas, alas, for the great city that was clothed in fine linen, in purple and scarlet, adorned with gold, with jewels, and with pearls! **17** For in a single hour all this wealth has been laid waste.” **And all shipmasters and seafaring men, sailors and all whose trade is on the sea, stood far off 18 and cried out as they saw the smoke of her burning, “What city was like the great city?”**

The merchants have no heartfelt pity over the city and her destruction. There are not grieving for those who died within the city. Their concern and lamentation comes entirely from their own self-interest.

Their self-preservation explains both their standing at a distance and their lamentation. For it is their loss of revenue and commercial exchange that will bring about their sorrow, not the countless lives or devastation associated with the fall of the city.

Q: Why do they weep in this way?

(1) Security was found in riches

(2) Trusted in riches for satisfaction

(3) Purpose was grounded in riches

(4) Riches will be their god

The merchants of the world will stand in awe and utter despair as they watch the source of their wealth disappear before their eyes. The days of abundant profits and lucrative deals have ended, leaving only shattered dreams and troubled memories of prior days.

The ride they were on had been a profitable one in the scope of material gain, but it has been destroyed and they are left to face the wrath of God broke and miserable.

The lure of riches became their god and now the true and living God has struck the very heart of their affection and devotion.

Their god has come to ruin!

Q: How can we avoid this in our own lives? How do we avoid trusting in them and finding them as our security and our worth?

Matthew 6:19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Only the riches of God, that come from authentic faith are safe from the enemy and the judgment of God.

We live in an hour when anything we want is readily available, and most people in our society are able to afford just about anything they want. People talk about the economic downturn in our nation, but you can't prove it by the parking lot at Wal-Mart!

People still have plenty of money, but that will change one day as the money of this world will be worth nothing. Goods will be available but you can't afford them.

The world will be brought to its knees by the destruction of economic Babylon.

Shipmasters & Seafaring men & Sailors

And all shipmasters and seafaring men, sailors and all whose trade is on the sea, stood far off and cried out as they saw the smoke of her burning, "What city was like the great city?"

The seas will also be an avenue of accumulating great wealth and when those who carry the goods that supply and feed all of the lustful appetites of the world who will also be enslaved in the grip of prosperity, they are seen here in deep mourning. They had enjoyed times of abundance, but as their ships will draw near the ports, the source of their great affection and worship will lay in ruin with smoke filling the horizon.

Their world revolved around the prosperity of their business and it has been removed. It is dangerous to place material gain and possessions on a level reserved for God!

So, all of the people who made a fortune carrying the goods produced by this system will weep, wail and mourn when they see its destruction. Their source of wealth is taken away and they are left destitute. All hope of profit and prosperity are taken away in an instant.

5. Remorse without Repentance – 18:19

Revelation 18:19 And they threw dust on their heads as they wept and mourned, crying out, "Alas, alas, for the great city where all who had ships at sea grew rich by her wealth! For in a single hour she has been laid waste.

Throwing dust on your head is part of the repenting process, but they never go there as they are not repenting of sin.

This is an action indicating great mourning and grief over loss (**Joshua 7:6; 1Samel 4:12; Lamentations 2:10; Ezekiel 27:30**). Here, the loss is their commercial market and the loss of their god.

A Selfish Lament

Again, a little comment needs to be made on this - notice that their sorrow as well as at commercial Babylons fall is selfish.

6. Rejoice over Her Demise – 18:20

Revelation 18:20 Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, for God has given judgment for you against her!”

While the world mourns the collapse of all of its sinful pleasures, those who know Jesus are to do something completely different. They are to rejoice, to rejoice at God’s judgment of Babylon.

Note that they are not rejoicing that men are lost and going to hell, but they will rejoice about the righteous resolution that God’s judgment brings. He will make all things right in every kind of way.

There is such a great contrast to the response found on earth. The heavens rejoice over the judgment of Babylon. Those who have suffered, been mocked, and who will be martyred by those running the God-hating world system will now in God’s judgment be vindicated by Almighty God. Their cries for strength and divine intervention have not gone unheard or unanswered.

We may live in a world where believers are oppressed and persecuted, but as we found last week, God keeps a record and He will reward according to that which we deserve.

Revelation 18:5 for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. 6 Pay her back as she herself has paid back others, and repay her double for her deeds; mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed. 7 As she glorified herself and lived in luxury, so give her a like measure of torment and mourning, since in her heart she says, ‘I sit as a queen, I am no widow, and mourning I shall never see.’ 8 For this reason her plagues will come in a single day, death and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with

fire; for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her.”

Babylon deserved judgment and that is what she shall get.

and you saints and apostles and prophets,

The apostles and prophets, leaders of the saints of all ages, who have, themselves, experienced the fierce nature of the world's hatred, are here given special encouragement in the rejoicing.

“has given judgment for you against her!”

In the Greek, this literally means “God has judged your judgment on them”.

Babylon from early on has done nothing but kill the prophets and saints and now God destroys her!

While earth weeps over the fall of Babylon, Heaven worships! This system has been responsible for the death and destruction of many of God's people. Now, this system is judged and Heaven is filled with joy. It is interesting to observe Heaven's perspective concerning the events of earth. What brings sadness to the hearts of earthly men brings shouting to the hearts of heavenly men. One day we will have a heavenly perspective, we should pray that God will give us some of that today!

Q: What happens when a false god collapses?

- 1. Mourn without comfort or relief**
- 2. Can only stand far off – Distance**
The pleasures become out of reach
- 3. False gods don't get raised from the dead**
It is over!
- 4. Fruit of false gods is only emptiness**
nothing is left after it does its work.
- 5. All that is left is the ashes**

1 Samuel 5:1 When the Philistines captured the ark of God, they brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. **2** Then the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it into the house of Dagon and set it up beside Dagon. **3** And when the people of Ashdod rose early the next day, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the Lord. So they took Dagon and put him back in his place. **4** But when they rose early on the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the Lord, and the head of Dagon and both his hands were lying cut off on the threshold. Only the trunk of Dagon was left to him. **5** This is why the priests of Dagon and all who enter the house of Dagon do not tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod to this day.