

REVELATION Lesson 23

FIRST DAY

Read the Lesson 22 Notes

SECOND DAY:

Read Revelation 18:1-3

Lament Over Fallen Babylon

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the maddening wine of her adulteries.
The kings of the earth committed adultery with her,
and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her
excessive luxuries.”

Question 3b

John 3:19; [19] **This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.**

Romans 13:12; [12] The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Ephesians 5:11; [11] Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

Question 5

Colossians 3:1-3; Rules for Holy Living

[3:1] Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. [2] Set your minds on

things above, not on earthly things. [3] For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

THIRD Day:

Read Revelation 18:4-8

Warning to Escape Babylon's Judgment

[4] Then I heard another voice from heaven say:
“ ‘Come out of her, my people,’
so that you will not share in her sins,
so that you will not receive any of her plagues;
[5] for her sins are piled up to heaven,
and God has remembered her crimes.
[6] Give back to her as she has given;
pay her back double for what she has done.
Pour her a double portion from her own cup.
[7] Give her as much torment and grief
as the glory and luxury she gave herself.
In her heart she boasts,
‘I sit enthroned as queen.
I am not a widow;
I will never mourn.’

[8] Therefore in one day her plagues will overtake her:
death, mourning and famine.
She will be consumed by fire,
for mighty is the Lord God who judges her.

Question 7

Psalm 74:2; [2] Remember the people you purchased of old, the tribe of your inheritance, whom you redeemed—Mount Zion, where you dwelt.

Isaiah 43:25; [25] “I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

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FOURTH DAY:

Read Revelation 18:9-20

Threefold Woe Over Babylon's Fall

[9] “When the kings of the earth who committed adultery with her and shared her luxury see the smoke of her burning, they will weep and mourn over her. [10] Terrified at her torment, they will stand far off and cry:

“ ‘Woe! Woe to you, great city,
you mighty city of Babylon!
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[11] “The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her because no one buys their cargoes anymore— [12] cargoes of gold, silver, precious stones and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk and scarlet cloth; every sort of citron wood, and articles of every kind made of ivory, costly wood, bronze, iron and marble; [13] cargoes of cinnamon and spice, of incense, myrrh and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, of fine flour and wheat; cattle and sheep; horses and carriages; and human beings sold as slaves.

[14] “They will say, ‘The fruit you longed for is gone from you. All your luxury and splendor have vanished, never to be recovered.’ [15] The merchants who sold these things and gained their wealth from her will stand far off, terrified at her torment. They will weep and mourn [16] and cry out:

“ ‘Woe! Woe to you, great city,
dressed in fine linen, purple and scarlet,
and glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls!

[17] In one hour such great wealth has been brought to ruin!

“Every sea captain, and all who travel by ship, the sailors, and all who earn their living from the sea, will stand far off. [18] When they see the smoke of her burning, they will exclaim, ‘Was there ever a city like this great city?’ [19] They will throw dust on their heads, and with weeping and mourning cry out:

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Rejoice, you people of God!
Rejoice, apostles and prophets!
For God has judged her
with the judgment she imposed on you.”

Question 10b

Matthew 6:19-21; Treasures in Heaven

[19] “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. [20] But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. [21] For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

FIFTH DAY

Read Revelation 18:21-24

The Finality of Babylon's Doom

[21] Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea, and said:

“With such violence
the great city of Babylon will be thrown down,
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[22] The music of harpists and musicians, pipers and trumpeters,
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will ever be found in you again.
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Question 14a

John 3:16-17; [16] “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. [17] For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 10:28-29; [28] I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. [29] My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

John 14:1-3; Jesus Comforts His Disciples

[14:1] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. [2] In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

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