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Topic: Studies in Revelation - The Capital City of Evil

Text: Revelation 18

1. The people in the revived Roman Empire will be anti-God. They will set themselves up and harden themselves against the true and living God. Evil is praised and goodness is punished. But God is very certain that this city will one day be fallen (v2). The place where they commit evil will one day be a cage that traps them.
2. God calls His people to come out of sin and evil (v4). We must not be influenced by the sinfulness of this world. Instead, we must be separated from wickedness. This includes false Christian movements and activities. We must be devoted to walk in godliness and earnestly contend for the faith. We must behave like children of the kingdom of God.
3. When God judges and wipes out the capital city, some will weep and mourn because no one will be able to buy their merchandises (v11). They weep not for sin and death, but for the loss of material pleasures. Another group will rejoice over the destruction of the capital city (v20). They rejoice that God's justice is upheld and that all forms and activities of worldliness are gone for good.

*Do we rejoice and weep over the right things?*