Revelation 18

1.	By the time of the occurrence of the event announced by the angel in this chapter, the 7 seals had been opened, the 7 had been blown and the 7 had been poured out. What announcement was the powerful angel finally able to make?
	a. The city of this chapter is called "the great city" (2, 16, 19, 21). What city had already been identified by John as being "the great city" (Rev. 11: 8+2)?
	b. Prolepsis is a form of speech in which a future event is spoken of as if it had already happened. How does John use prolepsis in this chapter?
2.	As we saw in 17:16, how would the condemned city ultimately be destroyed? (see 9, 18)
3.	What reasons are given for the destruction of the harlot city?
4.	What two classes of people are repeatedly mentioned for their dealings with the city? (verses 3 and 9, and verses 3, 11 and 15)
5.	In verse 4 saints are told to "come out of her." In what two senses could this have applied? Matthew 24:15-18 and 2 Corinthians 6:17

- 6. How high had the city's sins reached and what was the significance of this statement?
- 7. Verses 12 and 13 list several products. Many of these are mentioned in Exodus 30 and 1 Chronicles 9:27 in connection with what special Jewish facility (or facilities)?
- 8. The commerce aspect of this chapter leads many people to conclude that the city was Rome. I once held this view. However, as we learned from chapter 17, the "beast" (Rome) destroyed the harlot city, so the harlot city cannot be Rome, for that would have the empire of Rome destroying the city of Rome! What other city was very wealthy in the first century and annually hosted millions of religious worshippers from every nation under heaven for special religious events that could only be conducted in that city?
- 9. Comparing the figurative "Babylon" of Revelation 18:21 with old Babylon of Jeremiah 51:64, what did the two have in common with regard to their destruction?
- 10. The last verse of this chapter along with verse 20 and 16:6 tell us about what terrible crime that had been committed by this city and people over the span of hundreds of years?
- 11. According to Jesus in Matthew 23:35-38, who was guilty of this crime?