



The In Between

Main Texts: Revelation 18:4–5; Revelation 19:7

Theme

- We are living in **the in between**:
 - between the **fall of Babylon** and the **preparation of the Bride**
 - between **warning and fulfillment**
 - between **judgment and celebration**
- In this hour, God is calling His people to:
 - **come out**
 - **discern**
 - **be ready**
 - **mature**
 - **unify**
 - **prepare through praise**

Backdrop

- Revelation was given to **John while exiled on the island of Patmos**
- The book reveals:
 - the victory of Jesus
 - the judgment of evil
 - the fulfillment of God's plan for His people
- **Revelation 18** shows the **fall of Babylon**
- **Revelation 19** shows the **Bride making herself ready**



Scriptures

- Revelation 18:4–5
- Revelation 19:1–10
- Revelation 19:7
- Matthew 25
- Ephesians 4:11–13
- Romans 12
- 1 Corinthians 12
- Ephesians 1:17–18



1. Come Out

- **Revelation 18:4** says, “Come out of her, my people”
- Babylon represents:
 - corrupt systems
 - compromise
 - pride
 - rebellion
 - worldly entanglements
- God’s people must:
 - examine themselves
 - repent
 - pursue holiness
 - separate from what opposes God
- We cannot prepare for the Bridegroom while clinging to Babylon

2. Discern the Times

- The church must respond with **discernment, not panic**
- We need:
 - practical discernment
 - spiritual discernment
 - discerning of spirits through the Holy Ghost
- Even when the earth is shaken:
 - God is still sovereign
 - truth still stands
 - the Lamb still wins



3. Be Ready

- Revelation 19:7 says, “...the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready”
- Readiness requires:
 - repentance
 - consecration
 - holiness
 - obedience
 - intimacy with Christ
 - sound doctrine
 - spiritual maturity
- Jesus is coming back for a **prepared church**
- **Matthew 25 reminds us:**
 - five virgins were wise
 - five were foolish
 - the wise were ready
 - the foolish were unprepared

4. Mature

- According to **Ephesians 4:11–13**, God gave leadership gifts to:
 - equip the saints
 - build the Body
 - bring believers into unity and maturity
- The sermon also distinguishes:
 - **Five-fold gifts** – Ephesians 4
 - **Spiritual gifts** – Romans 12
 - **Gifts of the Holy Spirit** – 1 Corinthians 12
- The church must grow spiritually
- Immaturity leaves the Body vulnerable
- Proper equipping strengthens the Bride



5. Unify

- Biblical unity is built on:
 - truth
 - covenant
 - consecration^{^^}
 - shared submission to Christ^{^^}
- The Body must walk in:
 - love
 - Accountability (confront sin and compromising behavior)^{**}
 - spiritual alignment^{**}
- Unity without truth is compromise^{**}
- Truth with love strengthens the church

**** Proverbs 11:1 states, "A false balance is an abomination to the LORD, but a just weight is his delight".**

^^ James 4:7 says, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

6. Prepare Through Praise

- **Revelation 19** opens with worship
- Heaven responds to God's righteous judgment with praise
- "Hallelujah" appears four times in the New Testament, all in Revelation 19
- Praise is not just a song, but a posture
- In the in between, the church must remain:
 - worshipful
 - reverent
 - anchored in the sovereignty of God



Identity in Christ

- **Ephesians 1:17–18** reminds us to seek:
 - wisdom
 - revelation in the knowledge of God
 - enlightened understanding
 - confidence in our calling
 - awareness of our inheritance in the saints

Key Takeaway

- While Babylon is falling, the Bride must be preparing
- This is not the hour to:
 - blend in
 - become distracted
 - grow careless
- This is the hour to:
 - **come out**
 - **discern rightly**
 - **mature**
 - **unify**
 - **stay ready for the return of the Lord**

Reflection Questions

- What in my life needs to come out of Babylon?
- Am I discerning spiritually or reacting emotionally?
- Am I truly living ready for Christ's return?
- In what areas do I need to mature?
- Am I helping strengthen unity in the Body?
- Is praise a lifestyle for me?