



THE THREAD

weaving Sunday's message through the week

Date: July 24, 2022

Theme: Aftermath of Babylon's Fall

Passage: Revelation 18

The aftermath of Babylon's Fall enables us to see the ...

1. Reasons for her fall (3, 23–24)
 - a. Nations fell under the spell of her seductions.
 - b. Leadership got in bed with her.
 - c. Profiteers grew rich on the power of her luxury.
 - d. She spilled the blood of Christians and commoners.
2. Reactions to her fall
 - a. Her Beneficiaries: Weeping and Mourning (9–19)
 - i. Political Leaders: Terrified at their sudden demise (9–10)
 - ii. Business Owners: Terrified at their loss of wealth (11–17a)
 - iii. Prosperous Workers: Lamenting their hopelessness (17b–19)
 - b. Christ-Followers ...
 - i. Run: "Come out of her" (4–5)
 - ii. Request God's will to be done (6–8)
 - iii. Rejoice at Christ's victorious coming (20)

Main Idea: The *Fall of Babylon* reveals where our loyalty lies.

How will you react to the collapse of this material world?

Application Questions:

- How are we susceptible to the fall of Babylon that we see depicted in this chapter?
- How do we balance the command to "come out of her" (4) with the reality that we still have to live in the world (job; relationships; entertainment)? What practical steps can we take to avoid being contaminated by this world's system?
- In what ways do we see the complete focus on self-interest displayed by the world's beneficiaries (9–19) play out in our present world? How can we spiritually protect our own minds from these delusions?
- What should our requesting for God's justice to be done in this world (6–8) and our rejoicing at his justice accomplished (20) look like today?

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