

Revelation 18:4 Come Out My People!

God cries out to His people to come out of Babylon. He warns of the pending destruction and the dangers of dwelling in her. How much does the world need to hear this today.

Topic- Worldliness, Sanctification

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“...of her...”
of who?

What is Babylon?

Genesis 11:1-9
The Tower of Babel

Genesis 12:1 — Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, From your family
And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you.

-Genesis 11:31 — ...and they went out with them from Ur of the Chaldeans...

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Babel/Babylon is:

-The Origin of World Religions
-The Origin of Wordly Systems

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Our Enemies:

The World, The Flesh, & The Devil

Nature vs Nurture
And the Millennial Kingdom

What is Babylon?

-World Religions (ch17)
-Wordly Treasures
-Worldly Pleasures
-Worldly Wisdom

The World affects HOW we think and WHAT we treasure

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1 Samuel 8:5 — “Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.”

Hebrews 13:4 — Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 — Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

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1980 — Transsexualism and related gender identity categories first appear in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders

-2000 — All gender variance diagnoses are consolidated under “Gender Identity Disorder (GID),” still within the mental disorders chapter.

-2013 — The American Psychiatric Association renamed “Gender Identity Disorder” to “Gender Dysphoria.” (The focus shifted from a “disorder” to a “distress or impairment.”)

-2019 — The World Health Organization moved “Gender Incongruence” out of the Mental and Behavioral Disorders chapter, placing it instead in the “Conditions related to sexual health.”

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“...my people...”

Are You Living in Babylon?

Romans 12:2 — And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...

Colossians 2:8 — Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men...

Ephesians 4:17–18 — You should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind...

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“Every man is as close to God as he wants to be.” ~A.W. Tozer

-“The more you have of the world, the less you have of God’s presence.” ~Charles Spurgeon

-What is the connection between these two quotes?

-Why is it that we so often have less of God’s presence than we desire?

John 10:27 — “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”

1 Kings 19:12 — and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

Luke 23:20 — Pilate, therefore, wishing to release Jesus, again called out to them.

-Luke 23:23 — But they were insistent, demanding with loud voices that He be crucified. And the voices of these men and of the chief priests prevailed.

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“...lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.”

The Cost of Babylon

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Lot & Sodom

Lot was righteous, but Sodom was wealthy. Look at what happened to his family.

2 Peter 2:7-8 — and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)

Ezekiel 16:49 — “Look, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: She and her daughter had pride, fullness of food, and abundance of idleness; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

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The Destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah

Genesis 13:8-13

Genesis 19:14 — So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, “Get up, get out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city!” But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be joking.

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*Voddie- "If I teach my son to keep his eye on the ball but fail to teach him to keep his eyes on Christ, I have failed as a father".

**There is a 0.0296% chance your child will become a professional athlete. There's a 100% chance they will stand before Jesus.

MEN: You are the priest of your home.

- What are your actions teaching your kids?
- How are your choices showing them what matters?
- What will you forsake all others for?

*Ravenhill- Are the things you are living for worth Christ dying for?

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The Call to Babylon:

"Come out of her My people!"

1 John 2:15 — Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

Matthew 6:24 — "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other.

WE ARE CALLED TO:

- 1) Contentment — 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Psalm 1:1-3 — Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

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“I do not pray that You should take them out of the world...”

“Some people are so heavenly minded that they are of no earthly good.”

~Oliver Wendell Holmes

**Scissors- God's tool which ought not be defiled.

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Paul uses sports metaphors and quotes pagan poets.

Separation by itself can leave you anywhere.

Sanctification is drawing near to God in holiness.

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- 4) Investment — Matthew 6:19–21

Revelation 18:10 — ...For in one hour your judgment has come.

Revelation 18:17 — For in one hour such great riches came to nothing...

Revelation 18:19 — ...For in one hour she is made desolate.

Luke 12:16-21

The Parable of the Rich Fool

12:20-21 — “But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ “So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

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Matthew 6:19-21 — “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,

where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

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- 5) Urgency — Ephesians 5:15–17

Luke 12:40 — “Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Romans 13:11 — And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

2 Peter 3:10 — But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

Ephesians 5:15-18 — See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit.

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John 6:27 — Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life...