“The Fall of Babylon”
(Revelation Chapter 18)

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[8]He has told you, O man, what is good;
And what does the LORD require of you
But to do justice, to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

Revelation chapter 17 addresses the spiritual and religious nature of Babylon, while Revelation chapter 18 addresses the economic and material nature of Antichrist's kingdom.

[1]After these things I saw another angel coming
down from heaven, having great authority, and
the earth was illumined with his glory. [2]And he
cried out with a mighty voice, saying, “Fallen,
fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a
dwelling place of demons and a prison of every
unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean
and hateful bird. [3]For all the nations have
drunk of the

wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality.” [4]I heard another voice from heaven, saying, “Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues; [5]for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has

remembered her iniquities. [6]Pay her back even as she has paid, and give back to her double according to her deeds; in the cup which she has mixed, mix twice as much for her. [7]To the degree that she glorified herself and lived sensuously, to the same degree give her torment and mourning; for she says in her heart, ‘I SIT as A QUEEN AND I AM NOT A WIDOW, and will never see

mourning.’ [8]For this reason in one day her
plagues will come, pestilence and mourning
and famine, and she will be burned up with
fire; for the Lord God who judges her is strong.
Revelation 18:1-8

1. The Fall of Babylon - Announced! (Revelation 18:1-3)

- Fallen, Fallen (past tense and emphasized)
- Similarities and differences of 2 Babylonian systems

[3]For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality.”

Revelation 18:3

2. The Fall of Babylon - Avoided! (Revelation 18:4-5)

- Another of the same kind (Angel)
- “Come Out” from the Babylonian system

In every age God always calls
His people out of any godless system
that is opposed to His will and ways.

[14]Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? [15]Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? [16]Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK

AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.
[17]Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord.
"AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you.

2 Corinthians 6:14-17

[2]And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2

In what ways is God calling you out from worldliness and compromise?

**[5]for her sins have piled up as high as heaven,
and God has remembered her iniquities.**

Revelation 18:5

The sins of the unrepentant and lost are remembered by God. But every Believer's sin is forgiven and forgotten!

**[25]"I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake,
And I will not remember your sins.**

Isaiah 43:25

**[10]He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
[11]For as high as the heavens are above the
earth, So great is His lovingkindness toward
those who fear Him. [12]As far as the east is from
the west, So far has He removed our
transgressions from us.**

Psalms 103:10-12

3. The Fall of Babylon - Applied! (Revelation 18:6-19)

- Double pay! (vs. 6)
- Why double pay?-sin of pride and greed! (vs. 7)

Luxurious living led to ignoring the needs of others and indulging in greed.

[23]But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against the LORD, and be sure your sin will find you out.

Numbers 32:23

[18]Pride goes before destruction,
And a haughty spirit before stumbling.
Proverbs 16:18

For she says in her heart, “I sit as a queen and I am not a widow, and will never see mourning.” (Revelation 18:7c)

Beware of pride!
Are you a cocky and arrogant person?
A know-it-all?

3 groups lamenting (wailing):

1. **Kings, because they lose their power**
2. **Merchants, because they lost their wealth**
3. **Sailors who lose their business**

Babylon and the beast's global economy will all burn and go up in smoke!

When money becomes your god it will leave you empty and in utter despair!

[36]For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?

Mark 8:36

[4]Riches do not profit in the day of wrath,
But righteousness delivers from death.

Proverbs 11:4

[6]But godliness with contentment is great gain.

1 Timothy 6:6 (NIV)

4. The Fall of Babylon - Applauded! (Revelation 18:20-24)

- Babylon—the great city (vs. 10, 16, 18-19)
- Millstone—Jeremiah 25:9-10; Matthew 18:6

Sermon in a Sentence:

Repent of worldliness and pursue godliness! 1 Timothy 6:6

Application:

1. How has the way of Babylon crept into your way of thinking and living? Take an honest evaluation and respond biblically. Write down on an index card, "It's not about me and my will and my way!"

2. Has God given you a burden to call someone out of darkness, danger, or deception? Act on it gracefully and prayerfully.

3. Read Isaiah 43:25 and Psalm 103:10-12. God chooses not to remember our sins in Christ. Is there someone you have chosen not to forgive and you still hold their sins over their head? Forgive them as Christ has forgiven you (Eph. 4:32).

4. Faith@Home: Discuss Numbers 32:23 "Be sure your sin will find you out." What does that mean? How should we respond? The way you deal with your sin will determine the way God deals with you.