

PREACHING CURRICULUM

A Fall worse than the First Revelation 18

"Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!"

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Read Revelation 18:1-8. Who or what is Babylon? Why is she referred to as "Babylon the great"? What sins has she committed, and what is her corresponding punishment?

See verse 18:4. What is God's call to His people in this passage? How will this call ultimately be fulfilled in the future? Why should we be looking forward to this?

See verse 18:7. What lies did Babylon tell herself in order to rationalize her sinful behaviour? Restate these lies in your own words. Why are these lies so dangerous and deceptive? From these lies, what insight do we gain into the psychology of sin? Why are we motivated to sin in the first place?

Read Revelation 18:9-19. How does the rest of the world react to the fall of Babylon? What do you notice about the kinds of people who react to Babylon's destruction? Who are they, and why do they react as they do?

Read Revelation 18:20-24. Why is it fitting for the citizens of heaven to rejoice over Babylon's swift and decisive downfall? Why is the fall of Babylon such good news?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

Recall the rationalizing lies Babylon told herself in verse 18:7. How do these lies play themselves out in today's culture? How might they manifest themselves in your own life?

Do you think that it is appropriate for Christians to look forward to the day when God will finally punish evildoers for their sins? Why or why not? Is it possible to long for final justice to be done on earth without becoming hostile, vindictive, arrogant, or hateful toward others? If so, how?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

How can we heed God's call to "come out" and be separate in today's world? In what ways should we separate and distinguish ourselves from the world? What are some wrong ways of doing this? What attitude should we adopt toward the non-Christian world?

How can we combat the common lies regarding sin and its consequences in our own lives? When we are tempted to sin, what truths should we be telling ourselves to replace these lies?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

How will you live out God's call to be separated to Him this week? What would that look like Monday to Saturday?

