

Revival Christian Fellowship

Vengeance of the Lamb
Revelation 18:1-24. Babylon is Fallen
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Main Point: The Economy of Babylon is Destroyed

Introduction

- What are some ways we are all guilty of idolatry, even if it isn't that obvious? What does 1 John 2:15-17 say about this?

Understanding

1. Announcement of Babylon's Fall. Read Revelation 18:1-3.

- a. What does Babylon the Great represent in these verses?
- b. What do we learn about humankind's response to Babylon in Revelation 18:1-3?
- c. Some dispute whether Satan is in control of the earth. What do the following scriptures have to say about that?
 - i. 1 John 5:19
 - ii. 2 Corinthians 4:4
- d. According to verse Revelation 18:3, what sins or idols is Babylon guilty of? How do we see these same idols at work in our culture?

2. Appeal of God to Come out of Babylon. Read Revelation 18:4-8.

- a. Who are “my people,” in Revelation 18:4 that the voice from heaven is speaking about? Why does the voice insist that these people “come out of her?”
- b. Read 2 Timothy 3:1-5. What is Paul describing, and what should be our Christian response?
- c. How does God view Babylon’s sins in Revelation 18:5?
- d. Explain how Babylon shows her pride, vanity and arrogance in Revelation 18:7?
- e. What happens to Babylon in Revelation 18:6 and 8?

3. Agony on Earth over Babylon's Fall . Read Revelation 18:9-19.

- a. Describe how each of the groups benefit from Babylon the Great? How do each respond to the destruction of Babylon?
 - i. Kings of the earth
 - ii. Merchants

iii. Ship masters

- b. What might be on a list of materialistic things that our culture would mourn if destroyed?
- c. Knowing that such a great judgment awaits those who put their faith in these idols, how are we to respond?
- d. What is the significance of the repeated phrase “in one hour?”
- e. What does Matthew 6:19-21 teach us about material possessions? How do we store up treasures in heaven?

4. Heaven's Perspective. Read Revelation 18:20-24.

- a. How did an angel symbolize the city's fall in Revelation 18:21? Read Luke 17:1-2 where Jesus used the same imagery. What are these verses saying about destruction?
- b. Why do you think God gave John such a vivid picture about the ultimate end of worldly seduction?

Application

- What does a life that truly has God in the primary place of worship look like? What are some of the key characteristics of this lifestyle?