



## **The Fall of Babylon** **Revelation 18**

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On a grand scale, Babylon stands for worldly ways throughout history that have pulled the world as a whole, and more specifically the church, away from God.

C.J. Mahaney wrote: “Today, the greatest challenge facing [Bible-believing] American [Christians] is not persecution from the world, but seduction by the world.”

Wealth is not the reason for God’s judgment of Babylon. Rather it’s “the arrogant use of it” and trust in the security that it brings, which is synonymous to idolatry.

There is a way that seems right to man, but in the end it leads to death.

**Proverbs 14:12**

Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues.

**Revelation 18:4**

It isn’t just enough to resist the world and run from its sin and temptation, you have to run toward something else. Something better.

There is no fleeing from one pleasure without also fleeing to a greater pleasure.

### **Big Idea:**

The call to turn away from this world is not a call to a dull, boring, bleak life. The call to turn away from this world and to God is a call to a satisfaction and joy that far surpasses anything and everything this world has to offer!

**LifeGroup Study Guide**

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**Babylon the Great** This future city is the center of the Anti-Christ’s domain and evil schemes. The Scriptures do not give a location of this city. It may be Rome, Jerusalem, or some other city. Babylon represents the world-system under the devil’s control.

The original text shows the fall of Babylon as if it has already taken place (see 14:8). But the 7th bowl is being referred to here, and it is still future (see 16:17-21). When it takes place, the city will be devastated and annihilation will take place for most, leaving it to demons and scavenger birds. 18:2-3

Read 18:3-24 Describe the following:

Babylon’s actions and morality	Babylon’s judgment by God

**Contrast** What is God’s call to Christ followers in the future? 18:4

What do you think this will cost? (13:14-18)

Read John 17:16-19; 1 John 2: 15-17; 5:19 What is the relationship that God expects His followers to have with the world?

Read Romans 12:1-2 What does God expect from Christ followers in light of His mercy?

What does conforming to the world look like?

What does a transformed mind look like?

What are the biggest obstacles to being a faithful follower in this world?