

GOSPEL COMMUNITY GUIDE

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

The Fall of Babylon (Rev. 17-18) | March 8, 2026



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QUICK UPDATES

Share any upcoming church events and handle housekeeping for the Gospel Community.

CONNECT

What is something in our culture that looks attractive on the surface but often leaves people feeling empty or disappointed?

REVIEW

Have someone read the passage out loud from the ESV translation or something similar. Reflect on any insights, questions, or parts that stood out from the text or the sermon. Then read the summary below.

Revelation 17–18 reveals the true nature of Babylon, the seductive world systems that draw people away from God through wealth, comfort, and power. Though Babylon appears beautiful and powerful, she is ultimately corrupt and destined for destruction. God calls His people to resist her seduction and “come out” from the values and pursuits that lead away from faithfulness to Christ. The passage contrasts Babylon’s temporary glory with the eternal future of the Bride of Christ. Through the gospel, believers are rescued from the world’s false promises and invited into the lasting joy of belonging to the Lamb.

LEARN & LIVE

These questions help us grasp the truth of the passage and consider how to live it out.

- In Revelation 17:1–6, consider how John describes the woman called “Babylon the Great”? What stands out about her appearance and influence?
- What does the imagery of “sexual immorality” represent throughout Scripture when describing God’s people turning from Him?
- What does it communicate when John says the woman is “drunk with the blood of the saints” (Rev. 17:6)?
- In Revelation 17, how does Babylon relate to the beast and political powers of the world?
- What command does God give His people in Revelation 18:4? What does it mean to “come out of her”?
- Why do the kings, merchants, and sailors mourn Babylon’s fall in Revelation 18:9–19?
- According to Revelation 18, what ultimately happens to the wealth, luxury, and power Babylon promises?
- How does this passage help Christians recognize the difference between temporary worldly success and eternal faithfulness to Christ?

GO DEEPER

These questions invite us to slow down and wrestle with what's going on beneath the surface. Use these to go a little deeper or in your Huddle Groups.

- The prostitute of Babylon represents the seductive pull of worldly systems. Where do you feel the strongest pull toward comfort, status, or security apart from God?
- Why do you think wealth, luxury, and cultural influence are such powerful spiritual temptations?
- The text shows that Babylon seduces before she destroys. Have you seen examples where something attractive eventually proved spiritually destructive?
- In what ways do we slowly adopt the values of Babylon without realizing it?
- How does our culture try to convince us that fulfillment comes through possessions, success, or comfort?
- Revelation calls believers to “come out” from Babylon while still living in the world. What might that look like practically in everyday life? Are there practices or habits that help guard your heart from being shaped by the world's values?
- How does the gospel free us from both guilt over past compromise and fear of worldly loss?
- **How is the Holy Spirit comforting you or challenging you personally from this discussion? How will you respond and what will you do differently this week? Is there anywhere you need help to make that happen?**

PRAY FOR NEEDS in the GROUP

- Some other ways to pray:
 - Pray about one way God spoke to you tonight through His Word
 - Pray by name for one person you know who is far from God..
- Pray for this ministry area of Redeemer: [Pray for AGAPE Women's Center, our local ministry partner](#)

5 GROUP DISCUSSION RULES

We want to be full of grace as we meet, deepening our relationship with one another and with Christ. These five values help us know our **P.L.A.C.E.** in our GC's and Huddles.

1. **Pray** - Prayer is a space for confession, struggle, and praise. Keep requests focused on yourself and your immediate family, so we can pray specifically and personally.
2. **Listen** - Be present and attentive. Share with humility, be mindful of time, and remember: silence is okay.
3. **Apply** - Answer honestly. Consider how God's Word speaks into your life, and what it might look like to respond.
4. **Confess** - Confession and repentance are signs of maturity. We meet one another with grace, not shame.
5. **Encourage** - Practical advice is helpful, but truth is better. Speak the gospel into each other's hearts and stories.

COMMENTARY EXCERPT:

You can access a helpful commentary for Revelation at:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/commentary/revelation/>

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