

## Message: ***"Do Not Love Babylon"***

**Scripture:** Revelation 18  
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From Revelation 18 we can see "Babylon the Great!" has been great in the history of the world as it has also been a source of great evil. An evil that has for generations been as poison slowly working to plunge the world into total darkness. It has been a cauldron of sin slowly working in hearts and nations until it has reached its climax. God is now ready to deal it its final judgment for the devastation it has wrought in the hearts of men and of nations.

The sins that have swallowed up the world and made Babylon so great are immorality and materialism. The temptations of comfort and ease, and those of carnal pleasure have been temptations that have lured men and nations from the beginning of time. The sin of Babylon the Great is the lure of money and of power and of greed. But we should not fall into such temptations. How do we deal with the distractions that so easily keep us from following Jesus? How do we break free from the allurements that keep us from giving our all to Him?

God's warning - His exhortation - to His people of all time is to give up the world. We wonder sometimes how to escape from the lure of materialism and that of immorality. God has helped us to follow a simple truth: "Come out of her." He commands that men come out so that they will not share in her sins.

### **GROWING DEEPER (Reflection & Application)**

1. How do different people react to the fall of Babylon? In your own words, describe their lament. Why do they mourn? Would you?
2. If you were going to describe your life like a city, what would you say? What kinds of cargoes are coming in? What activities occur within it? How does it compare to Babylon?
3. When has an important part of your life collapsed? What perspective did God bring to your fallen situation?
4. Compare Revelation 18 with 1 John 2:15-17. Why should we NOT love the world?