



Out of Babylon

PART 37

Introductions

Let's get started by sharing our names and answering this question: [*Choose your own question*].

Songs of Praise

Let's begin our time singing to the Lord. [*Sing additional songs if you prefer. Contact the church office for copies of our church songbooks.*]

All Hail The King of Heaven

All hail the King of heaven;
 Christ, the Lord of all
 Whom thundering angels circle
 'round ablaze with awe
 Let now the hallelujah of earth in glad refrain
 Ascend the throne,
 to Him belongs immortal praise

All hail the King of heaven
 Creation join together
 Let endless praises crown His name
 All hail the King of heaven

All hail the great Redeemer,
 who so humbly came

The Lamb of our salvation,
 O for sinners slain
 Let now the loud hosanna,
 resound from shore to shore
 You nations say, "His kingdom reigns,
 forevermore"

Let praise of nations rise
 now as a symphony
 To sound the endless
 wonders of His majesty
 Let every heart adore Him,
 the great and small, the same
 Through generations ever let His anthem ring

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Church News

- Share any news for your own group at this time.
- Pray for City on the Hill: Wisdom for leadership, financial stewardship, and generosity in our giving.
- Men's Pig Roast Cornhole Tournament, May 2, 11:30AM

Study

[*This guide utilizes the Sunday sermon notes, please [click this link](#) to access them.*]

Q: Would someone open us in prayer?

Beginning in chapter 17, Revelation 18 is a continuation of the judgment of Babylon. This is not a vision of the historic kingdom of Babylon (6/7th BCE), but "Babylon" is a metaphor for the worldly kingdoms opposed to Christ and his church. This chapter is an extended retelling of the final bowl judgments that we see in chapter 16.

Q: Would someone read aloud Revelation 18:1-24?

Q: What comes to mind when you read the words of the first angel (vv1-3). How do these words ring true today?

Look again at verses 4-8. The next voice calls God's people to come out of Babylon.

Q: What does it mean for the church to separate itself from the world?

Q: How do we know if a church is faithful to this command to come out of the world?

Q: What does it mean to spiritually separate ourselves from the world?

Q: How have you seen God separate you from the world? As of late, where are you challenged to spiritually separate from the world?

Q: Is there ever a warrant for Christians to physically separate from the world?

Look again at the reactions of the kings (9-10), the merchants (11-17a) and the mariners (17b-19) to the fall of Babylon.

Q: What do you notice in all their responses?

Q: What do their responses teach us about the way they lived their lives?

Q: How do you see this idolatry worked out today?

Q: What is the command for Christians found in verse 20? What is your reaction to this command?

Q: Why is it important to remember that God's judgment is an expression of his justice, goodness, and holiness?

As we close, let us remember that for us who believe, the holy wrath of God was poured out on Jesus so that mercy would be given to us. This is

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the power of the gospel in for us to be called out of Babylon. For all who believe, we are forever blessed only because of the mercy of God toward us in Christ Jesus.

Prayer

[Take time to pray - men with men, and women with women.]