



“The End of the Final Regime - Pt. 2.”

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Revelation 18

¹ After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory. ² And he called out with a mighty voice,

“Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!

She has become a dwelling place for demons,
a haunt for every unclean spirit,
a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.

³ For all nations have drunk
the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality,
and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her,
and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious
living.”

⁴ Then I heard another voice from heaven saying,

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

⁵ for her sins are heaped high as heaven,
and God has remembered her iniquities.

⁶ Pay her back as she herself has paid back others,
and repay her double for her deeds;
mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed.

⁷ As she glorified herself and lived in luxury,
so give her a like measure of torment and mourning,
since in her heart she says,
‘I sit as a queen,
I am no widow,
and mourning I shall never see.’

⁸ For this reason her plagues will come in a single day,

death and mourning and famine,
and she will be burned up with fire;
for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her.”

⁹ And the kings of the earth, who committed sexual immorality and lived in luxury with her, will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning. ¹⁰ They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say,

“Alas! Alas! You great city,
you mighty city, Babylon!
For in a single hour your judgment has come.”

¹¹ And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, since no one buys their cargo anymore, ¹² cargo of gold, silver, jewels, pearls, fine linen, purple cloth, silk, scarlet cloth, all kinds of scented wood, all kinds of articles of ivory, all kinds of articles of costly wood, bronze, iron and marble, ¹³ cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and slaves, that is, human souls.

¹⁴ “The fruit for which your soul longed
has gone from you,
and all your delicacies and your splendors
are lost to you,
never to be found again!”

¹⁵ The merchants of these wares, who gained wealth from her, will stand far off, in fear of her torment, weeping and mourning aloud,

¹⁶ “Alas, alas, for the great city
that was clothed in fine linen,
in purple and scarlet,
adorned with gold,
with jewels, and with pearls!

¹⁷ For in a single hour all this wealth has been laid waste.”

And all shipmasters and seafaring men, sailors and all whose trade is on the sea, stood far off
¹⁸ and cried out as they saw the smoke of her burning,

“What city was like the great city?”

¹⁹ And they threw dust on their heads as they wept and mourned, crying out,

“Alas, alas, for the great city
where all who had ships at sea
grew rich by her wealth!
For in a single hour she had been laid waste.

²⁰ Rejoice over her, O heaven,

and you saints and apostles and prophets,
for God has given judgment for you against her!”

²¹ Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying,

“So will Babylon the great city be thrown down with violence,
and will be found no more;

²² and the sound of harpists and musicians, of flute players and trumpeters,
will be heard in you no more,

and a craftsman of any craft
will be found in you no more,

and the sound of the mill
will be heard in you no more,

²³ and the light of a lamp
will shine in you no more,
and the voice of bridegroom and bride
will be heard in you no more,

for your merchants were the great ones of the earth,
and all nations were deceived by your sorcery.

²⁴ And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints,
and of all who have been slain on earth.”

SUMMARY

John’s vision of the final fall of the Antichrist’s empire culminates in the destruction of his commercial hold over the world. This week, our focus is on God’s judgment against the empty pursuits of wealth, power, and sexual immorality. Until this time of judgment, these vices stand as threats to the world and God’s people in every generation.

Swindoll, “Living Insights: Revelation”, p. 257.

“Comfort, convenience, luxury, recreation. If we’re really honest with ourselves, we’ll probably discover that we’re more attached to the things of this world than we care to admit.”

PASSAGE OUTLINE

Judgment Proclaimed - Revelation 18:1-3

Invitation Delivered - Revelation 18:4-8

Judgment Lamented - Revelation 18:9-20

Judgment Finalized - Revelation 18:21-24

1 Timothy 6:10

¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

**Fries & Maxwell, Gospel-Centered Discipleship Article: “The Danger of Materialism”,
1/17/2020**

“...As consumers of material possessions, **we’re seeking to acquire our own happiness.** The spirit of materialism and independence was perfectly captured in a phrase printed on a shirt [we] saw in an airport... **“I see. I want. I grind. I get.”**

1. MATERIALISM PLAGUES OUR SOULS
2. GOD WILL END THE PLAGUE, ONCE AND FOR ALL.

1 Timothy 6:18-19

¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

RSVP TO THE LIFE-GIVING INVITATION

- Repent from Materialism.
- Support Gospel Work.
- Value People Over Possessions.
- Praise God for His Provision.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the most meaningful invitation to an occasion you have received?
2. Read Revelation 18:1-3. What do you think is "promised to us" if we could only live in luxury?
3. Read Revelation 18:4-8. What is the attitude associated with the wealth and luxury that is judged by God?
4. Read Revelation 18:9-14 and 1 Timothy 6:10. Why does materialism hold such a powerful grip on us?
5. Read Revelation 18:15-24. How is lament used in this chapter?
6. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19. What are some financial principles that can guard us from materialism in this passage?
7. In what area(s) is the Lord getting your attention from this week's passage and/or sermon?

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