



Revelation 18:1-24 Sermon Notes

Babylon's Fall in the Old Testament

Babylon, the jewel of kingdoms, the glory of the Babylonians pride, will be overthrown by God like Sodom and Gomorrah. She will never be inhabited or lived in through all generations; no Arab will pitch his tent there, no shepherd will rest his flocks there. But desert creatures will lie there, jackals will fill her houses; there the owls will dwell and there wild goats will leap about. Hyenas will how in her strongholds, jackals in her luxurious palaces. Her time is at hand, and her days will not be prolonged. Isaiah 13:19-22

Look, here comes a man in a chariot with a team of horses. And he gives back the answer: Babylon has fallen, has fallen! All the images of its gods lie shattered on the ground. Isaiah 21:9

Sit in silence, go into darkness, Daughter of the Babylonians; no more will you be called queen of the kingdoms. I was very angry with my people and desecrated my inheritance; I gave them into your hand, and you showed them no mercy. Even on the aged you laid a very heavy yoke. You said, "I will continue forever—the eternal queen!" But you did not consider these things or reflect on what might happen. Now then, listen, you wanton creature, lounging in your security and saying to yourself, "I am and there is none besides me. I will never be a widow or suffer the loss of children." Both of these will overtake you in a moment, on a single day; loss of children and widowhood. Isaiah 47:5-9

So desert creatures and hyenas will live there, and there the owl will dwell. It will never again be inhabited or lived in from generation to generation. As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah along with their neighboring towns, declares the LORD so no one will live there; no man will dwell in it. Jeremiah 50:39-40

Flee from Babylon! Run for your lives! Do not be destroyed because of her sins. It is time for the LORD's vengeance; he will pay her what she deserves. Babylon was a gold cup in the LORD's hand; she made the whole earth drunk. The nations drank her wine; therefore they have now gone mad. Babylon will suddenly fall and be broken. Wail over her! Get balm for her panic; perhaps she can be healed. We would have healed Babylon, but she cannot be healed; let us leave her and each go to his own land, for her judgment reaches to the skies, it rises as high as the clouds. . . . Come out of her, my people! Run for your lives! Run from the fierce anger of the LORD. Do not lose heart or be afraid when rumors are heard in the land; one rumor comes this year, another the next, rumors of violence in the land of ruler against ruler. For the time will surely come when I will punish the idols of Babylon; her whole land will be disgraced and her slain will all lie fallen within her. Then heaven and earth and all that is in them will shout for joy over Babylon for out of the north destroyers will attack her, declares the LORD. Babylon must fall because of Israel's sin, just as the sinners in all the earth have fallen because of Babylon. Jeremiah 51:6-9, 45-49

Come out of her, my people!

The two men said to Lot, "Do you have anyone else here—sons-in-law, sons or daughters, or anyone else in the city who belongs to you? Get them out of here, because we are going to destroy this place. The outcry to the LORD against its people is so great that he has sent us to destroy it." Genesis 19:12-13

Leave Babylon, flee from the Babylonians! Announce this with shouts of joy and proclaim it. Send it out to the ends of the earth; "The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob." Isaiah 48:20

Flee out of Babylon; leave the land of the Babylonians and be like the goats that lead the flock. For I will stir up and bring against Babylon an alliance of the great nations from the land of the north. They will take up their positions against her and from the north she will be captured. Jeremiah 50:8-9

Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you. 1 Corinthians 6:17

What I mean brothers is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they had none; those who mourn as if they did not; those who are happy as if they were not; those who buy something as if it were not theirs to keep; those who use the things of the world as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away. 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant or to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. 1 Timothy 6:17-19