

Never Again
Revelation 18:1-24

1. In verses 2-3, the angel announced the fall of the great city of Babylon, which has become a den of evil spirits and filth. According to the description in verse 3, what phenomena or systems in modern society are similar to the collapsed "Babylon"?
2. God calls on His people to come out of Babylon so as not to suffer in sin and disaster with it (18:4-6). In the daily life of Christians, how to maintain the proper boundaries between faith and secular culture?
3. Babylon was judged because of its proud boasting "I sit enthroned as queen" (18:7-8). Have you seen examples of individuals or groups failing because of pride?
4. Kings and wealthy businessmen all wept for the destruction of Babylon (18:9-19). What is the reason for their sadness? What does this remind people today of over-reliance on material wealth or power?
5. Babylon's wealth vanished "in one hour" (18:17). What does it remind you of how to view worldly success and material things? How should Christians balance earthly life with eternal hope?
6. Saints, apostles, and prophets are called to rejoice over Babylon's judgment (18:20). Does rejoicing over judgment contradict the teaching of loving one's enemies?
7. What does the image of "throwing a millstone into the sea" to express Babylon's destruction (18:21) reveal about the thoroughness of God's judgment? How do you explain God's ultimate victory over sin to others?
8. Verse 23 states that all nations are deceived by magic spell. What are the common deceitful tactics in today's business world? How can Christians maintain moral ethics in the workplace?
9. Babylon is accused of shedding the blood of prophets and saints (18:24). Have you ever been treated maliciously because of your identity as a Christian? How do you deal with conflicts brought about by faith?
10. What reflections on your personal life have you made after the judgment on "Babylon"? Which "Babylon" do you need to come out of and rely more firmly on God?