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Revelation 18:17b-19:6

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

"What city was like the great city?"

19And 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 has been laid waste.

20Rejoice over her, O heaven,

and you saints and apostles and prophets,

for God has given judgment for you against her!"

21Then 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;

22and 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,

23and 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.

24And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints,

and of all who have been slain on earth."

1After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out,

"Hallelujah!

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

2for his judgments are true and just;





for he has judged the great prostitute
who corrupted the earth with her immorality,
and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”

3Once more they cried out,
“Hallelujah!

The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.”

4And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne,
saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!” 5And from the throne came a voice saying,

“Praise our God,
all you his servants,
you who fear him,
small and great.”

6Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of
mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

“Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.

Sermon Outline:

Chapter 18

- I. The Fall of Babylon (1-3)
- II. The Call for Believers to Flee Babylon (4-8)
- III. The Funeral Dirges for Babylon (9-19)
- IV. The Call for Heaven and God's People to Rejoice (20)
- V. The Results of the Destruction of Babylon (21-24)

Chapter 19

- I. The Praise of Heaven (1-6)

Life Group Leader Notes:





- The total destruction of Babylon and the earth dwellers is difficult to read about in Revelation 18, but try to imagine an alternate ending. Imagine if Nero and the other Roman tyrants got away with their rejection of God and their mistreatment of the saints. Would the end of the story be as sweet? Would God remain holy? Just? Good? Why must the story end this way?
- The readers of this revelation were being persecuted and oppressed by idolaters like those described in chapter 18. Have you ever been persecuted or oppressed for your faith? Or do you feel like your pursuit of Christ is in opposition to the world around you?
- In Luke 17:22-37, Jesus prepared his disciples for this judgment. He told them to prepare by remembering Lot's wife. She was sad to see her home destroyed, and was destroyed herself. How can this story of Lot's wife prepare us for the events of Revelation 18? What are we to be doing in the meantime?
- How do you hold the tension of longing for Christ's return and making the most of what God has asked you to do today? What does this look like in your life?
- Those who are closest to God cast themselves down and their crowns off and declare the holiness of God over and over again. Those who know Him best never stop declaring his worth. How does our praise fall short of theirs? What does that tell us about our knowledge of Him? This is not knowledge about God but knowledge of Him.
- “Praise our God, all you his bondservants, you who fear Him, small and great.” The praise of heaven is loud and boisterous. Is the expression of our worship an indicator of our knowledge of God? Is this how we worship? Is His praise the cry of our hearts?
- As a group, consider what keeps us from praising God with our whole heart, our whole selves. What do these reasons have in common? How can we express our love for God in praise even this week?

