

**3rd Week of December**  
The End of Babylon, the City of Sin

- **Text:** Revelation 18:1~5 (December 18 text)
- **Bottom line:** All forces that oppose God will be destroyed in due time.

≡ **1. Praise**

(Hymn 383) 눈을 들어 산을 보니

≡ **2. Prayer**

God, our family gathered for worship. Give us grace and wisdom so that we can recognize what pleases You.

≡ **3. The Word**

Read Revelation 18:1~5 together (read the verse 3 times).

\* Reading the Word over and over again in different translations will help you to deepen your understanding of the material.

**<ESV>**

18 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 bird, 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.

**<NASB>**

18 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated from his glory. 2 And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird. 3 For all the nations have fallen because of the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of sexual immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich from the excessive wealth of her luxury." 4 I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive any of her plagues; 5 for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her offenses.

## Understanding Text

An angel announces the destruction of Babylon. Babylon symbolizes a place where people resist God, harass the saints, and commit all kinds of sins. If you stay in Babylon, where destruction is destined, you will perish with it when it is destroyed. The kings and merchants who profited from the sins of Babylon will also perish. So they need to get out of there quickly.

### Understanding the text for leaders

The great city of Babylon mentioned in the text did not actually exist. It is a secret expression that refers to the Roman Empire, and furthermore, it refers to a city that promotes a trend of opposition to God and unethical ideas for the sake of one's own pleasure and greed. The wealth and extravagance that Babylon had greedily accumulated became their pride and pride, and they were surrounded by merchants and powerful people who took advantage of their extravagance and greed to make money and profit. However, when Babylon, the great city that seemed to be able to do anything with money, fell, everyone involved in it was ruined. John is a great city full of iniquity He confidently proclaims that Babylon will be destroyed by God's judgment. Therefore, the saint should not mate with sin and not envy the world. It's a place that will eventually perish, so you have to get out of there. Today, we must discern and shun the things that are exalted against God, and we must clearly proclaim that God is the only true owner and that the principles of God's kingdom are the only way to live in an age where worldly values are prioritized.

## 4. Sharing

1) Why does Babylon fall and turn into a den of unclean spirits? (verses 2~3, 5)

### Upper Grades

What was Babylon like when it fell? (verse 3).

### Lower Grades

What was Babylon like when it fell? (verse 3).

### Question Guide

Babylon is destined to be destroyed as a city of sin. Look for the reason for the destruction of Babylon in the text (verses 3, 5). Notice how the great and splendid Babylon fell and changed into a place (v. 2).

### Comments for Leaders

Babylon can be said to be the embodiment of the spirit of the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1~9), which is to be exalted like God. Babylon, which resists God, encourages image worship, and does unethical things for her own greed, will eventually fall. Babylon is destroyed because of fornication, pride (self-glorification), extravagance, and idolatry. The destruction of Babylon is something that will happen in the future, but the angel who came down from heaven cried out, "It has fallen!" as if it had already happened. I vividly proclaim. Babylon is now big and splendid, intoxicated with pride and riches and luxury, but it cannot last forever and will eventually be judged by God. Then, what kind of attitude should believers have in their life of faith? We should not envy the wealth and luxury of Babylon. Don't share in their sins and get out of there quickly. Babylon, the city of sin, will surely be destroyed in due time.

2) Since there are many sins that God hates, where is the place (meeting) that I need to leave quickly?

■ **Upper Grades**

Where is the place that makes me sin? Or what are my actions or words that will not please God?

■ **Lower Grades**

Is there anything I usually do or say that is not pleasing to God? Break it down.

□ **Question Guide**

If you get close to sin, you will commit sin without realizing it. Reflect on whether you know it's a place that invites you to sin, but you still don't want to be there. Each of you should share where the place of sin you need to get out of and what sinful actions or words have become a habit. Then resolve to leave the place of sin and to forsake wrong words and actions.

□ **Comments for Leaders**

God judged Babylon for resisting Him, hindering faith, and encouraging idolatry. Babylon was full of wealth, luxury, and pride by every means necessary. It's the same with the generation that doesn't believe in God. The unbelieving generation ignores the truths of the Bible, prioritizes immediate gains, and believes that the happiness that can be enjoyed directly is real. However, the saints are God's children and live according to the values of God's kingdom (Romans 12:2). I hope you will have the opportunity to pause and reflect on whether you are living according to the values of the world, which will inevitably lead you to destruction.

≡ **5. Be grateful**

Give thanks to God for allowing you to forsake the path of sin and choose the path of life.

≡ **6. Prayer**

God, we don't want to be like this generation that has accumulated wealth and is extravagant, who resists God, and who has fallen into fornication and pride. Pour out a new heart and a new spirit on us so that we can fear You every day, yearn for eternity, and choose the path that pleases you.

- End the family worship service with the Lord's Prayer.

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