

I. Introduction

Revelation 18 describes the destruction of Babylon, the great prostitute. Because Babylon represents the world that opposes God, her destruction points to the final destruction of the world. Therefore, the title of today's sermon is "Come Out of Her, My People" (v. 4).

II. Main Body

There are three reasons why God's people must come out of the world.

1. We must come out because the world will be destroyed by God's judgment (vv. 1-3).

The angel declares with authority that Babylon has fallen. Although the world appears powerful, beautiful, and secure, God sees its final destruction.

The lessons of the sudden collapse of a glacial lake in Nepal and the sinking of the Titanic remind us that what appears secure can disappear in a moment.

The world will be judged because it is:

Intoxicated with pleasure.

Corrupted by power.

Consumed by material wealth.

Therefore, we must not live for the temporary glory of this world, but look toward its end.

2. We must come out because participation in the world's sins leads to participation in its judgment (vv. 4-5).

Three commands are important: "Come out," "do not participate in her sins," and "do not receive her plagues."

God called Abraham out of his former life, and He brought Lot out of Sodom before judgment came. Likewise, God calls His people out of the sinful values and ways of the world.

Jesus said, "They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world" (John 17:16).

We live in the world, but we must not follow its values or conform to its ways.

3. We must come out because God will repay everyone according to their deeds (vv. 6-7).

God is a righteous Judge. He will repay people according to what they have done.

The world is characterized by pride. People often believe that their wealth and power will last forever, but history shows otherwise. Belshazzar's kingdom fell in a single night.

The things of this world are temporary, but God and His kingdom are eternal.

III. Conclusion

We live in the world, but we do not belong to the world.

Like Enoch, Daniel, Lot, and Paul, we must remain faithful and holy in the midst of a sinful world.

Let us not be controlled by the world's pleasures, power, or possessions. Instead, let us seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“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” (Revelation 18:4)

**Bible
Reading**

Bible Reading Passage

9/7(Mon)	9/8(Tue)	9/9(Wed)	9/10(Thur)	9/11(Fri)	9/12(Sat)	9/13(Sun)
Lamentations 2-3 Ezekiel 1	Ezekiel 2-5	Ezekiel 6-9	Ezekiel 10-12	Ezekiel 13-16	Ezekiel 17-18	Ezekiel 19-20

QT

Quiet Time Passage

9/7(Mon)	9/8(Tue)	9/9(Wed)	9/10(Thur)	9/11(Fri)	9/12(Sat)	9/13(Sun)
Psalms 119:89-104	Psalms 119:105-120	Psalms 119:121-136	Psalms 119:137-152	Psalms 119:153-168	Psalms 119:169-176	1 Chronicles 1:1-3:24

**Sharing
Questions**

1. Through today’s sermon, if you have come to understand something new or received special grace or encouragement from God, please share it with one another.

2. The angel who possesses great authority prophesies with certainty that the great city Babylon—that is, this world, which stands in opposition to God—will surely be destroyed and brought down, speaking as though it has already happened. What are the three reasons why God judges this world?

3. Although God’s people live with their feet firmly planted in this world, they are called to live apart from the world. Explain what it means for God’s people to live apart from the world.

4. Give examples from the Bible or from people around you of those who lived in the world but did not follow its ways or values, instead living set apart in holiness. Explain how they lived differently.