

The Fall of Babylon
Revelation 17 – 19

Track 2: This is for those who wish to dig deeper and have more time to commit. Read the daily Scripture passages and work through the questions provided. Recording your insights in a journal will increase your retention and give you a record of what God is doing in your life.

Sermon Summary: Pastor Dave has focused on the increasing pressure to reject Christ within our world and how believers must live counter to culture. There is increasing disrespect, mockery and disdain for living a life that honors God. It is easy to fall into the trap of being a silent Christian in order to fit in.

When we do this, we more easily give in to the culture's bait and switch allure to gain material and sensual pleasures, or power and prestige. A false advertisement today results in a disappointing purchase.

Far worse, falling for the deceitful idea that selfish ambition attains the pinnacle of happiness, we experience temporary satisfaction at the expense of our true reward on earth and in heaven. Living a life without God in this world (which will be destroyed) is the recipe for certain ruin. Choose to give God honor and glory by living for the enduring, forever kingdom of God beginning today!

The message frequently reminds us of the main theme of the book:
The world is getting darker. Opposition to Christ and his church is getting stronger.
But God is in control, and in the end, God wins. So stand firm in your faith.

Monday: Read Revelation 17:1-6

1. List the names of Babylon, written on the woman's head.
2. What is Babylon drunk with and having the nations drink? In thinking about Dave's message, what does that mean for anyone who accepts Christ during this Great Tribulation?
3. Who is the harlot teamed up with? What is the significance of Babylon's attire?

Tuesday: Read Revelation 17: 7-14, reread verse 3b

1. The scarlet beast is full of what (verse 3b)? What is blasphemy, as defined in the Bible? What does God say about those who blaspheme?
2. Last week you listed the first 6 kingdoms, whose kingdom is the 7th? How do the 10 kings support this 7th kingdom?
3. Who is this kingdom warring against? What are believers called in verse 14? How are we being faithful? (Remember that Pastor Dave notes that seeking humanistic power, materialistic luxury and sensual pleasures increasingly become the idols which replace people's belief that they need God.)

Wednesday: Read Revelation 17:15-18

1. Babylon the Great, riding on the back of THE Antichrist and with authority over the nations of chapter 17, is sometimes referred to as a religious system. What kind of religion does this seem to be (reference verse 6 again)? What signs of this “religion” do you see today? Did John warn the 7 churches, and us, about any of these issues in Rev 2-3?

2. Examine verse 16 and 18. Who are the main characters? What is their interaction here? Why?

3. Bonus: Going back to Rev 11:1-14, Trumpet 6/Woe 2, who also is attacked and murdered, when in the Tribulation, by whom and where?

4. Who is in control and why is this important? When during the tribulation is verse 16 carried out? Who gains temporary glory and worship at this point? For how long? Who is the enforcer? (See Rev 13:4-12).

Thursday: Read Revelation 18

1. An angel brightens up the dark sky (Bowl 5 of Rev 16:10-11 is already poured) to declare Babylon’s final punishment, its final, total demise. The kingdom of Satan/Antichrist/The Prophet, with Babylon as its headquarters, refuses to repent and is under that Satanic trinity’s control religiously, politically and economically. What is the call in 18:4 and to whom? How does this apply to us now, and to the churches in Rev 2-3?

2. Who mourns, for what, and can the world proceed at this point? How do they proceed? (see Rev 16:11-21 – Bowls 6-7)

VICTORY Read Revelation 19 (Armageddon’s battle is in verses 11-21 – Babylon’s kingdom falls)

3. Who in heaven responds to The City of Babylon’s fall? What do verses 1 and 2 say about God?

4. The marriage supper is announced and THE Commander who is called Faithful and True who judges righteously, leads heaven’s armies, the saints, on white horses out. Who is the rider? Who are they going to meet? What is done with their enemy, specifically how and to where?

Friday: Review Revelation 17-19

1. How have Pastor Dave’s three key points: *The Allure of Babylon*, *The Destiny of Babylon*, and *The Alternative to Babylon* enhanced your understanding of **End Times Prophecy** and your confidence in sharing it with others? How has it changed your perspective on what you see happening in the world, how believers are being treated, and how you can respond?

2. How can you now better explain the **Holiness of God** and the **sinfulness of man** to others?

3. How does an understanding of God’s wrath give you a greater appreciation of the Gospel?