**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. Babylon is mentioned more than any other city in the Bible, except for Jerusalem.
   2. Ancient Babylon will rise from the dust to meet her doom at the hand of the judgment of Almighty God.
   3. Babylon was built by a man named Nimrod.
      1. Genesis 10 - 11
      2. Nimrod is a type and prophecy, an Old Testament picture, of the antichrist who is to come.
      3. The name Nimrod means “rebel.”
      4. He built a city-state that was the capitol of the world.
      5. Babylon is both the cradle and the grave of false religion.
   4. Ancient Babylon was one of the 7 Wonders of the Ancient World, and there is coming a time in the future when the world, once again, will wonder at Babylon.
   5. Revelation 18:1-2
      1. In the Bible, cities are sometimes renamed symbolically.
         1. Revelation 11:8
            1. Jesus was crucified in Jerusalem.
            2. Sodom and Egypt are used symbolically in this passage.
      2. It is possible that Revelation 18 speaks of literal Babylon.
         1. Revelation 17 refers to the symbolic, ecclesiastical or religious Babylon.
         2. Revelation 18 speaks of commercial Babylon.
      3. Revelation 18:2 speaks of a double fall.
         1. There is the fall of ecclesiastical Babylon that we see in Revelation 17.
         2. In Revelation 18, we see the fall of political and commercial Babylon.
         3. In Revelation 17, the kings of the Earth turned on ecclesiastical Babylon, destroyed her and judged her.
         4. In Revelation 18, it is God who will judge the kings.
   6. We learn in Revelation 18 at least four things about the Babylon to come, when we say goodbye to Babylon.
2. BABYLON IS DOMINATED BY DEMONS (Revelation 18:1-6)
   1. The word “devils” in the Bible means “demons.”
      1. There is one devil; many demons.
   2. Babylon will be the seat and the throne of the antichrist during the Great Tribulation.
      1. Ancient Babylon will rise from the dust.
      2. In the end times, it is believed that there will be a war between the East and the West, in which the West will win.
         1. This will make the antichrist the world ruler.
      3. There will be a vacuum of power in the Middle East, and the antichrist will move in to fill it.
         1. This is also the principle of the criminal returning to the scene of the crime.
            1. Ancient Babylon has been the center of demonism.

Daniel 1 - 2

* + - * 1. Revelation 18:2

Babylon will be fully given over to demonism.

During the Great Tribulation, the world will be infested with and led by demonic spirits.

* 1. Even today, our world is haunted by the ghost of Babylon.
     1. Revelation 18:3
  2. Revelation 18:6
     1. Babylon has been building a system of iniquity in this world.
     2. As we get closer to the Great Tribulation and the second coming of Christ, we can expect to see a tidal wave of sin and demonism.

1. BABYLON IS DEFIANT IN DEPRAVITY (Revelation 18:7-8)
   1. The devil will strut through the Earth through his servant, the antichrist, and will look over his kingdom in Babylon.
      1. Why will the devil be so defiant and arrogant in this day?
         1. Ecclesiastical Babylon has been destroyed.
            1. The antichrist will destroy the world’s religions and will confiscate all of their wealth.
         2. The acquisition of wealth will be great and every luxury will pour into Babylon.
            1. Global corporations will make their headquarters in Babylon.
      2. Coming events cast their shadows ahead of time.
         1. Today, sin that used to slink down back alleys now struts down main streets.
         2. Satan becomes more and more bold because he thinks he will actually overcome in this battle.
   2. Revelation 18:8
      1. In spite of the defiance of the beast, he cannot hold back the judgment of Almighty God.
      2. Satan’s doom is announced and will be carried out.
      3. Sin cannot win, and faith cannot fail.
2. BABYLON IS DESTINED FOR DESTRUCTION (Revelation 18:8-11)
   1. Babylon will be quickly and completely destroyed.
      1. Revelation 18:8
         1. The destruction will come in one day.
      2. Revelation 18:10
         1. This verse says that the destruction will come in one hour.
         2. The destruction will not be gradual.
      3. Revelation 18:9-10
         1. It will be a fiery destruction.
   2. Revelation 18:21
   3. The destruction will come suddenly and violently.
   4. The sin that has been piling up for centuries will be judged.
3. BABYLON IS DEPRESSING IN DESOLATION (Revelation 18:11-23
   1. Those who do not know the Lord will suffer depression.
      1. Babylon will be wealthy beyond words.
         1. The wealth of the world will belong to the antichrist; he will control the world’s economy.
         2. No one will be able to buy or sell without the mark of the beast.
      2. There will also be a great trade in iniquity and sin.
         1. Part of the merchandise will be the souls of men.
      3. Revelation 18:9-10
         1. The kings of the world will weep because all of their resources will not be able to stay the judgment of Almighty God.
   2. There will be a great economic depression.
      1. Revelation 18:17-18
   3. There will be no more music, no more merchandising, no more manufacturing, no more marriage, etc.
      1. This may be a trigger for the Battle of Armageddon.
4. THREE APPLICATIONS CONCERNING BABYLON
   1. Come out of her.
      1. Revelation 18:4
      2. The spirit of Babylon is already in the world today.
      3. 2 Corinthians 6:17
      4. If we flirt with Babylon, even as believers, then we are headed for serious trouble.
         1. If you do not want the judgments of Babylon, then do not keep company with Babylon.
   2. Don’t envy her.
      1. Only a fool envies fools.
      2. We need to remember all that we have in the Lord Jesus Christ.
   3. Rejoice over her.
      1. Revelation 18:20
      2. We should never let the devil get us to thinking negatively about God.
      3. As believers, we are on the winning side.
5. CONCLUSION
   1. Are you on the winning side?
   2. Do you know that if the rapture were to occur today that you would not be left behind?
   3. If you do not know Jesus as Lord, today is the day of salvation.
   4. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   5. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16