

## The Fall of Babylon - Revelation 18:1-24

*Topics:* Adultery, Angels, Authority, Consequences, Demons, Immorality, Judgment, Power, Sin, Wealth

### Open It

- \* 1. Why do you think many people enjoy seeing the rich, the great, and the famous toppled from their lofty pedestals?
- 2. What is the most extreme or humiliating fall from power you have ever seen someone undergo?
- 3. What place epitomizes evil to you?

### Explore It

- 4. What amazing sight did John see? (18:1)
- 5. How did John describe the angel he saw coming down from heaven? (18:1)
- 6. What pronouncement did the angel bring? (18:2)
- 7. Why did the angel say that Babylon was being judged? (18:3)
- 8. What did a voice from heaven urge? (18:4)
- 9. What specific message of judgment did the angel bring concerning Babylon's sins? (18:5, 8)
- \* 10. How will the fall of Babylon affect rulers and merchants all over the earth? (18:9, 11, 15)
- \* 11. What will happen to Babylon's wealth? (18:10-19)
  - 12. Why will the merchants be upset? (18:11-13, 15)
- \* 13. Why will the sea captains and sailors be upset over the destruction of Babylon? (18:17-19)
  - 14. Why will Babylon be judged? (18:20)
  - 15. What instructions did the angel give for heaven and its inhabitants? (18:20)
  - 16. Near the end of the vision of Babylon's fall, what did a mighty angel do? (18:21)
  - 17. What did the mighty angel's action illustrate? (18:21)
  - 18. How will Babylon be judged? (18:22-23)
  - 19. What symbol of violence was found in Babylon? (18:24)

### Get It

- 20. What is pride and why is it dangerous?
- 21. How is your view of God expanded when you read that mere creatures (such as angels) have great authority and splendor?
- 22. What do you think Babylon symbolizes or represents?
- 23. What warning does the harlot's fate offer us today?
- 24. Why do you think the kings, merchants, and sailors are singled out to mourn the great city's fall?
- 25. What does the harlot's fate tell you about God? (18:4-8, 20)
- \* 26. In what ways can we become ensnared by wealth?
- \* 27. What can we do to avoid being slaves to money?
- 28. What will be Babylon's most glaring sins?
- 29. What worldly attitudes and actions hinder us from having an impact on the world around us?

### Apply It

- 30. What can you do to maintain a spirit of humility as you go about your day?
- \* 31. What is one step you can take today to put things and money in proper perspective?
- 32. How can you comfort a suffering friend with the message that God sees every injustice and will one day right every wrong?