

SERMON OUTLINE

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Text : Revelation 18: 1 - 24

Title : God's Judgement On Babylon: "The Economic Critique Of Rome"

Introduction

1) Structure of Revelation 18

- A 18:1 – 3 Announcement of judgement on Babylon; reasons for the judgement
- B 18:4 - 8 The call to God's people to come out of Babylon before judgement falls; further reason for judgement on Babylon
- C 18:9 – 19 Three laments at the fall of Babylon
- 18:9 – 10 by the kings of the earth who have shared her luxury
- 18:11 – 17a by the merchants of the earth who have gained their wealth from her
- 18:17b – 19 by the seafarers who have become rich through her wealth
- B` 18:20 The call to rejoice at the fall of Babylon
- A` 18:21 – 24 Announcement of judgement on Babylon and further reasons for the judgement

2) Reasons for God's judgment on Rome

- Rome uses her wealth to seduce others (vv. 1-3, 9-10, 15-19)
- The self-glorification and arrogance that come with wealth (vv. 7, 23-24)

- Rome uses her wealth for self-gratification (vv. 11-16)

3) The Call to God's people to come out of Babylon (18:4-6)

4) The Call to Rejoice at God's judgment on Babylon (v. 20)

5) Counter-images

- The great prostitute versus the Bride of the Lamb (19:6-8; 21:2)
- Babylon/Rome versus the New Jerusalem (21:1-4; 21:9-22:5)

For Reflection and Action