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REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

# Revelation

## *Chapter 18*

*The Fall of Commercial Babylon*

MEMORY VERSE · REVELATION 18:4–5

*"Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues; for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities."*

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

# This week in Revelation 18

Revelation 18 shows the world's money machine collapsing in one hour, and the people who loved it standing far off, weeping for what they lost. This week God says to you what He said to Lot and to the exiles: come out. Walk out of whatever Babylon still has a grip on, and put your treasure where it will last.

**How to use this journal**

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The O·I·A study, the slides and the film for this chapter are on the Revelation study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

**What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?**

DAY 1 OF 5

# Fallen Before It Falls

READ · REVELATION 18:1–3

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**What does the angel announce about Babylon (v2), and which three groups shared in her sins (v3)?**

REFLECT

**Heaven calls Babylon 'fallen' while she is still standing (v2). What in your world looks unstoppable that God has already judged?**

REFLECT

**The merchants got rich by 'the wealth of her sensuality' (v3) — by selling desire. Which desires has the world sold you, and what have they cost you?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Notice every ad or pitch that grabs at you today. Each time, say quietly, 'Fallen, fallen,' and thank God for something that lasts.**

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (REVELATION 18:4–5)

DAY 2 OF 5

# Come Out of Her

READ · REVELATION 18:4–8

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**What does the voice from heaven command (v4), why (v5), and what did Babylon say in her heart (v7)?**

REFLECT

**God says, 'Come out of her, my people' (v4). What place, phone app, circle of friends or habit is God asking you to walk out of?**

REFLECT

**Babylon said she 'will never see mourning' (v7). What are you counting on to keep sorrow away instead of God — money, a plan, your own strength?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Take one concrete step out today — delete it, leave it, make the call, or confess it — and tell one brother what you did.**

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DAY 3 OF 5

# Weeping for the Money

READ · REVELATION 18:9–13

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**Why do the kings and the merchants weep (vv9–11), and what are the last two items on the cargo list (v13)?**

REFLECT

**The list ends with 'slaves and human lives' (v13). Where have you seen people treated as products — maybe even yourself?**

REFLECT

**The merchants weep over lost sales, not over sin (v11). What loss would hurt you most right now, and what does that show you about where your heart is?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Pray by name for someone trapped in a system that uses people — an addiction, trafficking, a gang, a market — and ask God how you can help.**

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DAY 4 OF 5

# At a Distance

READ · REVELATION 18:14–19

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**Where do the merchants and sailors stand while the city burns (vv15, 17), and what do they keep saying about 'one hour' (vv17, 19)?**

REFLECT

**'The fruit you long for has gone from you' (v14). When has a craving promised you something and then left you empty?**

REFLECT

**Everyone stood 'at a distance' (vv15, 17). Where does fear of losing something keep you hanging around what God has already judged?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**When a craving speaks today, answer it with Jesus' words in John 6:35 that He is the bread of life — then do one thing that feeds your soul instead.**

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DAY 5 OF 5

# Heaven Rejoices

READ · REVELATION 18:20–24

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**What is heaven told to do (v20), what does the strong angel throw into the sea (v21), and what goes silent in Babylon (vv22–23)?**

REFLECT

**Heaven rejoices 'because God has pronounced judgment for you against her' (v20). How does knowing God will set things right change the way you carry the wrongs done to you?**

REFLECT

**Babylon loses music, work, bread, light and weddings (vv22–23). What good gifts have you tried to find in Babylon that only God's city can really give?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Spend five minutes thanking God for the city that is coming — name what you look forward to there — and let that shape one choice you make today.**

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

# Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

**Babylon's sins 'piled up as high as heaven' (v5), like a new tower of Babel. How do small compromises stack up in a man's life — and how does Christ tear the tower down?**

FOR THE GROUP · 2

**All the nations were 'deceived by your sorcery' (v23) — enchanted more than argued into it. What enchants men today, and how can we help each other stay sober-minded?**

FOR THE GROUP · 3

**Where will you store up treasure in heaven this week instead of in Babylon (Matthew 6:19–21)? Name one practical step for the group to pray about.**

MY PRAYER

**Strong Lord God who judges, pull me out of Babylon wherever she still has a grip on me, starting with…**

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · REVELATION 18:4–5

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