

**Rev. 18** Mar. 24-25

**Dwell:** Take a moment to think back through this passage. Make a note of any questions/reactions you have.

**Dig:** Let's talk a little about Babylon: How is she described in v.2-3, 7? What makes her so attractive to people (v.3b)? Who has partaken in what she is offering (v.3a)?

2. Notice the reason for God's judgement on Babylon in v. 5. How do you feel about God remembering her iniquities?

➤ Read Is. 1:18, Jer. 31:34, and Heb. 8:12 on the back. How might you reconcile these verses to v.5 in our passage?

3. Consider the judgement on Babylon prophesied in Jer. 51:37 (on back). What in our passage might show the fulfillment of that prophecy?

4. Use the chart below to compare the reaction of the kings, merchants, and sailors to Babylon's fall:

Reaction of Kings (v.9-10)		Contrast how the saints react in v. 20 <i>*Commentators agree the angel is instructing the saints here:</i>
Reaction of Merchants (v.11-17a)		
Reaction of Sailors (v.17b-19)		

➤ What might their reactions be telling us about the kings, merchants, and sailors?

5. What do you think the call to "come out of her" in v. 4 means? How might this call be connected to the saint's reaction to Babylon's fall in v.20?

6. How might v. 21a be connected to Jesus' words in Mt. 18:6 (on back)?

7. What are you learning about God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)?

**Deepen:** How might our culture be deceiving you? Think of something you believe that if you had it then your life would be better/happier. How does our passage encourage you to think differently?

2. How do you really feel about your sin? How does this passage change the way you view your own sin?

3. Consider what your soul longs for. Is your longing for temporal or eternal things? How might you change your longings to be for things that will last forever?

**Is. 1:16-18** Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;  
cease to do evil,  
<sup>17</sup> learn to do good;  
seek justice,  
correct oppression;  
bring justice to the fatherless,  
plead the widow's cause.

<sup>18</sup> "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:  
though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.

**Jer. 31:34** And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

**Heb. 8:12** For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."

**Jer. 51:37** and Babylon shall become a heap of ruins, the haunt of jackals, a horror and a hissing, without inhabitant.

**Mt. 18:6** but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.