



Revelation 17-18

Sermon Reflection Questions

These questions are designed to help individuals, families, and small groups discuss and apply passages in the Alpha & Omega sermon series as taught at Grace Bible Church in fall 2022.

Observe & Interpret

Read: Revelation 17:1-17. Summarize this passage in your own words.

2. What does it mean that the harlot represents Babylon? What did the city of Babylon produce and represent in the ancient world?

3. Read Revelation 18:4-5. Why does God command His people to leave Babylon? What dangers did idols present to God's people? (See 1 John 5:20-21)

4. Read Revelation 18:9-20. Why do the different groups of people in this passage mourn the destruction of Babylon? What does the inevitable fall of Babylon indicate to God's people today? (See James 4:13-16)

Apply

What idols tend to emerge in our current lives? What threatens to steal our imagination, money, purpose, and/or emotion away from the Lord?

The Christian is marked not simply by what we flee, but by what we pursue. What are practical steps we can take this week to follow Paul's command in Romans 12:1-2 to present our entire lives as living sacrifices to God?

Prayerfully determine the main biblical truth or principle that God revealed to you during your study. A few questions to ask are: Is there a promise for me to claim? Is there a truth for me to believe? Is there a command for me to obey?

Memorize: Romans 12:2. Do not be conformed to this present world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may test and approve what is the will of God — what is good and well-pleasing and perfect.