

In Hebrew it's *Babel*; in Greek it's *Babylon*. Babylon was a wicked, godless city in ancient Mesopotamia. In Old Testament times, it was the most powerful city in the world.

In Revelation, Babylon is personified as a prostitute and symbolizes the allure of worldly power, wealth, and pleasure.

- I. The Fall of Babylon – Rev. 18:1-3
 - a. Reverberations from Babel
 - b. Jeremiah's commentary on Babylon
 - c. All the nations drunk on Babylon's maddening wine

- II. Another Warning for God's People – Rev. 18:4-8
 - a. Come out of the worldly city
 - b. Earlier shots across the bow: Jeremiah 51; 2 Cor. 6

- III. The Worthlessness of Worldliness – Rev. 18:9-19
 - a. The worthlessness of worldly power
 - b. The worthlessness of worldly wealth
 - c. The worthlessness of worldly riches

- IV. Rejoicing for God's Righteous Judgment – Rev. 18:20

- V. Babylon Is Finished – Rev. 18:21-24
 - a. Never to be found again
 - b. Never to be heard again
 - c. Never to be seen again

Jesus said it in his Sermon on the Mount. Whoever hears his words and puts them into practice has built their house on the rock. They will stand—in Christ—forever.

But whoever follows the world, rather than Christ, has built their house on sand, which will crash to eternal doom.