

## **MEMORY VERSE:** Revelation 1:3

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

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**TEACHING PASSAGE:** Revelation 18

See the **next page** for any additional resources, including any activities that can be done with young children.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. John now sees another angel coming down from heaven. What did the angel predict would happen, and why? (verses 1-3) (Isaiah 13:21, Jeremiah 50:39; 51:37)
- 2. The voice from heaven in verse 4 gives a warning to God's people. What is it and why should they heed the warning?
- 3. God remembers the women's (Babylon) iniquities and will repay her double for her deeds (verses 5-6), but how does she reply? (verse 7) How then will she be judged? (verse 8)
- 4. From Revelation 17: 12-16 we know that the kings of the earth along with the beast will hate her, but they weep and wail at her destruction. Who else mourns her destruction, and where do they stand? (verses 9-19) Why?
- 5. What is the response from heaven, the saints, apostles, and prophets? (verse 20)
- 6. How does verse 21 align with Jeremiah 51:63-64?
- 7. In verses 22-23 the sights and sounds of everyday life will be seen and heard no more in Babylon. What is the ultimate reason for her destruction? (verse24)

## **Additional Resources**

**Teaching Passage**: Revelation 18

After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory. <sup>2</sup> And he called out with a mighty voice,

"Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!
She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.

<sup>3</sup> For all nations have drunk

the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living."

<sup>4</sup> Then I heard another voice from heaven saying,

"Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues;

- <sup>5</sup> for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.
- Pay her back as she herself has paid back others, and repay her double for her deeds; mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed.
- 7 As she glorified herself and lived in luxury,

so give her a like measure of torment and mourning,

since in her heart she says,

'I sit as a queen,

I am no widow,

and mourning I shall never see.'

8 For this reason her plagues will come in a single day,

death and mourning and famine,

and she will be burned up with fire;

for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her."

<sup>9</sup> And the kings of the earth, who committed sexual immorality and lived in luxury with her, will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning. <sup>10</sup> They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say,

"Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, Babylon! For in a single hour your judgment has come."

<sup>11</sup> And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, since no one buys their cargo anymore, <sup>12</sup> cargo of gold, silver, jewels, pearls, fine linen, purple cloth, silk,

scarlet cloth, all kinds of scented wood, all kinds of articles of ivory, all kinds of articles of costly wood, bronze, iron and marble, <sup>13</sup> cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and slaves, that is, human souls.

"The fruit for which your soul longed has gone from you, and all your delicacies and your splendors are lost to you, never to be found again!"

<sup>15</sup> The merchants of these wares, who gained wealth from her, will stand far off, in fear of her torment, weeping and mourning aloud,

"Alas, alas, for the great city that was clothed in fine linen, in purple and scarlet, adorned with gold, with jewels, and with pearls!

<sup>17</sup> For in a single hour all this wealth has been laid waste."

And all shipmasters and seafaring men, sailors and all whose trade is on the sea, stood far off <sup>18</sup> and cried out as they saw the smoke of her burning,

"What city was like the great city?"

<sup>19</sup> And they threw dust on their heads as they wept and mourned, crying out,

"Alas, alas, for the great city
where all who had ships at sea
grew rich by her wealth!
For in a single hour she has been laid waste.
Beloice over her, O heaven

Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, for God has given judgment for you against her!"

<sup>21</sup> Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying,

"So will Babylon the great city be thrown down with violence, and will be found no more:

<sup>22</sup> and the sound of harpists and musicians, of flute players and trumpeters,

will be heard in you no more,

and a craftsman of any craft

will be found in you no more,

and the sound of the mill

will be heard in you no more,

<sup>23</sup> and the light of a lamp

will shine in you no more,

and the voice of bridegroom and bride

will be heard in you no more,

for your merchants were the great ones of the earth, and all nations were deceived by your sorcery.

And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slain on earth."

## For younger children:

Say: Remember what Babylon represents, all the ungodly systems in the world. We learned last week Babylon is not a single location; it reaches the whole earth and all nations and it contradicts the heart of Christ.

Talk about examples of sinful systems, practices, and beliefs that contradict the heart of Christ.

Ask: All throughout Revelation God reminds us he is victorious, and he is in control. How is the angel from heaven described and what does he call out? (Verse 18:1-2a)

Ask: What does the other voice from heaven say in verse 4?

Say: God protects his people. He calls us away from temptation and into his safety.

Ask: Do you ever have an icky feeling when you are tempted to sin?

Yes? That is God calling you like in verse 4, away from temptation and into his safety.

Say: That icky feeling helps us resist temptation. Sometimes we ignore the icky feeling, and maybe we sin. It is dangerous to ignore the icky feeling because it means we are ignoring God.

Say: Those who ignored the calling of God are the ones that are weeping, wailing, and crying in verses 9, 11, 15, 18, and 19.

Say: Those of us who respond to God's calling will be the ones cheering in victory! Read a sneak peek in revelation 19:1.

Activity: Hallelujah is an expression of worship and rejoicing, praising God! "Praise Ye the Lord" is a song that is traditionally sang as a call and response song. Divide your family into 2 groups one group will sing the "Hallelu" portion and the other group will sing the "Praise Ye the Lord" portion. When it is your turn to sing, stand up then sit down when the other group sings. Sing through the song a few times getting faster and louder each time.

Link to the song <a href="https://youtu.be/4wMVeadFZjc">https://youtu.be/4wMVeadFZjc</a>

