

# Sermon 12: “Babylon Is Fallen: The Call to Come Out”

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## Scripture Reading

*“Then I heard another voice from heaven say: ‘Come out of her, my people, so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues.’” (Revelation 18:4)*

## Introduction: A Call You Cannot Ignore

Imagine you are standing in a building that’s on fire. Suddenly, a firefighter bursts in and shouts, “Get out now! The building is about to collapse!” Would you hesitate? No! You would run to safety, leaving everything behind.

This is the urgency of God’s call in Revelation 18:4. He warns His people to “come out” of Babylon—a system of false religion, spiritual compromise, and worldly enticements—so they can avoid destruction and remain faithful to Him. Babylon’s fall is not just a future event; it is a reality that is unfolding now, and God is calling His people to spiritual purity and total allegiance to Him.

Today, we will explore what Babylon represents, why it is fallen, and how we can respond to God’s urgent call to “come out.”

## I. Understanding Babylon: What Does It Represent?

### A. Babylon in History

- Babylon was an ancient city known for its rebellion against God, idolatry, and spiritual confusion.
- In the Tower of Babel story (Genesis 11), humanity defied God’s authority, leading to confusion and dispersion.
- The name “Babylon” symbolizes rebellion, confusion, and opposition to God.

### B. Babylon in Prophecy

- In Revelation, Babylon is a symbolic representation of false religion, spiritual corruption, and worldly allurements.
- Ellen White describes Babylon as: *“A union of false religion and apostate churches that have turned from the Bible and followed man-made traditions.”* (The Great Controversy, p. 603)

- It includes any system—religious, cultural, or political—that leads people away from God’s truth.

### **C. The Wine of Babylon**

- Revelation 14:8 says Babylon has made all nations “drink the wine of her adulteries.”
- The wine represents false doctrines, worldly enticements, and moral compromise.
- Examples include worshiping man-made traditions, rejecting God’s commandments, and blending truth with error.

## **II. Why Is Babylon Fallen?**

### **A. It Is Spiritually Corrupt**

- Babylon is built on lies, false doctrines, and spiritual confusion.
- Jesus said, *“In vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”* (Matthew 15:9)

### **B. It Leads Others Into Sin**

- Babylon spreads its influence, causing others to reject God’s truth.
- Ellen White writes: *“Her influence extends to every corner of the earth, leading multitudes into deception.”* (The Great Controversy, p. 604)

### **C. Its End Is Certain**

- Revelation 18:2 declares: *“Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!”*
- God’s judgment will fall on Babylon for its sins, and it will be utterly destroyed.

## **III. The Call to Come Out**

### **A. God’s Urgent Plea**

- God’s call in Revelation 18:4 is not just a warning—it’s an invitation to freedom and safety.
- He says, *“Come out of her, my people.”* This shows His love and desire to save those who are trapped in Babylon’s systems.

### **B. A Call to Spiritual Purity**

- Coming out of Babylon means rejecting false teachings, worldly enticements, and moral compromises.
- It means standing fully with God and aligning every aspect of your life with His truth.

### **C. A Call to Total Allegiance**

- This is a time to decide: Will you follow God wholeheartedly, or will you remain entangled in Babylon's web?
- Ellen White reminds us: *"Those who remain in Babylon will share in her sins and receive her plagues."* (The Great Controversy, p. 604)

## **IV. Practical Application: How to Respond**

### **A. Identify Conflicts With God's Truth**

- Reflect on your beliefs, practices, and habits. Are there areas where you've compromised God's truth?
- Examples: Are you following human traditions over God's Word? Are there worldly enticements pulling you away from Him?

### **B. Ask God for Strength**

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal areas in your life that need to change.
- Trust God to give you the courage and strength to "come out" of anything that conflicts with His will.

### **C. Stand Fully With God**

- Align your life with God's Word and His commandments.
- Commit to living with integrity, obedience, and unwavering faithfulness.

## **Object Lesson: The Contaminated Water**

### **Materials Needed:**

- A clear glass of water (representing God's pure truth).
- A small bottle of food coloring (representing Babylon's corruption).
- A second empty glass (representing a purified life).
- A pitcher of clean water (representing God's Word and Spirit).

### **Lesson Setup and Presentation:**

1. **Start With Pure Water:** Hold up the clear glass of water and say: *"This is what God's truth looks like—pure, refreshing, and life-giving."*
2. **Add the Contamination:** Drop a few drops of food coloring into the water, and let it spread.

Say:

*"This is what happens when Babylon's false doctrines and worldly enticements mix with God's truth. It becomes contaminated, no longer pure or refreshing."*

3. **Illustrate the Need to "Come Out":** Pour the contaminated water into the empty glass.

Say:

*"This is why God calls us to 'come out' of Babylon. He wants to separate us from anything that pollutes His truth and leads us away from Him."*

4. **Show the Cleansing Power of God's Word:** Pour the clean water from the pitcher into the glass with food coloring, diluting and eventually clearing it.

Say:

*"When we respond to God's call, His Word and Spirit cleanse us, filling our lives with His truth and purity."*

#### **V. Takeaway: God Calls His People to Spiritual Purity and Allegiance**

- Babylon's fall is a warning, but it is also an invitation. God calls His people to separate themselves from anything that opposes His truth and to stand fully with Him.
- Ellen White writes: *"Heavenly messengers are sent to warn us of the dangers of Babylon and to call us to the safety of God's truth."* (The Great Controversy, p. 605)

#### **Conclusion: Will You Respond to the Call?**

God's call to "come out of Babylon" is urgent, loving, and life-saving. It is a call to leave behind false religion, moral compromise, and worldly enticements, and to fully embrace His truth and righteousness. The question is: Will you respond?

Take time this week to reflect on your life. Are there areas where you've allowed Babylon's influence to creep in? Will you commit to standing fully with God, no matter the cost?

Let us pray together, asking God to purify our hearts, give us strength to leave behind anything that hinders our walk with Him, and prepare us for His soon return.

**Let us pray.**