

# Revelation 18



## Getting started

1. Do you feel like you live in a political empire? (Do you feel British? American?)
2. Is your life impacted by multinational companies? In what way?

## Getting into the Text

3. Trace the ideas in Rev 18 in four sections. What's the big idea of Rev 18:1-3; 4-8; 9-20; 21-24?
4. See if you can come up with five ways of finishing this sentence: 'The fall of Babylon is...'
5. What reasons can you find for the fall of Babylon?
6. What might be good about living in Babylon?

## Getting into the Wider Scriptural Context

7. Look again at questions 4 and 5 (above) with reference to one of the following:
  - (a) Isa 14:3-23
  - (b) Ezek 28:1-19(NB Over the centuries people have wondered if these are descriptions of Satan or political kings presented in supernatural terms.)
8. How are these NT passages like Rev 18?
  - (a) Eph 2:1-3
  - (b) Col 2:8, 15
  - (c) Phil 3:17-21

## Getting Practical

9. What makes it hard or easy to believe that anti-God empires have fallen?
10. Do you think we live in an empire of consumerism? How does this affect
  - (a) our use of time?
  - (b) our trust in God?
  - (c) our willingness to be generous?