

For the week of May 12, 2019

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The Ghost Town of Evil

22nd week in the series: *Wake Up*

Revelation 18

In the book of Revelation, we've seen God's judgment against the evil in this world. Chapter 18 portrays a vivid image of Babylon, the great symbolic empire of evil, being judged once and for all for her sins. The city which once ruled the world ends up emptied of all life. For readers in the first century, this vision gave them a new perspective on the Roman empire. For us, how does it change the way we live in the midst of the empires of our day?

Discussion Questions:

1. What parallels do you see between the kingdoms of Babylon, Rome and the Silicon Valley?
2. How do you "come out of" the empire that we live within? How have you personally found the balance between being separate, but not withdrawing completely?
3. What are some ways that Silicon Valley might be judged which could cost you personally?
4. What are some practical differences in the way you live based on this vision of the future?
5. How can the church be an effective prophet, warning our culture of the danger that lies ahead if they do not turn to Christ?