

Babylon Come Out of Her My People - What Does This Mean?

What does Revelation 18:4 mean for believers living in the world today?

A study of Babylon, rebellion, fear, discernment, technology, and the authority of the written Word.

Babylon: City and Pattern

Babylon was a real ancient city and empire.

The Teaching traces the deeper pattern back to Babel in Genesis 10-11.

Its defining theme: organized human rebellion against Yahovah.

Babel: Organized Human Rebellion

Make a name for ourselves.

Centralize power rather than obey the command to fill the earth.

Build human authority and ambition apart from Yahovah.

Unite around rebellion rather than truth.

“Come Out of Her, My People”

Revelation 18:4 gives two connected concerns: sharing in her sins and sharing in her plagues.

The Teaching’s central answer: stop participating in Babylon’s sin so you do not share in its judgment.

Separation from sin comes before separation from a place or object.

Babylon as a World System

Any system can become Babylonian when it competes with Yahovah's authority.

Alternative truth, morality, worship, identity, blessing, or security.

The issue is allegiance and rebellion - not simply geography.

Not Escaping the World

John 17: Yeshua does not pray that His followers be taken out of the world.

The Teaching rejects automatic withdrawal from society as the biblical definition of holiness.

Believers remain in the world while refusing its rebellion and false authority.

Literal Exodus and Spiritual Separation

Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Zechariah contain commands to flee literal Babylon.

The Teaching reads these as a pattern pointing toward separation from values, beliefs, practices, and authorities opposed to Yah.

Who Defines Evil?

The Teaching says the difference is authority.

Human opinion?

Tradition?

Culture?

Personal conviction?

Fear?

Or the written Word of Yahovah?

Fear vs. Reverence

Do not let fear of man, circumstances, persecution, death, or the future define your spiritual standards.

Direct reverence toward Yahovah.

If Scripture does not call something evil, the Teaching warns against elevating personal fear into a universal command.

Technology as a Test Case

Different generations have feared different tools; the object changes while the Word does not.

Barcodes and banking

Internet and email

Smartphones and digital payments

RFID, digital IDs, and biometrics

Artificial intelligence

Biblical Examples of Using Available Systems

Daniel learned and served within Babylon without surrendering his faith.

Ezra used Persian decrees, funding, and transportation.

Paul used Roman roads, shipping routes, and common Greek.

The Teaching's point: use does not automatically equal allegiance.

Characteristics of Babylon

Pride and self-exaltation

Idolatry and occult practices

Luxury and self-indulgence

Oppression

Trust in wealth and military power

Human wisdom in place of trust in Yahovah

The Colossians 2 Warning

“Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle.”

The Teaching applies Paul’s warning to self-imposed religion and man-made holiness standards.

A rule can look spiritual while still being a command Yahovah never gave.

The Pharisee Trap

Build hedges around Torah.

Elevate conclusions to divine commands.

Bind consciences where Scripture leaves liberty.

Judge others by personal standards.

The Teaching warns that adding to the Word can replace Yahovah's authority just as ignoring it can.

Q&A: Discernment Matters

Participants stress that modern tools can carry harmful purposes, exploitation, manipulation, or dependence.

Prudence is not the same as fear.

Ask what a tool is doing to your heart, habits, allegiance, and ability to obey.

Do not replace the Ruach or direct study with technology.

The Speaker Clarifies His Point

He is not telling everyone to embrace AI or every technology.

He respects a believer's conviction to abstain.

His central concern is imposing personal convictions on others as though Scripture explicitly commanded them.

If a system requires disobedience, faithfulness to Yahovah takes priority.

Coming Out Means Going Toward Yahovah

Leave rebellion, idolatry, false authority, and sin.

Move toward Yahovah's Word, kingdom, and ways.

Use discernment without panic.

Test everything.

Hold tools loosely and Yahovah's authority firmly.

Closing Principle

Let Scripture define Babylon.

Let Scripture define evil.

Let Scripture define holiness.

Pray for discernment.

Do not let fear, technology, tradition, or personal opinion take the throne that belongs to Yahovah.