

# LAID WASTE

REVELATION 18:1-24 // TODD DUGARD  
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*As a believer, I must steer clear of the world's (18:4) hopeless destiny (18:1-3), corrupt ways (18:5-8), pathetic lament (18:9-19), utter destruction (18:21-24) and instead, praise the Lord for his just judgment of her (18:20).*

## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Are there any warnings that you regularly disregard? Why don't you take those warnings seriously?
2. ***Revelation 18 is a warning from heaven to steer clear of the world's tragic end.*** What exactly does Revelation 18:4 say we must do to avoid taking part in the world's sins and sharing her plagues? How are Christians tempted to compromise on this warning?
3. ***Babylon, the "Great City," will be laid waste. All that she offers us is revealed to be corrupt.*** Considering the above warning and the instruction in 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, how do you live in the world without participating in her evil ways?
4. ***Lament can be our expression of regret, or it can be a sign of repentance. In this passage, lament is pathetic because there's no return to God, no agreement with his will, and no desire to be changed. Lament was simply sorrow over the experience of consequences with no change of heart.*** What happens to our relationships if we avoid repentance and only express regrets? How does repentance improve the spiritual quality of everything we do?

*Ongoing transformation is a defining characteristic of a true Christian.*

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5. **Revelation 18:20 is a statement of concession. The losing team regrettably congratulates the victors, inviting them to rejoice. And we can rejoice in what we know will happen, but that knowledge compels the mission to see more people saved.** Have you considered new ways you can serve, give, or share the gospel in support of discipleship and evangelism locally or around the world? What is the next step of engagement for you? When can you take it?