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### When Kings and Merchants Weep

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#### **Revelation 18**

(11) "The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her because no one buys their cargoes anymore, cargoes of gold, silver, precious stones...fine linen....bronze, iron and marble.

(17) "Every sea captain, and all who travel by ship... and all who earn their living from the sea, will stand far off. (18) When they see the smoke of her burning they will... throw dust on their heads, and with weeping and mourning cry out: "'Woe! Woe to you, great city, where all who had ships on the sea became rich through her wealth!

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#### The world's view of prosperity

- 1. Do whatever it takes to gain material prosperity
- 2. Put your hope in material prosperity

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So whether you eat or drink or **whatever** you do, **do it all** for the **glory of God.** 

- 1 Corinthians 10:31

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## **Revelation 18**

(7) Give her as much torment and grief as the **glory** and **luxury** she gave herself.

(7)...glory and luxury she gave herself.

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#### Biblical world view

Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added to you. (Matthew 6:31)

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#### Babylon's world view

Seek first to build your own kingdom and then make your kingdom bigger and bigger.

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(3) For all nations have drunk the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living.

(3) '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

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### Genesis 19

(15) "Hurry! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away when the city is punished."

## Genesis 19

(16) When he hesitated, the men grasped his hand and the hands of his wife and of his two daughters and led them safely out of the city, for the Lord was merciful to them.

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# Genesis 19

(17) As soon as they had brought them out, one of them said, "Flee for your lives! Don't look back, and don't stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!"

### Genesis 19

(24) Then the Lord rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah...destroying all those living in the cities...(26) But Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

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#### Luke 17

(28) "It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. (29) But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.

## Luke 17

(30) "It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. (31) On that day no one who is on the housetop, with possessions inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. (32) Remember Lot's wife!

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# **Revelation 18**

(3) " 'Come out of her, my people,' so that you will not share in her sins,

The world's view of possessions

Material prosperity is the ultimate thing that can satisfy me

I must do whatever it takes to acquire material prosperity

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Don't compromise with Babylon to be rich. Don't think that riches will make you secure.

- Kevin deYoung

## 1 John 2

(15) Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (16) For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

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#### Compromising For Material Gain

- 1. Discard integrity
- 2. Devalue people

(9) the kings of the earth...committed adultery with her and shared her luxury

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# **Revelation 18**

(13) cargoes of cinnamon and spice, of incense, myrrh and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, of fine flour and wheat; cattle and sheep; horses and carriages; and human beings sold as slaves

Four million black slaves in the American south prior to the Civil War

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In the ancient world, slaves were used for much of the heavy labor of building and sustaining cities. Many of these slaves were former citizens of countries that had been conquered in war.

Egypt and China Mayans and Aztecs East African kings (1580 B.C.) Greece and Rome (classical period) Spain and Italy (1600 A.D.)

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#### As of 2021

50 million people live in modern slavery

- 28 percent forced labor
- 22 percent forced marriage

#### Of the 14 million in forced labor

- 14 percent are enslaved by the government
- 23 percent are enslaved by commercial sexual exploitation

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Of the 14 million in forced labor

3.3 million are children

Modern slavery occurs in almost every country in the world, and cuts across ethnic, cultural and religious lines. More than half...of all forced labor and a quarter of all forced marriages can be found in upper-middle income or high-income countries.

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# Revelation 18

(13) cargoes of ...human beings

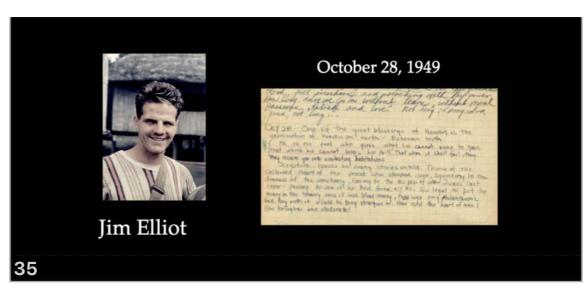
### 2 Corinthians 9

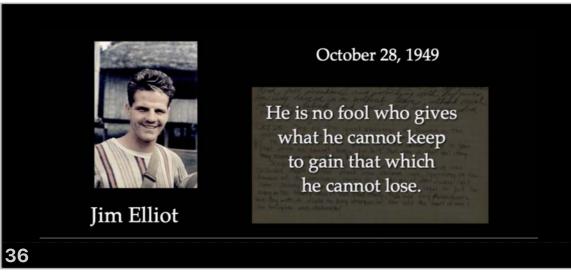
(13) Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

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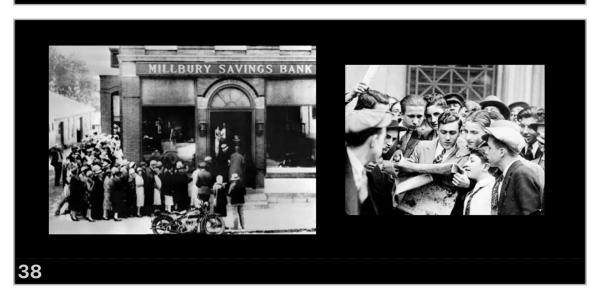
# 1 Timothy 6

(17) Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. (18) Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.





(10) "'Woe! Woe to you, great city, you mighty city of Babylon! In one hour your doom has come!'



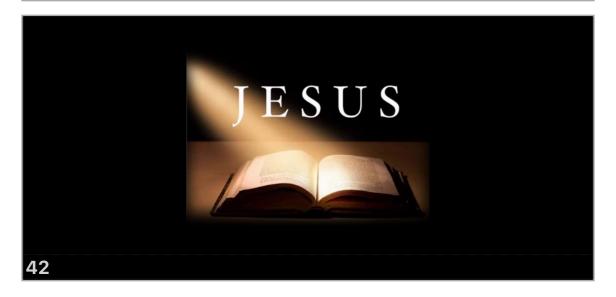
"With such violence the great city of Babylon will be thrown down, never to be found again. (22) The music of harpists and musicians...and trumpeters, will never be heard in you again. No worker of any trade will ever be found in you again.

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(23) The light of a lamp will never shine in you again. The voice of bridegroom and bride will never be heard in you again.

(4) her sins are piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes.



# Hebrews 8

(12) I will...remember their sins no more.

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I will never again remember their sins.

