



## **Once Upon a Future**

### **3/9/2025 | The Fall of Babylon**

#### **Reflect + Discuss**

- What is a trivial example of a “this isn’t right” moment in your life?
- Read Ezekiel 33:11. Read 2 Peter 3:9. What do these verses reveal about God’s heart?
- Read Revelation 19:1-2. What do these verses reveal about God’s character? How can we find hope in knowing that God’s judgments are ‘true and just’?
- What comes to mind when you think of God as a judge? Do you think of God as a perfect judge? In what ways do you find it hard to process this part of who God is?
- Read Revelation 6:1-8. The four seals are carrying out God’s judgment on Babylon (the corrupt and evil empires and systems throughout history). The four seals are: conquering, war, famine, and death. How would the original audience have related to these issues? How would these verses have brought hope back then? How can it bring us hope for today?
- Read Revelation 6:9-10. These verses paint a picture of people crying out for justice. They’re saying, “this isn’t right!” What are some examples of situations that cause you to cry out, “this isn’t right”? How is God’s judgment of evil evidence of his love and goodness? How can we take comfort in knowing that God will hold accountable the injustices done to his people?
- Read Revelation 18:4. What is the significance of the words, ‘Come out of her, my people’? What does it look like to faithfully follow Jesus while living in a place that contains aspects of Babylon? Can you think of some practical ways to live in a counter-cultural way in light of being on Team Lamb?
- Because God is loving and good, He will hold Babylon accountable. How can we find hope in knowing that the “Babylons” and evil empires of history will not ultimately last? What next steps might you take to remember that God can be trusted?

#### **Pray**

Pray for God to help us grow a greater understanding of his plan for the world. Pray we may recognize the depths of God’s power and that we may be in growing awe of the slain Lamb. Pray that as we reflect on this message, we will grow in trusting that God is a perfect, just, and loving judge. As we continue to go through this series, pray that the Holy Spirit will deepen our longing to worship our worthy God forever and ever.

#### **Next Steps**

Check out the [resources page](#) for links to several Bible reading plans and other helpful tools. Explore other opportunities for growth and transformation by checking out [courses](#).