

I. Introduction

When God judges this world, some will weep, while others will rejoice.

Today, we will reflect on the message, "Those Who Weep and Those Who Rejoice on the Day of Destruction."

II. Main Body

1. Three Groups Who Weep Over the Destruction of the World

1) The kings of the earth mourn. (Revelation 18:9-10)

They mourn because they enjoyed the pleasures and luxuries of this world.

2) The merchants mourn. (Revelation 18:11-17a)

They weep because they can no longer sell their luxurious goods and merchandise. Their hearts were devoted to the wealth and pleasures of the world.

3) The shipmasters and sailors mourn. (Revelation 18:17b-19)

They mourn because the destruction of the world takes away their livelihood and source of income. These people mourn because they loved the world and followed its values and pleasures. Therefore, we must ask ourselves: Do I belong to this world, or do I belong to God and His kingdom?

2. God Commands His People to Rejoice. (Revelation 18:20)

God commands His people to rejoice because His righteous judgment has finally been accomplished. The world persecuted the saints and shed the blood of the martyrs (Revelation 18:24). The martyrs cried out to God for justice (Revelation 6:10), and God answered their prayers. Our joy does not come from the world. It comes from God. As Habakkuk says, "Yet I will rejoice in the LORD" (Habakkuk 3:18).

3. The Glory of This World Will Pass Away, but God's Kingdom Is Eternal. (Revelation 18:21-24)

The destruction of Babylon shows that the judgment of this world is complete and final.

Its music will cease, its businesses will end, its lights will go out, and its celebrations will disappear (vv. 22-23). God judges the world because of its pride, its deception, and the blood of His saints (vv. 23-24). The glory of this world is temporary, but the Kingdom of God is eternal.

III. Conclusion

The rich young ruler in Matthew 19 teaches us an important lesson. Although he kept the commandments, he loved his possessions more than he loved God. We, too, can struggle spiritually when we love the world more than God. Therefore, let us not allow our hearts to be captured by the things of this world. Let us place our hope in the eternal Kingdom of God. When this world falls, may we not weep with the world, but rejoice in God's righteous judgment and place our hope in His eternal Kingdom.

Bible
Memorization

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. (Deuteronomy 6:5)

Bible Reading

Bible Reading Passage

9/14(Mon)	9/15(Tue)	9/16(Wed)	9/17(Thur)	9/18(Fri)	9/19(Sat)	9/20(Sun)
Ezekiel 21-23	Ezekiel 24-26	Ezekiel 27-29	Ezekiel 30-32	Ezekiel 33-34	Ezekiel 35-37	Ezekiel 38-40

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Quiet Time Passage

9/14(Mon)	9/15(Tue)	9/16(Wed)	9/17(Thur)	9/18(Fri)	9/19(Sat)	9/20(Sun)
1 Chronicles 4:1-6:81	1 Chronicles 7:1-9:34	1 Chronicles 9:35-10:14	1 Chronicles 11:1-9	1 Chronicles 11:10-19	1 Chronicles 11:20-47	1 Chronicles 12:1-22

Sharing Questions

1. Through today's sermon, if you have come to understand something new or received special grace or encouragement from God, please share it with one another.
2. Why did the kings of the earth, the merchants, and the shipmasters and sailors who worked at sea mourn and weep when this world collapsed and was destroyed?
3. Why should the saints, apostles, and prophets rejoice when this world is destroyed and consumed by fire?
4. The central message of today's sermon ultimately concerns where we place our hearts and what we truly love. Please share what you consider most precious in your life and what you love most.