

# Backdrop: The Babylonian Empire

## Opening Discussion:

1. What is the earliest memory you have of a significant historical event?
2. How have you seen God at work through political and historical events in your lifetime?
3. How might God be at work in current political and historical events?
4. How does the secular, wicked culture strengthen the church and advance God's purposes?

While Babylon represents \_\_\_\_\_, it was also used by God to judge His people and \_\_\_\_\_ the way for the \_\_\_\_\_.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_



2. \_\_\_\_\_ importance

3. \_\_\_\_\_ significance

Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "So will Babylon the great city be thrown down with violence, and will be found no more." **Revelation 18:21**

At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?" At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and splendor returned to me. My counselors and my lords sought me, and I was established in my kingdom, and still more greatness was added to me. Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

**Daniel 4:34-37**

### **Fill in the Blank Answers**

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While Babylon represents spiritual rebellion, it was also used by God to judge His people and prepare the way for the Messiah.

1. Geography, location
2. Historical
3. Biblical