## Whom Will You Serve, Part 3 Why Serve A Defeated Kingdom? The Overthrow of Babylon

## Isaiah 43:14-21

- I. There Are Two Cities
  - A. The powers of this present darkness
  - B. The celestial city of God
- II. The Fall of Babylon in our Text
  - A. God promises to throw down the city of Babylon
  - B. This is a historical reality
  - C. It is also a spiritual metaphor
- III. What Is Babylon?
  - A. The Book of Revelation (14-19)
  - B. Consider these thoughts on what Babylon is
    - 1. Babylon is a fallen city (Revelation 14:8, 16:19, 18:2-19:6)
    - 2. Babylon is identified as an immoral woman who gives birth to immorality and abomination (17:5)
    - 3. Babylon is a dwelling place of "demons and unclean things" (18:2)
  - C. Consider these thoughts on why Babylon is judged
    - 1. Immorality
    - 2. Idolatry
    - 3. Wealth gained through wickedness
    - 4. Using influence and power to create an environment in which "wrong is right and right is wrong"
  - D. God "calls His people out of her" (Revelation 18:4-5)
- IV. What City Is Your Home?