Title: The Fate of Babylon

Introduction

The introduction is also the conclusion. The key message today is that **we must continue the Word movement within ourselves.** When the Word movement continues, our entire life will become victorious. In the end, we must become **people who have the answer that the Word alone is sufficient**, and we must continue the Word movement until the end.

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1. The Fate of Babylon

Today's message speaks about the fate of Babylon.

1.1 Because of Israel's idolatry, **God allowed Babylon to take Israel into captivity as slaves.** However, Babylon abused this authority and **placed a very heavy yoke upon Israel, oppressing them harshly.**

1.2 Babylon believed that **it would remain a queen forever.**

1.3 Eventually Babylon became arrogant and said, **"I am the only one; besides me there is no other."**

1.4 God declared that Babylon would **lose its children and become like a widow.**

1.5 This judgment came because Babylon **trusted in its own wickedness and said, "There is no one besides me."**

1.6 Therefore, God proclaimed that **disaster would come upon Babylon.**

We should not see this only as a historical event. Instead, **we must apply this message to ourselves.** Ultimately, what God desires is that **the Word movement takes place in our own lives.**

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2. The Reason God Destroyed Babylon

God entrusted Babylon with the role of taking Israel into captivity. However, Babylon did not understand God's purpose and **treated Israel with excessive cruelty.**

Moreover, Babylon forgot that the power it had came from God and **became arrogant to the point of thinking, "There is no one besides me."**

Because of this arrogance and cruelty, **God judged Babylon and brought about its destruction.**

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3. How God Protects His People Who Have the Gospel

This prophecy was written **about 100–150 years before the Babylonian captivity occurred.** God always **protects His people who possess the gospel.** From a worldly perspective, this may sometimes appear unfair.

For example:

- **When Abraham went down to Egypt**, the mistake was Abraham's—he lied and said his wife was his sister. Yet the plagues fell upon the king of Egypt.

- Another example is when **the Ark of the Covenant was captured by the Philistines.** The Philistines thought they had won, but wherever the Ark was placed, a severe plague broke out. Eventually they had no choice but to return the Ark to Israel.

These events reveal **how precious God considers His people who hold the gospel.**

Conclusion

1. God's covenant will surely be fulfilled. God changes people and circumstances as needed. Therefore, we must not become bound to people.

2. God knows our weaknesses, so if necessary He will even send the heavenly army to help.

3. God never abandons His people who hold onto the covenant. However, if the covenant is abandoned, life itself may be lost.

As long as **we hold onto the covenant, God is always on our side.** Therefore, we must continue the **Word movement until the end, especially within ourselves.**

As long as I hold the gospel, even if I make mistakes or fall short, **God does not abandon me.** At times He may even judge the opposing side, but **He continues to hold onto me and fulfill His covenant to the end.**