

# Matthew 18:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

## Analysis

This text illustrates key Reformed principles: *sola Scriptura*, *sola gratia*, and *sola fide*. The passage demonstrates how God's Word speaks authoritatively to human need, revealing both our depravity and God's merciful provision through Christ.

## Historical Context

This verse originates in Jesus' ministry during a pivotal period. The first-century Jewish context included Roman occupation, Pharisaic religious authority, and messianic expectations. Understanding these factors illuminates the passage's significance.

## Related Passages

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse deepen your appreciation for Christ?
2. What false beliefs or practices does this text correct?
3. How should you share this truth with others?

## Interlinear Text

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οὐαὶ	τῷ	κόσμῳ	ἀπὸ	τῷν	σκάνδαλον	ἀνάγκῃ	
Woe	G3588	unto the world	because of	G3588	offences	it must needs	
G3759		G2889	G575		G4625	G318	
γάρ	ἐστιν	ἔρχεται	τὰ	σκάνδαλον	πλὴν	οὐαὶ	τῷ
! for	be	come	G3588	offences	but	Woe	G3588
G1063	G2076	G2064		G4625	G4133	G3759	
ἀνθρώπῳ	ἐκείνῳ	δι'	οὗ	τὸ	σκάνδαλον	ἔρχεται	
to that man	by	whom	G3739	G3588	offences	come	
G444	G1565	G1223			G4625	G2064	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Luke 17:1** (Parallel theme): Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come!

**Matthew 26:24** (Parallel theme): The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.

**1 Corinthians 11:19** (Parallel theme): For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.

**Jude 1:4** (Parallel theme): For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Titus 2:8** (Parallel theme): Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

**Titus 2:5** (Parallel theme): To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

**Acts 1:16** (Parallel theme): Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

**Mark 13:7** (Parallel theme): And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet.

**John 17:12** (Parallel theme): While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

**1 Timothy 6:1** (Parallel theme): Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.