

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

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

οὐαὶ τῷ κόσμῳ ἀπὸ τῶν σκάνδαλον ἀνάγκη
Woe G3588 **unto the world** G2889 **because of** G575 **offences** G4625 **it must needs** G318

γάρ ἐστιν ἔρχεται τὰ σκάνδαλον πλὴν οὐαὶ τῷ
! for G1063 **be** G2076 **come** G2064 G3588 **offences** G4625 **but** G4133 **Woe** G3759 G3588

ἀνθρώπῳ ἐκείνῳ δι' οὗ τὸ σκάνδαλον ἔρχεται
to that man G444 **by** G1565 **whom** G1223 G3739 G3588 **offences** G4625 **come** G2064

Additional Cross-References

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.