



Sermon Discussion Guide¹
Rev 17:1-18 | Kevin DeYoung

“The Great Prostitute and the Beast”
Sunday Morning, April 7th, 2024

Big Idea: God’s plan for the salvation of his people includes evil waging war against evil.

1. Like many passages in Revelation, there is a lot of stark imagery. What imagery jumps out at you from this passage?
2. Why is Babylon depicted as a prostitute?
3. “Babylon is a symbol of the world, the system; the way things operate in a fallen humanity. Babylon represents the temptation to go along *with* the world, to share in the world’s wealth.” How are we tempted to go along with the world to share in its wealth?
4. The letters to the 7 Churches at the beginning of Revelation ended with “to him who overcomes.” How does this color the way we understand chapter 17?
5. Read Rev 21:1-3; 9-11. How do these verses compare with ch 17? What does this show us?
6. Meditate for a moment on verse 14. How does this verse stand out in the chapter?
7. See verses 6-7. Even John marvels at the great prostitute. How does the Bible describe the greatness of the Kingdom of God in contrast to the kingdom of the world?
8. “Evil is not as united as it seems.” Where do we see this in our culture? Can you think of anywhere in Scripture where evil turns on evil?
9. How is it that God’s people conquer with the Lamb? “They follow him and are forgiven by him.” How is this good news for us?

Questions for Kids:

- What do you remember about the sermon Sunday morning?
- Should we still obey Jesus even when everyone around us doesn’t?
- How can we obey Jesus today?

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