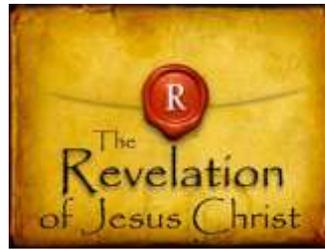


Revelation 17:1-20:15 Babylon the Prostitute and the Final Judgement



The enemy of God is described as a prostitute in this part of the vision. Throughout the Old Testament, idolatry is described as adultery. How is idolatry “spiritual adultery”?

The prostitute is described seductively (17:4). How is ungodly power seductive (also see Genesis 3:1-6)?

The prostitute is sitting on a beast with 7 heads and 10 horns (17:3, 7, 9-14). Consider that Rome was built on 7 hills. What may the beast represent for the Christians of John’s day? What may the beast represent for Christians today?

The difference between a prostitute and a “loose woman” is the prostitute expects payment. What payment is given to this prostitute by those who keep company with her?

17:17 states that God put it in the hearts of these kings to unite. How have you known God to work in your life / in history to achieve His purposes even when those acting do not recognize God’s hand?

18:4 is an admonition to Christians similar to many throughout scripture (see I Peter 5:8-9). Why is this directive so important?

Three groups of people are singled out among those who share in the destruction of the devil and his kingdom (18:3b, 11, 9, 17b). Who are they and what do they have in common? How may we see these groups today?

What is the future for those who ally themselves with ungodliness in an attempt to get ahead in the world?

18:21-23 describes an event similar to Jesus’ comments in Luke 17:24-30. What do these descriptions have in common?

For what two great sins does condemnation fall (18:23-24)?

As God is glorified for the victory, how does 19:7 describe the church?

She is wearing fine linen the “righteous deeds of the saints”. What does it mean that she is “Granted” to wear these deeds? Consider Ephesians 2:8-10.

The person riding on the white horse (19:11) is not identified by name. Compare the descriptions in 19:11-15 with 3:14, 1:14, 2:18 1:16, 2:12. Who is this rider?

As you consider Demas (Colossians 4:14 and II Timothy 4:10) and the warnings in these chapters, how might his situation be seen today?

20:1-3 describes Satan bound with a chain. When did this confining take place? (Hebrews 2:14, I John 3:8)

What assurance does Jesus give to Christians concerning the devil and his forces? (Matthew 16:18; John 10:27-29)

Remember that numbers in Revelation are symbolic. What is the 1000 year time period (20:2)?

20:4 describes believers who “came to life and reigned” for the 1000 years. When is it that believers “come to life”? (John 5:24, 10:31, Ephesians 2:1,4-6) How do unbelievers “come to life” after the “1000 years”? What is the first death (that both believers and unbelievers experience)? What is the “second death” and why does it have no power over believers (20:6, Hebrews 2:9, 14-15)?

There are 2 categories of books: Works and Life. What is the judgment on anyone based on the book of works? What happens to the record for those in Christ? (Psalm 51, Galatians 3:26-27)