

Revival Christian Fellowship

The Vengeance of the Lamb

Revelation 17.1-18. The Great Harlot

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Main Point: The evil powers of the earth and the apostate church combine forces.

Introduction

- Respond to this quote by Charles Spurgeon: “One reason why the church of God at this present moment has so little influence over the world because the world has so much influence over the church.” Do you agree? Disagree? Explain.

Understanding

1. The Harlot Exposed. Read Revelation 17:1-6.

- a. How is the woman in this chapter described?
- b. What does this woman represent?
- c. How does Isaiah 1:21-23 help us to understand the concept of the great harlot and spiritual prostitution?
- d. What is the connection between the harlot and the antichrist?
- e. What ideas does “Babylon” convey?

- f. How is the beast described?
- g. Define the word "apostasy."
- h. What teachings do we see in churches that teach sound doctrine?
- i. What teachings do we see in churches that reject sound doctrine?
- j. How does 2 Timothy 4:2-4 help us to be prepared for standing firm in these last days?
- k. How can Christians pursue faithfulness to Christ when so much of our society seems intoxicated by immorality and idolatry?

2. The Harlot Explained. Read Revelation 17:7-15.

- a. Explain the seven heads of the beast? Explain the ten horns of the beast?
- b. What does it mean that the kings are of one mind?

- c. How does the Lamb respond? What is the result of the Lamb's actions?

3. The Harlot is Exterminated. Read Revelation 17:16-18.

- a. Explain the turn of events in verse 16 in the alliance of the woman and the beast.

- b. What does the beast's turn against the prostitute tell you about Satan's character?

- c. According to verse 17, into whose hearts has God put it to accomplish His purpose? How do you explain this?

Application

- How does 2 Timothy 3:16-17 point us to the bible as our ONLY source of spiritual doctrine?