

Revelation 17:1-18

“Babylon, the Mother of Prostitutes”

Intro: A most remarkable testimony from the Apostle Paul

- One reason why the world held nothing for Paul: Christ held everything for him.
- One great blessing of faith: Faith overcomes the world.
- William Greenhill (‘Stop Loving the World’): ‘Christ said that the things that are of high account with men are an abomination to God.’
- How the word of God portrays this fallen, sinful world: As a prostitute that seduces people and persecutes God’s people.

We must recognize that Babylon, the corrupt center of _____ looks to _____, to entice, and to _____ the people of God.

- The 17th chapter of Revelation: Backing up chronologically while zooming in thematically.
- The typical, futurist’s take on Babylon: Babylon is a future, one-world religion that is nothing but a false religion.

- The view of many preterists: ‘Babylon’ is a reference to unbelieving Israel.
- The view of many historicists: ‘Babylon’ is a reference to the Roman Catholic Church.
- Babylon, the great: A reference to the corrupt center of worldliness and everything that is opposed to godliness.
- The word that appears over and over again: Varying forms of ‘porneia,’ which is translated as ‘sexual immorality’.
- The other mention of the ‘wilderness’ in Revelation: Found in the 12th chapter of Revelation where we read of the church portrayed as a woman.
- The picture of Babylon on the back of the beast: A reminder that the world works hand-in-hand with the beast of evil government in attacking God’s people.
- The 20th century: Said to have more martyrs for Christ than the previous 19 centuries combined.

Personal Application:

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