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Revelation 17–19 paints a vivid picture of a seductive "prostitute"—a symbol of any earthly system that promises fulfillment through power, pleasure, wealth, and self-rule, but ultimately demands our souls in return. Though she appears glamorous and irresistible, her pimp—the beast—eventually turns on her, revealing that evil ultimately destroys itself. Those who give in to her seduction mourn in despair when their false gods collapse, but those who resist stand with the Lamb in joyful worship. In the end, we are confronted with the question: Will we be the prostitute's clients or the Lamb's bride?

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Big Idea

As followers of Jesus, we must always be committed to recognizing the subtle ways cultural values and personal desires can seduce us away from Christ—and we must intentional strengthen their resolve to live as the Lamb's faithful bride.

Key Themes

- Evil is seductive, not ugly. It comes dressed in luxury, success, and opportunity.
- Every worldly system demands loyalty. It wants our mind, will, emotions—our identity.
- Evil eventually devours its own. Anything we worship besides God will disappoint and destroy.
- God extends grace even in the ruins. "Come out of her, my people" is a rescue call.
- The people of God resist. Their story ends not in "alas, alas" but in "Hallelujah!" and a wedding feast.

Scripture

• Revelation 17:1-6; 18:4-7; 19:6-9

Tips

- Keeps the tone pastoral, not political.
- Encourage examples from daily life—not just "big sins," but subtle compromises.
- End on hope: the wedding feast of the Lamb.