

Steve Greenberg's Handout: September 10, 2025 (Wed p.m.)

Week 29: Rev 17:13-18 Victory for the Lamb

Review: see notes at end

Intro:

Rev 17:11 "The beast (**also known as, coming Antichrist**) that was (**once**), and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition (**headed to destruction**).

Deadly wound was healed, some sort of resurrection?

Rev 13:3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

Rev 13:4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

Rev 13:7 It was granted to him (beast) to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation (world).

Rev 13:14 And he (**second beast**) deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

Rev 13:15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image (**animated image**) of the beast, to be killed (**die**).

Rev 17:12 "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have received no kingdom as yet, but they (**the ten kings**) receive authority for one hour (**a brief time**), as kings, with the beast.

Rev 17:13-18 Victory for the Lamb

Rev 17:13 "These are of one mind (**one common goal, and are all in agreement**), and they (**ten horns are ten kings**) will give their power (**strength**) and authority to the beast.

The Book of Daniel gives us some details that you don't find in the Book of Revelation.

Dan 7:24 The ten horns are ten kings (**ten kingdoms**) Who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones, And shall subdue three kings (**it appears that three of the ten kings (ten kingdoms) will have to surrender or be taken over, over powered**).

Rev 16:14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Rev 17:14 "These will make (**wage**) war with the Lamb (**Christ**), and the Lamb will overcome them (**defeat and conquer them**), for He is Lord of lords and King of kings (**He will win**); and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful."

Notice what these kings stand against the Lamb (**Jesus Christ**). They are not only against but will wage war against Jesus Christ.

It is amazing you can saw words like spiritual, God, but when you say Jesus Christ is the only way (John 14:6) evil comes out.

The question can be asked are you a believer and follower of Jesus, or an enemy, or one who has not made a decision. By not making a decision before you die, makes you an enemy of what Jesus did for all mankind and that is, He died on the cross having no sin, for those that have sin and believe, so they might be righteous before God

John also the author of 1 John wrote

1John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

1John 4:2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,

1John 4:3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

1John 4:4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

1John 4:5 They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them.

We can ask are you for Him (**Jesus**) or against Him?

I like to go to the end of the story

Heaven opened, Jesus appeared on a white horse defeated the beast and his armies.

Rev 19:17 Then I (**John**) saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,

Rev 19:18 "that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."

Rev 19:19 And I(**John**) saw the beast, the kings of the earth (including ten kings), and their armies, gathered together to make war, against Him (**Jesus, Lamb**) who sat (**rode**) on the horse and against His army (the Lord of Hosts-angelic beings and glorified believers..

Rev 19:20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and

those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Rev 19:21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him (**Christ Jesus, Lamb**) who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

Jude writes about these evil men

Jude 1:14 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men (**wicked men**) also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands (**Gk. word often used in a symbolic way to mean vast numbers beyond counting Heb 12:22, Rev 5:11 ...**) of His saints,

Jude 1:15 "to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh (**defiant**) things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him (**Jesus, Lamb**)."

Son of Man (**Jesus**) comes in His glory with all the holy angels, He will divide the sheep from the goats

Mat 25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

Mat 25:32 "All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

Mat 25:33 "And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

Mat 25:34 "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Mat 25:41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

Rev 17:15 Then he(**angel**) said to me The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues (**languages**) (**refers to whole earth, global-Rev 5:9, 11:9...**).

We were told of the judgement by an angel to John, but not how it will happen? Rev 17:1b ..."Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters,

Jer 51:13 O you (**Babylon, inhabitants**) who dwell by many waters, Abundant in treasures, Your end has come, The measure of your covetousness.

Psa 137:1 By the rivers of Babylon, There we sat down, yea, we wept When we remembered Zion.

Psa 137:8 O daughter of Babylon, who are to be destroyed, Happy the one who repays you as you have served us!

Gen 11:4 And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower (**Tower of Babel**) whose top is in the heavens (**The tower was an attempt to reach heaven on human terms**); let us make a name for ourselves (**pride, to defy Gods Word, His commands**), lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth (**disobeying Gods command to fill the earth (Gen 9:1)**).

So the sin that took place in land of Shinar (**Babylon**) after the flood was exported into the entire world, because this was the start of all cultures. She spread harlotry everywhere (**title on forehead: the Mother of harlots**) the religious system which existed at the tower of Babel can be traced throughout the world.

<u>Spread of the</u>	<u>Mother (origin)</u>	<u>Child Cult (false religion)</u>
Assyria	Ishtar	Tammuz
Phoenicia	Astarte	Baal
Egypt	Isis	Osirus/Horus
Greece	Aphrodite	Eros
Rome	Venus	Cupid
Asia	Cybele	Desius
India	Isi	Aswara
Roman Catholicism	Mary	Jesus
Israel	Queen Heaven (Jer. 7:18; 44:17)	Tammuz (Eze. 8:14-15)

From book by Alexander Hislop, Two Babylons

Two systems God will destroy. There appears to be a future religious system of the world, a literal city between the rivers a new tower of Babel. God is going to destroy. And we also, have a coming system of the beast, which God will destroy Daniel 2, 7.

Today, nations, kingdoms and ideologies mirror Babel-like tendencies—globalism, technological pride, dictators-self-exaltation, rebellion against Gods moral order.

Rev 17:16 "And the ten horns (**ten kings, kingdoms-regions supporting the beast**) which you saw on the beast these will hate the harlot (**rides speaks of controlling and or dominating**), make her desolate (**worthless**) and naked), eat her flesh and burn her with fire (**prophesized Jer 51:30 Babylon, they have burned her dwelling places**) (**also in next chapter Rev 18:8, 18**).

Pro 26:27 "Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, and he who rolls a stone will have it roll back on him." (The wicked often become victims of their own schemes).

Pro 11:3 The integrity of the upright will guide them, But the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them.

Pro 1:31 Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, And be filled to the full with their own fancies.

Pro 5:22 His own iniquities entrap the wicked man, And he is caught in the cords of his sin.

Antichrist wants to be number one

2Th 2:3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition (**Antichrist**),

2Th 2:4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

Rev 13:5 And he(**Beast-Antichrist**) was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

Rev 13:6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

The scriptures reveals a historical figure to a yet-future figure, in this case identified as the Antichrist or Beast

Dan 11:36 "Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.

Dan 11:37 "He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all.

Rev 17:17 "For God has put it into their hearts (**and minds**) to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind (**one purpose**), and to give their kingdom (**royal authority**) to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled (**finished prophetically**).

Pro 21:1 The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.

2Th 2:11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,

2Th 2:12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Rev 17:18 "And the woman whom you saw, is that great city (**literal city, not just a symbol**) (**Babylon, 18:2, 10, 21**) which reigns (**rules and has dominion**) over the kings of the earth."(**Great city Babylon and its system dominates and controls the kings and the political leaders of the world**).

So unless context demands otherwise, the most straightforward reading is that the woman = a literal city (future Babylon).

The woman in Revelation 17–18 is sometimes spiritualized by interpreters (as a religious system or false church), but the text itself says it's a city—"the great city that rules over the kings of the earth." This is a geopolitical: A real place, with global influence, that affects the course of nations, not just religious description.

Charles H. Dyer

“The Identity of Babylon in Revelation 17–18 (Part 2),” *Bibliotheca sacra* 144 (October-December 1987): 436.

“Whatever else is said about the harlot, she is first a city, not an ecclesiastical system.”

Bullinger,

The Apocalypse or “The Day of the Lord”, 509

“It is indeed surprising how any mistake could have been made in the identification of this woman. For the Holy Spirit first shows us her very name upon her forehead. Then, in verse 18, He tells us as plainly as words can tell anything, that ‘the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reignest over the kings of the earth’, and chap. xvi. 19, as well as xvii. 5, identifies this city with Babylon. God says it is a ‘city.’ He does not say *a system* or *a religion*, but a ‘CITY.’”

Rev 18:9 "The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning,

Rev 18:10 "standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.'

Review:

We have seen the chronological judgements (3 sets), which increased intensity.

1-7 Seal judgments

1-7 Trumpet judgments

1-7 Bowl judgments

We notice that there is an order: first set 1-7, second set 1-7 and third set 1-7 and increase in intensity with each group. We also notice that when we hit a six, between a six and a seven, there is a pause (**break in chronology, or interlude**).

Five times in the book we have chronology stops or pauses to give us insights into something that is related or happening in the section. These pauses are often called “interludes” or “parenthetical sections” moments when the narrative "stops" to explain something important before continuing.

We are now in the last pause which starts at Rev 17

<u># Scripture</u>	<u>Five Pauses</u>	<u>Summary</u>
1. Rev 7	144,000 Sealed	God can preserve and protect His people during judgment
2. Rev 10-11:14	Two Witnesses	God continuous call for repentance, no more delays
3. Rev 12-14	Woman-Satan-Beast	Satan’s role in history and end times, Israel’s flight, two beast
4. Rev 16:13-16	Nations Gathering	Gathering the nations to war at Armageddon
5. Rev 17–19:6	Fall of Babylon	Collapse and judgement of world systems, before Christ returns

Seven Bowls of Wrath, Comparison with Old Testament Scriptures

Bowl #	Poured Into	Result / Judgment	OT Comparison	NT Reference
Bowl 1	Into the earth	Boils on people, beast's mark	Exo 9:8–12; Boils on Egyptians; Deut 28:27, 35 Curse sore and boils	Rev 16:2
Bowl 2	Into the sea	Sea to blood, living things die	Exo 7:17–21 Nile to blood, fish died; Ezek 32:6 water land with blood	Rev 16:3
Bowl 3	Into rivers/springs	Fresh waters become blood	Exo 7:19 Water throughout Egypt turns to blood	Rev 16:4
Bowl 4	On the sun	Scorches man, blaspheme God	Isa 24:6, Earth scorched by sin; Mal 4:1 Day, burning like an oven	Rev 16:8–9
Bowl 5	Throne of the beast	Darkness and pain	Ex 10:21–23 Plague darkness; Joel 2:2 Day darkness; Isa 8:22 Distress	Rev 16:10–11
Bowl 6	Euphrates River	Dries up; demons, kings east	Exo 14 Red Sea parted; Isa 11:15 Lord dries rivers;	Rev 16:12–16
Bowl 7	Into the air	Earthquake, hail, cities flatten	Exo 9:23–26 – Hail and fire; Ezek 38:22 Hail, earthquake	Rev 16:17–21

Conclusion of God's Wrath and Final Judgement

Steps	Description	Scripture
Wrath Complete	It is done! 7th bowl poured out, finalized	Rev 16:17
Babylon Falls	Judgment on the evil world system	Rev 17–18
Christ Returns	Gods enemies defeated, beast cast into fire	Rev 19:20-21
Final Judgment	Millennium, rebellion, wicked cast into fire	Rev 20:11–15

We noticed part of that judgment involves the destruction of a city called Babylon.
 Rev 16:19b ...And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath (**Gods Wrath**).

Rev 17:1 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me (**John**), saying to me, "Come, I (**angel**) will show you (**John**) the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters (v15 The waters, where the harlot sits, representing her influence over peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues),

Rev 17:5 And on her forehead a name was written: **MYSTERY**, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

The 'mystery' is connected with the 'Woman' herself, and not with her 'name' is clear from v. 7,

Rev 17:7 But the angel said to me, "Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.

Rev 11:15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

Satan has enjoyed running this world since the fall of man,. The long awaited transfer of the world which Satan acquired and usurped through Adam's sin (fall of man Gen 3:6, dominion Gen 1:26, Rev 5 scroll). Now here back into the hands of God according to the Book of Revelation.

Important signs and meanings

- The woman, representing Israel.
- The dragon, representing Satan (Devil).
- The man-child, referring to Jesus.
- The angel Michael, head of the angelic host.

<u>Theme Comparison</u>	<u>Rev. 17</u>	<u>Rev. 18</u>
Same name	17:5	18:2
Same city	17:18	18:10
Same clothing	17:4	18:16
Holding a cup	17:4	18:6
Fornicating with Kings	17:2	18:3
Drunk with wine of immorality	17:2	18:3
Persecuting believers	17:6	18:20, 24
Destroyed by fire	17:16	18:8, 18
Destroyed by God	17:17	18:5, 8

Parallels between Jeremiah 50-51 & Revelation 17-18

<u>Theme</u>	<u>Jeremiah</u>	<u>Revelation</u>
Associated with a Golden cup	51:7a	17:3-4; 18:6
Dwelling on many waters	51:13	17:1
Intoxicating the nation's	51:7b	17:2
Same name	50:1	17:5
Persecution of the saints	51:49	17:6; 18:24
Stone sinking into Euphrates	51:63-64	18:21
Sudden destruction	51:8	18:8
Destroyed by fire	51:30	17:16
Final, uninhabitable	50:39	18:21
Deserved	50:29	18:6
God's people flee	51:6, 45	18:4
Heaven rejoices	51:48	18:20

How Satan Imitates God, and the Antichrist Imitates Jesus Christ

<u>Theme</u>	<u>JESUS CHRIST</u>	<u>Antichrist (Imitations)</u>
Claim of deity	John 14:9	2 Thess. 2:4
Heralded by a forerunner	John 1:23	Rev. 13:12
Forerunner comes in power	Luke 1:17	1 Kgs. 8:37-38; Rev. 13:13
Empowered by higher source	1 Cor. 6:14	Rev. 13:14
Member of a Trinity	Phi 1:2; Acts 5:3-4; Jn 14:9	Rev. 16:13; 20:10
Head of a Church	Eph. 5:23	Rev. 2:9; 3:9
Miracle worker	Acts 2:22	2 Thess. 2:9
Resurrection from the dead	1 Cor. 15:3-6	Rev. 13:3, 12, 14
Given a throne	Rev. 3:21	Rev. 13:2
Ruling a political kingdom	Isa. 9:6-7	Rev. 13:5
Ushering in world peace	Isa. 9:6-7	Rev. 6:1-4
Activity in the Temple	Luke 2:41-50	2 Thess. 2:4

<u>#</u>	<u>Seven Kingdoms-</u>	<u>Status in John's Day (c. 95 AD)</u>
1	Egypt	Fallen
2	Assyria	Fallen
3	Babylon	Fallen
4	Medo-Persia	Fallen
5	Greece	Fallen
6	Rome	Ruling during John's time
7	Future kingdom (Revived Rome or Global empire)"Not yet come" –Last days	