

Victorious: Revelation 17:1-19:10  
Discussion Guide, July 12, 2020  
Next week's text: Revelation 19:11-20:15

**CHECK UP:**

Memory Work Review: "Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed." - Revelation 16:15

- How well did you "stay awake" this past week?

**OPEN:**

- In what way do you think culture has the greatest negative impact on the church? Why do you think so?

**READ and ASK: Revelation 17:1-18**

- What is the clear and stated purpose of chapters 17-18?
- Who is the central figure in this scene? Who is she? (see 14:8 and 16:19)
- How is the woman and this beast like the first and second beasts of chapter 13?
- Why do you think idolatry is talked about as adultery in the Bible?
- How can evil turn on itself? (vs 16-17)
- In this passage how does Babylon symbolize what is continually wrong with society?

**READ and ASK: Revelation 18:1-19:10**

- Pause and ponder what the main purposes of this text is.
  - o What major points do you see?
- How do the voices of the world view the fall of Babylon? (vs 9-20)
  - o Why do you think they mourn?
- Why does God judge Babylon (Rome) so harshly?
- What does this text say about the lures of luxury/wealth?
- How would 19:1-10 bring encouragement to the churches of Asia minor?
- Contrast the prostitute of chapters 17-18 with the bride of 19:7-8.
- How is John tempted to worship the angel? How does this serve as a good reminder for us?
  - o How does "worship God" point to a central focus of the book of Revelation?

- What difference does it make that Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords?
  - o How should such a truth impact our lifestyle?

**APPLY:**

- How do you need to intentionally combat the “lures of luxury”?
  - o NEXT STEP: What steps can you take to keep money/material possessions in their proper perspective?
- What are three things for which you are extremely grateful to God?
  - o How do you usually express your gratitude to Him about these things?
- How has the book of Revelation impacted your worship of God?
- Why is it important to seek wisdom from God?
  - o How can you do that?
- How does the defeat and condemnation of Babylon and the triumph and glory of the Lord God affect your overall view of your problems here and now?
  - o What is one problem you hope to manage more confidently and joyfully as a result of our study of Revelation?

*Memory Work: Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: “Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. – Revelation 19:6-7*

Revelation Resources:

- Victorious by Matt Proctor (I would highly recommend this well researched devotional study)
- Breaking the Code by Bruce Metzger
- Revelation’s Rhapsody by Robert A. Lowery
- Revelation and the End of All Things by Craig R. Koester
- Reversed Thunder by Eugene Peterson
- Leaving the Rapture Behind by Larry Pechawer
- <https://www.shanejwood.com/>
- Revelation by Shane Wood on Rightnow Media.