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Week 24 – The Woman and the Beast (Rev. 17)**

Introduction:

Genesis 11:4

Revelation 17:1-18 Notes and Observations...

The Mother of All Prostitutes = Babylon (the false “gate of God”)

The Seven Prophetic Kingdoms:

1. Egypt
2. Assyria
3. Babylon
4. Persia
5. Greece
6. Rome
- 7 & 8. Future Antichrist Kingdom

Revelation 17 – Three Things to Remember:

1. The _____ of _____ are not threatened by Babylon
2. The _____ of the _____ will overcome Babylon
3. The _____ of _____ is disruptive to Babylon

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. When you assess the value system of the kingdom of Babylon (the godless system of this world) in contrast to the Kingdom of Christ, what essential differences can you think of? Try to make a list...

Ponderings:

2. If you knew for certain that Jesus was going to return one year from today, how would that impact the next year of your life? Why is it that we don't always live as though Christ could return at any moment? Discuss...
3. What Babylonian values are reflected in your current lifestyle? (This question is not a means of condemning yourself, but simply to think about the orientation of our day-to-day priorities...)
4. Why is grace the essence of our faith, and why is it so counter-cultural and disruptive to the "Babylonian mindset" of the world-system?
5. When Karl Marx said that man-made religion is the "opiate of the masses," he was correct. But he miscalculated his assumption that the message of Jesus could be lumped into man-made religion. Why is man-made religion ultimately a fruitless endeavor?
6. Which of the three major points discussed in the weekend message gives you the most comfort and encouragement and why?
 - The plans of God are not threatened by Babylon
 - The purpose of the Gospel will overcome Babylon
 - The power of grace is disruptive to Babylon

Promptings:

7. Who within your sphere of influence is currently trapped in the Babylonian mind-set? In addition to praying for them, how might God want to use you to disrupt their status quo with the gospel?