



I. REVELATION IS A VISION OF COMFORT, VICTORY AND HOPE

I am the Living One. I was dead. But look! I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys to Death and Hell.

Revelation 1:18 (NIRV)

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.” And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!”...

Revelation 21:4-5a (NLT)

II. OVERVIEW OF REVELATION CHAPTER 17:1-18

1. The identity of the great prostitute (v.1-6)

And this woman you saw in your vision represents the great city that rules over the kings of the world.

Revelation 17:18 (NLT)

- **Her influence:** the world
- **Her sin:** seduction, corruption, persecution
- **Her spiritual condition:** barren emptiness
- **Her power:** the evil, anti-God, totalitarian state
- **Her allure:** beauty, glamour, wealth, pleasure

Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

1 John 2:15-17 (NLT)

2. The fall of the great prostitute (v.7-18)

- **Description of the beast she rides (v.7-14)**

- ⇒ Resilient
- ⇒ Doomed
- ⇒ Worshiped
- ⇒ Oppressive
- ⇒ Temporary
- ⇒ Defeated

Together they will go to war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will defeat them because he is Lord of all lords and King of all kings. And his called and chosen and faithful ones will be with him.”

Revelation 17:14 (NLT)

3. Death of the prostitute (v.15-18)

He [the devil] was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:44 (NLT)

III. “TAKE AWAYS” FROM REVELATION 17:1-18

1. Recognize the counterfeit when I see it

2. Resist the allure of the world system

3. Resolve to be satisfied with Christ

4. Remember where my eternal hope is

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:18 (NIV)