

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Revelation 17:7-18

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Revelation 17:7-18

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

⁷ And the angel said to me,

“Why do you wonder?

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.

⁸ “The beast that you saw was,

and is not,

and is about to come up out of the abyss

and go to destruction.

And those who dwell on the earth,

whose name has not been written

in the book of life

from the foundation of the world,

will wonder

when they see the beast,

that he was

and is not

and will come.

⁹ Here is the mind

which has wisdom.

The seven heads are seven mountains

on which the woman sits,

¹⁰ and they are seven kings;

five have fallen,

one is,

the other has not yet come;

and when he comes, he must remain a little while.

¹¹ The beast which was

and is not,

is himself also an eighth

and is *one* of the seven,

and he goes to destruction.

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¹² The ten horns which you saw are ten kings
who have not yet received a kingdom,
but they receive authority
as kings
with the beast
for one hour.

¹³ These have one purpose,
and they give their power
and authority
to the beast.

¹⁴ These will wage war
against the Lamb,
and the Lamb will overcome them,
because He is Lord of lords
and King of kings,
and those
who are
with Him
are the called
and chosen
and faithful.”

¹⁵ And he *said to me,
“The waters
which you saw where the harlot sits,
are peoples
and multitudes
and nations
and tongues.

¹⁶ And the ten horns
which you saw,
and the beast,
these will hate the harlot
and will make her desolate
and naked,
and will eat her flesh
and will burn her up with fire. ¹

⁷ For God has put it
in their hearts
to execute His purpose
by having a common purpose,
and by giving their kingdom
to the beast,
until the words of God will be fulfilled.

¹⁸ The woman
whom you saw is the great city,
which reigns
over the kings
of the earth.”

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1. Review your sermon notes from Revelation thus far. Where does Revelation 17:7-18 fit within the whole of the book? List out the structure of the book as best as you can and note this week's text's location in the structure. (It may be helpful to review the introduction to Bret's Sermon on Revelation 16:12-21 from 6/1/25).
2. Who is the one speaking in verse 7? What do we know about this individual?
3. What does this individual intend to explain according to verse 7?
4. What do we know about this beast from chapter 17:1-13? Only list the details found in the text.
5. Note the multiple verb tenses describing the beast in verse 8. List these verbs out as they are found in your English translation. Describe which direction in time each of these verbs is pointing? Which of the three directions is negated?
6. Another group is mentioned in verse 8. Who are these people? What do we know about them from this text and so far from the book of Revelation?

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7. When are names which were added into the book of life recorded according to this text?

8. What will these folks do according to verse 8? What does this mean? Justify your answer exegetically.

❖ Day 2

Read Revelation 7:7-18 again.

9. Verse 9 says “here.” What is the object/place to which this “here” refers?

10. Describe what the angel from verse 7 is doing in verses 9-18. Are these statements subjective? Are they unclear? Explain.

11. What are the seven heads of the beast from 17:4,8 referring to according to the angel? Simply answer from the observations you make directly from the text.

12. What do we know about the kings according to the text?

13. What is the meaning of verse 11? How can the beast be both an eighth and one of the seven?

14. What are the ten horns referring to according to the angel?

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15. What do we learn about these kings? What is their purpose?

❖ Day 3

Read 7-18 again.

16. Who is the Lamb from verse 14? How do you know? Where else does he show up in the book of Revelation?

17. What happens to the Lamb when he is attacked by the kings?

18. Why does the text say this will be the outcome? How are these reasons given related to the outcome answered in question 17?

19. Who is with the Lamb?

20. What does the angel explain the waters to be according to verse 15? Have we seen these waters referenced before this point? If so, where?

21. What are the dynamics between the 10 horns, the beast, and the harlot?

22. Why do the beast and 10 horns treat the harlot this way according to the text?

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23. How long is the kingdom given to the beast?

24. Who is the woman, the harlot? What else do you know about her from chapter 17 as a whole?

In preparation for Sunday, pray for our church as we jump back into Revelation. Pray for humility and teachability as we seek to learn from the Word of God and his wisdom. Pray trusting in the victory of the Lamb of God and the control he has over every detail of the end times.