

Sermon Discussion Guide:

# The Prostitute and the Beast

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Scripture: **Revelation 17**

Series: **Revelation**

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## OVERVIEW

We live in an evil, fallen world, as other saints before us have encountered. We will be tempted and some will also be persecuted. We need to know how to fight and resist this evil in this world and Satan's temptations. Scripture gives us what we need to have victory over Satan's power in this world. **Jesus promises victory to His people over Satan's power in the world.**

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## CORROBORATING TEXTS

Revelation 17:1-18; 1 Peter 5:8-11; 2 Corinthians 2:11; James 4:7; Ephesians 6:10-11; 2 Corinthians 10:4-5; 2 Thessalonians 3:3

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. This sermon was a further reminder that Satan's purpose is to devour and destroy the church. In this world, what are some of the ways Satan uses to attack Christians? As believers, what should we be aware of, prepare for and respond to?
2. As we are reminded of the great evil in this world, we are encouraged to be prepared for battle—not be taken by surprise. Scripture tells us we will experience persecution and temptation. As we see Satan's objective, what encouragement can we gain from Revelations 17? Also see Deuteronomy 20:4, 1 John 4:4, 1 John 5:4-5, John 16:33
3. It can seem overwhelming as we attempt to resist sin and ungodly conduct. As we persevere, why is it important to understand the schemes of Satan? How do we do this?
4. We are told in Ephesians 6 to put on the armor of God. As you read Ephesians 6:10-18, be aware of the ways we can be prepared for attack, resist schemes and fight Satan spiritually. Note verse 18. Prayer is a crucial way to fight Satan, and his ploys.
5. While we are in the flesh, we shall not escape the temptation of sin. It is difficult to fight Satan effectively without looking at our own hearts and see the areas where Satan has a stronghold. We need to evaluate the areas that move us away from God. What are effective ways to accomplish this?
6. It is of great encouragement that our confidence should be in Christ Jesus and not in ourselves. We do not have to make our own way, but instead, rest in the Lord. What are the pitfalls of trusting in the ways of this world? Proverbs 3:5-8, Romans 8:37-39, 2 Thessalonians 3:3-5