

DISCUSS

Now discuss what you just watched by answering the following questions.

1. What stands out to you in the description of the great prostitute in Revelation 17:3–6? What is significant about her attire, her adornments, and what she is “drunk” on?

2. John was “greatly astonished” when he saw the prostitute (verse 6). What do you think so captivated John about her? What does this say about the seduction of what she represents?

3. What does the angel inform John will ultimately happen to the prostitute (see verses 15–18)? What does this say about the way that Satan operates in this world?

4. How do the kings, merchants, and captains of the earth respond when they hear of Babylon’s fall? What does this say about the hearts of people in the world today?

5. Ask someone to read Romans 12:2. How does this passage echo the call to live apart from the world? What does it mean for you to not conform to the pattern of this world?

Babylon has a subtle way of attracting our attention that can be difficult for us to pinpoint. As eternal beings living in mortal bodies, we have to function within certain civic, social, and cultural structures. Yet even as we go to work, participate in our community, and enjoy our family and friends, we are called to holy living. Dwelling in Babylon causes us to miss out on the peace, joy, and fellowship with other believers that God wants us to have in our lives.

What is your biggest takeaway from Revelation 17–19? How is that relevant in your life right now?

When have you had to set a boundary or step away from a “Babylon”? What was appealing about it?

Of the four characteristics of holy living mentioned—peace, generosity, purity, and hospitality—which one is most prevalent in your life? Which one could use a little more practice and cultivation?

End your time by praying together. Thank God for allowing you to see the truth about human creations and Babylonian idols. Ask Him to protect your heart as you serve as His ambassador in this world. Ask if anyone has prayer requests, and then write down those requests so that you and other group members can continue to pray about them in the week ahead.

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