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Revelation Chapter 17:

We find in this chapter that the "great prostitute" is punished for leading others into sin. Exactly who this prostitute is, we can't be sure, but there is a lot of guessing about it. No matter who or what it is, let it suffice to say that when something leads people away from God that it will be destroyed in the end!!

A further explanation of her physical description is given in verses 9-12. Who the kings are or what 7 hills are meant, is speculation. However, the prostitute will be responsible for leading people into sin, the persecution of Christians and has received power from Satan. She will work together with the beast and will lead man into battle against God and His forces.

As frightening and powerful as the prostitute may appear, God shows John that the Lamb will overcome, the prostitute will end up being destroyed by the ones she led, because this is God's will and He is in charge.

COMMENTARY

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This Babylon which leads others into sin, is the same as the great prostitute (Compare Rev. 17:1-4 with 18:3,16). Therefore, the destruction of this one force, is described again here. So certain is its destruction, that it is spoken of as already having happened. We see that many have joined in with the prostitute in the sins that she commits.

God's people are called out and are told that she will be punished for all the sin and torment that she has committed. Those who partook with her, will separate themselves from her and lament her passing. Those who have marketed items used for her overindulgence and sins will be saddened because their profit will be lost. Those who brought her needs will also weep and mourn.

This force, it seemed to have everything; yet it will be destroyed quickly and surely. For that reason, God's people will be able to rejoice for God will have judged her for her treatment of His people.

We see that the destruction will be final and complete as is the force that the prostitute represents will never be given power or authority again.

STUDY GUIDE

Revelation Chapter 17:

1. What was one of the angels who had the seven bowls going to show John?
2. Who will be with the great prostitute?
3. Describe the woman in the desert & the beast she was on.
4. What was the woman drunk with?
5. Who will be astonished when they see this beast?
6. What does it say about the eighth king?
7. Who will the 10 kings make war with and what will be the result?
8. Who will finally, bring the prostitute to ruin?
9. How long will the beast have power to rule?

ONUS:

1. Are people today, so easily deceived that they would follow after one who does so much evil? Explain.
2. How do you react to the fact that this "one" will be drunk with the blood of Christians?
3. What is the main theme of this chapter?

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Revelation Chapter 18:

1. What had fallen and had become a home for demons and evil spirits?
2. Who had drunk, committed adultery with and grown rich from this woman?
3. Why were God's people told to come out of her?
4. According to verse 8; what will happen to her?
5. What will the kings do when they see her being punished?
6. According to verse 11; what will the merchants do during her destruction?
7. How do the merchants describe the woman in verse 16?
8. According to verse 20, who is to rejoice because God has judged Babylon?
9. Who were led astray by her magic spell?
10. What was found in her according to verse 24?

BONUS:

1. Who do you think this Babylon is? Explain.
2. What do you think of all that will happen to her?
3. How do you feel about the "sympathy" that she receives from those who had sinned with her?
4. What do you feel the message is, in this chapter?