

# REVELATION: THE FINAL ANSWER

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# INTRODUCTION **NOTES** Not all churches are false or fake. Not all churches are decoy churches to lure people in and take them down spiritually. Not every church deceives them and sends them to hell rather than pointing them to heaven. However, we are living in a day when we are watching the unveiling of many decoys. Therefore, we need to have the wisdom and the discernment to be able to differentiate between false churches and churches that preach the Word of God. That's exactly what we're going to learn more about in today's message. **KEY POINTS** 1. The Characteristics of the False Church - Apostasy - Unity 2. The Images of the False Church - Many waters - Kings of the earth - Intoxicated - John is shown by the angel - Describes - Titles who are not one with the world 3. The Reaction to the False Church In today's key passage of Scripture, John is seeing a picture of a secular church that is part of the government, and the government is part of the church. They are working together during this time. All of their wealth is put together. Sometimes, churches astonish us. There are no perfect churches today. "If you do find a perfect church with a perfect pastor, don't join it; you will ruin it!" It is really the truth. 4. Your Way to the True Church I want to give you a list of things to look for in a true church. Let's break this list down: - Look for a Church that stands on the Word of God and not just tradition. - Look for a Church that challenges you to act upon what the Bible says and not just be content with information.

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- Look for a Church that calls people to repent and t	turn	to
Jesus, and not just "sign up and join."		

- Look for a Church that loves to worship the Lord, and not just sing songs to each other.
- Look for a Church that has a heart for world evangelism while caring for the needs of its community.
- Look for a Church that cares about your spiritual maturity.
- Look for a Church that is dependent upon God for its present and future stability.

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#### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1.	Have you ever come across a false church in your own life?
2.	Does the church you're currently attending have the qualities listed out in point #4?
3.	If your answer to question #2 was "no," which qualities is your current church lacking?