

WEEK 5



A BATTLE FOR SOULS, A CHOICE TO BE MADE

REVELATION 14–19:10

OPENING PRAYER:

Faithful Father, you are in the business of transformation. You transformed nothingness into creation. And at the appointed time, you will rid the world of the evil that threatens to destroy it. You will transform our broken world into an eternal, glorious home. Give us minds of wisdom as we go through our lives to be a witness for you and trust in your mighty power. We pray this in the name of the Lamb of God, Jesus. Amen.

KEY VERSE:

“They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.” (Revelation 17:14)

INTRODUCTION:

Since the Garden of Eden, a battle has waged for the souls of mankind. God has sought to woo mankind back to his love. But the choice was theirs. Over the centuries, the enemy, Satan, used deceit and lies to draw man away from the loving grace of God. At some point in time, God will move to rid the earth of the evil that controls it. The battle is real today. The choice is ours today. What is your choice?

OPENING QUESTIONS:

1. How do you see a battle for souls being played out in our world today?
2. How do you make choices for good? What is helpful for you in choosing God's ways? What is most challenging for you in choosing good and not evil?

VIDEO:

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VIDEO NOTES:

The battle for the souls of man is an ongoing one, century to century, year to year, day to day. Idolatry will be rampant in the end times. The abomination that causes desolation will be in full force as people are forced to bear the mark of the beast which allows them to buy and sell. This mark signifies the worship of the Antichrist. This is the line drawn in the sand. From the beginning, God made it clear that we were to worship only him. How do we combat the wiles of Satan and the Antichrist? Revelation 14:12 states, *"Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus."* At some point God will say "It is done!" His plan for a new creation, a new people is done. The time is up.

BEFORE CLASS



Read Revelation 14:1–19:10.

SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS:

1. What are the comparisons between the woman in chapter 12 and the woman in chapter 15?
2. Despite the horrific judgments, we read in 16:9, 16:11, and 16:21 that the people refused to repent and turn to God. What does this tell you about the importance of repentance?

3. Reading chapter 18, what are the characteristics of Babylon the Great?
4. If Babylon represents wealth and privilege, how do we “*come out of her*” (18:4)?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. What keeps us from choosing Jesus today?
2. How have you felt the battle of good and evil in your life?
3. The wedding supper of the Lamb is glorious. Jesus referred to this banquet several times in the Gospels. We are all invited. Have you sent in your reply card? Compare the wedding of the Lamb to the atrocities of Babylon.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Faithful Father, your desire is that all would come to faith in you and your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank you that you send your Holy Spirit to teach us and guide us. We know that it is only through your Spirit that we will patiently endure through the end times. Strengthen us daily for the ongoing battles in our lives and give us the wisdom to identify when the enemy is deceiving us with lies. May we always know and believe the truth of Jesus. We ask this in the name of our King and Lord, Jesus. Amen.