Babylon, the Prostitute

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Vision One The Church on Earth (1:9 - 3:22)

Vision Two God's Throne and the Seven Seals (4:1 - 8:1)

Vision Three The Seven Trumpets (8:2 - 11:19)

Vision Four The Interlude (Redemptive Drama) (12:1 – 14:20)

Vision Five The Seven Bowls of Judgments (15:1 – 16:21

Vision Six The Victory of Christ (17:1 – 19:21)

Vision Seven The New Heavens and the New Earth (20:1 – 22:21)

The Lamb, who is Jesus wins (17-19)!

Revelation 17:1

Revelation 16:19

Revelation 17:1-6

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ERA	Babylon the Prostitute
Past	Babel and Babylon
1st Century	Enticing culture of the Roman Empire
All of time	The alluring worldly culture that opposes Christ and His church

Proverbs 5:3-5a

- Verse 1 I will show you the great pornes, is the Greek.
- Verse 2 with her the kings of the earth at porneusan.
- Verse 4 she had a golden cup filled with the filth of her porneias.
- Verse 5 Babylon the great, mother of pornon.
- Verse 15 the waters you saw are where the porne sits.
- Verse 16 the beast and the ten horns will hate the pornen.

The blasphemous beast: Recalls wicked governments and false religions of the world

Scarlet or Red = Royalty and persecuting nature

The tactics of the dragon: Force and Enticement

Babylon is influential

Babylon (the Christless world/culture) is attractive, but that beauty is only on the surface

Babylon is seductive

Proverbs 7:21 -23

Babylon is aligned with Satan. Our worldly culture is aligned with Satan

Babylon is impressive

Babylon hates the Church of Jesus. Babylon is the ANTI-Church.

Babylon the Prostitute (The World/anti-church) - Rev 17-19	The New Jerusalem (The Church) Revelation 12, 19, 21
Lover of wealth and pleasure	Lover of Christ
Adorned but deceiving beauty	Adorned with righteousness of Christ
Mother of idolatry and abominations	Mother of the faithful
Partnered with beast but destroyed	Attacked by beast but protected
Will be cast down forever	Will live forever

Application:

- \cdot We are not immune to falling for the world
- \cdot Whatever form of satisfaction Babylon offers is temporary and inferior
- \cdot You can't have both
- \cdot Be in the world but not OF it