

Revelation 17:8-18
Rootwork
Exposing the Beast

- (Everyday) Before you begin your study time - spend time in prayer, preparing your heart and surrendering your will to the Spirit of God! Allow Him to have full access by not withholding anything He wants to do in and then do through you!!
- (Everyday) Remember, the enemy is going to try to keep you from being in the Word, he hates when we worship our God- Worship breaks his bondages over believers, so resist him and he will flee!!
- (Everyday) Spend time in adoration and worship daily after you have cleansed your heart and before you dive into the scriptures!! Proclaiming who God is and adoring Him lifts our eyes up and keeps our focus on what really matters...putting God in His rightful place and putting us in ours!
- BONUS- (If you have not done this already) if you were at the “Digging Deeper” conference and you would like to structure these scriptures, Copy and paste Revelation 17 into a word/pages document or write it out verse by verse, following the structuring handouts you received!
- Review Rev. 17:1-7 from the last Bible study and refresh your memory on where we are in scripture and where we are on the timeline of events! Jot down anything you want to take note of that was significant to you during this study!
- Read the whole of chapter 17 to get an overview and to observe the scripture in context! Focus mostly on the verses 8-18. Then go back and look up any words in your blue letter Bible app! Just select the verse, select interlinear concordance and select the word! So much insight is given looking up these words! Let me know if you have any questions!

- Read verses 7-8, what does John see that made him wonder? Who is speaking? Why do you think they asked him that?
- Look at verse 8 in detail..this is where structuring verses are so very vital! It takes it apart so you can focus on every detail. While we are on break I really want to encourage you to watch the Digging Deeper teaching on our website so you can work on structuring and taking apart verses. This helps me to see everything! It may take a while to get used to but once you are doing it consistently, it is so much easier to study word by word and verse by verse!
- We see the angel is exposing the beast in 3 ways, what are they? And when do they happen? Read Rev. 13:3 and Zech 11:17 and compare to these verses! What do you see is exposed here about the beast?
- In the middle of verse 8 we are reminded of what happens to the beast...why do you think God put that in there and what does the tell you about our God?
- Look up the following verses and list what they tell you about the “earth dwellers” who are they and what do they worship?
 - Rev.3:10
 - Rev. 6:10
 - Rev. 11:10
 - Rev. 13:12. 14,18
 - Rev. 14:6
- What is the book of life? Read the following verses, then do a word search on the book of life and see what other verses you can come up with and what do you learn?
 - Rev.13:8
 - Rev. 20:15
 - Luke 10:20
 - Daniel 12:1

- Are you absolutely sure your name is written in the book of life? This is the most important question you could ever answer! If you are at all concerned, stop right now and cry out to the Lord, repent of your sins, and surrender your your heart to the Lord! This is not a magical formula this is literally laying off the old self, surrendering everything you are to the One who grave everything for you! If you have just done this, please reach out to me and we will get you discipled and grounded in the Word of God! The Lord is relentless to pursue us and when we are His, He is relentless at sanctifying us, conforming us and guiding us into all truth!! What an awesome thought that the God who breathed life into existence would take sinners like us to be HIS!! What kind of love is this?!
- What does this tell you about the character of God?
- Notice in verse 8, the earth dwellers were wondering at the beast and his counterfeit resurrection...so while John was wondering at the evil he is seeing, they are wondering at the counterfeit, pseudo christ and his mockery and imitation. They will wonder or marvel at this resurrection because they refused to marvel at the resurrection of Christ! What kind of evil is this?! Put yourself in John's shoes, what would you be thinking?
- Read verse 9, wisdom- what is wisdom? Why is wisdom needed for John before the angel is going to expose more of the beast? Read Daniel 2:19-23 and record how Daniel needed the same thing-where does this wisdom come from?
- Write out what the 7 heads-and 7 mountains are...then look at verse 10, they are also 7 kings- record all the places the woman sits in chapter 17. What does it mean that she "sits" on these things?
- Read verse 10, of the 7 kings, what 5 have fallen? Which one has not yet come and when he comes he only remains a little while? Refer back to the teaching if you can not remember! Notice how his time is limited!

- Read verse 11, what is this verse saying? One of the 7 is also an 8th?
- Then we are told again what happens to him...he goes to destruction! All the answers are here in these verses you just have to put them all together! The demise of the beast links between verse 8 and verse 11 to tell us we are talking about the same guy. Also, the was, is not and is to come lets us know the time and order he will come on the scene. So it is talking about the antichrist coming, dying (fatal wound) and coming back out of the abyss! But GOD-and He is reminds and reiterates the final destination of the antichrist! What does tell you about who God is?
- Read verse 12, we see now 10 horns again. What does this verse say about what the 10 horns are? Again, they are limited- who limits them? Read and compare Daniel 7 to what we have learned here in Revelation!
- Read verse 13, What does “purpose” mean? Look it up in the blue letter Bible app (if you need help with this let me know) how can such evil have such unity?
- Read verse 14, this verse is soo powerful!! This is our Savior and Redeemer!! In the middle of all this yuck about the antichrist, God inserts the beauty of the war that will take place when Jesus comes back and reminds us again who is in control!! Notice how Jesus is described here, Lord over all who want to be called “lord” and King of all who want to be “king” there is no God like our God! Spend some time in worship and dwelling on who it is you actually follow- what He actually has done and what kind of response does that require from you?
- What does “overcome” mean in the original language? (Blue letter bible app)
- Then look up the following meanings of, “Called”, :Chosen”, and “faithful” - record what you find and what does this mean? Who will be with Him?

- Is this not amazing how He reveals Himself to us and encourages us during the most dark times of humanity and reminds us that He has not for a second surrendered His authority, has not taken a break, slept a wink and what He has promised He will fulfill!! Write in you Who is God journal all that He reveals through this and spend some time in worship!! He is so worthy of all of our worship!!
- This is a beautiful balance between God's sovereignty and man's responsibility, write out your thoughts on this based on scripture and what we see about those who are with Him! That invitation goes out to all and that acceptance of the invitation can not be taken lightly!!
- I think we often need a wake up call, some for those who have been busy with the cares of life and have not really thought about what a weighty decision it is to follow Jesus, those who are really enthralled with the head knowledge but can lose sight of the need to really surrender the heart consistently....no matter the situation we all need to stop and take into account what we have been entrusted with!! The God of all creation chose to come as a man, live, die, resurrect and redeem us to spend eternity with Him...and didn't leave us alone but sent us the Spirit of the Living God to take up residency and tabernacle with us until we take out last breath! And I can surely tell you, He did not do that so we would be enthralled with the busy of every day life or to be filled with head knowledge of God, He did that so we would be desperately dependent on Him, seeking Him with every fiber of our being and willing to lay all things down for the sake of His glory!! So.....where are you at? Consumed by life, constantly concerned about the world here? Take time really asking the Lord to show you..you, your heart, your motive and your desires! Have you been faithful to the call? Faithful to what you have been entrusted with? Then deal a death blow to the past desires and past motives so that you can live fully for Him and Him alone!!
- Read verse 15-16, we see here what the waters represent- remember that when there is symbolism in the scripture- there is an explanation...God does not play games and He will reveal what He wants us to know and learn through His Word!

- Look at verse 16, what happens to the great harlot? Why? Look up the words “desolate”, and “naked” - he flesh eaten and she will be burned up! What does this tell you about the character of satan?
- What a warning for us- satan and his world system is loyal to no one! If you desire to ride the beast of compromise, entertaining the system of the enemy, enticed by the things of this world, justification of sin and bondage...you better understand that he is not loyal to you! He will leave you desolate, naked and exposed, compromise always rides the coattails of justification! Where in your life are you tempted to compromise? Is there justification in your heart and life right now?
- Do a scripture search on compromise and read Deut. 5:32 and Psalm 119:3 as well! The enemy would love nothing more than to work with your flesh and cause you to be ineffective for the kingdom of God and completely miserable as he steals, kills and destroys your sensitivity to the Spirit of God, your willingness to surrender, and your desire for the things of God! How will you protect yourself from compromise? What guards will you set up (if you have not already) that will keep you sensitive to the Spirit, and in total surrender to the will of God?
- Read verse 17, this is sooo powerful!! What does this tell you about who God is? Who is in control? How crazy is this? I just love when God inserts Himself and mic drops it on everyone!! I just want to scream!!! That is the God whom I serve! He is who He says He is, and He is KING and HE is SOVEREIGN over all! Satan and his self made minions are on a short leash and can do nothing without God’s complete sovereignty over them!! How does that effect your view of God? Write in your “Who is God” journal!!

- Read verse 18, this is an intro into chapter 18 but also solidifies and explains this mystery of harlot- Babylon - all deception has its source in her- spiritual idolatry and false religion! Chapter 18 we will go on further into the judgement of Babylon but this is a reminder that God always deals justly and righteously with sin and evil! He is faithful to make all things right! Expose and deal with all things wrong! We will all stand before a holy throne of judgment, for believers we will be judged on our works, for unbelievers they will be judged for their unconfessed, unforgiven and unrepentant sin. Either way we need to keep our eyes on the throne- reminding us what really matters, keeping our perspective right as we go through life, imagining that when we stand before the Lord - is this going to matter? Is this going to be what I will be concerned about? This helps in so many situations and it really changes the way we view the world! How is your vision of the throne? How clear is your perspective on what really matters? Write out your thoughts!
- Below are the characters of Revelation 17 to help you in formulating your thoughts as to who is who and what do they do! You might want to chart them out so it is clear and easy to reference!
 - The Great Prostitute (Harlot) - 17: 1-8- The evil, satanically led, organized religious system that stands in constant opposition to God and His kingdom; the source of all false economies, governments, and religions, drawing its inspiration from idolatry, pride, self-sufficiency, and a denial of God's grace
 - Many Waters- 17:1, 15 Nations and people groups around the world under the influence of this false system
 - The Beast - 17:3, 8, 11-14 The antichrist, ruler of the end-time worldwide empire and object of worship "Was, and is not, and is about to come up from the abyss". 17:8, 11 - The antichrist will imitate Christ's death and resurrection in order to amaze the world and win its political and religion allegiance (13:3-4). This description contrasts with the divine Christ, "who is, who was, and who is coming" from heaven to rule forever (1:9).

- Seven Heads - 17:3, 7, 9-10 -Seven world empires that stood in opposition to God and His people—five that were in John’s past (Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece), one that existed in John’s present (Rome), and one that will arise in the future (empire of the antichrist).
 - Seven Mountains- 17:9-10 -Ancient Rome built on seven hills. It came to represent the city of man in contrast to the city of God.
 - The Eighth King- 17:11- The antichrist, who is one of the preceding kings, is also an “eighth.” This may refer to two phases of his rule —before his pseudo “death and resurrection” (the “seventh” king) and after this deceptive feat when Satan turns his local political career into a global empire (as the “eighth” king)
 - Ten Horns- 17:3, 7, 12 Ten political powers that will unite to empower the antichrist, turning all worldly authority over to him
 - “Called, Chosen, and Faithful”-17:14- When Christ returns as King of kings and Lord of lords to overcome the beast and the kings of the earth, He will be accompanied by the “called, chosen, and faithful.” This same group is called the “armies that were in heaven ... wearing pure white linen” (19:14). The New Testament commonly uses the terms “called,” “chosen,” and “faithful” to describe the Lord’s saints.
- Since it will be a while before we meet for Bible study again, take some time and read the book of Daniel! It will be such a blessing to you as you have been through most of Revelation and you have truly seen the plan of the Lord and His prophecy laid out! Read Daniel slowly, recording all the ways it points to prophecy that we have learned in Revelation! Write out the timeline of events that Daniel covers next to the timeline of Revelation! Spend careful time through Daniel 7-9! With all things, you get what you put into it so please do not skimp on

this! Use this for your quiet time after you have finished your root work! This should take a while -just do a few verses at a time, pull out words. Look them up and then pull out those application questions! If you have questions at all, please email me! I will still be totally available via email! I am excited for you all and am praying as you dive deep into the book of Daniel and compare it with Revelation! Then do not forget to write in your who is God journal and worship the Lord for all He has shown you during your time in the scriptures! As always, share with me what you find- I love to rejoice with you in all the Lord is revealing to you!