

The Main Story (Part 3)



CHAPTERS 17-19

Chapters 1-16 Review

1. Christ & church introduced
2. God and Satan's power described
3. Satan's attack
4. God's judgment

Judgment on Rome

- Harlot = City of Rome
- Adultery = Idolatry
- Babylon = Evil world power (Rome)

Chapter 17

Verses 1-2

“Sits on many waters”=The Nations

Rome leading other nations into
Idolatry and worldliness

Verses 3-6

“She sits on the beast” = Her power derives from the beast (Roman Empire)

The cup = Her sins (Babylon the Great)

Verses 7

Relationship between the beast (Roman Empire) on which the Harlot (City of Rome) sits and its relationship with allies.

Verse 8

- **Was** - Nero 68 A.D. (persecution)
- **Is not** - Vespasian/Titus (no persecution)
- **About to come**- Domitian (persecution) - Nero's reincarnation

- **Mountains = Kings**
- **Kings = Persecuting kingdoms**

1. Egypt
2. Assyria
3. Babylon
4. Persia
5. Greece
6. Rome
7. Future kings
8. Persecuting power

5 are fallen

1 is to come in every kingdom

Verses 12-18

-Ten horns=Ten Kings

(Helping Rome persecute the church)

-Eventually they turned on Rome

-This beast has existed in many forms before and used the same tactic (persecution), and will do so again.

-Encouragement=Beast will be destroyed and persecution will stop.

Fall of the Harlot – Chapter 18:1-8 (Announcement of Destruction)

- **Two voices declare sins**
 1. Spiritual fornication
 2. God's call to not be entangled with sin and separate yourself

Fall of the Harlot – Chapter 18

- **Wicked mourn for two reasons**
 1. Allies will fall
 2. Commerce is ruined

Verses 9-19

Effect on the wicked :Mourning

Mourning by other nations for 2 reasons:

1.If the great city can fall, it means that the allies do not stand a chance either.

2.Rome, as center of world trade, will cause an economic disaster when she falls.

(Economic Depression)

Reasons for the Fall

- Idolatry
- Persecution

Verses 20-24

- The fall will be great and quick
- Paul the Apostle was guilty of rejecting Christ and persecuting the church but he repented and was forgiven.
- Rome became more stubborn in this and was eventually destroyed.

Wedding Feast/Fall of Beasts

Chapter 19

- Judgment of Beast & Harlot complete
- Rejoicing celebration begins
 - Like a Wedding Feast

Wedding Feast

- The Betrothal
- The Interval
- The Feast

Verses 11-18

- Jesus revealed in his glorious state
- His appearance pronounces Victory
 - Great scene of battle
 - Celebration time
- A flashback of the scene that brought them there.

Verses 19-21

(The Fall of the Two Beasts)

1. **The Harlot (Rome – The City)**
2. **The Beast (Beast from sea – Empire)**
3. **The False Prophet (Earth beast – False religion)**

Defeat of the church's enemies

The lake of fire and brimstone is hell, the place of eternal punishment.

-Allies are now gone

-ONLY ONE LEFT TO DEAL WITH
(satan)

Next Week

Chapters 20-22
Y'all hang on!!!