



Week 8: The Collapse Of The Counterfeit Kingdom

Revelation 17–19:10 paints a vivid picture of Babylon, the seductive system behind so much of our culture. The world's ways are attractive, but they're also destructive. They lure us in with comfort, power, and self-indulgence, but always lead to emptiness. Jesus offers something better: a wedding table filled with joy, grace, and life. We're invited to step out of Babylon's lies and take our seat at the table of the Lamb.

Discussion Questions:

1. **Read Revelation 17:1-6.** Babylon is described as seductive and beautiful, yet filled with corruption. How do you see that reflected in our culture today?
2. **Read 1 John 2:15-17.** How would you describe the “lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life” in your own words?
3. Shawn said: “*We follow the woman without bothering to look in the cup.*” What are some areas where people (or you) chase something attractive without thinking about where it really leads? How have you seen this lead to destruction in their life (or yours)?
4. Answer these three questions as it relates to how we “come out of Babylon”
 - a. **Its values:** Where have I adopted Babylon's definitions of success, identity, and/or happiness?
 - b. **Its systems:** Am I actively building God's Kingdom—or am I just comfortably benefiting from Babylon's?
 - c. **It's worship:** What am I truly worshiping—what's capturing my thoughts, shaping my desires, and steering my decisions?
5. Are you living for the cup or the table? What's one step you can take this week to live more fully for Jesus?