

The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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"Hallelujah!"
Rev. 17-19

1. Introduction
2. Vision of the "great harlot" and the "scarlet beast" (17:1-6)
3. Interpretation of the vision (17:7-18)
4. Fall of Babylon the great city (18:1-24)
5. Rejoicing in heaven (19:1-10)
 - a. Four Hallelujahs!
 - b. Marriage of the Lamb
6. The 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ our Lord (19:11-21)
 - a. The King of kings and Lord of lords
 - b. Defeat of Christ's enemies
7. Conclusion/Application

Discussion Questions:

1. If the woman, the harlot, is a great city (or an evil world religious system based in that city), what are the characteristics that describe her from chapters 17-18. List as many as you can.
2. What are the attitudes that are displayed by the woman, the beast and the kings?
3. Read Psalm 2 and Rev. 17:17 and discuss what God's involvement/response is to all of this will be.
4. Describe the response of the people, in Rev. 18:9-19, to the destruction of Babylon. Why are the people so distraught?
5. Application: In light of the questions above what kind of application can you make to life in our time?
6. In Chapter 19 we see the Greek word for "hallelujah" – a combining of Hebrew words "hallelu" (to praise) and "yah" (short for Yahweh) – meaning "praise Yahweh." This is the only passage in the NT where this word is used and it is used four times. It describes the response of those in heaven to what has happened and what is about to happen. Read 19:1-7 and write down why those in heaven are "praising Yahweh." What do you praise Him for?
7. The church is often called the "Bride of Christ" in the NT. Read Rev. 19:7-9, Eph. 5:25-32, and 1Cor. 11:2 and discuss the blessings that await us as His bride.
8. Rev. 19:11-16 describes Jesus' return to earth from heaven, just as it was promised in Acts 1:11. Describe the differences between His first and second coming.
9. Describe the war that Jesus engages in with his enemies. What are the implications of this? (hint: what if the war was like other wars: long, drawn out, outcome uncertain). And then how should this affect us?
10. Finally, with the understanding and knowledge of these things, read 2 Peter 3:17-18. In what way should this make you take stock of your life?