

The Book of Revelation

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

Today we finish reading the book of **Revelation**. In **chapters 17-22**, we see the climax of not only the book of **Revelation**, but of the entire Bible.

In this last section of **Revelation**, we see two symbolic women – the Great Harlot and the Bride of Christ. Like many of the other images of Revelation, there have been numerous interpretations as to the identity of this Great Harlot, called “Mystery Babylon the Great.” But the important thing to realize is that, whatever the interpretation, she is the anti-thesis of the Bride of Christ. In fact, the book of Revelation climaxes in two things:

- The destruction of the Great Harlot (**chapters 17-18**)
- The wedding banquet of the Bride (**chapter 19**)

Following this destruction-celebration event, we find a description of the physical return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth. This is the final revelation of Jesus, the revelation toward which the whole book has been moving and of which **17:14** hinted. And these final chapters fulfill what **2 Thessalonians 2:8-11** predicts:

“And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.”

Ultimately, the book of Revelation is an invitation to enter into the full blessings that come from taking God's side in this great conflict. This invitation is summarized in **22:17**:

“The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ And let him who hears say, ‘Come!’ Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.”

Memory Verse

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door,
I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

Revelation 3:20

Your Fishing Kit

This is the fortieth and last verse in your fishing kit. This is the great invitation – an invitation not only to non-Christians, but to Christians as well! If the Lord is standing on the outside of your life, there can be only one proper response. Invite him in!

Here are the other verses in your “fishing kit”:

John 3:16	Isaiah 55:6-7	John 1:12	2 Corinthians 5:17
John 3:18	Romans 5:8	John 3:3	2 Corinthians 5:21
John 3:36	1 John 4:10	John 5:24	Matthew 10:32-33
Ephesians 1:7-8	Acts 2:38	John 6:37	Romans 2:4
Romans 3:23	Acts 3:19	John 8:32	Acts 17:30
Romans 6:23	Acts 4:12	John 8:36	1 John 5:10
Isaiah 53:5	John 14:6	John 10:10	1 John 5:11-12
Isaiah 53:6	1 John 1:8	John 10:28	John 14:1-3
Isaiah 59:1-2	1 John 1:9	Romans 10:9	John 16:33
Isaiah 64:6	1 John 1:10	Romans 10:13	Revelation 3:20

Store these verses in your heart. Memorize them until they have an “on the tip of your tongue” familiarity. You will find them of immeasurable value as you cooperate with the Lord in his mission of bringing the Gospel to this lost world.