



GULF SHORES

CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY NIGHT SERIES

LESSON SIXTEEN: Unveiling the Villains & Victors (17:1-19:10)

Sunday Evening Message on April 17, 2016 (by Ray Reynolds)

Introduction: The book of Revelation was clearly written to the seven churches of Asia for immediate application. We have now reached the climax book. The tyrannical emperors of Rome, Imperial worship, and the wickedness of the Roman Empire were condemned. There is truly only one kingdom that can stand forever: The Church! As we move forward, through the remaining chapters, we can clearly see the writing on the wall. However, Satan will not go quietly into the night, but will fight his way to the bitter end. For those who were/are faithful until death, and have been covered by the blood of the Lamb, will enjoy eternal safety. Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. The Scarlet Woman & The Scarlet Beast (17:1-18)

What can we learn from the enemies of God?

Why are there so many similarities between Babylon and Rome?

What are some of the descriptions of Babylon?

II. The Fall of Babylon (18:1-24)

What are some cities that were prophesied to fall in the Bible?

What did the merchants cry out? What should have been their concern?

Why is it significant that there was silence after the fall?

III. The Exhilaration in Heaven (19:1-5)

Who is celebrating in Heaven? Why?

Why should this give us hope?

IV. The Announcement of the Marriage Supper (19:6-10)

What are some examples of this event? What parables of Jesus reference the marriage supper?

*How can we be married to Christ (*Ephesians 5*)?*

What is so odd about John bowing down to the angel(s)?

How is Jesus described in this chapter?

Conclusion: Compare the scenes of Heaven and Hell in Revelation 19. Where would you choose to spend eternity? Have you heeded the warnings of the Lord? Are you ready to meet God? Are you ready for Jesus to come again? Have you taken steps to ensure your salvation?