

Revelation 17:7-18 – Lord of lords and King of kings
Sunday Morning – 2 December 2018
Sermon Outline

Introduction: Review – Things are not always what they seem _____

- Masks Off

The Beast ~

The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to rise from the bottomless pit and go to destruction (8a)

- “was, and is not, and is about to rise” is a mimicking of . . .
 - o God the Father – *who is and who was and is coming*
 - o God the Son – *Fear Not! I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive _____, and I have the keys of Death and Hades (Revelation 1:17-18)*

Imitation of Christ / Mockery

- Three-fold description
- Names of the beast on the forehead of his people
- Number of the Beast = _____ (the number of fallen humanity / incompleteness)
- Bride is really a Harlot / Seductress
- Appears to recover from a moral wound
- Coming . . . soon

The fact that he is coming out of the bottomless pit (abyss) identifies him with _____.

Main Point: The Beast rises to _____; the Lamb rises to Life Forever More – Salvation!

The 7 Heads and 10 Horns ~

7 Heads = 7 _____ - which represents power, rule, and authority

- 5 of them have fallen (*he was and is not*)
- 1 is (*who is*)
- The other has not yet come (*and will rise to its own destruction*)

Big Take Away – a short period of time and then it (they all) go to their _____.

What are we to make of these 7 heads / mountains? Various Views . . .

10 Horns

- Similar idea / image – 10 horns represent kings / kingdoms / powers
- After John before the _____
- 1 Hour = _____ and specific period of time (determined by the Lord)
- Unholy Alliances – A Confederacy of _____

They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will _____ them; for he is _____ of lords and _____ of kings (14a)

- Who conquers with the Lamb? . . . *those who are called and chosen and faithful (14b)*

Take Comfort Christian! Why?

The Woman ~

Civil War – A nation divided against _____ cannot stand.

- Not just destruction, but _____-destruction

Despicable Evil – the Husband and his co-conspirators kill his own bride

- Compare this treatment with Christ and His Bride
- She is not made desolate, but _____
- She is not stripped naked and exposed, but _____ with pure garments – arrayed and adorned as a queen
- She is not devoured, but _____ to resurrection life / glory
- She is not burned up, but _____ / glorious / all-together lovely, clean, pure, and holy – Alive forever more

Fear not little flock, it is your father's good pleasure to _____ you the kingdom (Luke 12:32)

We know the end of the beast and all who bear his name - _____

We know the end of the story for the Lamb and all who bear his name - _____

Questions for Family Worship / Follow-Up ~

What is the end game of the beast?

What is the significance of the number seven throughout the book of Revelation?

How are the kingdoms of the world today similar to and different from previous kingdoms?

What comfort is it to know that Jesus is the Lord of lords and King of kings?

How should we live in the present and passing evil age?