

MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 1:3

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

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TEACHING PASSAGE: Revelation 17

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Discussion Questions:

- 1. The woman in this chapter is a synonym for the city of Babylon (verse 5) which represents the lure of a godless world. Why is she seated on many waters in verse 1? (verses 15 and 18)
- 2. What does the woman do to God's people in verse 6 and where else have we read about such things? (Revelation 16:6)
- 3. The beast that the woman rides upon has been mentioned before (Revelation 11:7, 13:1-3) what do we know about the beast from this chapter? (verses 8-13)
- 4. What reassurance do those that are faithful have when the beast and his followers make war on the Lamb? (verse 14)
- 5. God sovereignly uses even His enemies to carry out His purpose (Acts 2:23). How is this fulfilled in verses 16-18?

Additional Resources

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Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who is seated on many waters, ² with whom the kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality, and with the wine of whose sexual immorality the dwellers on earth have become drunk." ³ And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns. ⁴ The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality. ⁵ And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations." ⁶ And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.

When I saw her, I marveled greatly. ⁷ But the angel said to me, "Why do you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries her. ⁸ The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to rise from the bottomless pit and go to destruction. And the dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will marvel to see the beast, because it was and is not and is to come. ⁹ This calls for a mind with wisdom: the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated; ¹⁰ they are also seven kings, five of whom have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come, and when he does come he must remain only a little while. ¹¹ As for the beast that was and is not, it is an eighth but it belongs to the seven, and it goes to destruction. ¹² And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast. ¹³ These are of one mind, and they hand over their power and authority to the beast. ¹⁴ They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful."

¹⁵ And the angel said to me, "The waters that you saw, where the prostitute is seated, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages. ¹⁶ And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, and devour her flesh and burn her up with fire, ¹⁷ for God has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose by being of one mind and handing over their royal power to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. ¹⁸ And the woman that you saw is the great city that has dominion over the kings of the earth."

For small children:

We know that only God is holy. Chapter 17 applies descriptions of God's holy kingdom to describe an unholy kingdom. The unholy kingdom has appeared to be marvelous.

Ask: In verse 8, who marveled at the beast?

Ask: In verse 12 how long are the kings, with the beast, given power? Who gives them power and for what purpose (verse 17)? (Their power is limited.)

Ask: Who has power and authority over all of creation, forever and ever, whose kingdom will never end? (God)

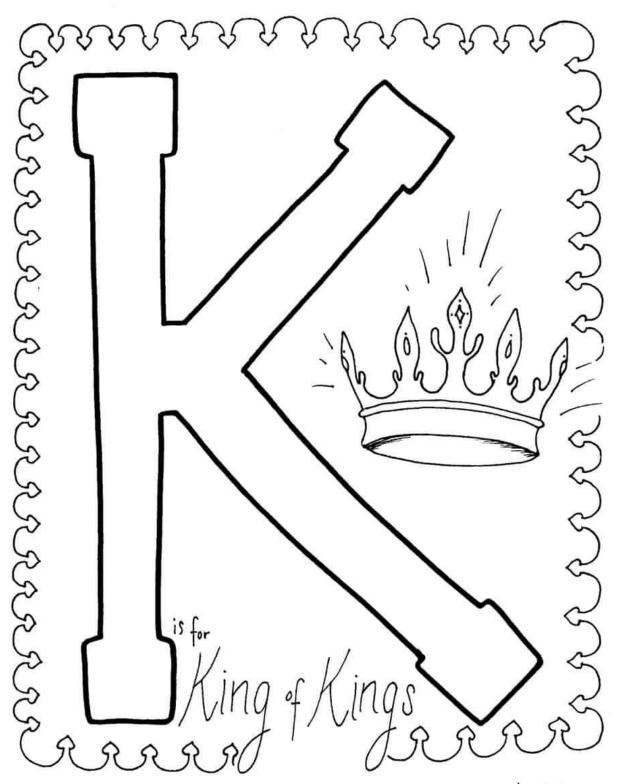
Read verse 14 again.

Ask: There is a war waged against the Lamb, Jesus. Who wins the war? Why does he win the war?

Ask: Who is with the King of Kings?

Say: Anyone who loves Jesus is battling with him against evil and is victorious with him. The victory will last forever and ever!

Activity: Make a crown. Gather supplies from your home to make create a crown. You can use a cereal box to cut out a crown to fit around your head. Decorate with paint, beads, jewels, and write on the crown "Jesus is King of kings".



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