

## APPLY

- What do you identify with “Babylon” in the world today?
- Why is prostitution a fitting analogy?
  - In what ways have you seen the world prostitute itself?
- Babylon herself is depicted as a city that is about to fall. When she does, those who have depended upon her business, and with whom she has been intimately connected, cry out in amazement and despair at her collapse.
- Do you find in these verses any reason to pity those who have been entangled with her and are facing the same judgment as her?
- As Christians, what is our responsibility to those who are entangled and who are on the road that leads to judgment?
- Do you see your own heart as pursuing Christ or pursuing the cheap thrills of the world? How do we remain aware of our affections?

## DISCUSSION CLOSE/HOMEWORK

At the beginning of this weeks sermon, Pastor Joel gave an illustration which represented the “wall or God spot” in your heart that is only reserved for God.

- Spend a few moments this week examining your heart and ask the Holy Spirit to help you see if there is anyone or anything there that shouldn't be.
- Then spend a few minutes releasing those things to God and asking him to come and fill up those spaces with his presence.

## GROUP PRAYER FOCUS

- Let's pray for hope, patience, protection, and wisdom!



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# HOPE 18 Unveiled

Book of  
REVELATION  
message series

Week 18: God doesn't Share  
Key Text: Revelation 17

## OPEN

The seven bowls of God's wrath have been poured out, and now in order to regain the earth from usurpers and subdue it under his own reign, Christ must put down the world's idolatrous religio-economic system. Rev 17 opens the third major vision of the book. According to the angel who introduces the vision to John, it depicts the judgment of the great prostitute, Babylon. This then leads in the next chapter to angels and men giving their response to this judgment of Babylon. Revelation 17 is steeped in OT imagery and symbolism, it is a very graphic chapter, but it also a chapter with some very good takeaways. Let's find out what they are!

## REFLECT

- There are many themes, images, and symbolism in Revelation 17 that can be traced through the O.T. with the story of Israel. Can you identify any specific examples? (ie. Idolatry, Babylon, sexual immorality, waters, kings etc.)
- What are the connections between the Prostitute, the Beast and the waters (which John tells us in a surprisingly plain way in verse 17? What are peoples and multitudes and nations typically doing when they are upon 'the waters'?