

(Note to Kinship Leader: You don't have to use every question – just what you want to use)

Message Date: 2/5/12

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Message Title: “The World False Religious System – Part 2”

Scriptures: Rev 17:7-18

“Recommended” Launch Question(s):

- What can you cite from your own life that has been revived? Maybe an interest of a past hobby or sports activity comes to mind. What was the process like in stirring up the interest?

“Recommended” Guiding Question(s):

- What is the key thing to keep in mind about something that is revived? Hint: What is its current condition compared to the one it had in the past?
- V7 – What do the ten heads represent?
- V8 – Remembering what the beast represents, explain the context when it states “was, and is not, and will ascend...”?
- - What are the two purposes of the bottomless pit?
- - What did Jesus do for 3 days and nights after dying on the cross?
- - What is the emphasis of 2 Peter 2:4, 9 and Jude 5, 6?
- - Who will be the ones marveling at the beast?
- - How does this verse show that the “kings of the earth” have been captivated by the false religious system?
- V10 – What or who is a strong possibility that will be influencing the anti-Christ as was with Caesar in the old Roman Empire?
- V11 – Historically, Caesar Nero changed almost overnight. What took place in his life then and who else was involved?
- - What kind of persecution took place under Nero that gives us an indication of the persecution that will be taking place?
- - What takes place the more one rejects the Gospel and Jesus? What is the danger with that?
- V12, 13 – What does Daniel say about these 10 kings who will be in power during the last days?
- V14 – All the demonic power behind the last world rulers are no match for “the Lamb”. Why such a contrast in the choice of terms John uses?
- V16 – Here the world rulers turn on the harlot. How do we the political leaders of today acting as a prelude to this verse? Can you provide a current example?
- - This last day religion is over and Satan will be the sole object of worship, but another is coming who will be worshipped. Who is that?
- V17 – How does this verse show the amount of deception going on in the world and who is really “calling the shots”?

“Recommended” Application Question(s):

- Understanding what we can know by reading Revelation, especially Chapter 17, gives us a glimpse of the days ahead. Though the hope of every Christian is that they will not be here, but seeing what is coming in light of what is taking place today gives us an advantage of not being deceived by the false religions of the world and other leaders.
- How can this “heads up” information be to our advantage in witnessing to others? Ask the Lord to give you opportunities to share and warn others during this week.