

# Revelation Series: Revelation 17:1-10

## Surviving in Babylon

### Week of October 20, 2024

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**Spirit-Led Follower:** What has had most of your attention, thoughts, and energy lately? Is this what you want to be focusing on? Why or why not?

### Text

Have someone read aloud [Revelation 17:1-10](#).

The terrifying nature of the images depicted in Revelation 17 closely mirrored the realities around the first-century church. As we take a close look around us, we also see those same things, whether it's a world enamored with its sin, the persecution of the church, or the evil we see people inflict on one another. When faced with that, it can be overwhelming, but we must focus on Christ's overwhelming grace and goodness. ([Matthew 14:27-33](#))

### Discussion Questions

1. What do the images in this passage tell us about a Babylon-like society or culture? What would that have looked like in the early church, and what does that look like now?
2. How do we see God work through the faith of His people in difficult situations throughout Scripture? (Examples: [2 Kings 19:20-21, 19:32-34](#), [Matthew 14:27-33](#))
3. How would allowing our faith to shape our view of the world (family, politics, work, etc.) instead of letting the world shape our faith impact us and others?
4. If "Babylon" is a world system that leaves out God, where do you see this being played out in the world today?



## **Application**

1. Is there a part of your life you are tempted to leave God out of? Why?
2. In what ways might you be tempted to “settle into the culture” of today rather than standing out as a follower of Christ?

*Have someone read aloud [Romans 12:2](#).*

3. How do you keep yourself from being “conformed to this age”?
4. How can you demonstrate justice, mercy, and truth this week? How do you think that would impact the world around you?

## **Prayer**

At the end of your conversation, spend some time praying as a group. Here are some prompts:

1. Pray that the Lord would help us live confidently in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. Pray that the Lord gives us opportunities to be bold for Him and that we will be obedient and courageous in those opportunities.

## **Additional Resources and Information**

### **Resources on Revelation**

We have resources for diving deeper into your study of the Book of Revelation, including books, graphs, maps, and a one-and-a-half-hour roundtable discussion between Pastor Robby and several staff members about some questions surrounding our recent studies in Revelation. Click [HERE](#).

### **Sermon+**

Would you like to dive deeper into understanding Scripture and the book of Revelation? Pastor Robby’s *Sermon+* is the opportunity to go deeper into topics and applications from Sunday sermons. Click [HERE](#).

