

THE END OF RELIGION

REVELATION 17:1-18

March 8, 2026 – 9:30 & 11:00

Babylon – the World System organized in open rebellion against God.

Rome – The immediate expression of evil in the times of the 7 churches.

Great Prostitute – False Worship / False Religion, not merely a city, but a system.

Ways Religion Takes on false worship

- Idolatry – putting religion above God.
- State-Sponsored Worship – you end up worshipping government.
- Compromise for Comfort – mix in, blend in, and life is better.
- Prosperity > Faithfulness – riches become the focus, money the goal.

WARNINGS FOR THE 7 CHURCHES!

WARNINGS FOR ALL TRUE CHURCHES, AND FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST WITHIN THOSE CHURCHES!

WARNINGS:

- Do not seek political power, it leads to Corruption every time.
- Do not seek prosperity, it quickly turns into Spiritual Adultery.
- Do not be deceived; evil will use you and then turn on you.
- You can't have two masters.

The prostitute is clothed in luxury.

Babylon says: "You can have two masters, Christ and Comfort."

Jesus says, "You cannot serve two masters." (Matthew 6:24, Luke 16:13)

WHAT IS A REASONABLE REACTION TO THE END OF RELIGION.

- 1) This is a sober warning for those that think the ways of this world have the answer.
- 2) This is a great encouragement for those who are faithfully following Christ.
- 3) It is time for self-evaluation.

Am I a follower of Religion or am I a follower of Christ?