

Sermon Guide - Sunday, October 25, 2026

Current Series: The Revelation

The Antichrist. Armageddon. The Beast. 666. For centuries, the book of Revelation has fascinated, frightened, and confused Christians, but what if we've been so focused on decoding its mysteries that we've missed its main message? *The Revelation* is a 3-month journey through the Bible's final book, exploring its controversial prophecies, warnings to the Church, and breathtaking vision of the future. Along the way, we'll separate Scripture from speculation and discover that Revelation wasn't written just to make us afraid of what's coming. It was written to reveal **Jesus Christ** - the King who reigns over all other powers, the Lamb who conquers evil, and the Savior who promises that pain, death, and darkness won't have the last word. **The future belongs to Jesus, and that should change how we live right now.**

Today's Message: Part 11 - Coming Out Christian

When have you felt pressure to keep your faith vague or private? What were you afraid might change if people knew what you really believe about Jesus?

Revelation 17:1-6 - One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute, who sits by many waters. With her the kings of the earth committed adultery, and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries." Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns. The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries. The name written on her forehead was a mystery: "Babylon the Great - the Mother of Prostitutes - and of the abominations of the earth." I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of God's holy people, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus.

What does Babylon represent? How does the contrast between her outward beauty and her violence expose the danger of judging something by its appeal or success?

Babylon will make room for your _____
if you leave room for her _____.

SYNCRETISM: the combining, blending, or merging of different and sometimes contradictory beliefs, cultures, philosophies, or religions into a new, unified system



What do these symbols represent?

What's the potential problem with the "COEXIST" mantra?

John 14:6 - Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

How is living peacefully with people of other religions different from saying all religions are equally true?

How can we explain Jesus' unique claim with both conviction and respect?

Revelation 18:11-13 - The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her because no one buys their cargoes anymore - cargoes of gold, silver, precious stones and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk and scarlet cloth; every sort of citron wood, and articles of every kind made of ivory, costly wood, bronze, iron and marble; cargoes of cinnamon and spice, of

incense, myrrh and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, of fine flour and wheat; cattle and sheep; horses and carriages; and human beings sold as slaves.

What does the inclusion of human beings in this cargo list reveal about Babylon's values? Where are you tempted to put profit, pleasure, or approval ahead of human dignity?

Whatever _____ us can also _____ us.

What relationships, privileges, or opportunities make you most tempted to hide your allegiance to Jesus? What would faithfulness look like in those situations?

Revelation 17:16-17 - The beast and the ten horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire. For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose by agreeing to hand over to the beast their royal authority, until God's words are fulfilled.

What does the betrayal of Babylon reveal about trusting power and popularity for security?

Whose approval has more influence over your choices than it should?

Babylon's _____ can never offer any _____

Rev. 18:4-5 - Then I heard another voice from heaven say: "Come out of her, my people,' so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues; for her sins are piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes.

COMING OUT CHRISTIAN

1. Choose obedience to _____ over agreement with _____

Where have you been compromising and/or making excuses?

What specific act of repentance or obedience can you undertake this week?

2. Share your _____ with _____ this week

Who is one person you can speak with about Jesus?

What could you honestly share about why you trust Him?

3. Make the _____ your guiding _____

In just a few short lines, what is the Gospel?

How can the Gospel serve as your guiding light in a world that's so often dark?

Your Notes: