

(1) Take a few minutes and reflect on the condition of our world. What might be said of the religious condition of society as a whole? What about the political state of affairs? What do you see happening in the world of education, social affairs, the economy, etc.? How do you account for this? Do you understand that to the degree that our world stands in opposition to God and the principles of his Word, Satan is behind it?

(2) What is Babylon in Revelation? Give some specific examples.

(3) Do you see in our world today examples of the political powers aligning with false religion to oppose the kingdom of God? What would be some instances of this?

(4) Read Revelation 17:16-17 and discuss how this bears upon the sovereignty of God. In spite of all the mayhem and evil and idolatry in the world, John appears to be saying that God's "purpose" is being accomplished. What do you think of this?

(5) John tells us in v. 14 that when Jesus returns to conquer the Beast and destroy Satan, we are "with" him. What does this mean? How does it affect you and your sense of identity and hope to hear yourself described as those with Jesus who are "called and chosen and faithful"?