

Revelation 17:1-6 – Beauty and The Beast
Sunday Morning – 25 November 2018
Sermon Outline

Introduction: What is a basic truth that the Lord is seeking to teach his church through *Revelation* – which is also something that we learn in many Fairy Tales?

- Things are not always what the _____ / Don't be deceived!

7th Cycle (Revelation 17:1-22:5)

- The Last and _____ cycle
- Broadly centering around two women – who represent two cities / destinies
 - o The First Woman = The Great _____ = Babylon
 - o The Second Woman = The Bride of _____ = The Heavenly Jerusalem
- COMPARE: Revelation 17:1-6 and Revelation 21:9-14
 - o The Beast's Woman vs. The Bride of Christ

Her Power / Influence – She is *seated on many waters* (1)

- Her power is one of _____
- Wide-spread influence
 - o King of the _____
 - o Dwellers of the _____

John is taken into the _____ to see a vision of this harlot

- John is taken to a _____ _____ to witness the Bride of Christ (Revelation 21:10)
- Being in the wilderness allows John (and us) to see the woman for who and what she really is

Her Alliances – She is riding on scarlet _____ - *full of blasphemous names* – *with 7 heads and 10 horns* (see Revelation 12:1-3; and 13:1)

Her Attire – *She is arrayed in purple and scarlet and adorned with gold, and jewels, and pearls* (4)

- Purple and Scarlet indicate - _____
- Gold, and precious stones, and pearls represent - _____
- Compare her to the Bride of Christ whose robes are _____ as they have been washed in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:13-14)

Her Drink – She holds in her hand a *golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality* (4)

- Her cup is full of everything that is _____ to the Lord; nothing holy, true, beautiful, pure, loving, good, hopeful, joyful, or eternal
- She has _____ the nations with her allure / deceptions / abominations / evil . . . this has been going on since the _____

Her Name – on her forehead – *a mystery: _____ the great, mother of prostitutes and earth's abominations* (5)

- Mystery Revealed – Mask _____
- **What is she really like?** *And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus . . .* (6)
 - o She is not the beautiful and powerful princess she appears to be; but she is a _____ witch

The point of the vision is for the church to see the Beast and His Prostitute for who and what they really are – and to see their end – to be aware of their enticements, lies, methods, and deceptions . . . All things are not as they _____.

Do not be afraid / do not be deceived – whose name is written upon your forehead?
- To whom do you belong – now and forever?

Questions for Family Worship / Follow-Up ~

What are some ways in which we are enticed to ignore God and his Word and His Ways?

What is an example of someone or something that deceived you?

What is an example of someone or something that did not deceive you?

What things seem powerful and overwhelming to you – hard to resist? Why?

How do we know that we can trust God and His Word?