

How would you like
to live in this city?

Revelation 17-18

Description

- Much to commend itself, if you **just** look on the **surface**.
 - Beautiful to the eye—17:4; 18:16 (fine linen).
 - Prosperous, even luxurious—18:7, 12–13.
 - Made others rich, too—18:3, 15, 19.
 - Not surprising, with her influence—17:18, 15.

Description

- Beneath the surface—entirely different.
 - A harlot, and not just any harlot—17:1, 5.
 - Notice what's in her hand—17:4.
 - Others seduced by this harlot—17:2; 18:13.
 - Not surprising, considering the god this woman serves—17:3; 13:4–6.

Description

- Those who resisted her influence, refused to commit fornication with her, refused to participate in her abominations, refused to worship the beast.
 - 17:6; 18:24; 13:15.

Description

- Too arrogant to realize just how “ugly” she is, too arrogant to realize that the God whom she has rejected will bring her into account.
 - 18:5–8, 15–24.

1st Century Christians lived in this culture

- Explains the admonition in 18:4.
- Explains the promises at the end of each of the seven letters (Rev. 2–3).
 - “To him who overcomes...”, or, “he who overcomes...”
- What a contrast to this city is the city pictured in chs. 21–22.

Today?

- 1 John 2:15–17; 2 Corinthians 6:17–7:1.
- We need to remember what's “under the surface.”
- We need to remember those promises, especially the promise of our eternal home.
- We can overcome! Revelation 12:11; 14:4.