

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Welcome to our study of the book of Revelation using *Victory Assured!* as our guide.
- B. Purchasing the book is not necessary but will help deepen your understanding of the lessons.
- C. *Victory Assured!* is a thematic (or subject study) of the book of Revelation. *Victory Assured!* does not focus on the various details of the Revelation but rather stressed the main subjects and themes to help the reader gain the overall teachings of the book.
- D. Last week, Overcoming False Religion (13:11-18).
- E. This week, Overcoming Materialism (18:1-24).

OVERCOMING MATERIALISM

A. Angels.

There are over 70 references to angels in the book of Revelation.

A brief list of the ministries/attributes of the angels:

- 1. Angels communicate the message of the book to John.
- 2. Angels are part of congregations or represent their personalities.
- 3. Angels are in the presence of God, worship and serve Him.
- 4. Angels blow the seven trumpets.
- 5. Angels help carry out judgments.
- 6. Angels poured out the bowls or vials.
- 7. Angels are powerful and strong.
- 8. Angels are part of the holy city of God.

B. The Great Harlot (18:1-24).

Crimes committed by the harlot:

- 1. Dwelling place of demons.
- 2. Prison for unclean spirits, and every unclean and hateful bird.
- 3. Immorality.
- 4. Sensuality.
- 5. Sins and iniquities have piled up to heaven.

C. Overcoming Materialism.

- 1. Greed, covetousness, immorality, and materialism do not work.
- 2. Judgment is in favor of those who love God and not mammon (Mt. 6:24).
- 3. Life is not about the accumulation of things (Lk. 12:15).
- 4. The happiness that they bring is only temporary at best (1Jn. 2:15-17).
- 5. Christians are to think differently about their lives and the world (Rom. 12:2).
- 6. We are to realize that godliness with contentment is great gain (1Tim. 6:6).
- 7. The rich of this world will find themselves in spiritual trouble (1Tim. 6:9,10).
- 8. Those who are truly rich are rich toward God (Rev. 2:8-11).
- 9. The best blessings are in Christ; we have access to them all (Eph. 1:3)!

CONCLUSION.

- A. You can overcome materialism--and must! Transfer ownership (in your mind) of everything you have to God (it's His anyway!).
- B. Use what He has given you, and have confidence to know that He will provide for all your needs (Phil. 4:19; Mt. 6:33).
- C. When you overcome materialism, you not only escape the condemnation of the great harlot, but the judgment is for you (18:20).
- D. Next time: Overcoming at the Great Judgment (Rev. 16:1-21; 19:1-21; 20:1-15).