



Once Upon a Future

3/2/2025 | Life In Babylon

Reflect + Discuss

Optional for Leaders: For those who would like to read the entire chapter, feel free to read all of Revelation 13 with your group. If you prefer to jump right to the discussion questions, you can disregard this note and go through the guide as usual.

- Take time to share about one thing you are looking forward to.
- Read Ephesians 6:12. Read 2 Corinthians 4:4. What do these verses reveal about Satan’s power? What else stands out to you in these verses?
- Read John 12:31. Read John 14:30. What can we learn from these verses about Satan’s fate? How can this give us hope in the midst of a dark world?
- Read Revelation 13:1-8. Read Revelation 13:11. How are the first beast and the second beast different in appearance? What is the significance of the second beast appearing like a lamb, but speaking like a dragon?
- Read Revelation 13:11-14. What is the relationship between the two beasts? What do these verses reveal about the goal of the second beast?
- Satan wants to coerce us to stop following him out of fear for our lives, or he uses seduction to pull us away and worship things of the culture. What are some examples of things our culture worships? How does Satan use these things to pull us away from our faith? *(Note to Leaders: Power, youth, beauty, wealth, success, and ultimately, the self).*
- The Roman Empire fell many years ago, but Babylon is still here. Babylon is any social, cultural, or political system used by Satan to oppose God and draw people away from God. Can you think of historical examples of oppression by systems and powers?
- Can you recognize any ways that Satan may distract you or amuse you to keep you from following God? What would it look like for you to resist that pull or distraction? How can we embrace our identity on Team Lamb and resist the powers of the enemy?

Pray

Pray for God to help us grow a greater understanding of His plan for the world. Pray we may recognize the depths of God’s power and that we may be in growing awe of the slain Lamb. Pray that we may recognize the deceptions in our world that can pull us away from God, and that we may resist them. As we continue to go through this series, pray that the Holy Spirit will deepen our longing to worship our worthy God forever and ever.

Next Steps

Check out the [resources page](#) for links to several Bible reading plans and other helpful tools. Explore other opportunities for growth and transformation by checking out [courses](#).