

Text: Revelation 17:7-10  
Topic: Resolve. The World.  
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# Living in Babylon

## *How to Thrive as an Alien in a Foreign Land*

17:7 Then the angel said to me: "Why are you astonished? I will explain to you the mystery of the woman and of the beast she rides, which has the seven heads and ten horns. 8 The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and will come up out of the Abyss and go to his destruction. The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because he once was, now is not, and yet will come.

9 "This calls for a mind with wisdom. The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits. 10 They are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; but when he does come, he must remain for a little while. (NIV)

## 1. A Brief Tour of Babylon (vv.7-8)

A. *The Two Sides of "Babylon"*

B. *The Two Kings of "Babylon"*

## 2. A Babylonian Survival Guide (vv.9-10)

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# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. It is recommended that you take time this week to write out your response to each of these questions. This will help to drive home the point of today's message and will help you to apply the principles to your life situation.*

1. What present situation in your life requires a great deal of resolve to stand up for Christ and his standards?

Which example of resolve and determination to live for God that was discussed on Sunday morning was most helpful to you and why?

2. How does "love for the world" that John wrote about in First John 2:15-17 relate to the pressure situations we face in our "Babylon"?
3. Hosea was having to stand for God in a culture where God's people were looking to their world for answers to life's problems instead of God. How is this a reality for you?

Reread Hosea 14:1-3. What does this do for you in thinking about re-committing yourself to a resolve in which you have recently failed?

4. Daniel is a great example of a person who didn't let the pressure and threats of his world cramp the exercise of his spiritual disciplines and obligations. How does the world do this to you?

Read the entire chapter of Daniel 6. What is your reaction to the whole story recorded in this passage?

5. Sometimes Christians allow themselves to get comfortable with their "Babylonian" environment instead of seeing themselves as "aliens and strangers in the world". How can you keep the biblical focus of First Peter 2:11-12 in view?
6. What changes will you make in your life as a result of this study?