





Revelation 17 "MYSTERY BABYLON the GREAT"

REVELATION 17:1-18

1 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, 2 "with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication." 3 So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast [which was] full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. 5 And on her forehead a name [was] written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. 6 I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement. 7 But the angel said to me, "Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. 8 "The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. 9 "Here [is] the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. 10 "There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, [and] the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. 11 "The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition. 12 "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. 13 "These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. 14 "These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those [who are] with Him [are] called, chosen, and faithful." 15 Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues. 16 "And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. 17 "For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. 18 "And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth."

THE SCARLET WOMAN & THE SCARLET BEAST

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<u>Rev.</u>	<u> 17:15</u>		

Jeremiah 3:6-9; **Ezekiel 20:30**;

<u>Gen. 6:2</u>		

Psalm 74:18; Isaiah 52:5; Rom. 2:24; Revelation 13:1, 6; 16:9,11,21

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Deuteronomy 18:9; 29:17; 32:16;

Jeremiah 51:7

Jeremiah 3:3; Rev. 12

REVELATION 17:4

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THE MEANING OF THE WOMAN & THE BEAST

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Revelation 13:1

REVELATION 17:8

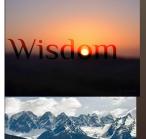


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2Thess 2:8; Revelation 13:4

REVELATION 17:9

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The **seven Gentile kingdoms** are the seven that dominate [the] world scene throughout human history:

5 Kingdoms Have Fallen: 1 Egypt, **2** Assyria, **3** Babylon, **4** Persia, **5** Greece

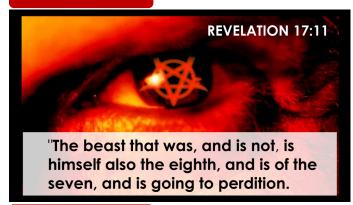
Others: 6 Rome, 7 Revised Roman Empire, 8 Future Kingdom of the beast

Gen. 6; Num. 13:33; Deut. 3:11-13;

Joshua 12:4; 13:12; 2Thess 2:8;

Revelation 19:20

REVELATION 17:11



REVELATION 17:12



REVELATION 17:13



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Revelation	16:12-21 ;	14:19-20;
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Take Aways

- 1. God's eternal purpose. Ephesians 3:11; 2Timothy 1:9
- 2. God is sovereign over evil. Rev. 16: 13-16; Judges 7:22; 1Samuel 14:20; 2Chron. 20:23; Ezekiel 38:21; Rev. 21 22

Questions for Reflection

- 1. We live in an age of prophetic agnosticism as many are unsure about bible prophecy.
 - ⇒ In view of what you have learned in our study, do you trust bible prophecy?
- 2. Many things in our culture can distract us from God.
 - ⇒ What steps can you take to ensure faithfulness to God in the face of such distractions?