

**THE FALL
OF
RELIGIOUS
BABYLON**

REVELATION 17:1-18

I. The Harlot and the Beast (17:1-6)

A. The great harlot (17:1-2)

Revelation 17:1-2

1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

I. The Harlot and the Beast (17:1-6)

A. The great harlot (17:1-2) - continued

1. Her fault (v 1)

1 Corinthians 11:29

For he that eateth and drinketh unworithily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

2. Her followers (v 1)

Revelation 17:15

And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

I. The Harlot and the Beast (17:1-6)

A. The great harlot (17:1-2) - continued

3. Her faithlessness (v 2)

Jeremiah 3:8

And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

I. The Harlot and the Beast (17:1-6)

B. The harlot's appearance (17:3-4)

Revelation 17:3-4

3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

I. The Harlot and the Beast (17:1-6)

B. The harlot's appearance (17:3-4) - continued

1. Her place (v 3)

Matthew 24:26

Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, *he is* in the secret chambers; believe *it* not.

2. Her position (v 3)

3. Her presentation (v 4)

a. Her garments

b. Her gems

c. Her golden cup



I. The Harlot and the Beast (17:1-6)

C. The nature of the harlot (17:5-6)

Revelation 17:5-6

5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

1. Her titles (v 5)

2. Her trespasses (v 6)

II. The Beast's Identity Revealed (17:7-14)

A. The mystery of the beast (17:7-8)

Revelation 17:7-8

7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

II. The Beast's Identity Revealed (17:7-14)

A. The mystery of the beast (17:7-8) - continued

1. Revealed by God (v 7)

2. Related to previous revelation (v 8)

Revelation 13:1-4

1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

II. The Beast's Identity Revealed (17:7-14)

A. The mystery of the beast (17:7-8) - continued

1. Revealed by God

2. Related to previous revelation

Revelation 13:1-4 - continued

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

II. The Beast's Identity Revealed (17:7-14)

B. The seven heads and ten horns (17:9-14)

Revelation 17:9-14

9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

II. The Beast's Identity Revealed (17:7-14)

B. The seven heads and ten horns (17:9-14)

Revelation 17:9-14 - continued

12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

II. The Beast's Identity Revealed (17:7-14)

B. The seven heads and ten horns (17:9-14) - continued

1. Wisdom needed (v 9)

Daniel 2:23

I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.

2. World kingdoms identified (v 10)

a. Past – Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece

b. Present – Roman

c. Seventh – Anti-Christ

3. Eighth – Anti-Christ again (v 11)

II. The Beast's Identity Revealed (17:7-14)

B. The seven heads and ten horns (17:9-14) - continued

4. Ten kings (vv 12-14)

1. Their accession (v 12)

Daniel 2:41-42

41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.

42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.

2. Their authority (v 13)

3. Their activity (v 14)

III. The Destruction of Babylon (17:16-18)

A. The revolt of the kings (17:16)

Revelation 17:16

And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

Matthew 12:25

And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:

III. The Destruction of Babylon (17:16-18)

B. The reason for the revolt (17:17)

Revelation 17:17

For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

Proverbs 21:1

The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

III. The Destruction of Babylon (17:16-18)

C. The revealing of the woman (17:18)

Revelation 17:18

And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

1 Peter 5:13

The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son.

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