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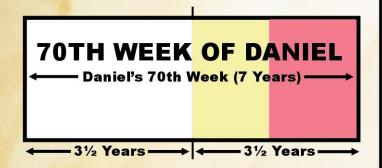
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REVELATION CHAPTERS



6-11 12-13 (mid) 14 (DOTL) 17-18 (mid)



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1,000 YEARS

20-22

- Revelation 17-18 flashback to the MIDPOINT of the 70th Week. We know this because it focuses on the character and history of the beast and his kingdom, which BEGINS at the midpoint.
- Revelation 17-18 gives the finer details of the 7th bowl which is where Mystery Babylon is destroyed.

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,

REVELATION 17:1

"Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot" (Rv.17:1)



"judgment of the great harlot"

- The great harlot is the subject of this judgment.
- The angel gives us the purpose for the judgment: (1) She committed fornication with kings
 - (2) She made the inhabitants of the earth drunk with her fornication (v.2)
- The living earth-dwellers are the instrument of the martyrs' death, but the woman is the sponsor (Rv.6:10; 17:6; 19:2).

"the great harlot who sits on many waters" (Rv.17:1)



"sits on many waters"

- The phrase "many waters" is defined in Revelation 17:15 as "peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues."
- The great harlot is seated upon multitudes.
- To be seated suggests rule. This harlot rules over multitudes upon the earth (v.1).
- The great harlot is causing the moral ruin of the kings of the earth by <u>leading the call</u> for them to commit and <u>follow the beast</u> (Rv.19:2).

with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication."

"inhabitants of the earth were made drunk" (Rv.17:2)



"made drunk"

- The action of the harlot and the kings is so powerful that the people are swept away by it.
- The kings willingly join themselves to the harlot, but the people are made drunk by her actions, which suggests compulsion on the part of the harlot.
- Fornication is <u>spiritual prostitution</u> to <u>Antichrist's</u> <u>false system</u>. This system will fall for such iniquity.

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.



"he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness" (Rv.17:3)



"into the wilderness"

- John is continuing to receive divine revelation by the Spirit of God with angelic agency.
- Three times in Revelation, John is said to be "carried away in the spirit" (4:2; 17:3; 21:10).
- It is not clear whether "wilderness" is in Israel or not.

"I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast ...seven heads and ten horns" (Rv.17:3)



"sitting on a scarlet beast"

- In 17:1 she "sits on many waters" (v.1). Here she is "sitting on a scarlet beast" (v.3)
- The "beast" and the "waters" are not the same. The city of Jerusalem (the woman) and the beast she rides (The antichrist) are both sitting (ruling) many peoples and nations. In Revelation 13 the beast also comes out of the sea.
- This woman is also a composite like the dragon and the beast (Rv.13), but is not an individual as they are.

= Jerusalem

= The Great City

= Mystery Babylon

= Harlot/Woman

= Scarlet Beast (Rv.17:3)

= 7th King Becomes 8th

= Beast out of the Sea

= 7 Heads & 10 Horns

= Peoples

= Multitudes

= Nations

= Tongues (Rv.17:15)

JERUSALEM

ANTI-CHRIST



NATIONS

OMPOSITE SYMBOI

Revelation 12

Composite Dragon

7 heads; 10 Horns; 7 Crowns

Emphasis: The 7 kingdoms that intend to prevent the reign of the Son by killing Him





Revelation 13 Composite Beast

7 heads; 10 Horns; 10 Crowns

Emphasis: The 10 kings that arise out of the final Beast **Empire**



COMPOSITE BEAST



ANTI-CHRIST

---or---

COMPOSITE SYMBOLS

Revelation 12

Composite Dragon

7 heads; 10 Horns; 7 Crowns

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COMPOSITE DRAGON

...or...



SATAN Anton LaVey

(Individual)

Revelation 13

Composite Beast

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COMPOSITE BEAST ...or...



ANTI-CHRIST

(Individual)

Revelation 17 Composite Woman



"I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast" (Rv.17:3)



"sitting on a scarlet beast"

- That the woman is sitting on the scarlet beast suggests that she has joined with the beast in his agenda. This constitutes her harlotry.
- Here the woman is riding the Anti-Christ. This does not mean she is in control of the Anti-Christ.
- We know this because <u>later</u> on, in Rev 17:16, the <u>Anti-Christ</u> actually <u>turns on her</u> and destroys her, and, in fact, hates her.

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.

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"arrayed in purple and scarlet...gold...pearls" (Rv.17:4)



"arrayed in purple"

- Purple has a rich history in Scripture as a symbol of status.
- It is worn by royalty (Es.8:15; Lm.4:5; Da.5:7).
- The woman is portrayed as a prostitute who has worked her trade successfully and become extremely wealthy.

"golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication" (Rv.17:4)



"filthiness of her fornication"

- The woman engages in disgusting acts.
- The woman seems to encourage the kings of the earth to follow the composite scarlet beast and worship it.
- Her involvement in <u>leading the world to worship</u> and support the composite scarlet beast is what <u>makes</u> <u>her a harlot</u>.

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

REVELATION 17:5

"MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (Rv.17:5)



"MYSTERY BABYLON"

- A <u>mystery</u> is not something that cannot be known, but simply that which is <u>not known until it is revealed</u>.
- The original city of Babylon was the birthplace of idolatry where the residents built the Tower of Babel.
- Babylon refers to the entire worldwide political, economic, and religious kingdom of Antichrist.
- As God marked the 144,000 with His name and the sea-beast antichrist marked his followers with his name, so this woman is marked.

"MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT" (Rv.17:5)



"MYSTERY BABYLON"

- The biblical sense is that she had a relationship to God, but has violated that relationship.
- There is no evidence that ancient Babylon had a right relationship with God.
- What entity is most befitting the title "the mother of harlots?" (Rv.17:5)
- The term "mystery Babylon" argues against the literal ancient city of Babylon.

"Mystery, Babylon the Great" (Rv.17:5) Popular Views of "Mystery Babylon":

- ✓ John did not dare speak openly against Rome so he used "Babylon" instead (1Pe.5:13). "She who is in Babylon, elect together with you, greets you; and so does Mark my son" (1Pe.5:13)
- Roman Catholicism will be a religious (Rv.17) and commercial (Rv.18) conglomerate with headquarters in Rome.
 - Dr. Bob Utley
 - Dr. Warren Wiersbe
 - J. Vernon Mcgee (Babylon rebuilt, but not at original location in Iraq)





- ✓ It is called, "Babylon." The ancient city of Babylon is said to be rebuilt.
- Babylon is the place where idolatry began.
- "The city of Babylon will evidently be rebuilt during the Great Tribulation period." (JVM)

- Dr. Thomas Constable
- · Dr. Chuck Missler
- Dave Hunt



"Mystery, Babylon the Great" (Rv.17:5) Popular Views of "Mystery Babylon": FUTURE JERUSALEM (Beasts's Kingdom)

- ✓ <u>Jerusalem</u> is specifically called a <u>harlot on numerous occasions</u> in Scripture in a spiritual context of following false gods and killing the prophets (Is.1:21; Ek.16:15-16,40-43)
- "And in her was found the <u>blood of prophets...</u>" (Rv.18:24). Jesus repeatedly calls Jerusalem that <u>place where prophets are killed</u> (Lk.13:31-34; 11:47; Mt.23).
- The central <u>antichrist government</u> described in Revelation 13 will be <u>located in Jerusalem</u> (Da.11:45, "between the seas").
- ✓ Jerusalem is referred to as "the great city" (Rv.11:8; 16:19; 21:10). Other references of "great city" in Revelation are the verses in question (Rv.17:18; 18:10,16,18,19).
 - Dr. John MacArthur
 - Dr. Charles Cooper (former professor of Hermeneutics at Moody)

• Hippolytus (200's). Student of Irenaus, student of Polycarp, student of Apostle John.

JERUSALEM AS MYSTERY BABYLON



LANGUAGE WITHIN THE BOOK — 'THE GREAT CITY'





"And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth" (Rv.17:18).

The Greek text uses the definite article as in 'THE great city' (Rv.17:18). This definite article at least indicates a specific identification.





"And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified" (**Rv.11:8**).

John uses this phrase "great city" (Rv.11:8) earlier to define Jerusalem when the two witnesses were killed by antichrist.





"Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell..." (Rv.16:19).

"The great city" is differentiated from the "cities of the nations" or gentiles (Rv.16:19). This suggests that it is not a gentile nation.

JERUSALEM AS MYSTERY BABYLON

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THE PATTERN FROM ISRAEL'S HISTORY

- ☆ <u>Jerusalem</u> is specifically <u>called a harlot</u> numerous times in Scripture (Ho.4:12-15)
- No other city can be a called a "harlot" because God's covenant is with Israel, no gentile nation.
- **☆** The cycle is repeated over and over:
 - His people start off in communion with God
 - They begin to worship false gods
 - God warns them of coming judgment unless they repent
 - God brings ruin upon them
 - Eventually they return to God
- **★ Jerusalem** in the future plays the harlot by worshiping the Antichrist.

JERUSALEM AS MYSTERY BABYLON

FUTURE JERUSALEM AND ANTICHRIST'S REIGN

- **☆ Future Jerusalem is where Antichrist will reign**
 - The kingdom of the beast
 - The city of Jerusalem
- ☆ The worst persecution of all time will have its epicenter in Jerusalem (Mt.24:15-22).
- ☆ There are many OT references to Jerusalem as the world capital (Zc.12:3-4,16-17).
- ★ Jesus will come and make Jerusalem the world capital during the Millennial Kingdom.

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.

"THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS" (Rv.17:6) "MOTHER OF HARLOTS"

The harlots are the inhabitants and Jerusalem is the mother.

Notice she is called, "the mother of harlots" implying she is the worse of them all.

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.



"the woman and of the beast that carries her" (Rv.17:7)



"beast that carries her"

Notice that the beast is carrying the woman.

The relationship between the WOMAN and BEAST is mutually beneficial.

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.

THE BEAST — Rv.17:8

"behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is"

"WAS"

Refers to the life of the world ruler (#7) as he reigned over the 10-nation confederacy

"IS NOT"

Refers to the fact that #7 is killed and "lies in state" before the eyes of the watching world

"YET IS"

Refers to the resuscitation of the world ruler as he comes from hades in the abyss and becomes the 8th king

"whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world" (Rv.17:8)



"Book of Life"

- The book of life contains the names of those whose name was written from the foundation of the world.
- This is another way of referring to the elect.
- This argues compellingly that <u>none</u> of those written in the book, wonders, worships or <u>receives the mark</u> of the beast.

Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.

MOUNTAINS

- If the "Mountains" are "Kings", then they are not literal mountains.
- 5 mountains have fallen. Mountains do not typically fall (Rv.17:10).
- Mountains are symbolic of prominent governments (Ps.30:7; 68:15-16; Is.2:2; 41:15; Je.51:25; Da.2:35,44; Hb.3:6,10; Zc.4:7).



KINGS

- These "kings" have no kingdom yet (Rv.17:12).
- These "kings" receive authority as kings for "one hour" with the Beast (Rv.17:12).
- These kings have one mind (Rv.17:13).
- The kings "give their power and strength unto the beast" (Rv.17:13). They must have assets the beast needs.

On the Mountains

The Woman Sits





- 7th king rules for a "short space" (Rv.17:10).
- 7th king comes out of the bottomless pit (Rv.17:8).
- 7th king Becomes the 8th king (Rv.17:11).

RV-17:8-13

"Here is the mind which has wisdom" (Rv.17:9)



"mind which has wisdom"

This asks the reader to go beyond the mere words.

The phrase "here is the mind which has wisdom" anticipates the difficulty of the revelation to follow.

The specific clause of interest is, "when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is" (v.8).

"seven mountains" (Rv.17:9)



"seven mountains"

- The 7 heads are 7 mountains.

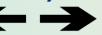
 [heads = mountains = kingdoms, 17:9]
- Mountains are used to mean strength.
- John describes the woman sitting on a composite scarlet beast (antichrist) composed of 7 kingdoms.

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.

7 HEADS — 10 HORNS RELATIONSHIP 7 HEADS **10 HORNS**

HEADS are Kingdoms (Nations)

The 7 HEADS are historical and future —



(CHRONOLOGICAL KINGDOMS)

- 1. EGYPT 2100-1400BC
- 2. ASSYRIA 1100-605BC
- "Five Are Fallen" 3. BABYLON — 605-538BC (Rv.17:10)
- 4. MEDO-PERSIA 538-333BC
- 5. GREECE 333-146BC



- **6. ROME 27BC-1453AD** "One Is" (**Rv.17:10**)
- **7. FUTURE EMPIRE** "The Other Is Not Yet Come" (Rv.17:10)
- 8. ANTICHRIST 7th Becomes 8th



HORNS are Kings (Rv.17:12)

The 10 HORNS are all future



(CONCURRENT KINGS)

- **The 10 HORNS are 10 kings (Rv.17:12)**
- **These HORNS are Kings without a kingdom** (Rv.17:12). They are not shown to ever have their own kingdom.
- **There is a distinction between kings and kingdoms** (Rv.17:12)
- **These kings are connected to the beast (Rv.17:12-13).**
- **These kings only rule for "one hour with the beast."**
- The 10 HORNS give their power to the beast for this Armageddon "war" (Rv.17:13).
- Their purpose is to war against the Lamb. This is likely why they only have power for an "hour."
- **The HORNS appear to have "resources" the** antichrist will utilize

The beast that <u>was</u>, and <u>is</u>
not, is himself <u>also the eighth</u>,
and is <u>of the seven</u>, and is
going to perdition.

"is himself also the eighth" (Rv.17:11)



"also the eighth"

There will be 7 beast/kings and one will appear twice upon the earth.

The 7th King — Prince

Becomes 8th King — Beast

"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.

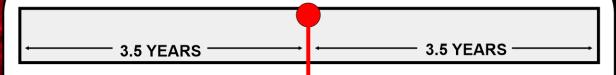
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ANTICHRIST AND THE 10-NATION CONFEDERACY

(BEAST OUT OF THE SEA - 7TH KING BECOMES 8TH KING - LITTLE HORN - ANTICHRIST)

BEFORE DANIEL'S 70TH WEEK

- At the beginning of Daniel's 70th Week the "little horn" will take over authority of the confederacy. He will do this to institute his own agenda for world peace.
- The beast-ruler will accomplish a peace keeping agreement prior to the start of Daniel's 70th Week. This peace seems to be the desire of the ten-nation confederacy. The beast-ruler will eventually take control of the ten-nation confederacy.
- From the ten-nation confederacy a great ruler will arise.
- He will use the ten-nation confederacy as a political base from which he will implement his peace keeping ideas.
- He will subdue three of the ten nations to demonstrate his resolve (Rv.6:2, "conquering, and to conquer"). But they are not completely destroyed.
- All 10 nations will be given authority with the beast later (Rv.17:12).

MID-POINT OF DANIEL'S 70TH WEEK



- It is at the mid-point of the Week, when the Beast breaks his covenant, that initiates the 8th world empire (2Th.2:3-8; Mt.24:15; Rv.13:1-8). This act is represented as the second seal (Rv.6:4).
- Revelation 6:4 refers to "THE peace" (2nd Seal) being taken from the earth. It shows us that there is in existence, through the activity of the first seal, a universal peace in the world.
- Rv.17:11, "he is the eighth" The seventh king becomes the eighth king (Rv.17:11). The eighth king is of the seven kings.
- The seventh king will rule for a "short space" (Rv.17:10).
- It appears the eighth kingdom will come out of the bottomless pit (Rv.17:8), suggesting that he is raised from the dead.
- Rev. 17:11-15 describes what happens at the midpoint of the week when the 7th king becomes the 8th (the beast-ruler) and will abolish all religion and promote himself as God.

"who have received no kingdom as yet" (Rv.17:12)



"no kingdom as yet"

- Daniel shows us that 10 kings will come from the fourth kingdom (toes/horns)
- In Revelation the 10 kings John saw have not yet received a kingdom.
- The kings cannot be identified with any historical figures or nations because they have not received a kingdom.

"they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast" (Rv.17:12)



"one hour as kings"

- They do not have kingdoms, but they have authority to be kings.
- The phrase, "for one hour" refers to an appointed time according to God (Mt.24:36,44,50; 25:13).
- This "hour" is not the same as a 60-minute time period.

These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast.

"they will give their power and authority to the beast" (Rv.17:13)



"give their power"

- All that they represent is given to the beast.
- They do not have kingdoms, but they appear to have assets the beast can utilize for his goals.

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."

"These will make war with the Lamb" (Rv.17:14)



"war with the Lamb"

- The purpose or mind of the 10 kings is to attack the Lamb.
- How they intend to do this is not specified.
- They will gather with the nations to Armageddon.
- The title, "Lord of lords and King of kings" is applied to the Lamb rider on the white horse (Rv.19:16).

Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.

"The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues" (Rv.17:15)



"waters...where the harlot sits"

- The harlot is carried by a universal segment of population of the earth.
- This idea of sitting on peoples and multitudes is a way to say that the city of Mystery Babylon rules over many.

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.



"hate...desolate...flesh...burn" (Rv.17:16)



"hate...desolate...flesh...burn"

- The 10 kings have the same agenda.
- In Rv.17:7,9 it shows the <u>harlot's relationship</u> with the <u>beast is mutual</u>.
- Something will happen that will change the relationship between the harlot, the beast, and the confederate nations.
- The beast and the 10 horns will destroy the harlot.

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.



"God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose" (Rv.17:17)



"fulfill His purpose"

- It is the judgment of God that the 10 horns and the beast executes judgment upon the harlot.
- The reason the 10 kings are unified in purpose is because God put the desire in their hearts.
- By giving their assets to the beast they think it will accomplish their objective of defeating the Lamb.
- "Their kingdom". It seems to say that collectively they have a kingdom, not plural kingdoms.

And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.

"the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth" (Rv.17:18)



"that great city"

- We are told by the angel that this woman is a city.
- In Revelation 11:8 the "great city" is Jerusalem.
- The way the woman rules over the kings of the earth is through the Antichrist. Thus, she is a harlot.
- She prostitutes herself with the Antichrist when she rightly belongs to God.

"that great city" (Rv.17:18)



"that great city"

- The city and its habitants will promote the Anti-Christ as the one true God, thereby committing the ultimate abomination, the ultimate harlotry.
- We know that the Anti-Christ will choose Jerusalem as the place to declare himself to be god (2Th.2:4, Mt.24:15; Da.11:31-32)
- We know that the greatest religious killing of all time will happen in the city of <u>Jerusalem</u> according to Mt.24:15-21.
- Rv.18:24 says: "And in her was found the blood of prophets..." (Lk.13:31-34)

REVELATION — CHRONOLOGICAL CHAPTERS

