

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Chapters 15-19 – The *Fourth* and *Final* Journey Through the Tribulation Period

BABYLON RELIGION (THE MONSTER) – REVELATION 17:7-18

Last week in our study of chapter 17 we learned various details concerning the one-world _____ of the antichrist. Today and next week we will see details concerning his one-world _____ system. As our study of Chapter 17 concludes I remind you of its two divisions and its two separate entities:

- 1) The mother – 17:1-6
- 2) The monster – 17:7-18

The mother is portrayed as a _____ whore, a woman riding the beast, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth, drunken with the blood of the saints and martyrs of Jesus. We saw that she is a religious structure that is formed from a conglomeration of all organized human beliefs throughout history traced back to Babylon. She is controlled by a _____, the beast we have already been introduced to in our past studies of Revelation. As we will see, this beast has an insatiable appetite and gorges himself on the peoples and nations of the world.

1. The mystery – Revelation 17:7

a. Defining a biblical mystery – Eph. 3:3-5; Col. 1:26-27

- Something once hidden but ultimately revealed
God wrote the Bible to reveal truth not hide it
Revelation 17-18 reveals MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT – Rev. 17:5, 7

b. This *mystery Babylon* was hidden in ominous Bible characters and the events of their life:

- Cain's religion of human works instead of a blood sacrifice – Gen. 4:1-8
- Nimrod's government, and religion of female goddess worship in Babel (Babylon) – Gen. 11
- Pharaoh was not just a political ruler but was also considered a god by his culture – Ex. 4-12
- Ahab is Israel's most evil king – 1 Kings 16:30; his wife is _____ – Rev. 2:20
- Nebuchadnezzar is the evil king of Babylon that besieged Jerusalem and took God's people captive; he erects an image of himself and decrees the people to worship it – Daniel 3; he is called a *dragon* in Jeremiah 51:34 and Rev. 13:4

Notes: All these are both *religious* and *political* entities. The antichrist's domination of the earth will be both religious and political in his desire to be *like the most high* – Is. 14:12-17. There have been approximately 4200 false religions throughout history...



Today's major religions and cults are: Buddhism, Hinduism, Hyper-Calvinism, Hyper-Dispensationalism, Deism, Islamism, Chrislam, Christian Science, Freemasonry, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormonism, Polytheism, Omnism, Orthodoxy, Dead Protestantism, Raelism, Roman Catholicism, Satanism, Scientology, Shintoism, Sikhism, Taoism, Transhumanism, Unificationism, and Word faith, etc., etc., etc. The one thing they all have in common – Human _____

There are only *two religions* in the world and throughout history—1-God's _____ thru faith in Christ alone plus nothing minus nothing and 2-human works.

- c. Two mysteries revealed here in Revelation 17 – the *woman* (the mother) and the *beast* (the monster)

2. The monster – Revelation 17:8-17

- a. He is the beast, the antichrist, the second member of the satanic trinity (Dragon, beast, false prophet) – verse 8; Rev. 9:11; 11:7; 16:13

- He is the restored Judas Iscariot who went to *his own place* and will ultimately ascend from that *place* (the bottomless pit) returning to human society (into perdition) – verse 8; Acts 1:25

- He _____, and is _____, and yet _____

- Judas was – he _____ and walked on the earth

- Judas is not – he _____ and went to his own place as the son of perdition

- Judas yet is – he is manifest as the second member of the Satanic trinity going into perdition

- b. He has 7 heads – verses 9-11

- They are seven mountains and seven kings

The seven mountains, often called hills, can be referred to as many cities on earth: Istanbul, Lisbon, Amman, Jerusalem, Bergen, and Rome. While many can fit this description, Rome is the most famous major city, alone calling itself by the title, "*City of Seven Hills*." The renowned seven hills of Rome are: Aventine Hill, Caelian Hill, Capitoline Hill, Esquiline Hill, Palatine Hill, Quirinal Hill, and Viminal Hill. Rome has boasted of these mountains for ages all the while denying she is the *mother* of Revelation 17.

Of the seven kings, five are fallen, one is, and the [seventh] is yet to come—he must continue for a short space.

- 1) Nimrod: King of Babylon
- 2) Pharaoh: King of Egypt
- 3) Sennacherib: King of Assyria
- 4) Nebuchadnezzar: King of Babylon
- 5) Darius: King of Medo-Persia
- 6) Alexander: The great King of Greece
- 7) Caesar(s): The King of Rome

- The beast that was, and is not, he is the eighth, and is of the _____
Because Babylon is on the list twice, it cancels itself out and counts as one—this takes our list from 7 down to 6. The first 5 kingdoms (thru Greece) have fallen as history records. When John is on the island of Patmos, Rome is in power.
Although Rome (#6 in our recount) has fallen since then, it will revive again, for a short space, under another title (#7, who knows?), until the beast establishes his kingdom (#8, which is actually born out of all the other 7 kingdoms) – 1 Cor. 13:12

c. He has 10 horns – verses 12-17

- They are likely ten united groups of principalities and _____ designated to rule over certain geographic areas...
They rule over the beast’s kingdoms of darkness. Horns are a symbol of power. Since they are part of his head, they must be spiritual entities of wickedness in high places under the control of the beast – Eph. 6:12; Rev. 12:9; Daniel 10:13, 20, 21; 12:1; Jude 1:9
- They will be given economic power over the entire earth near the end of the beast’s reign
It could be *one hour* in the context of Daniel’s seventieth week—one hour = 15 days
More than likely *one hour* is simply a term for a chosen specific time – Jo. 12:23; Lk. 22:53
- These kings will ultimately engage in warfare with the Lord Jesus Christ and be destroyed
- These ten horns will ultimately _____ the great whore – verses 15-17
They will then hand their power over to the beast
This is the _____ of God as he brings to fruition all the prophesies of the Revelation of Jesus Christ – Proverbs 21:1

3. The mother – Revelation 17:18

- a. She is a *religious* system that is also a *geo-political* entity—and that entity is a _____
- This is not surprising because cities are often referred to as women – Josh. 15:45, 47; 17:11; Is. 1:8, 21; 47:1; Lam. 1:1; 2:13; Nah. 3:4; Rev. 21:2
- b. That city is _____ – Geographically called _____
- This city is both a *religious* and *political* headquarters (or seat)
All roads lead to Rome, and Rome points Bible believers to Babylon (a mystery)

NEXT WEEK: Babylon – a political system – Revelation 18