

## Jesus Reveals the Future, Part 20

### The Destruction of Mystery Babylon

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#### Revelation 17:1-18

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls [of wrath] came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the **GREAT HARLOT** who sits on many waters, <sup>2</sup>with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication."

<sup>3</sup>So he carried me away in the Spirit into the **WILDERNESS** (i.e. Desert Wilderness – Isaiah 21 & 63:1-6). And I saw a woman sitting on a **SCARLET BEAST** which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>And on her **FOREHEAD** a name was written:

**MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS  
AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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**.

<sup>9</sup>"Here is the mind which has wisdom: The **SEVEN HEADS ARE SEVEN MOUNTAINS** on which the woman sits. <sup>10</sup>They are **ALSO** seven kings (i.e. "Kingdoms"). **FIVE** have **FALLEN**, **ONE IS**, and the **OTHER** has **NOT YET COME**. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. <sup>11</sup>The **BEAST** that was, and is not, is himself also the **EIGHTH**, and **IS OF THE SEVEN**, and is going to perdition.

<sup>12</sup>"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**. <sup>13</sup>These are of one mind, and they will **GIVE** their **POWER** and **AUTHORITY** to the **BEAST**. <sup>14</sup>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**."

<sup>15</sup>Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues. <sup>16</sup>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**. <sup>17</sup>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**.<sup>18</sup> And the woman whom you saw is that **GREAT CITY** which reigns over the kings of the earth."

1. Babylon is called a **MYSTERY** – Mystery Babylon ... based upon the Babylonian Mystery Religions – The is the Mother of all Pagan Religions ... all can find their seed and root in her.
2. By Her Religious Beliefs she has made all the Gentiles Drunk with her Harlotry (Harlotry = Paganism → Spiritual Adultery, Idolatry, False Beliefs, and Worldly Compromise)
3. She is drunk with the Blood of the saints AND of the Martyrs of Christ – all true believers in the True God – she is responsible for all Persecution and Martyrdom against all God's People

4. Satan has been using the “Babylonian Mystery Religions” to seduce and influence the “kings of the earth” - Satan’s Strategy is to the control and influence the people groups on earth from the TOP – DOWN ... he focuses on using Political Power (i.e. “kings”) to control people, keep them in bondage, using fear and intimidation, and the addiction of paganism and false beliefs.
5. The Many Waters She sits on are Peoples, Multitudes, Nations, and Tongues. (see verse 15). These are the People Groups today that still have their Foot on the Temple Mount, controlling it (see Revelation 11 & Romans 11 – the Times of the Gentiles). By that definition we know that they are People Groups (nations/ethnic groups) that are under Islamic Domination, under the control of the spirit of “antichrist” and under the control of the spirit of “Mystery Babylon”.
6. The “seat” of where she sits, is a “City” that is the Desert Wilderness, near the Sea (Isaiah 21). This is her final resting place before God destroys her completely. God exposes her, who she is what she’s done throughout the ages from Nimrod’s time until that time in the future when she is punished. That city is Mecca, Saudi Arabia where she is worshipped and adored. The False Prophet (Revelation 13, the second beast that rises from the earth) will oversee this Religious System up until she is thrown under the bus, so to speak.
7. The SCARLET BEAST - SCARLET is a DEEP RED with a tinge of Orange ... similar to the Dragon in Revelation 12 – the Beast’s True Colors are coming out by this stage in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Half of the Great Tribulation. The Beast, Political System, is finally presided over by the antichrist, the Beast (that specific demon-possessed person). The Demon is Abaddon/Apollyon (Revelation 9 & 11) ... the Beast that comes up, out of the Bottomless Pit. The Beast, the Empire, is a conglomerate of all of those Beast Empires, prior to this point ...  
The 7 previous Empires mix together to become the 8<sup>th</sup> Empire – The AntiChrist Empire  
**FIVE Have Fallen** (by the time of the Apostle John writing this)  
(1) Egypt, (2) Assyria, (3) Babylon [under Nebuchadnezzar], (4) Medo-Persian Empire, (5) Grecian Empire (started by Alexander the Great – then split into 4 sub-Empire regions),  
**ONE IS:** (6) Roman Empire [thus, it cannot be a Revival of the Roman Empire - Western Europe]  
**One is Yet to Come:** (7) The Islamic Empire which became the Ottoman Empire
8. The Beast and the Ten Horns → the Ten Horns are 10 Rulers at the Time of the Rise of the AntiChrist (the person) who give him ALL their Political authority (see Revelation 13:1-8) Again, this parallels Daniel 11:21-45 – it will take time during the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the Great Tribulation for the AntiChrist (that demon-possessed person) to rise to Full Political Power. He must have consent, and it is in a peaceful way with a few people (Daniel 11:21-45). That sounds like an election, etc. He comes to Power in a Peaceful way with much Deceit: Modern Politics. Just like Satan does all the time, when he is DONE with a person, he throws them away, UNDER THE BUS. This is Expedient and “it is NOT personal”. The AntiChrist will need to use “Religion” to launch him into power, but once he is DONE with that, he will want to be the focus of worship (2 Thess. 2:1-12; Daniel 11:36-39), and together with those 10 kings, they will DESTROY Mecca (verses 15-18 – is that a Nuclear Attack?). They will make war with the Lamb AND with Babylon. God will use the Devil and the Devil’s agents and Agencies to accomplish one of His Goals: Destroying Babylon, finally. Thus, the last piece of the foundations of the AntiChrist’s Empire will be destroyed by In-Fighting. They will destroy each other – confusion in the camp ... God’s done this before with the enemies of Israel in the Old Testament. In this case with FIRE (maybe Nuclear?)  
God will use a Combination of the AntiChrist, The Ten Kings and “Natural Disasters” to destroy her. Rev. 14:8 [ref. Isaiah 21], Rev. 14:18-20 and Rev. 16:17-21 seem to indicate much “natural disasters” from God’s hand in His Winepress Wrath, but in Revelation 17, it also seems that God will use the AntiChrist and the Ten Kings for the Destruction of Mecca (modern “Mystery Babylon”), as well (i.e. “For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose ...”)  
(ref.: Daniel 2 & 7 mentions “ten toes” & “ten horns” – compare with Rev. 12, 13, & 17)