

THE MYSTERY OF BABYLON REVEALED  
REV. 17:6-18

Introduction:

- A. John has seen the woman, symbol of Babylon.
  - 1. v16, "the great whore that sitteth on many waters."
  - 2. v3, "a woman on a scarlet beast."
  
- B. John was filled with amazement. v6.
  - 1. "I wondered with great admiration."
  - 2. "I was amazed with great amazement."
  
- C. The angel will reveal the mystery.
  - 1. "And the angel said unto me, wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman
  - 2. "and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and the ten horns."

1. THE BEAST ON WHICH THE WOMAN RIDES. v8

- A. Some things are said of the beast. v8
  - 1. "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not."
  - 2. "and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit."
    - a. Rev. 11:7.
  - 3. "and go into perdition."
  - 4. The unsaved world will wonder after him.
  - 5. "the beast that was, and is not, and yet is."
  
- B. Some things the mind of wisdom will understand.
  - 1. v9, "and here is the mind which hath wisdom."
  - 2. "The seven heads are the seven mountains (governments), on which the woman sitteth."
  - 3. There are seven kings, (kingdoms).
  - 4. Five are fallen, one is, and one is to come.
  - 5. 1. Egypt. 2. Assyria. 3. Babylon. 4. Medo-Persia.
    - 5. Greece.
  - 6. One is == Roman.

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7. One is yet to come = a confederated kingdom.
8. He must continue a short space.
9. The eighth must come from the seventh. v11

C. The ten horns revealed.

1. The last confederation. v12
2. Their devotion to one worldism. v13

## II. THEIR WAR AGAINST CHRIST. V14

A. "These shall make war with the Lamb and the Lamb shall overcome them."

1. war = polemeo - to make war, to fight.
2. overcome = nikao - to conquer, victor.

B. "for he is Lord of Lords, and King of Kings, and they that are with him are called, Chosen, and Faithful."

1. chosen = eklektos = selected, preferred.
2. faithful = pistos = one on whom we may rely.

## III. THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD ARE CONTROLLED BY THE BEAST. V15

[Religion]

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

1. peoples = laos - the mass of any people.
2. multitudes = ochloi - a confused people - mob.
3. nations = ethne - people under a common institution.
4. tong = glossai - a language.

## IV. THE FINAL DESTRUCTION OF THE WOMAN.

[Five things will they do.]

A. "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."

1. These ten kings will turn on false religion, destroy it and crown the beast god of all things. They tire of her lifestyle.

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2. desolate = eremos - deserted, waste.
3. naked = gumnos - poorly clad.

B. v17, "For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and to give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled."

1. fulfill = poeo - to make, to do, to perform.
2. will = gnome - the mind, desire, judgment.
3. agree = noieo - to make; eis (mia) one [the numeral]
4. know = gnome - to know. God made them of His mind.
5. fulfilled == teleo - to complete, accomplish.

#### V. THE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF THE WOMAN.

A. v18, "And the woman which thou sawest is that great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth."

1. This is not Jerusalem.
2. This may be Rome.
3. This may be a new city, built or at least completed, during the reign of the Antichrist.

B. The possibility of a great city of commerce.

1. Zech. 5:5-11. [848 B.C.]
2. "land of Shinar" is Babylon. Jer. 29:1; Dan. 1:2.
3. The measures and weights are the principle signs of commerce.
4. "set there upon her own base." This is the pseudo act of the New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven. It is Antichrist's imitation of Jesus and the New Jerusalem.
5. It is a city of commerce.

C. It is the godless element of all society that builds only for itself, using religion as a cloke, while enriching themselves.

1. It is every idol that has been made.
2. It is every religion based on man.
3. It is every sentence of persection.
4. It is every scheme plotted against the Lord.

