

# REVELATION 17

## THE WOMAN & THE SCARLET COLORED BEAST

### *Facts to Remember*

Revelation 17 naturally divides into four parts.

- a. Vs. 1-6, "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."
- b. Vs. 7-11, ". . .the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her. . ."
- c. Vs. 12-17, the ten horns
- d. V. 18, that great city

#### A. Revelation 17:1-6; BABYLON THE GREAT

1. Who is the angel? \_\_\_\_\_ (Judgment)
2. Who is the, "great whore that sitteth on many waters? \_\_\_\_\_  
Revelation 16:13; 19:19-20
  - i. Same as...v. 3 a woman sitting on a scarlet beast
  - ii. v. 4 a woman sitting on a scarlet beast
  - iii. v. 5 BABYLON THE GREAT
  - iv. v. 6, 18 the woman
  - v. v. 7 the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her
  - vi. v. 8, 11, 12, 13 the beast
  - vii. v. 14 these
  - viii. v. 15-16 whore
3. Why Judgment? V. 2; \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who is the scarlet coloured beast? V. 3; \_\_\_\_\_  
Revelation 12; 13; Daniel 2; 7
5. The woman was arrayed...V. 4; Jer 51:7; Da 11:38; Re 14:8; 18:6,12,16;  
compare to Rev. 12:1
6. Who is, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH, v. 6, 7?  
2 Th 2:7; Revelation 17:7; 14:8; 16:19; 18:2,9-10,21; 19:2, 16

In the seventeenth of Revelation is foretold the destruction of all the churches who corrupt themselves by idolatrous devotion to the service of the papacy, those who have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. [Revelation 17:1-4 quoted.]

Thus is represented the papal power, which with all deceivableness of unrighteousness, by outside attraction and gorgeous display, deceives all nations; promising them, as did Satan our first parents, all good to those who receive its mark, and all harm to those who oppose its fallacies. The power which has the deepest inward

corruption will make the greatest display, and will clothe itself with the most elaborate signs of power. The Bible plainly declares that this covers a corrupt and deceiving wickedness. "Upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon the Great, The Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth."

What is it that gives its kingdom to this power? Protestantism, a power which, while professing to have the temper and spirit of a lamb and to be allied to Heaven, speaks with the voice of a dragon. It is moved by a power from beneath 7BC 983

"God has a church upon the earth who are His chosen people, who keep His commandments. He is leading, not stray offshoots, not one here and one there, but a people. The truth is a sanctifying power; but the church militant is not the church triumphant. . .

"It is our individual duty to walk humbly with God. We are not to seek any strange, new message. We are not to think that the chosen ones of God who are trying to walk in the light compose Babylon. The fallen denominational churches are Babylon. Babylon has been fostering poisonous doctrines, the wine of error. This wine of error is made up of false doctrines, such as the natural immortality of the soul, the eternal torment of the wicked, the denial of the pre-existence of Christ prior to His birth in Bethlehem, and advocating and exalting the first day of the week above God's holy and sanctified day. These and kindred errors are presented to the world by the various churches, and thus the Scriptures are fulfilled that say, 'For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.' It is a wrath which is created by false doctrines, and when kings and presidents drink this wine of the wrath of her fornication, they are stirred with anger against those who will not come into harmony with the false and satanic heresies which exalt the false sabbath, and lead men to trample underfoot God's memorial.

"Fallen angels upon earth form confederations with evil men. In this age antichrist will appear as the true Christ, and then the law of God will be fully made void in the nations of our world. Rebellion against God's holy law will be fully ripe. But the true leader of all this rebellion is Satan clothed as an angel of light. Men will be deceived and will exalt him to the place of God, and deify him. But Omnipotence will interpose, and to the apostate churches that unite in the exaltation of Satan, the sentence will go forth, 'Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.'"

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B. Revelation 17:7-11, “. . .the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her. . .”

1. V. 7, 8; Who is The Beast? \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. was and is not. . .vs. 8 (twice), 11 (Rev. 13:3, 12, 14)
  - ii. perdition. . .Dan 2:34; 8:25; 11:45; Rev 13:10; 17:11
  - iii. wonder. . .Rev 13:3
  - iv. not written. . .Rev 13:;17:8; 20:25 (Rev 3:5; 21:27)
  - v. blasphemy. . .v. 3; Da 7:25; 11:36; 2Th 2:3,4; Rev 13:1
  
2. V. 9; What are the seven heads? \_\_\_\_\_

- i. wisdom. . .Rev 13:18
- ii. mountains (not hills). . .Ps. 48:1; Isa 2:2-3; Jer 51:25
- iii. woman sitteth. . .v. 1; waters; v. 3; scarlet colored beast; v. 9;  
mountains

3. What do seven heads, mountains, and kings mean? Vs. 10, 11

a. Five fallen

i. \_\_\_\_\_

ii. \_\_\_\_\_

iii. \_\_\_\_\_

iv. \_\_\_\_\_

v. \_\_\_\_\_

b. one is

vi. \_\_\_\_\_

c. is yet to come

vii. \_\_\_\_\_

d. eight, is of the seventh

viii. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Vs. 12-14; Who are the ten kings?

a. ten kings Dan2; 7; Rev 12; 13

b. received no kingdom yet

c. one hour Jer 51:7; Rev 16:13; 17:2; 18:3; 19:19, 20

d. one mind Rev 18:3; 19:2

e. with the beast. . .unto the beast

f. war with the Lamb! Rev 16:12, 14, 16; 19:11-21

"These have one mind." There will be a universal bond of union, one great harmony, a confederacy of Satan's forces. "And shall give their power and strength unto the beast." Thus is manifested the same arbitrary, oppressive power against religious liberty, freedom to worship God according to the dictates of conscience, as was manifested by the papacy, when in the past it persecuted those who dared to refuse to conform with the religious rites and ceremonies of Romanism.

In the warfare to be waged in the last days there will be united, in opposition to God's people, all the corrupt powers that have apostatized from allegiance to the law of Jehovah. In this warfare the Sabbath of the fourth commandment will be the great point at issue; for in the Sabbath commandment the great Lawgiver identifies Himself as the Creator of the heavens and the earth

5. Vs. 16-17; What happens here? \_\_\_\_\_

Rev 16:12

a. Who is the angel? \_\_\_\_\_

When the protection of human laws shall be withdrawn from those who honor the law of God, there will be, in different lands, a simultaneous movement for their destruction. As the time appointed in the decree draws near, the people will conspire to root out the hated sect. It will be determined to strike in one night a decisive blow, which shall utterly silence the voice of dissent and reproof.

The people of God. . . still plead for divine protection, while in every quarter companies of armed men, urged on by hosts of evil angels, are preparing for the work of death. It is now, in the hour of utmost extremity, that the God of Israel will interpose for the deliverance of His chosen. Saith the Lord; "Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth . . . to come into the mountain of the Lord, to the Mighty One of Israel. And the Lord shall cause His glorious voice to be heard, and shall show the lighting down of His arm, with the indignation of His anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones." Isaiah 30:29, 30.

With shouts of triumph, jeering, and imprecation, throngs of evil men are about to rush upon their prey, when, lo, a dense blackness, deeper than the darkness of the night, falls upon the earth. Then a rainbow, shining with the glory from the throne of God, spans the heavens and seems to encircle each praying company. The angry multitudes are suddenly arrested. Their mocking cries die away. The objects of their murderous rage are forgotten. With fearful forebodings they gaze upon the symbol of God's covenant and long to be shielded from its overpowering brightness. . . It is at midnight that God manifests His power for the deliverance of His people. The wicked look with terror and amazement upon the scene, while the righteous behold with solemn joy the tokens of their deliverance. . . . In the midst of the angry heavens is one clear space of indescribable glory, whence comes the voice of God like the sound of many waters, saying: "It is done." Revelation 16:17. GC 635, 636

After the saints had been delivered by the voice of God, the wicked multitude turned their rage upon one another. The earth seemed to be deluged with blood, and dead bodies were from one end of it to the other. EW 289

Now, in their despair, these teachers confess before the world their work of deception. The multitudes are filled with fury. "We are lost!" they cry, "and you are the cause of our ruin;" and they turn upon the false shepherds. The very ones that once admired them most will pronounce the most dreadful curses upon them. The very hands that once crowned them with laurels will be raised for their destruction. The swords which were to slay God's people are now employed to destroy their enemies. Everywhere there is strife and bloodshed. . . . The work of destruction begins among those who have professed to be the spiritual guardians of the people. The false watchmen are the first to fall. There are none to pity or to spare. Men, women, maidens, and little children perish together. GC 655, 6