

## REVELATION 17 – “The Whore of Babylon”

Now, the vision shifts to a new scene that illustrates Satan's modus operandi since Genesis and has persisted through all generations. The cast is always the same, as is the end game. Chapters 17 & 18 will reveal the full story of Babylon, or the Whore of Babylon, including the inevitable, complete & irrevocable character of Babylon's fall.

John purposefully hides his message within metaphor and symbol for Babylon (Rome). Babylon was situated on “many waters,” and “many winters” is also a metaphor for all the nations under Rome's rule.

Read Jeremiah 51: 6-10; Revelation 17:1-6

1. What are some examples of the dark side of great wealth and temptation?

"To be sure, the harlot is a worldly city which is pleasure-mad, and arrogant. There is a striking similarity between the section of Revelation 17-19 and Ezekiel 27-28 as directed against Tyre and its king. Babylon, however, represents wars past, present, and future and its form may change but its essence remains the same."

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Read Revelation 17:7-12

2. Who was, is not, and is to come (to destruction)
3. Seven Heads, seven mountains, seven kings
4. The Beast is eighth but belongs to the seven
5. Ten horns, ten future kings, and the beast

Read Revelation 17:13-14

6. Describe all that is happening in these two verses

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What happens when powerful people do not get their way?  
Blame? Retribution? Scapegoating?

There seems to come that point where people begin to see their own folly, they see what fools they have been and it is a natural thing for people to search their minds for a culprit upon whom they can attach the blame for what they have done. That blame rests with the harlot and she cannot blame anyone else for her own deeds. We are told that her followers begin to hate her. They eat her flesh. Yet the guilt does not go away and relief does not make its appearance for the blame has been misplaced at this point. They, in effect, go beyond the point of repentance just as Judas could do when he threw his thirty pieces of silver on the temple floor and hanged himself.”

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Read REVELATION 17:15-18

7. Describe verse 17 in your own words.
8. Thoughts?

## REVELATION 17 – “THE WHORE OF BABYLON”

### NOTES:

Luxurious purple & scarlet fabric and jewels speak of great wealth and temptation.

The Harlot allures, tempts, seduces and draws people away from God; offering her worship & wares as substitutes for God.

Blasphemes Names: Words or titles used to insult or defame God or other religious figures, or disrespect sacred things. denying the divinity of Christ

Seated on many waters -Babylon sat on four rivers

Scarlet beast: Seven heads & Ten horns

Golden cup of abominations

the beast: who was (historical) who is not (not always seen) and who is rising out of the abyss to destruction (is yet to come)

Some examples of the Beast – Anti God forces B. C.:

Nimrod of Babylonia

Assyria

Nebuchadnezzar

Medes

Persians

Antioch Epiphanes

Seven heads = seven hills = seven kings

The beast is another king, but belongs with the seven.

10 horns = 10 future kings-will rule a Short (God's time) while

All anti-God forces yield their power and authority to the beast. They wage war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer. The multitude of waters: are all the nations under Rome's control. They will + the beast will grow tired of the whore- perhaps she/Babylon can't keep all the promises made. They devour her because they gave her all their power.

The woman is the "great city"