

The Fall of Babylon: The Kingdoms of Satan

Revelation 17

The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. And there came a voice to him: "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." And the voice came to him again a second time, "What God has made clean, do not call common." This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven. Now while Peter was inwardly perplexed as to what the vision that he had seen might mean, behold, the men who were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon's house, stood at the gate and called out to ask whether Simon who was called Peter was lodging there. And while Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you...And he (Peter) said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but "God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. (Acts 10:9-19, 28)

Dragon: Satan **Sea Beast:** Anti-Christ **Land Beast:** False Prophet **Babylon, the Harlot:** Kingdoms of Satan

ANGEL SPEAKS: (17:1-2)

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me,

1. "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who is seated on many waters,
2. with whom the kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality, and
3. with the wine of whose sexual immorality the dwellers on earth have become drunk."

Great Prostitute: Nation of Israel

"Plead with your mother, plead—for she is not my wife, and I am not her husband—that she put away her whoring from her face, and her adultery from between her breasts; lest I strip her naked and make her as in the day she was born, and make her like a wilderness, and make her like a parched land, and kill her with thirst. Upon her children also I will have no mercy, because they are children of whoredom. For their mother has played the whore; she who conceived them has acted shamefully. For she said, 'I will go after my lovers, who give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.' (Hosea 2:2-5)

"If a man divorces his wife and she goes from him and becomes another man's wife, will he return to her? Would not that land be greatly polluted? You have played the whore with many lovers; and would you return to me? declares the LORD. Lift up your eyes to the bare heights, and see! Where have you not been ravished? By the waysides you have sat awaiting lovers like an Arab in the wilderness. You have polluted the land with your vile whoredom. Therefore the showers have been withheld, and the spring rain has not come; yet you have the forehead of a whore; you refuse to be ashamed. (Jeremiah 3:1-3)

"But you trusted in your beauty and played the whore because of your renown and lavished your whorings on any passerby; your beauty became his. You took some of your garments and made for yourself colorful shrines, and on them played the whore. The like has never been, nor ever shall be. You also took your beautiful jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself images of men, and with them played the whore. And you took your embroidered garments to cover them, and set my oil and my incense before them. Also my bread that I gave you—I fed you with fine flour and oil and honey—you set before them for a pleasing aroma; and so it was, declares the Lord GOD. And you took your sons and your daughters, whom you had borne to me, and these you sacrificed to them to be devoured. Were your whorings so small a matter that you slaughtered my children and delivered them up as an offering by fire to them? And in all your abominations and your whorings you did not remember the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, wallowing in your blood. (Ezekiel 16:15-22)

The word of the LORD came to me: "Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother. They played the whore in Egypt; they played the whore in their youth; there their breasts were pressed and their virgin bosoms handled. Oholah was the name of the elder and Oholibah the name of her sister. They became mine, and they bore sons and daughters. As for their names, Oholah is Samaria, and Oholibah is Jerusalem. (Ezekiel 23:1-4)

JOHN SEES: (17:3-6)

And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and

1. I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and
2. it had seven heads and ten horns.
3. The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls,
4. holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality.
5. And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations."
6. And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.

The Great Babylon:

An Archetype of World Kingdoms (Whore) Opposed to God's Kingdom, the New Jerusalem (Bride of Christ)

ORIGIN IN HAM: Cush fathered Nimrod; he was the first on earth to be a mighty man. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD. Therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD." The beginning of his kingdom was **Babel**, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. (Genesis 10:8-11)

POWER OF BABEL: Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." (Genesis 11:4)

BRINGS GOD'S JUDGMENT: Afterward, declares the LORD, I will give Zedekiah king of Judah and his servants and the people in this city who survive the pestilence, sword, and famine into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and into the hand of their enemies, into the hand of those who seek their lives. He shall strike them down with the edge of the sword. He shall not pity them or spare them or have compassion.' (Jeremiah 21:7)

TENANT FARMER: To Zedekiah king of Judah I spoke in like manner: "Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people and live. (Jeremiah 27:12)

GOLDEN CUP OF WRATH: Babylon was a golden cup in the LORD's hand, making all the earth drunken; the nations drank of her wine; therefore the nations went mad. (Jeremiah 51:7)

ZOO KEEPER: With hooks they put him in a cage and brought him to the king of Babylon; they brought him into custody, that his voice should no more be heard on the mountains of Israel. (Ezekiel 19:9)

GOD'S JUDGMENT AGAINST BABYLON: Come down and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground without a throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans! For you shall no more be called tender and delicate. Take the millstones and grind flour, put off your veil, strip off your robe, uncover your legs, pass through the rivers. Your nakedness shall be uncovered, and your disgrace shall be seen. I will take vengeance, and I will spare no one. Our Redeemer—the LORD of hosts is his name—is the Holy One of Israel. (Isaiah 46:1-4)

ANGEL SPEAKS: (17:7-14)

When I saw her, I marveled greatly. But the angel said to me,
“Why do you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries her.

1. The beast that you saw was, (alive) and is not, (death) and is about to rise (resurrection) from the bottomless pit and go to destruction.
2. And the dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will marvel to see the beast, because it was and is not and is to come.

This calls for a mind with wisdom:

3. the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated;
4. they are also seven kings, five of whom have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come, and when he does come he must remain only a little while.
5. As for the beast that was and is not, it is an eighth but it belongs to the seven, and it goes to destruction.
6. And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast.
7. These are of one mind, and they hand over their power and authority to the beast.
8. They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.”

ROMAN EMPERORS: Seven Mountains / Kings			NATIONS: Seven Kings	
1) Julius Caesar 44BC	5) Claudios 41-54	9) Titus 79-81	1) Egypt	5) Greece
2) Augustus 27-14	6) Nero 54-68	10) Domitian 81-96	2) Assyria	6) Rome
3) Tiberius 14-39	7) Galbo, Otho, Vitellius 68-69	11) Nerva 96-98	3) Babylon	7) Future
4) Caligula 37-41	8) Vespasian 69-79	12) Trajan 98-117	4) Persia	8) Future

ANGEL SPEAKS: (17:15-18)

And the angel said to me,

1. “The waters that you saw, where the prostitute is seated, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages.
2. And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the prostitute.
3. They will make her desolate and naked, and devour her flesh and burn her up with fire, for God has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose by being of one mind and handing over their royal power to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.
4. And the woman that you saw is the great city that has dominion over the kings of the earth.”

Satan’s Kingdom on Earth and in Heaven

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.” (Matthew 4:8-10)

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:12)