

Revelation 17

Revelation 17:1-6 *And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sit upon many waters:*

2. *With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.*

3. *So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.*

4. *And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:*

5. *And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.*

6. *And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.*

Revelation 17-18 speaks of the judgment of God upon Babylon. Babylon represents the apostate religious and political system on earth and the antichrist will exploit it that system.

- Notice: One of the angels which has the seven vials shows John a vision of the woman, which typifies the idolatry of the apostate world system
- The woman sat upon a scarlet colored beast, clothed in purple and scarlet, adorned with extravagant jewelry (v.3) is identified as having committed fornication with the kings of the earth (v.2). **FORNICATION MEANING...**
- She has a golden cup, full of the abominations and filthiness of her fornications (v:4)
- She had written in her forehead, "Mystery, Babylon the Great, the **Mother of harlots and abominations of the earth**" (v.5)
- She was drunk with the blood of the saints and the martyrs of Jesus meaning she has killed many.
- The beast was scarlet red (v.3) with seven heads and ten horns, covered with insulting names.

John was surprised by the vision of the harlot sitting on the beast, so the angel explained it to him:

Revelation 17:7-8; *And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carries her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.*

[8] *The beast that thou saw was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.*

The beast is identified with both Satan and the antichrist.

If we go back and look at **Revelation 12:3** where it says, ***“and there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.”***

We’ll see here that Satan appears as a red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns.

Then over in **Revelation 13:1** it says, ***“And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.”***

- The antichrist (beast) will arise out of the sea. Sea meaning – he’ll come out from a crowd of many peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. This is a man who will gain great political power and authority over the world.
- He has 7 heads (world leaders) and 10 horns (10 Kingdoms) with 10 crowns (10 kings over those 10 kingdoms but under the 7 world leaders including the antichrist).
- Ten horns represent 10 kings and kingdoms (Daniel 7:24). Three of these kingdoms are under one of the seven leaders in which is the Antichrist.
- Seven heads represent the result of three of the kingdoms being conquered.

It may be a good idea to go back and watch my video covering Revelation chapter 13 for a review. I cover this in detail where I spoke concerning the book of Daniel and the prophecies that came to pass. Another reference is to look at my video covering part of The Book of Daniel called “What does the Bible say about our Past, Present and Future?”

From the book of Daniel, when we take a glance of the statue that we discussed, the head of gold, chest and arms of silver, brass belly and the legs cover the past events we discussed but the ten toes and the little horn that comes up on the side of the ten toes cover prophecy happening right now to future events.

The antichrist is identified as having seven heads and ten horns.

The beast John saw must be the kingdom of the antichrist.

Look at the ladder part of Revelation 17:8 where it says ***“when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is”***. I do want to note the argument here is some people believe that this vs. 8 is talking about the antichrist when he was wounded with that fatal blow back in chapter 13 and comes back to life and it could be but, let’s put a pin there while we read verse 9-11.

Revelation 17:9-11 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sit. 10. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. 11. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and go into perdition.

The seven heads are seven mountains and seven kings (v.9)

So from verse 8, the beast that was, and verse 10 the five fallen kingdoms are most likely, Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, and Greece.

Vs. 8 “and is not” and vs. 10 “and one is” The Roman Empire fell but still embedded into culture etc.”

Vs. 8 “and yet is” and vs. 10 “and the other is not yet come” refers to what is called the revised Roman Empire”. It’s a collaboration of 10 nations that will rule and or effect the entire world.

Remember what I showed you already in past videos and straight from the Word of God, the beast were nations and then there is this man beast which is the antichrist.

Revelation 17:12-13 And the ten horns which thou saw are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. 13. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

The ten horns represent ten kings or kingdoms that will emerge.

Although Daniel’s prophecies covers future events and many of those events are now in the past,

Let’s take a quick look at Nebuchadnezzar’s dream interpreted by Daniel.

Daniel 2:41-43 And whereas thou saw the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou saw the iron mixed with miry clay.

42. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.

43. And whereas thou saw iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

These feet and toes are right now events. The world is right now embedded in the same culture, we have world games, world trading for goods and services, entertainment, but we still can’t get along. We are still fighting each other and as Christ said, for nation shall rise against each other, kingdom against kingdom but the time is not yet.

Daniel 7:19-27 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

20. And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.

21. I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

22. Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

23. Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

24. And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

25. And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

26. But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

27. And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

The fight is fixed saints. We already know when are going to win against satan and his evil doers. We just got the hold on and become an overcomer.

These nations will first emerge, then the antichrist will emerge out of a nation (or sea like we mentioned earlier), and conquer, them (v.13)

Notice that the nations did not rule at the time of the vision, they'll come to power later and rule one hour (a short time) with the antichrist beast.

Revelation 17:14-18 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

15. And he said unto me, the waters which thou saw, where the whore sit, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. Here is a prime example of why I related the word sea (when the bible said the beast will rise out of the sea) to peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues

16. And the ten horns which thou saw 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. [So here, the nations are going to turn against the whore nation. The antichrist and his supporters will destroy her and her institutions, stop trading, selling with her, buying anything from her.]

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

18. And the woman which thou saw is that great city, which reign over the kings of the earth.