

INTRODUCTION

- * The Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ ... we are currently considering "The Things Which Shall Be"
- * Today we will take a look at what I considered the second hardest message of this book to preach - the unraveling of the Great Harlot, the Beast and Babylon the Great.
- * Rev 1: 3 "Blessed *is* he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time *is* near."

INSTRUCTION

I. THE DESCRIPTION OF "THE GREAT HARLOT"

- A. She Sits On Many Waters (17:1, 15; 13:7)**
- B. She Seduces the Kings and Inhabitants of the Earth (14: 8; 17:2; 18:3, 9, 23)**
- C. She Sits On A Scarlet Beast (17:3, 15; 13:7)**
1. THE BEAST WAS FULL OF NAMES OF BLASPHEMIES (v. 3; 13:1)
 2. THE BEAST HAD SEVEN HEADS AND TEN HORNS (v. 3; 13:1)
- D. She Arrays Herself in purple and scarlet, and adorns herself with gold, precious stones and pearls (17:4; 18:3, 11-13, 15-17)**
- E. She Has In Her Hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication (14: 8; 17:4; 18:7)**
- F. She Has A Name written on her forehead (17:5; 18:2)**
- G. She Was Drunk With the Blood of the Saints and with the Blood of the Martyrs of Jesus (17:6; 18:24)**

- I. SEAL #1 (6: 1-2) – The White Horse
- II. SEAL #2 (6: 3-4) – The Red Horse
- III. SEAL #3 (6: 5-6) – The Black Horse
- IV. SEAL #4 (6: 7-8) – The Pale Horse
- V. SEAL #5 (6: 9-11) – The Martyrs
- VI. SEAL #6 (6:12 – 7: 11) – Catastrophe & Consecration
- VII. SEAL #7 (8:1-13) – The Calm before the Storm
 - A. Trumpet #1 (8:7) ... 1/3 of Land
 - B. Trumpet #2 (8:8-9) ... 1/3 of Sea
 - C. Trumpet #3 (8:10-11) ... 1/3 of fresh water
 - D. Trumpet #4 (8:12) ... 1/3 of Sun, moon & stars
 - E. Trumpet #5 (9:1-12) ... Locusts
 - F. Trumpet #6 (9: 13-21) ... 200,000,000 Army
 - G. Trumpet #7 (10-17)
 1. The Mighty Angel (10)
 2. The Two Witnesses (11: 1-14)
 3. The Opening of the Temple (11:15-19)
 4. The Sign in Heaven (12)
 5. The Rising of the Beast (13)
 6. The 144,000 (14:1-5)
 7. The Bowls of Wrath (14:6 – 19:21)
 - a. The Angelic Proclamations (14:6-20)
 - b. Pouring Out The Bowls (15-16)
 - c. **The Harlot & the Beast (17)**
 - d. **The Fall of Babylon (18)**
 - e. The Battle of Armageddon (19)

II. THE IDENTITY OF "THE BEAST"

A. The Seven Heads ... seven mountains (cf. Jeremiah 51:24-26; Daniel 2:34-35,44-45) ... seven kings

1. FIVE HAVE FALLEN ... Greece ... Assyria ... Babylon ... Medo-Persia ... Greece
2. ONE IS ... Rome

753 BC	Romanus establishes Roma
149 BC	Rome conquers Greece
330 AD	Constantine moves the empire to Byzantium (Constantinople)
476 AD	Rome falls to Germanic troops ... ends the Western Roman Empire
800 AD	Charlemagne, king of the Franks, is crowned by Pope Leo III and founds the Holy Roman Empire
811 AD	The Eastern Roman Empire recognizes Charlemagne as emperor of Roma
1453 AD	Eastern Roman Empire Falls to the Turks
1806 AD	Holy Roman Empire is dissolved by Francis II who abdicated during the Napoleonic Wars
3. ONE IS NOT YET ... But when he comes, he must continue a short time (oligos - a little or few ... he must continue a little/few)
4. THE EIGHTH - The beast THAT WAS, AND IS NOT, is himself also the eighth - and is of the seven, and is going to perdition (cf. Rev 13: 1-3)
 1. It Needs To Be One That Was - Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece
 2. It Cannot Be Egypt or Assyria (cf. Isaiah 19: 23-25) ... that leaves Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece
 3. It Must Be Babylon (cf. Jeremiah 51: 1-9)



B. The Ten Horns (cf. Jeremiah 51:24-26; Daniel 2:34-35,44-45) ... they are ten kings

1. THEY ARE TEN KINGS WHO HAVE RECEIVED NO KINGDOM AS YET
2. THEY WILL RECEIVE AUTHORITY FOR ONE HOUR AS KINGS WITH THE BEAST - **The Eighth Kingdom!**
3. THEY WILL BE OF ONE MIND
4. THEY WILL GIVE THEIR POWER AND AUTHORITY TO THE BEAST
5. THEY WILL MAKE WAR WITH THE LAMB
6. THEY WILL HATE THE HARLOT

III. THE IDENTITY OF “BABYLON” ... The final kingdom of the beast

A. The History of Babylon

1. IT ORIGIN’S: THE LAND OF SHINAR (cf. **Gen 10: 8-12; 11:1-9**; Daniel 1: 1-2; Zechariah 5: 5-11)
 - a. Nimrod’s Expansions (Gen 10: 8-12 ... Babylon ... Nineveh) ... the beginning of his kingdom was at Babel
 - b. The Tower of Babel (Gen 11: 1-9)
 - c. Noah and Abraham were from this area (Genesis 8:4; 11:1-2; 11:31; Joshua 24: 2-3)
2. IT’S NAME:
 - * Babylon is the Greek variant of Akkadian *Babilu* - meaning “gateway of the god(s)”. In Hebrew it is lbb - babel to mean “confusion”
3. IT’S CURRENT CONDITION:
 - * September 2003 ... CAMP BABYLON ... Multinational Division South Central Iraq is headquartered in the amphitheater at Babylon. The camp is home to a number of coalition countries supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom - including Poland, Spain, the United Kingdom, France and Germany - all under the command of the Multinational Defense Force Southeast, on MND(SE).
 - * January 2005 ... Polish forces transferred control to the Iraqi Culture Ministry
 - * A \$700,000 project by the World Monuments Fund, financed by the U.S. State Department, was supposed to address both conservation and tourism at Babylon, but has not yet begun work at the site (Steve Lee Myers, Babylon Ruins Reopen in Iraq, to Controversy, NY Times, May 3, 2009; <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/05/03/world/middleeast/03babylon.html>)

B. The Mystery of Babylon ... how could Babylon be the center of world dominance again?

1. LOCAL CONTEXT (Revelation 14:8, 16:19, 17:5, 18:2,10,21)
2. GREATER CONTEXT ... The 1st Beast (false prophet) will set up image of 2nd Beast (anti-christ) for all to worship (cf. Daniel 2 & 3)
3. PROPHETICAL CONTEXT
 - a. Isaiah 13 & 14 (13: 9-14; 14: 4, 9, 12-15)
 - b. Zechariah 5: 5-11

C. The Composition of Babylon

1. _____ BABYLON (Revelation 13 & 14; 17:8-14)
2. _____ BABYLON (Revelation 17)
3. _____ BABYLON (Revelation 18)

INTROSPECTION

☞ ARE YOU “COMING OUT” OF THE BABYLONIAN SYSTEM OF THE WORLD?

- * Revelation 18: 4 “I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.”
- * 2 Corinthians 6:14- 7:1
- * Romans 12: 1-2

☞ THE VICTORY BELONGS TO YHWH! HIS KINGDOM SHALL STAND!