

Daniel & Revelation End-time Prophecies Sermon Series
Study #67: Great Whore on Scarlet Beast
Revelation 17:1 - 7
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What does John see next after the vision of the seven last plagues?

Revelation 17:1

1 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 sitteth upon many waters**.

Who is talking with John here? One of the seven which had the vials of the seven last plagues

What will the angel show John? The Judgment of the great whore

John will see the finality of God's investigative, sentencing, and executive phase of the great whore.

A whore is a corrupt woman who sells the sacred secret parts of her body to fulfill the sexual lust of men and women in exchange for money!

Another name for whore is a prostitute, harlot, or adulteress.

Remember, spiritually a pure woman in the Bible represents God's true church.

Ephesians 5:25-27

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

A Church Whore

A church who has corrupted itself with the world and the commandments of men is known as a whore or harlot. A church that spiritually cheats on God. It corrupts the purity and truth of God's Word in order to fulfill the lustful desires of themselves and others in exchange for money and power.

James 4:4

4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

2 Timothy 4:3-4

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Titus 1:10-11

10 For there are many **unruly** and **vain talkers and deceivers**, specially they of the circumcision [those who were considered God's chosen people]:

11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for **filthy lucre's [greedy money] sake**.

2 Peter 2:1-3

1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

3 And through **covetousness** shall they with feigned words make **merchandise of you**: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

What did God call backsliding Israel and Judah who corrupted themselves with disobedience, idolatry, and worldliness?

Isaiah 1:21 How is the faithful city become **an harlot!** it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.

Jeremiah 3:8

8 And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played **the harlot** also.

Even though Israel played the harlot, they wanted the blessings of God and to still be called "Israel"! The same is true for apostate churches today, they want to serve the world, but still be called "Christian."

2 Timothy 3:5-8

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also **resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.**

Going back to Revelation 17:1, who is the GREAT WHORE that sitteth upon many waters?

Revelation 17:2

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.**

Verse 2 connects with the second angel's message in Revelation 14:8 and is repeated in Revelation 18:3.

Revelation 14:8

8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she **made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.**

Revelation 18:3

3 For **all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication**, and the **kings of the earth have committed fornication with her**, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

The one who **made all nations drink of the wine of Babylon** is no doubt the GREAT WHORE of Revelation 17!

It is clear that the GREAT WHORE is part of Babylon. Those who drink the GREAT WHORE's wine will commit fornication against God. They will also become whores and harlot themselves.

Go back to Revelation 7:3, what is another characteristic that clearly identifies this GREAT WHORE?

Revelation 17:3

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

There is NO doubt that the woman that John sees sitting upon the scarlet (red) beast is the GREAT WHORE described in verses 1 and 2.

Revelation 17:3 connects us back to Revelation 12:3 and 13:1.

Notice in Revelation 12:3 Satan is identified as the great red dragon

Revelation 12:3

3 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.

Let's go the description of the beast in Revelation 13:1

Revelation 13:1

1 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.

Like the dragon (Satan), the beast also has seven heads and ten horns!

The beast in Revelation 13 is the same beast in Revelation 17, but John is given more details of this beast!

Who is the beast that has already identified in our previous studies? Papal Rome.

Going back to Revelation 17:3, the red colored beast is full of the names blasphemy, also in Revelation 13:1 it is full of blasphemy with names of blasphemy on every head!

Why is the beast red in color in Revelation 17?

The symbolic and prophetic picture of the red colored beast is a reminder of who gives power and works inside the beast, Papal Rome.

Revelation 13:2-4

2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the **dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.**

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

4 And they **worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast**: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

The red beast identifies the power within the beast, Satan himself is clearly revealed in Revelation 17. He is the evil that was behind all the seven kingdoms since Babylon to the seventh, Papal Rome.

In Isaiah 14, God talks about the wicked king of Babylon but at the same time talks about the one who empowers the wickedness of Babylon, Satan who was Lucifer that was kicked out of Heaven because of his rebellion against God.

Isaiah 14:4-5

4 That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!

5 The LORD hath broken the staff of the wicked, and the sceptre of the rulers.

Isaiah 14:12-15

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Satan is fallen is fallen. The first fallen, Satan fell away from the truth because of his rebellion. The second fallen is his judgment. Satan and 1/3 of the angels that rebelled against God were kicked out of Heaven and will be destroyed in hellfire. Their investigative and executive phase of judgment is already in effect. The first phase of the executive judgment is that they were kicked out of Heaven, the second phase is that they will be totally destroyed in hellfire!

Going back to the red beast – remember, Papal Rome is the puppet and Satan is the hand that causes the movements of the beast.

Remember Papal Rome is both a religious and political power. It is both a sovereign nation and a religion. The Bible prophesies that Papal Rome is the wounded head that will be healed and all the world will wonder and worship the beast. Papal Rome is the seventh kingdom.

In Revelation 17, the great whore that sits on the beast depicts Papal Rome's apostate and blasphemous religious power that controls its political power over the nations as the beast. The red color shows the Dragon that powers the beast. John is given a more detailed picture of the characteristics of Papal Rome and Satan who is their inner core.

Notice something very interesting when you compare Revelation 17:1 with verse 3.

Originally where does this GREAT WHORE come out of? Many waters.

Remember, what does the waters represents prophetically?

Revelation 17:15

15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

Historically, Papal Rome is the fifth empire (538 – 1798) that came out of the old western part of the Pagan Roman Empire which is modern Europe today. Their headquarters is still in Vatican.

Notice in Revelation 17:3 where does John later see in vision this GREAT WHORE as a woman sitting on a scarlet colored beast? In the wilderness

As we continue our study in Revelation 17 we will see that John is getting a vision of the Papal Rome at the end of time during the time of the sixth empire. See that in verse 10

Revelation 17:10

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.

Five kingdoms fallen since Babylon: Babylon, Medo Persia, Greece, Rome, Papal Rome. Based on Daniel 11 study, USSR (atheistic communist empire) is the sixth empire. The seventh empire is Papal Rome, with its wounded head healed. Papal Rome as the seventh empire will not rule for 1260 years, it will only rule for 1260 literal days based on our study in Daniel 12 and Revelation 13, a short space.

Now remember again, Revelation chapters 13 and 17 link together, there are some similarities that we can glean from this in order to get a complete picture.

In Revelation 13:11 what worldwide superpower, beast with two horns like a lamb, comes out of the earth? United States of America.

Earth represents prophetically the opposite of the sea. The earth represents a sparsely populated wilderness as compared to Europe. USA rose out of the wilderness from its beginning. A republic nation in which the people ruled history with the separation of church and state.

So why does John see Papal Rome, the Great Whore, sitting on the red colored beast in the wilderness?

When you link Revelation chapters 13 and 17 together at the end of time according to Revelation 13:12 which nation causeth the earth to worship the beast? The United States of America

Revelation 13:12

12 And he exerciseth [causeth] all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

So again Revelation chapter 13 and 17 verifies that John is seeing our day in the vision in which the superpower of the earth, the United States of America is being used by the beast as a platform to have power over the world. **In our previous studies we saw that Papal Rome has been able to infiltrate ALL levels of our branches of government in the judicial, executive, and legislative.**

What is the GREAT WHORE Papal Rome on the red colored beast wearing and what is in her hand?

Revelation 17:4

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

Papal Rome sits as a king on the red beast arrayed in the royal color of purple. The red represent shows the link to the red colored beast and the red dragon Satan. The red also reveals their persecuting power of the past and end times that spilled the blood of God's true Christians.

The cardinals of Papal Rome are known to wear red and many of its priest wear purple also during their blasphemous mass.

Like a king, she decks herself with gold, precious stones, and pearl! This depiction show Papal as king of the world with a gold cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness.

This is the cup full of Babylonian wine that Papal Rome that has her wine of the wrath of her fornication. She gets ALL nations and kings of the earth to drink from her golden cup that she gets all nations and kings of the earth to drink. The abomination and filthiness in the cup of Papal Rome are her false doctrines and deceptions that cause all who drink it intoxicated and confused.

What other names does Revelation 17 give to Papal Rome that reveals her true character?**Revelation 17:5**

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

Remember behind the forehead is the frontal lobe of the brain. The frontal lobe is where we make decisions for right or wrong, it is where our characters are formed. Verse 5 reveals more characteristics of Papal Rome.

Mystery – secretive

Babylon the Great – The head of spiritual Babylon – confusion

Mother of Harlots – mother of all apostate churches who have united with her in rebellion against the true God of the Bible.

Abominations of the Earth

Regardless of the robe of religion and kingship that Papal Rome wears, God reveals its true character is full of abominations! Don't get confused with its words and deeds that make it appear that it is concerned for the environment and promoting peace! The organization is filthy - recent news has revealed this. How can anyone not know what is going on behind the scenes? The Bible also reveals that what they have done in the past, they are doing today to gain power and persecute the true remnant people of God. **God reveals their abominations of the earth.**

There are many people who point to the many charities that Papal Rome has set up all over the world. They try to use this as an indication of her spiritual cleanliness. Why? False charity makes an outward appearance for the respect and approval of men.

How does the Bible describe true love or charity?

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

- 1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
- 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.
- 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.
- 4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,
- 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;
- 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;
- 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

This is true charity. If someone claims Christ but does not keep the commandments of God, they do not have the true love of God. If they are still wallowing in sin and worldliness, they do not love for God and others regardless of what they show outwardly. It is impossible to have the true love of God, while still in sin.

There are many people who believe as long as they do some good charitable work, that Jesus will accept their charitable works as an atonement for their sins. This is a lie.

True charity is not puffed up with pride, it does not envy. True love does not think evil, in other words they keep ALL the commandments of God.

Do you think Papal Rome, who thinks they have the right to change God's law, has true love? Those who rebel against God's commandments do not love God, they hate Him!

Why do Papal Rome and others perform false acts of charity?

Matthew 23:5

5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments.

Matthew 6:1-2

- 1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.
- 2 Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

What does God call those who are respecters of persons?

Respect of person (Greek) = showing partiality to someone because of their display

James 2:3-4, 9

- 3 And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay (magnificent) clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:
- 4 Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?
- 9 But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

This is what the world does and those in Babylon. Because of their outward display of wealth or power, people are held in high esteem treated better than others.

God does not show any partiality because of their display. God is not impressed with jewels, fashions, and pomp of men.

1 Peter 1:17

17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

Romans 2:11

11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

In the investigative judgment we are judge based on our complete reflection of the character of God. In the last days, those who do not completely have the image of Christ will have the image of the beast!

What does the vision reveal about the persecuting character of Papal Rome in the last days?

Revelation 17:6

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.

Wondered (Greek) = marvel

Admiration (Greek) = wondered

"I wondered with great admiration" was an expression of John's shock of the persecuting power of the Papal Rome at the end of time.

What was Daniel's reaction when he saw the persecuting power of Papal Rome as the fifth Empire in vision, depicted as the little horn?

Daniel 7:28

28 Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

Daniel 8:27

27 And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it.

What was the angel's response to John's reaction to the vision?

Revelation 17:7

7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

In other words, John, you have not seen anything yet. Let me explain more about this whore and scarlet colored beast that will happen when she becomes the seventh empire. Watch until the end it gets very interesting.

What does the angel show John? To be continued.