

# **THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION**

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## Revelation 17:1–18

- 1 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, “Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters,
- 2 with whom the kings of the earth committed *acts of* immorality, and those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her immorality.”

## **Revelation 17:1–18**

- 3 And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns.**
- 4 The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality,**

## Revelation 17:1–18

- 5 and on her forehead a name *was* written, a mystery, “BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”
- 6 And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. When I saw her, I wondered greatly.

## Revelation 17:1–18

**7 And the angel said to me, “Why do you wonder? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.**

## Revelation 17:1–18

- 8 “The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come.

## Revelation 17:1–18

- 9 “Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits,
- 10 and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while.
- 11 “The beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth and is *one* of the seven, and he goes to destruction.

## **Revelation 17:1–18**

**12 “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour.**

**13 “These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast.**



## Revelation 17:1–18

14 “These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him *are the* called and chosen and faithful.”

15 And he said to me, “The waters which you saw where the harlot sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues.

## **Revelation 17:1–18**

- 16 “And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire.**
- 17 “For God has put it in their hearts to execute His purpose by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled.**

## **Revelation 17:1–18**

**18 “The woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth.”**



# Place in the Book of Revelation

- I.** What you have seen (Rev 1).
- II.** What is now (Rev 2–3)—the seven churches of Asia Minor.
- III.** What will take place after these things (Rev 4–22).
  - A.** The Seven Seals (4:1–8:1)
  - B.** The Seven Trumpets (8:2–11:19)
  - C.** The Unholy Trinity (12:1–14:20)
  - D.** The Seven Bowls (15:1–16:21)
  - E.** The Great Harlot (17:1–18)

## **E. The Great Harlot (17:1–18)**

- 1. John Invited to See the Judgment of the Great Harlot (17:1–6)**
  - a. The Angel (v. 1a)**
  - b. The Harlot (vv. 1b–6)**
    - Sits on many waters (1b)**
    - Seduces kings (2)**
    - Is a woman (3)**
    - Seated on a scarlet beast (3)**
    - Arrayed in purple & scarlet (4)**

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    - Adorned with gold, precious stones, & pearls (4)**
    - Holds a golden cup (4)**
    - Has a name on her forehead (5)**
    - Drunk with blood (6)**



## **Question for Discussion**

**How do we know that  
the prophecies about Babylon  
have not yet been fulfilled?**



# Babylon

- **Isaiah 13–14 contain prophecies of events in the Day of Yahweh (13:6, 9).**
- **Jeremiah 50–51 contain prophecies also best identified with the Day of Yahweh.**
- **Alexander the Great spent 1 month in Babylon on his way to India, returning in 323 B.C. to begin successful reconstruction.**

# Babylon

- Antiochus IV (175–163 B.C.) began a revival of industry and learning in Babylon.
- Parthians captured the city.
- Trajan visited the site in A.D. 116.
- Emperor Julian destroyed the walls of Babylon during a campaign to Persia (363 A.D.).
- Well-known for commerce during the Sassanid period (226–636 A.D.).

# Babylon

- In 1916 there were four villages, at least one farm, and many palm groves within the boundaries of the ancient city of Babylon.
- In 1949 the city of Hillah with about 20,000 existed within the ancient city boundaries—the capital of the district of Babil. Now it has 290,000 inhabitants.
- In 1972 the UN granted financial aid to Iraq to restore the ancient ruins of Babylon.

# Babylon



- In February 2012 Al Jazeera reported that efforts were underway to restore Babylon's glory. The report noted that Saddam Hussein built his own palace on top of Babylon's north palace. It is now a hotel in Hillah.

# Babylon



- **US and Polish forces occupied the site up until 2009. Now they just fly over it.**

# Babylon

- How does this history, past and current, relate to:
  - “They will not take from you *even* a stone for a corner Nor a stone for foundations, But you will be desolate forever,” declares the LORD. (Jeremiah 51:26)
  - “Babylon will become a heap *of ruins*, a haunt of jackals, An object of horror and hissing, without inhabitants.” (Jeremiah 51:37)



## **E. The Great Harlot (17:1–18)**

### **2. Interpretation (17:7–18)** — Key: “kingdom/king”

#### **a. The Mystery (v. 7)**

#### **b. The Beast (vv. 8–14)**

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# 7 Kings

Daniel 2:31–45

**##1–5:** “five have fallen”

Babylon

Medo-Persia

Greece

Rome

The Beast

**#6:** “one is”: the Harlot

**#7:** “the other has not yet come”

Daniel 7:1–27





# 7 Kings

**#8:** “The beast which was and is not, is himself an **eighth** and is *one* of the seven”

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- **10 horns = 10 kings (12–14)**

# 10 Kings

- Authority of the 10 received together with the Beast (12).
- Authority of the 10 is for a short time (12).
- The 10 have one purpose (13).
- The 10 voluntarily yield their power to the Beast (13).
- The 10 wage war against the Lamb (14).

## **Question for Discussion**

**Are the 10 kings  
the European Union?**

# 10 Kings and European Union?

- The two legs of the great statue of Daniel 2 represent the western and eastern divisions of the Roman Empire.
- The ten toes of that statue are not all on one leg.
- The ten toes are the equivalent of the ten horns in Revelation 17.
- They are not the European Union.

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  - c. The Waters = Nations (v. 15)**
  - d. The Harlot’s Destruction (vv. 16–18)**
    - Catastrophe (16)**
    - Cause (17)**
    - City (18)**

# Implications Regarding Jesus Christ

- **Jesus is the enemy of the Great Harlot.**
- **Jesus's witnesses face martyrdom by the Great Harlot.**
- **Jesus is the enemy of the 10 kings of the end times.**
- **Jesus will be victorious over the 10 kings.**
- **Jesus is the Lord of lords and the King of kings.**