

THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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Mission Statement

This study of the Book of Revelation gives special attention to the testimony it provides concerning our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. “The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy” (Rev 19:10; cp. 1:2), leading us to worship and serve Him in everything.

- 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)
 1. John Invited to See the Judgment of the Great Harlot (17:1–6)
 - Literal Babylon: Jeremiah 51:7, 13
 - a. The Angel (v. 1a)—one of the 7 with the bowls (cf. 16:19; 21:9)
 - b. The Harlot (vv. 1b–6)
 - The Harlot sits on many waters (v. 1b): influence over many peoples (cf. v. 15).
 - The Harlot seduces kings to commit immorality (v. 2): reason for judgment.
 - The Harlot is a woman (v. 3; cp. v. 18): a city.
 - The Harlot is seated on a scarlet beast (v. 3; cp. 13:1–10): association.
 - The Harlot is arrayed in purple and scarlet (v. 4): royal authority.
 - The Harlot is adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls (v. 4): wealth.
 - The Harlot holds a golden cup of abominations (v. 4): she seduces nations (cf. v. 2).
 - The Harlot has a name upon her forehead (v. 5): a custom with harlots.
 - The Harlot is drunk with blood (v. 6): kills the witnesses of Jesus.
 2. Interpretation of the Great Harlot (17:7–18) — Key = “kingdom/king”
 - a. The Mystery (v. 7; cf. v. 5)—see 2 Thessalonians 2:7
 - b. The Beast (vv. 8–14)
 - Imitation of the resurrection of Christ (v. 8): “he was and is not and will come”
 - 7 heads = 7 mountains = 7 kings (vv. 9–11).
 - ✓ ##1–5: “five have fallen”: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome (**Daniel 2:31–45**), and **the Beast** (cf. v. 8; **Daniel 7:4–27**).
 - ✓ #6: “one is”: the Harlot (cf. v. 18).

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- ✓ #7: “the other has not yet come” (cf. v. 12).
- ✓ #8: “The beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth and is *one* of the seven” (v. 11).
- 10 horns = 10 kings (vv. 12–14).
 - ✓ Authority of the 10 received together with the Beast (v. 12).
 - ✓ Authority of the 10 is for a short time (v. 12).
 - ✓ The 10 have one purpose—to fulfill the bidding of the Beast (v. 13).
 - ✓ The 10 voluntarily yield their power to the Beast for establishing his kingdom (v. 13).
 - ✓ The 10 will wage war against the Lamb, who will be victorious over them (v. 14).
- c. The Waters = Nations (17:15; cf. v. 1)
- d. The Harlot’s Destruction (17:16–18)
 - The catastrophe (v. 16): the Harlot receives just recompense.
 - The cause (v. 17): God intervenes to use wicked men to accomplish His purpose.
 - The city (v. 18): rebuilt Babylon in the end times.

Questions for Discussion

- a. How do we know that the prophecies about Babylon have not yet been fulfilled?
- b. Are the 10 kings the European Union?

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.