

THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST
"The Destruction of Mystery Babylon" Part 2
Revelation 17:7-18

INTRODUCTION:

1. Last week we traced the Beginning of false religious systems back to The Tower of Babel.
 - a) Genesis 6:5-10
 - b) Genesis 9:1-7
 - c) Genesis 10:6-10
 - d) Genesis 11

2. As legend has it, Nimrod had a wife by the name of Se-mir-a-mis.
 - a) Semiramis had a son by the name of Tamuz.
 - b) Tamuz was conceived by a sunbeam.
 - 1) Very Important: Satan was the mastermind behind all of this!!!
 - a. Cf. Genesis 3:16
 - c) When Tamuz was grown up (legend has it) Tamuz was killed by a wild boar.
 - d) After 40 days (Lent) of weeping for her son, Tamuz was raised from the dead.
 - e) At the end of the 40 days they celebrated the Feast of Ishtar (Easter) with Ishtar eggs (Easter Eggs) which celebrated new life.

3. TODAY *We feel the ripple effects of that perverted spiritual Idolatry.*

4. This powerful prostitute has so much influence that her intoxicating schemes are practiced throughout the world.
 - a) Vs 15

III. THE GREAT RELIGIOUS PROSTITUTE

1. Vs 1
 - a) "*prostitute*" - Gk. "*porne*" - often translated "*harlot*".

2. *2 Corinthians 11:2*

3. *James 4:4*

4. Vs 1
 - a) "*who is seated on many waters*"
 - 1) Are people and multitudes and nations and tongues of the earth.

5. The entire world will be committed to the false worship of the Babylonian system.
 - a) Vs 15

IV. THE INTOXICATION OF THE PROSTITUTE

1. Vs 2

a) *"have committed sexual immorality"*

b) *"the dwellers of the earth have become drunk"*

1) All the unredeemed will be caught up in this final false religion.

2. This powerful prostitute has so much influence that her intoxicating schemes are practiced throughout the world.

a) Vs 17

V. THE ANTICHRIST AND THE WOMAN COMBINE POWERS

1. Vs 3

a) *"and I saw the woman sitting on the beast"*

1) The unifying and controlling factor of Antichrist's kingdom will be religion.

2. Vs 4a

a) Scarlet is the color associated with luxury.

b) Scarlet is also the color associated with sin.

1) *Isaiah 1:18*

4. Vs 4b

5. The Antichrist will be a slanderous royal sinful, bloody beast, full of blasphemous names.

6. Vs 5

a) *"mother of prostitutes"*

1) To be a mother means she gave birth and has children.

b) Babylon's mother is Babel!!

VI. THE ABOMINATION OF PAGAN WORSHIP

1. Revelation 17:6

) But he *"marveled greatly"* that Religious Rome could be so cruel.

2. The prostitute of the END will have **two faces**.

a) **Apostacy and Religion**

1) **Apostacy** - is a departure from the truth

- a. Apostasy is happening all around us.
 - b. Pulpits, radio, television, abound with false doctrine.
- 2) **Religion** - is having the truth and not obeying it.
- b) **1 Timothy 4:1-2**

- 3. Apostasy is happening all around us.
 - a) Francis Shaffer once said, "***The world is on fire. We live in the post-Christian world which is under the Judgment of God.***"

- 4. **QUESTION:** "*Why are the teachers of False doctrines so successful?*"
 - a) **2 Timothy 4:3-4**

- 5. The foreshadows of this future one-world religion can be seen in the two faces of Mystery Babylon: Apostasy - Religion.

- 6. **1 John 5:3**

VII. THE MYSTERY OF THIS RELATIONSHIP

- 1. **Vs 7-8**
 - a) Sounds like a riddle.

- 2. The Prostitute of this relationship dominates the Antichrist and controls the leader of the revived Roman Empire.

- 3. **Vs 7**
 - a) "***the Beast with seven heads and 10 horns***"

- 4. The seven heads have 2 meanings: Seven mountains and seven kings.
 - a) The seven mountains are synonymous with the **seven hills of Rome**.
 - b) The seven kings are explained - **Vs 9-10**
 - 1) **Julius Caesar**
 - 2) **Tiberius**
 - 3) **Caligula**
 - 4) **Claudius**
 - 5) **Nero**
 - 6) **Domitian** was reigning - probably the cruelest of all.
 - 7) When John wrote this one king was yet future!!
 - a) This 7th king or kingdom is the Revived Roman Empire, that will be headed by the **Antichrist**.

- 5. **Vs 8**

- a) When the Antichrist first appears, he will be an ordinary man.
 - 1) "*the Beast that you saw was*"
- b) Then he will be assassinated.
 - 1) "*and is not*"
- c) Then he is brought back to life by Satanic power.
 - 1) "*and is about to rise from the bottomless pit (Abyss) and go to destruction.*"

VIII. THE POWER HUNGRY APOSTATE RELIGIOUS SYSTEM

1. Vs 9

- a) "*This calls for a mind with wisdom*"

2. Vs 9

- a) "*the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated*"

3. Seven hills formed the nucleus of the ancient city.

- a) **Palatine; Aventine; Caelian; Esquiline; Viminal; Quirinal; and Copaline.**

4. Vs 10

- a) **Egypt; Assyria; Babylon; Medo-Persia; Greece;** - have fallen
- b) **Rome** - one is
- c) **Revived Roman Empire** - the other has not yet come

5. Vs 11

- a) The eighth is the beast himself.

6. Vs 12-14

IX. THE DESTRUCTION OF THE HARLOT

1. Vs 16-18

2. Babylon the Great, the mother of prostitutes, symbolizes the religious system that will dominate the great one-world government with her seductive power.

3. Vs 16

5. Vs 17-18