

Revelation: The Time is Near

## Mystery, Babylon

Revelation 17

### Revelation Review:

- John on Patmos, **revealed** Jesus in glory
- **The end of the world (as we know it) - The Great Tribulation**, 7 years (number of completion, perfection)
- **Judgment on the nations and those who follow satan**
- **A last ditch effort to get the world to repent**
  
- **The past, present and future revealed**
- **The END revealed**
- **The CHURCH revealed**
- **HEAVEN revealed**
- **JESUS revealed**
  
- **[Today: BABYLON revealed]**

### Previously:

- A world in allegiance with a world leader, with a mark, worship
- Many judgments, plagues, disasters, war, famine, death
- Martyrs
- No repentance from those with the mark
- Seven bowls, seven last plagues
- Still no repentance

### [Pray]

*As we read this chapter, don't panic, it is mysterious at first, but it will explain itself, and we will take a deeper dive into the meaning of the imagery.*

## Revelation 17:1-2

### Imagine being John

Another angel, one of those beings from the temple, pouring out the wrath of God  
Comes and almost casually speaks with him

### The benefit of being in God's court. Of being close to God.

Casually and seriously, distinctly, separated unto the things of God

Privy to the things behind the scenes

Aware of what's really going on in the world

All because of being close to Jesus, having his name on and over your life

### **Judgment of the Great Prostitute Who Sits on Many Waters**

It's said that prostitution is the oldest profession on earth.

I would disagree, it's not a "profession" in the honorable sense

And ruling over man is the oldest "profession" on earth, all the way back to the garden

### **Kings of the earth commit adultery**

*Adultery and idolatry*

### **Inhabitants of the earth**

**Made** drunk with the wine of her sexual immorality

Both made by it, and I believe in some sense, coerced by it, into it, by the kings - rulers, rich and powerful, influencers, leaders

### **"I will show you the judgment of [her]"**

What we're about to read is setting up who she is, who's hand she's destroyed by, and ch 18 extols her fall

## **:3-6**

### **Carried away in the Spirit into the wilderness**

I picture as in the matrix, zoomed off into the loading room or the explanation of the real world

This is not a vision, like the others, over the the Crystal Sea

I think it's more grounded in reality. A real show behind the scenes, in the wilderness

### **God created a garden, but sin transformed it into a wilderness**

Not that there's a woman somewhere behind the curtain, but that **throughout history there are entities** at work throughout all powers and cultures.

### **Dan 10:13**

### **Daniel praying, answer held up by a battle with the Prince of Persia**

NT talks about spiritual powers and rulers behind the scenes and that Jesus has disarmed them

### **Woman on Scarlet Beast**

Colors can have meaning - design, fast food colors: red, yellow, orange, etc.

Scarlet red, brilliant red - represents government

*Governments and red...in our modern times Soviet Russia, Communist China, all use a brilliant red. And communism has been one of the most controlling, tyrannical, murderous and treacherous forms of government throughout all of history. Consider the 20th century.*

But this is bigger than communism. It is the system that has been built on controlling man spiritually, physically and eternally - away from God - from the very beginning.

**A final kingdom**, ultimate power, with multiple heads, multiple nations, multiple rulers, all united into one large beast.

**Government is not your friend, it is a beast.**

Governments continually grow - every new administration feels the need to add new laws to continually try to "fix" society by expanding it's own power - when previous expansions did nothing to fix the problem

**This beast is unstoppable as it comes to power**, takes over everything. It's not dependent on specific rulers or powers, it will use and consume whatever it takes to maintain power.

We're seeing it form the earth into multiple regional powers now  
NATO, UN, EU, BRIC

*Seven continents, 10 leaders? Seven regions, 10 leaders? We'll see more later.*

*"Babylon, to them (the Jews), was the essence of all evil, the embodiment of cruelty, the foe of God's people, and the lasting type of sin, carnality, lust and greed." (Tenney)*

*But under the Antichrist, Babylon (in both its religious and commercial aspects) will have influence over the earth as never before.*

**The Woman**

Fine clothing, jewelry - rich, wealthy, desirable  
But what she offers is immorality, abomination

**There's few things God calls an abomination**

- 1 - the sins that defined Sodom & Gomorrah - homosexuality
  - 2 - Men dressing as women and women dressing as men
  - 3 - Lying lips
  - 4 - Abomination of desolation - the replacement of God in his rightful place on earth
- Goes on - interesting study

**Are these not the things most prevalent in society today, being espoused through government decree?**

*Rev 13:1, ac and dictatorship, what she rides on*

*i. "Her position, that of riding the beast, indicates on the one hand that she is supported by the political power of the beast, and on the other that she is in a dominant role and at least outwardly controls and directs the beast." (Walvoord)*

*ii. Her association with blasphemy and the dragon's beast are clearly seen from God's perspective. But to the people of the earth she will look quite religious, and have the "faith" everybody wants.*

The Scarlet Letter - old novel of a woman marked with a red letter to show her sin

***Simaramis, Tammuz - false messiah miraculously conceived***

*– Jeremiah mentions the heathen practice of making cakes for the queen of heaven (Jeremiah 7:18) and offering incense to the queen of heaven (Jeremiah 44:17-19, 44:25)*

**False religion**

Wokeness, globalism, environmentalism, mysticism, psychedelic drugs, COEXIST (except ya know)

***Marx "Religion is the opiate of the masses."***

**Idolatry = adultery**

Even quote "god's people" will be a part

Israelites and idolatry

Catholics and idolatry - look at the things the pope endorses and espouses today...spirit of the ac

7 churches - many will be caught up

*Videos on christian artists and there turning from biblical truth to endorsing and even living in sinful, abominous ways*

**This false religion "it is likely to appear as attractive and spiritual, though not necessarily moral."**

**Is this not the same as the doctrine of demons put forth from the tree in the garden?**

*ii. There is a stark contrast between the woman of Revelation 12 (representing Israel, God's people), and this woman (representing idolatrous, false religion).*

*She is the embodiment of Satan's own ecumenical movement – the religion of the world system*

*ii. Our world, strong with the philosophy that it doesn't matter what you believe as long as you believe, is prepared for the harlot's seduction. We see the casual disregard for the truth crippling the church today.*

**The church today...caught up in this system and potentially won't be caught up in the rapture**

*The woman not only persecutes, she also revels in her persecution of the godly as a drunk revels in wine.*

**Throughout history tyrants have taken advantage of people and found it an easy way to control people through religion**

Our western world has undergone a religious vacuum, taking the God of the Bible out of everything - even the church

And what has rushed in? Hinduism. Buddhism. Islam. The tenants thereof. Atheism. Agnosticism. Mysticism.

**And all sorts of abominations taking place today are because we've pushed God out.**

Rules for thee but not for me - those in charge, we've easily seen during Covid, could care less about their decrees, they know they're meaningless except for control.

**Satan has used all of this throughout history - to entrap man and begin to bring him under government control - spiritual government, physical government - using sin as a lure and addiction as a bond**

**SHE IS DRUNK with the Blood of saints vs blood of the martyrs (all saints throughout history, specific saints of trib)**

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**Why do you marvel?**

These things should not be a mystery to us as believers. They are at first, we may see things that are odd, and think maybe that's connected, want to believe otherwise...but when we come to God. When we see the End. When everything is **revealed** it should be no mystery. Why? Because it is fact.

**Was and is not, ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to destruction**

Comes to power, assassination, false resurrection

Also judgment, locked up for 1,000 years during Christ's reign, then goes to permanent hell

Satan, antichrist

Specifically this world government

*The difference between US government and other governments, at least in founding principles...is Godly principles.*

**Unbelievers will marvel at him, at his system, at his power, his authority, his political and “enlightened” genius**

They will follow like the pied piper

**This government will use all means of deception to gain and maintain control**

Those who believe will never go along with it. They can't. It's revealed to them.

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**Seven heads, seven mountains**

Mountains sometimes are representative of Governments in the Bible

*Rome was on seven hills but this is merely a type of the kingdom.*

*A kingdom that went dormant a few thousand years ago, but will be revived.*

**Rome was a political and world dominating powerhouse**

It was also a spiritual powerhouse

It's spirituality was so strong, so engrained in society, that when it did accept Christianity - mind you, eventually from the government down, the government and society perverted that Christianity into Catholicism

*It is probably better to see the seven mountains as representing the seven kings and kingdoms described in Revelation 17:10. Many people find the connection between religious Babylon and Roman Catholicism irresistible, yet it is flawed in the sense that there is no doubt that religious **Babylon will incorporate a strong Roman Catholic element, but it will be much bigger than Roman Catholicism.***

*ii. In addressing a “prayer gathering” of Christians, Muslims, Jews, Buddhists and others, **Pope John Paul II told participants that their efforts were “unleashing profound spiritual energies in the world and bringing about a new climate of peace.” The Pope pledged that “the Catholic Church intends to ‘share in and promote’ such ecumenical and inter-religious cooperation.”***

*iii. The Catholic Review commented on this and said, “The unity of religion promoted by the Holy Father Pope John Paul II and approved by His Holiness the Dalai Lama is not a goal to be achieved immediately, but a day may come when the love and compassion which both Buddha and Christ preached so eloquently will unite the world in a common effort to save humanity from senseless destruction, and lead toward the light in which we all believe.”*

*Five have fallen refers to the five world empires before John's day: **Egypt, Assyria, Babylonia, Medo-Persia, and Greece***

*One is refers to the world empire of John's day: **Rome***

*The other has not yet come refers to the one world empire to come: a revival of the Roman Empire*

*b. When he comes, he must continue a short time: This seventh will quickly be taken over by an eighth – and will become the state of the Antichrist (Revelation 17:11).*

*i. There are problems with this viewpoint as well (so some have taken the seven as symbolic). This plainly is a difficult passage!*

There's going to be a loose alliance, some will ally with the AC, some will eventually revolt  
The world system will come together and a leader will take over it all. Probably prompting some of these regions to revolt, the assassination attempt, the false resurrection and demand for worshipping him. Likely mid-way through the trib.

## **:12-14**

### **10 Horns, 10 kings**

Kings for one hour, short time

**[1Jo 2:18 NKJV] 18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.**

### **Of one mind - will give authority to the Beast**

They willingly hand over their kingdom. They all are thinking the same thing

*Davos, Bilderberg, G# conferences*

*World powers willingly coming together to be of one mind, turn over their powers to the "greater good"*

*Using climate change, "equity," CRT, open borders, to change the power structure, bring about a global order and reduce and remove the influence of the Christian nations*

### **Very similar to Babel - all coming together of one mind**

Trying to reach God, show themselves as God

***He is of the seven in the sense that he shares characteristics with all previous world empires,***

### **Patterns of world leaders**

"History rhymes"

Fourth turning

"Anti-fascist...but they're fascist"

*a. Ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet: This probably alludes to a ten-nation confederation (as in the toes of the Daniel 2:24-45 image), but some take ten as a symbolic number.*

(again) NATO, UN, BRIC

All types, more and more so aligned and like the final form

*But it will happen, and this confederation of nations will emerge as an heir to the ancient Roman Empire.*

**Worldwide influence** - modernity, internet,  
*moving here and expectations*

*Ultimately, the Antichrist will not tolerate any worship except of himself: **The son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped, so that he sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4).***

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Waters - peoples, nations

Government floats on the people who put it in power, let it remain in power, etc.

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**They will hate the prostitute!**

These kings in their modernity will hate the system that put them in power

That got them there

They will burn it all down - both to replace it with themselves and in ignorance to the fact that it is their own destruction

**Do we not see that today? Everything our society is built on, namely Judeo-Christian values and principles, is being torn down, forcibly removed, replaced**

**Proverbs 22:28**

**Do not remove the ancient landmark Which your fathers have set.**

**Psalm 11:3**

**If the foundations [pillars] are destroyed, What can the righteous do?**



**And this is only a type! Look throughout the world and the uprisings of the past few years. It is merely our turn. Will will let it happen?**

**The Biggest Point: God has put it in their hearts to fulfill his will**

IT'S ALL WITHIN GOD'S PLAN

These people think they're in charge, have it figured out, but God has set this up to be their judgment, their destruction.

**Psalm 2:4**

**He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision.**

**[Eze 38:3-4 NKJV] 3 "and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I [am] against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. 4 "I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company [with] bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords.**

God throughout history has used Israel's enemies to bring discipline upon them

Used their enemies to show his glory

It will be no difference in the end. Letting the beast devour itself until he brings final destruction.

**When there is no freedom left to take from the people, the government will attempt to take power from itself, devour itself**

*Once his power has been consolidated, the Antichrist no longer needs the help of religious Babylon. He will then work to dismantle and destroy her and her one-world religion.*

**:18**

The great city - Babylon

Rules over the kings of the earth

A capitol city

*Rush, digital man*

*He'd love to spend the night in Zion*

*He's been a long while in Babylon*

Contrast between the culmination of all of earth's desires into a final city - a final world

government, dictatorship, supposed utopia ruled over by none other than Satan

A false heaven, a false new world order

Vs. the New Jerusalem - heavenly city, eternal light, goodness, new earth, no memory of the former things. Ruled over and lighted by Jesus. No need for tyrannical control but loving care

Charity through government theft is not charity at all

*i. But Babylon – in the sense of the world system – has always been that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth. **The question for Christians is, “Does it reign over me? Or am I the citizen of a better city, the Jerusalem above?”***

Europa Statue





Europa: The young girl pictured with Zeus in bull form in an oil painting (Image: GETTY)



**Justus Lipsius building: headquarters of the Council of the European Union - Brussels, Belgium**

12 gold stars



**EUROPE:  
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