

# The Revelation

Six Week Study

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### Vision 3: The Vision of Christ in His Coming Rev 17:1-21:8

Vision three elaborates on the topic of Babylon that was introduced in the previous vision. Babylon is both the religious and political system that oppose Christ. It is the culture of the end time.

**Revelation 17:1 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute, who sits on many waters.**  
<sup>2</sup> **With her the kings of the earth committed adultery and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries."**  
<sup>3</sup> **Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a desert.**  
 There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns.  
<sup>4</sup> The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries.

Revelation 17:1-2 tells the major theme of the third vision before the third vision is introduced—it has a two-fold purpose:

- 1) the punishment of a P \_\_\_\_\_ who sits on many waters, and
- 2) the punishment of her lover: the K \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth.

To accomplish showing the punishment John was carried away "in the Spirit" into a D \_\_\_\_\_. Rev 17:3



Prostitute D \_\_\_\_\_ in Rev 17:3-6 as:



- 1—S \_\_\_\_\_ on a scarlet beast  
 —The beast is covered with blasphemous names  
 —The beast has seven heads and ten horns
- 2—D \_\_\_\_\_ in purple and scarlet, gold, precious stones, and pearls
- 3—H \_\_\_\_\_ in her hand is a golden cup of abomination



MYSTERY  
BABYLON THE  
GREAT THE  
MOTHER OF  
PROSTITUTES AND  
OF THE  
ABOMINATIONS OF  
THE EARTH.

4—T\_\_\_\_\_ on forehead:  
**MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**

5—D\_\_\_\_\_ with blood of the saints

**The Explanation:** The angel offers to explain the woman (17:7) but before doing so he first describes at length the Scarlet Beast on which she rides and the water on which they sit:

**The Scarlet Beast:**

- His T\_\_\_\_\_ is past, present, future (17:8)
- His O\_\_\_\_\_ is from the Abyss (17:8)
- His seven H\_\_\_\_\_ are seven hills (17:9-11) and may refer to the seven hills upon which the city of Rome sits. More likely The seven hills, seven heads also represent seven kings! Or Kingdoms. Most likely, Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persian, Greece, Rome and the Revived Roman Empire.

**The five fallen** = Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece.

**One is** = Rome

**One yet to come** = Revived Roman Empire of end times

**Eighth king** = The end time Roman Caesar. Rome once was, is not and will be again. He comes out of the seventh (revived Roman Empire of end times).

- His ten horns are ten kings are confederated as a revived Roman Empire of the Future (They haven't received authority yet 17:12).
- The 10 kings purpose is one: to give power to the beast and oppose Christ (17:12-14 – see Daniel 7:24)



**The Waters:** peoples, nations of the earth 17:15



**The Prostitute is H\_\_\_\_\_ 17:16**

**The Prostitute I\_\_\_\_\_ 17:18**

The great city: R\_\_\_\_\_! the capital of an entire empire. This vision sets up, as background material for on her fall and then the rise of Christ's Kingdom and His capital city, the New Jerusalem.



<sup>5</sup> This title was written on her forehead: **MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**

<sup>6</sup> I saw that the woman was **drunk with the blood of the saints**, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus. When I saw her, I was greatly astonished.

<sup>7</sup> Then **the angel** said to me: "Why are you astonished? **I will explain** to you the mystery of the woman and of the beast she rides, which has the seven heads and ten horns.

<sup>8</sup> **The beast**, which you saw, once was, now is not, and will come up out of the **Abyss** and go to his destruction. The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because he once was, now is not, and yet will come.

<sup>9</sup> "This calls for a mind with wisdom. The **seven heads are seven hills** on which the woman sits.

<sup>10</sup> **They are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come;** but when he does come, he must remain for a little while.

<sup>11</sup> **The beast who once was, and now is not, is an eighth king. He belongs to the seven** and is going to his destruction.

<sup>12</sup> "The **ten horns** you saw are **ten kings** who **have not yet received** a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast.

<sup>13</sup> They have **one purpose** and will give their power and authority to the beast.

<sup>14</sup> They will **make war against the Lamb**, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings--and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers."

<sup>15</sup> Then the angel said to me, "**The waters you saw**, where the prostitute sits, **are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages.**

<sup>16</sup> The beast and the ten horns you saw will **hate the prostitute**. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire.

<sup>17</sup> For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose by agreeing to give the beast their power to rule, until God's words are fulfilled.

<sup>18</sup> **The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth."**

**Revelation 18:1** After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor.

<sup>2</sup> With a mighty voice he shouted: "**Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!** She has become a home for demons and a haunt for every evil spirit, a haunt for every unclean and detestable bird.

<sup>3</sup> For **all the nations have drunk the maddening wine of her adulteries.** The kings of the earth committed adultery with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries."

<sup>4</sup> Then I heard **another voice** from heaven say: "**Come out of her, my people,** so that you will not share in her sins, so that **you will not receive any of her plagues;**

<sup>5</sup> for her sins are piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes.

<sup>6</sup> Give back to her as she has given; **pay her back double** for what she has done. Mix her a double portion from her own cup.

<sup>7</sup> Give her as much torture and grief as the glory and luxury she gave herself. In her heart she boasts, 'I sit as queen; I am not a widow, and I will never mourn.'

<sup>8</sup> Therefore in one day **her plagues will overtake her:** death, mourning and famine. She will be consumed by fire, for mighty is the Lord God who judges her.

<sup>9</sup> "When the kings of the earth who committed adultery with her and shared her luxury see the smoke of her burning, they will weep and mourn over her.

<sup>10</sup> Terrified at her torment, they will stand far off and cry: " **Woe! Woe,** O great city, O Babylon, city of power! **In one hour** your doom has come!"

<sup>11</sup> "**The merchants of the earth** will weep and mourn over her because no one buys their cargoes any more--

<sup>12</sup> cargoes of gold, silver, precious stones and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk and scarlet cloth; every sort of citron wood, and articles of every kind made of ivory, costly wood, bronze, iron and marble;

<sup>13</sup> cargoes of cinnamon and spice, of incense, myrrh and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, of fine flour and wheat; cattle and sheep; horses and carriages; and bodies and souls of men.

<sup>14</sup> "They will say, 'The fruit you longed for is gone from you. All your riches and splendor have vanished, never to be recovered.'

<sup>15</sup> **The merchants** who sold these things and gained their wealth from her will stand far off, terrified at her torment. They will weep and mourn

<sup>16</sup> and cry out: " **Woe! Woe,** O great city, dressed in fine linen, purple and scarlet, and glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls!

<sup>17</sup> In **one hour** such great wealth has been brought to ruin!" "Every sea captain, and all who travel by ship, the sailors, and all who earn their living from the sea, will stand far off.

<sup>18</sup> When they see the smoke of her burning, they will exclaim, 'Was there ever a city like this great city?'

<sup>19</sup> They will throw dust on their heads, and with weeping and mourning cry out: " **Woe! Woe,** O great city, where **all who had ships on the sea became rich** through her wealth! In **one hour** she has been brought to ruin!

<sup>20</sup> Rejoice over her, O heaven! Rejoice, saints and apostles and prophets! God has judged her for the way she treated you.' "

## The Overthrow of Babylon/Rome 18:1-24



The Fall of Babylon 18:1-8  
An angel will announce the Babylon's demise with an appeal for the people of God to separate themselves from her, so they do not participate in her sin and judgment.

"Come out of her, my people, ..."

### Double Payback

The W\_\_\_\_\_ of Babylon 18:9-20  
Three sets of double woes (i.e. woe, woe) are recorded to indicate that a double measure of calamity has befallen Babylon/Rome (see 18: 10,16,19). The merchants (commerce) is hit the hardest and bemoans the fall the most.

Only takes "one hour" (18:10,17,19) to take down to ruin:

- M\_\_\_\_\_ 18:11-15

- W\_\_\_\_\_ 18:16-18

- International C\_\_\_\_\_ 18:19

Heaven is commanded to "Rejoice!" over the righteous judgment of God.

The **Doom** of Babylon 18:21-23  
 Six times “never again (or “not ever again) is found in these verses indicating the finality of the Doom of Babylon. There will never be a “Babylon/Rome” again.



No more:

1. R \_\_\_\_\_ up
2. M \_\_\_\_\_
3. W \_\_\_\_\_
4. F \_\_\_\_\_ Preparers
5. L \_\_\_\_\_
6. W \_\_\_\_\_

Guilty as charged (18:23b-24)

### The Contrast of Chapter 17-18 with 19-20

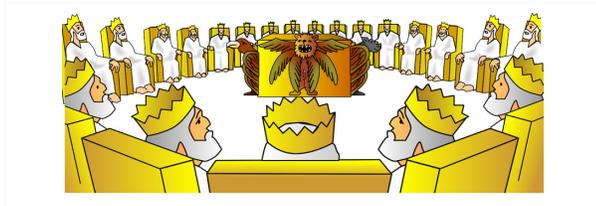
#### The Hallelujah Chorus 19:1-6

The final fall of Babylon was the impetuous for woes by those on earth and the impetuous for four hallelujahs by those in heaven:

1—Hallelujah Babylon is C \_\_\_\_\_ 19:1-2 A great multitude offer up this hallelujah.

2—Hallelujah Babylon’s S \_\_\_\_\_ (from its destruction) ascends forever (19:3) offered by a great multitude.

3—Hallelujah from the \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ in Heaven 19:4



4—Hallelujah that the Lord R \_\_\_\_\_ 19:5-6.



<sup>21</sup> Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea, and said: "With such violence the great city of Babylon will be **thrown down**, **never** to be found again.

<sup>22</sup> The music of harpists and **musicians**, flute players and trumpeters, will **never** be heard in you again. **No workman** of any trade will **ever** be found in you **again**. The sound of a **millstone** will **never** be heard in you again.

<sup>23</sup> The light of a **lamp** will **never** shine in you again. The voice of **bridegroom** and **bride** will **never** be heard in you again. Your merchants were the world's great men. By your magic spell all the nations were led astray.

<sup>24</sup> In her was found the blood of prophets and of the saints, and of all who have been killed on the earth."

TWO WOMEN	
Prostitute	Bride
TWO KINGS (KINGDOMS)	
Kings of earth	King of Kings
TWO CITIES	
Babylon (Rome)	New Jerusalem

**Revelation 19:1** After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: "**Hallelujah! Salvation** and glory and power belong to our God, <sup>2</sup> for true and just are his judgments. He has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has avenged on her the blood of his servants."

<sup>3</sup> And again they shouted: "**Hallelujah! The smoke** from her goes up for ever and ever."

<sup>4</sup> The **twenty-four elders and the four living creatures** fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they **cried: "Amen, Hallelujah!"**

<sup>5</sup> Then a voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both small and great!"

<sup>6</sup> Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like **loud peals of thunder**, shouting: "**Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.**"

<sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

<sup>8</sup> Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)

<sup>9</sup> Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!' " And he added, "These are the true words of God."

<sup>10</sup> At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

<sup>11</sup> I saw **heaven standing open** and there before me was **a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True**. With justice he judges and **makes war**.

<sup>12</sup> His **eyes** are like blazing fire, and on his **head** are many **crowns**. He has a **name** written on him that no one knows but he himself.

<sup>13</sup> He is dressed in a **robe dipped in blood**, and his **name is the Word of God**.

<sup>14</sup> The **armies** of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and **dressed in fine linen, white and clean**.

<sup>15</sup> Out of his **mouth** comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." **He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty**.

<sup>16</sup> On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS**.

<sup>17</sup> And I saw **an angel** standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "**Come**, gather together for the great supper of God,

<sup>18</sup> so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great."

<sup>19</sup> Then **I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army**.

<sup>20</sup> But **the beast was captured**, and **with him the false prophet** who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. **The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur**.

<sup>21</sup> The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.



## The W\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lamb 19:7-10

The Bride is, no doubt, the church (Eph 5:23-32). Later the New Jerusalem (heaven prepared for the church saints as their eternal home) is called the bride (21:2,9). It is called that because the city without the people is just a city. But with the church (people) it is the bride.

## The Second Coming of Christ

19:11-20

Christ's Second Coming from Heaven involves:

1—His W\_\_\_\_\_ Horse 19:11

2—His Description of C\_\_\_\_\_ 19:12-13

3—His A\_\_\_\_\_ 19:14

4—His A\_\_\_\_\_ 19:15

5—His W\_\_\_\_\_ 19:15

6—His N\_\_\_\_\_ 19:16



**Angelic Summon** (19:17-18) to birds to gorge themselves on the carnage left after the battle of Armageddon



The B\_\_\_\_\_ 19:19

The C\_\_\_\_\_ 19:20-20

Especially noted is the conquest of the Beast and False Prophet who are thrown alive into the Lake of Fire.



The A\_\_\_\_\_ 19:21

