

THE BOOK OF THE REVELATION

17:6-18

Remembering from verses 1-5 that the Woman, Babylon, is the apostate one world church which will come to full control of the world's religion and will collaborate with and join forces with the one world government. Also remembering that this one world church _____ true Christianity and will do everything in its power to destroy Believers, chapter 17:6-18 deals with the destruction of the one world religious system.

I. The Woman Drunk with the _____ of the Martyrs Vs 6-7

- A. The woman is pictured, but not only as the source of all evil in _____ religion, but also as the one actively engaged in the persecution of the true _____
- B. Her wickedness is described- *The woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus*
- C. History has shown that apostate religion is relentless in its _____ of those who attempt to maintain a true and faithful testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ
- D. The angel responds to John's astonishment by preparing him for the explanation concerning the woman and the beast

II. The _____ of the Beast Vs 8

- A. The angel first gives an unusual description of the beast
- B. He is explained _____: *was and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit and go into perdition*
 - 1. *Was and is not*-existed and then was _____; the reason for its being gone is not told
 - 2. *And ascend out of the bottomless pit*-the beast reappears out of the abyss, a place of _____ depth
 - a. The place from which satan and demons come when they appear on the earth
 - b. Indicates that the power behind this beast is _____
 - 3. *And go into perdition*-the eventual eternal end of the beast is _____
 - 4. Before its destruction, this political empire will have such power, (cf. 13:4), as will cause wonder and amazement
- C. The beast, is the world government, which is revived; the government is _____ by satan
- D. Many speculate this will be a reviving of the _____ government which existed in John's day

III. The Seven Heads of the Beast Vs 9-11

- A. *Here is the mind which hath wisdom*-this calls for a mind that has wisdom (anticipating the _____ and complexity of the revelation that is to follow)
- B. Key: *The seven heads are mountains on which the woman sitteth Vs 9*
 - 1. Indicates the _____ of religious power, and could very well be Rome geographically
 - 2. _____ has been described, through its history, as the city of seven hills
- C. There are seven kings described Vs 10
 - 1. Five are said to have _____, one is in existence during John's day, the seventh yet to _____
 - 2. The seven heads are best explained as referring to seven kings who represent seven _____ forms of the kingdom
- D. The eighth head Vs 11
 - 1. *The beast*-the other 7 are called kings, _____ figures, but the 8th is called a beast
 - a. Called a beast to describe the _____ with which he will rule

- b. Called a beast because he is the avenue through which satan carries out his _____ wishes
2. The eighth head is the _____ power of the Great Tribulation period, the last 3 1/2 years of the 7 years of tribulation (or trouble)
3. *The beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven and goeth into perdition*
- a. *Is of the seven*-this eighth head, being the last world government will be the _____ of the previous world governments
- b. This eighth head, being in power when Christ returns, will be _____ by Christ and his army
- E. In summary, what we see in verses **8-11** is the _____ form of Gentile world power in alliance with apostate religion symbolized by the harlot
- IV. The ten _____ of the Beast **Vs 12-14**
- A. Further detail of the final stage of the world empire is given:
1. A nucleus of ten kings are seemingly joined in a _____
2. The ten kings rule at the _____ time and not in succession as did the seven horns
- B. The ruling power and period of rule is subject to the _____ itself **Vs 12**
- C. Their time of power is _____ **Vs 12**
- D. This is the avenue through which the powers of the various world kingdoms is _____ to the beast
- E. The 10 kings make war with the Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ, and are _____ by Him
- V. The Waters **Vs 15**
- A. The woman is seen sitting upon many waters **Vs 1**
- B. The waters are _____ of all people on the earth at that time
- C. Here the woman is described as having _____ control over the multitudes of people of the earth
- VI. The _____ of the Woman **Vs 16-18**
- A. The ten kings of verse 12 turn on the woman (the one-world religious system) and literally _____ her
- B. She is _____ of her glory and pomp
- C. This is a graphic picture of the downfall of the _____ one world church of the future
- D. The time of this downfall best fits in the _____ of the Tribulation period
1. In the first half of the Tribulation period, apostasy, (the one world religious system) _____ under the guise of "peace"
2. With the beginning of the second half of the Tribulation, the Great Tribulation the head of the world political system proclaims himself as the _____ of the world
3. No longer needing apostate religion, he _____ it so it will not interfere with his dictatorship
4. He replaces apostate religion with the worship of _____ by the world
- E. In the end of the chapter, the woman of verse 1 is described as *that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.*
1. The woman, Babylon, is the one world apostate church ruling over those that will one day bring about its _____
2. Having had great glory and pomp, will one day fall in _____ and humiliation