
Revelation 17:9-18

Ch17 & 18 are the 2 most difficult chapters in the entire bible to study, understand, and/or teach. In Ch 17, the first part of is a vision of John; the second part is the angel's explanation. The reason is because most of the commentators disagree on the meanings. The bible tells us a lot about these sinners, but it also doesn't tell us a lot about these sinners. But we can make general assumptions.

The Woman on the Beast (*continued from last week*)

Vs5: we're dealing w/an individual called a harlot. A fallen woman in the scriptures means False Religion. It goes on to tell us that this false doctrine is being spread throughout the world.

Vs9: the harlot is sitting upon the seven heads which are seven mountains. A beast means empire, so seven = seven gentile empires. Babel means "Gate of God." Nimrod in the Old Testament, he was mighty hunter. He was a hunter of men's souls. The Tower of Babel is old ancient Babylon. Nimrod builds this tower face up under heave to set up a religious system to worship the zodiac. That tower was built with different colored bricks to represent the different signs of the zodiac. The zodiac teaches the whole message of the bible in the stars. There is a book today that tells how to read the bible message in the stars. The Tower of Babel is where all false religion starts. Nimrod's wife had a baby named Tamu, but she said it's not Nimrod's. She says, 'I have conceived from a heavenly being.' This copycat lie is how Satan works. Tamu is gored by a bull and killed, then miraculously raised by the dead. This is Satan imitating God. This is where it all got started. It's a system of political and false religious power set up to rule mankind and get their souls. Back to the verse...the beast is the last form of the old Roman empire. 7 means 'complete' in scripture. This beast represents some form of government power.

Vs10: there are 5 fallen kings, one is, and one is yet to come. Remember, after the rapture, the Roman Empire will be resurrected and ruled by the antichrist.

Vs11: the antichrist is going to be of the 7 rulers, but the world will believe he has been killed and then he comes back from the dead and rules again – the 8th ruler. The religious and political system rule together during the first half of the tribulation.

Vs12-13: there are 10 horns...this means the last gentile empire will be formed of 10 federated groups. When these 10 groups get together, they will get all their power from the antichrist to rule the earth.

Vs14: this refers to the end of the tribulation period: the federated groups have a war with Christ.

Vs15: the harlot sits on a beast that is on water, people of multiple languages and nations: this religious system is going to have a worldwide influence.

Vs16: the 10 nations hate the whore and eat her up: after the rapture, lots of people will fill the churches, with the remnants of people left behind. The first half of the tribulation, the false religion church gets powerful and rich. The antichrist gets jealous and about the middle of the tribulation period and take the false religion church and start taking all of it's (her) power, money, wealth, and strip her naked and burn her. King Henry the 8th did this to the Catholic Church at one point in time. Get your ticket so you're not left behind during the rapture. It's time to get saved. You can't get saved after you are dead. The cutoff point for salvation is on the deathbed, but it would be nice if you accepted the Lord Jesus into your heart before then and experience his ultimate love and joy during your lifetime.

Vs17: God even uses evil to fulfill his will. The evildoers don't realize God is using them, so they do it anyway.

Vs18: The woman represents the city, the city represents the woman, and the woman represents false religion. All dignitaries today have traveled to Roman because it is recognized as the center of religious activity in the world.