



The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Part Four-B—Chapters 17-19

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THE HARLOT CALLED BABYLON

I. The mystery (17:1-6, 15)

- a. The Bible personifies sin as a harlot (Prov 7:4,5)
- b. The harlot is against God
- c. She sits on a red beast with seven heads and ten horns
- d. She holds a cup full of her abominations
- e. The waters from which she comes are all the nations of the world

THE MYSTERY OF THE BEAST (17:7-11)

2. The beast's description represents the first three of Daniels beasts (Rev. 13:1-2)

- Body like a leopard is dominant
 - The third beast--Leopard with four heads and four wings reveals the fourth beast
 - Body like a leopard is Alexander the Great
 - The four heads are his four generals
 - One set of wings represent two of the four—Seleucus (Syria) and Ptolomy (Egypt) (Dan 11:3-29)
 - One set of wings represents the fourth beast who will be the little horn out of the king of the North-Syria
 - Refer to the document--fourth beast-five prophecies

SEVEN HEADS

3. The riddle of the seven heads

- Seven kings
 - Five fell—Alexander the Great and his four generals
 - Time frame is from 333 BC to 63 BC
 - Alexander died and his four generals divided the kingdom between themselves
 - One is
 - Satan and sin
 - One is yet to come
 - One of the heads will sprout new life at the appointed time yet in the future
 - This one will go to destruction

TEN HORNS (17:12-18)

4. Ten kings

- All of Daniel's beasts represent Israel's captivities for disobeying God
 - Israel's history shows that its kings allowed the nations around Israel to bring in foreign gods.
 - God cursed these nations
 - The current names of the ten dominant nations that represent the ten horns are
 - Syria, Egypt, Libya, Ethiopia, Iraq, Iran, Arabia, Lebanon, Jordan, and Turkey
 - Syria will become the fourth beast

THE AGREEMENT WITH MANY (Rev. 17:16-17; Dan. 9:27 NAS)

5. **Rev. 17:16-17** --"And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire.

"For God has put it in their hearts to execute His purpose by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled.

- The ten kings have self destructive hate amongst themselves
- They will make an agreement with the fourth beast in fulfillment of God's words
 - This is the agreement that will start Daniel's last seven years
 - Daniel 9:27 "And he will make a firm agreement with the many of one week"

THE FALL OF BABYLON (18:1-3; 6-19)

6. “Come out of her, my people” (18:4-5)
 - Resurrection view #5 Focus is directed to the Remnant of Israel
 - Closely preceding God’s wrath to be poured out on the harlot
7. The fall of Babylon the Great
 - The end of transgressions
8. Rejoicing in heaven