

INTERNATIONALISM – Revelation 17:1 Notes

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- Political Internationalism would include: the United Nations, and communism.

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American College Dictionary defines internationalism as “*the principle of cooperation among nations, to promote their common good*”

Internationalism means “*The belief that cooperation among nations will advance the common welfare.*”

International (Adjective) – “*Existing or conducted among nations. A person having ties with more than one nation.*”

International (Noun) – “*Any of several international socialistic organizations of the late 19th and early 20th Centuries.*”

- *FIRST INTERNATIONAL* – A federation of trade unions founded in London in 1864 by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels.
- *SECOND INTERNATIONAL* – An organization founded in Paris in 1889 to unite Socialist Party groups.
- *THIRD INTERNATIONAL* – The *Com-intern* (*Communist International*). An international organization formed in 1919 for extending the scope of Marxist Socialism, and dissolved in 1943.

MARXISM

The body of Socialist doctrines formulated by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, the basic tenets of which are dialectical materialism, the theory of class struggle, and the labor theory of value.

1. *Dialectic* – The art or practice of examining statements logically, as by question and answer, to establish validity. It is a specific logical mode of argument (Hegel’s dialectic).
2. *Materialism* – The doctrine that everything in the Universe is reducible to matter, and can be explained in terms of physical laws. It is undue regard for the material, rather than the spiritual or intellectual aspects of life (primarily physical rather than spiritual).

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[Romans 13:1-7](#) tells us that the believer is to be faithful to his national entity as a part of his Christian responsibility.

Internationalism is an attack upon Divine Institution Number 4. God has so designed and set up the earth into nations! Each national entity must be autonomous (self-governing, independent, subject to its own laws only, and existing as an independent organism). The ideal situation for evangelism is for a balance of powers to exist. There must be law and order for a nation to have freedom, thus allowing for maximum evangelism!

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This 7th Vial ([Revelation 16:17-21](#)) presents the religious side of the Tribulation and when the 2nd Advent occurs. The religious system, having already been judged (except for some leaders who will be bumped off by the Baptism of Fire) is presented.

BABYLON HERE REPRESENTS THE REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE AND ITS RELIGIOUS SYSTEM. [VERSES 1-6](#) PRESENT THE VISION; [VERSES 7-18](#) PRESENT THE INTERPRETATION.

“One of the 7 angels” is a Greek idiom for the 7th Vial.

Harlot is not an emphasis on a *person*, but a *system*.

This system gets its followers the way a profligate (prostitute) gets her customers: *LUST and MONEY*. This is actually an emphasis of *LUST IN RELIGION*.

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READ [VERSE 15](#) – It explains the harlot “*SITTING UPON MANY WATERS*”

WATER IN THE BIBLE

1. Literal water – Noah / water / death ([1 Peter 3:18-21](#))
2. Spiritual water: For Salvation – [Isaiah 55:1](#); for the Holy Spirit – [John 7:37-39](#); for the Word of God – [Ephesians 5:26, 26](#).
3. Here in [verse 15](#), *water* refers to *peoples* – in 3 groups:
 - 1) “*Peoples and multitudes*” means *races* of people.
 - 2) “*Nations*” means *geographical national entities*.
 - 3) “*Tongues*” means *linguistic national entities*. The *harlot sitting upon the waters* means domination of this great religious system having people from all nations, races, and people – people of the world, who bow to this religious system.

Summary of Verses in Chapter 17 (The [1st 7 verses](#) are emphasized in today’s study):

[17:2](#).....*STRONG DELUSION*

[17:3](#).....*SUBJECT OF THE VISION*

[17:4](#).....*GLAMOUR OF RELGION*

[17:5](#).....*MYSTERY BABYLON*

[17:6](#).....*ATTITUDE TOWARD TRUTH*

[17:7](#).....*SHOCK*

17:8-10....*PANAROMA OF ROMAN EMPIRE*

17:11.....*ROMAN DICTATOR*

17:12.....*10 NATION CONFEDERATION*

17:13.....*SAME POLITICAL PURPOSE*

17:14.....*OT SAINTS; CHURCH AGE BELIEVERS; RESURRECTION BODIES*

17:15.....*NATIONAL ENTITIES DIVIDED*

17:16.....*POLITICAL TURNS ON THE RELIGIOUS, AND ELEMİNATES IT.*

17:17.....*GOD’S PLAN IS BEING WORKED OUT IN ALL CONDITIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES.*

17:18.....*THE GREAT CITY IS ROME; (VIEWED IN REVELATION [CHAPTER 18](#)).*