

## Introduction of Revelation 17

**REVELATION 17** – DESTRUCTION OF THE RELIGIOUS BABYLON – ABOUT MIDDLE OF TRIBULATION – DESCRIBING GOD’S JUDGMENT ON THE SYSTEM THAT HAD ENSLAVED THE HUMAN RACE IN SUPERSTITIOUS DARKNESS FOR CENTURIES.

**REVELATION 18** – DESTRUCTION OF THE COMMERCIAL BABYLON THAT TAKES PLACE AT THE END OF THE TRIBULATION.

RELIGIOUS BABYLON AND GOVERNMENTAL BABYLON ARE SO INTERTWINED THEY ARE PRESENTED TOGETHER, HOWEVER, THEY ARE DESTROYED AT DIFFERENT TIMES BY “beast and the kings of the earth,” who “hate the prostitute” and kill her.

The vision of the woman has at least 10 different presentations:

1. She is described as the great prostitute.
2. She is described as the one who sits on many waters.
3. She commits adultery with her kings on the earth.
4. Inhabitants of the earth are described as intoxicated with the wine of her adultery.
5. She’s presented as a woman sitting on a scarlet beast.
6. She is dressed in purple and scarlet.
7. She is glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls.
8. She has a golden cup, filled with abominations and the filth of her adulteries.
9. On her forehead will be *Mystery Babylon the Great*, the “*mother of prostitutes and of the abomination of the earth.*”
10. She’s described as “*drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of those who bore testimony*” to Jesus.

Summary of Verses in Chapter 17 (with Review of the [1<sup>st</sup> 7 Verses](#)):

17:1 - Babylon represents Internationalism, and it also represents the Revived Roman Empire and its religious system in the Tribulation. “*The great whore*” is not a harlot, but rather *a religious system*.

**17:2**.....**STRONG DELUSION** – The success of this system is found in [II Thessalonians 2:7-10](#).

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**17:3**.....*SUBJECT OF THE VISION* – The interpreting angel carried John from Patmos on a trip to Rome (in the spirit). What did he see? A “*woman sitting on a scarlet colored beast*” – *THE BEAST IS THE REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE*. In 96 AD the people knew who the scarlet colored beast was. Romans wore scarlet tunics.

**17:4**.....*GLAMOUR OF RELGION* – Presents the glamour of ecumenical religious system – people of extreme wealth wore scarlet or purple – royal colors.

**17:5**.....*MYSTERY BABYLON* – We saw the identification of the religious system described by the word *MYSTERY*, which is a technical word, meaning *unknown in the past*. Church Age information was neither known nor revealed in the Old Testament ([Col. 1:25, 26](#); [Rom. 16:25, 26](#)). Practically everything in the Tribulation was made known and revealed in the Old Testament – the exception is THIS VERSE. The ecumenical system of the Tribulation was not prophesized in the Old Testament. It’s called *BABYLON MYSTERY*. *Why?*

1. The Tribulation religious system was called Babylon the Great, because Babylon was where religion originated.
2. Babylon is where internationalism originated.
3. Babylon is the city of the 1<sup>st</sup> United Nations building. Jesus Christ Himself came down, destroyed the building and scattered the people, as recorded in [Genesis 11:1-9](#).
4. Babylon therefore represents internationalism and religion.
5. Babylon the Great does not refer to ancient Babylon (which was destroyed and never revived). Where Babylon once stood there is nothing left but a few archeologists working, snakes, rats and various desert creatures, *but no city*. It is *never* to be revived; Babylon was to be judged and destroyed ([Isaiah 13:19, 20](#); [Jeremiah 50:39; 51:29, 61-64](#)).
6. Babylon in the Tribulation *always* refers to *Rome*.
7. Historical Babylon fell.
8. Babylon the Great is the international religious system of the Tribulation.
9. Babylon the Great is called the *Mother of Harlots, and abominations of the earth* in [Revelation 17:5](#).

**17:6**.....*ATTITUDE TOWARD TRUTH* – “*Blood of saints*” means that religion *always persecutes* the Truth, and in the Tribulation, religion will use political power to eliminate believers.

**17:7**.....*SHOCK* – John is in shock, and the angel asks – *Why?*

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**17:8-10**....*PANAROMA OF ROMAN EMPIRE* – The Angel will snap him out of his shock, and present a panorama of the Roman Empire to him.

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

**17:12**.....*10 NATION CONFEDERATION* – Ten horns, ten kings

**17:13**.....*SAME POLITICAL PURPOSE* – The ten kings have the same political purpose.

**17:14**.....*OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS; CHURCH AGE BELIEVERS; RESURRECTION BODIES* – *Victory* for our Lord and for those who remain faithful

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

**17:16**.....*POLITICAL TURNS ON THE RELIGIOUS, AND ELEMİNATES IT* – The harlot is the conglomeration of the religions, hated by the political powers, who eventually destroy 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](#)).*

Many things will take place in these 7 years of Tribulation. We will be gone from this earth at that time, but what God has for us will be *truly magnificent and wonderful*; we will miss this terrible time, then come back with our Lord to the time of the Millennium, after a brief 75-day clean-up period eluded to in the Book of Daniel. A thousand years is a long time; opposition to our Lord will eventually develop enough to require a possibly very large army, that He amasses to fight against Satan (who will have been "loosed for a season"), with his Gog-Magog revolutionaries, at the end of that Millennial age.

After that, we will experience eternity with our Lord, never again to face any more opposition from Satan or his miserable minions.