

**Series "Jesus Unveiled"**  
**"Religious Babylon"**  
**Revelation 17:1-18**  
**Part-33**

**Revelation 17:1-7**

**Revelation 14:8 – "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great,"**

**Revelation 17-18 – "Parenthetical Chapters", A break in action, pause.**

**Revelation 7, 10-14; Revelation 17-18 mentioned in Revelation 16:19.**

**Babylon** – "confusion"; which is a religious system – a perversion of truth, all evil. **Revelation 17** – This is a place that is a system.

**Ephesians 5:21-33** – The Bride of Christ; **Revelation 17** – The False Bride of Christ – called a harlot.

**"The Great Harlot!" – Revelation 17** – Describes the False Church that goes into the tribulation.

**Key Verse Of Revelation: Revelation 1:19** – the book has 3 parts.

**Revelation 4-5 – Heavenly Scenes.**

**Rev 6-19 – The Tribulation – Consists Of 3 Sets Of Judgments.**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** God Has His Bride Which Is The Church. Satan Has His Bride Which Is The Great Harlot.

- 1. Verses 1-6 – Description Of Babylon**
- 2. Verses 7-14 – Explanation Of Babylon**
- 3. Verses 16-18 – Destruction Of Babylon**

**1. Verses 1-6 – Description Of Babylon:**

Revelation 17:1

Verses 1-2 – Babylon Is A Harlot: "the judgment of the great harlot" – Revelation 16:19.

Babylon the great – Revelation 17:5: is called "the great harlot" – 4X Verses 1,5,15,16; 19:2 – "harlot" – speaks of "epitome of unfaithfulness"; metaphor for "false religion, spiritual defection, idolatry, religious apostasy", Hosea 2:1, 3:1.

James 4: 4

"great harlot who sits" – "position of authority"; "on many waters";  
Verse 15 – "waters" – "peoples, multitudes, nations, tongues."

Revelation 17:2 – "dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her immorality."

Scope Of Her Influence – Kings of the earth committed acts of immorality – She has a world-wide influence over leaders; "passionately intoxicated with Antichrist's illicit false religion."

Verse 3 – Babylon Has Great Political Power: Revelation 17:3.

"carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness" – "desolate wasteland."

Matthew 7:8

"woman sitting on a scarlet beast" – the word scarlet associated with luxury, splendor, and sin, Isaiah 1:18; "beast" – Revelation 13:1 – Religious Babylon will unite with Antichrist.

"full of blasphemous names," – arrogant self-deification; taking God's titles.

"having seven heads" – Seven mountains is Roman – and also 7 kings, vv. 9-10.

"ten horns" – Ten Kings – that will rule as subordinates to Antichrist, vv. 12-13.

Verse 4 – Babylon Displays Magnificent Glory: Revelation 17:4.

"woman was clothed in purple and scarlet" – Purple – "royalty, prosperity, nobility" – worn by the rich and affluent people.

Pictures Of The Vatican: gold, precious stones, pearls – One wealthy church – impressive – outward – awesome. In 2012, estimated worth: 170 Billion.

"a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality" – Jeremiah 51:7-8; Matt. 23:26.

Verse 5 – Babylon Is A Counterfeit: Revelation 17:5.

Mystery of Babylon – This was not something that was fully understood:  
“A city and a system.”

“Babylon the great” – Babylon started with a man named Nimrod.

Genesis 10:8 – Nimrod – “mighty hunter; hunter of men's souls”; or...  
“Mighty Rebuilder”; Father – Cush – Darkened.

Grandfather of Ham – swarthy, darkened, sunburnt.

Genesis 10:10 – The beginning of his kingdom was Babel: Bab-el: The  
gate of God. Changed to Babel – Confusion.

Genesis 11:14 – Tower – observatory to observe the stars – astrology.

“THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS” – It means that there are others! There will  
be many cults and isms that will be part of this system!

“AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.” – Rome was called “a filthy  
sewer.”

Revelation 17:6

Verse 6 – Babylon Persecutes The Saints: “And I saw the woman drunk  
with the blood of the saints,” – “murderous lust for violence.”

Matthew 23:34-36

John Walvoord said, “False religion is always the worst enemy of true  
religion.”

## **2. Verses 7-14 – Explanation Of Babylon:**

Revelation 17:7-8

13:1-10 – Beast – Antichrist – Powered by Satan – like hero – that the  
description of Satan and Anti-Christ is the same.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12

“that he was and is not and will come.” – Future fake death,  
Revelation 13:14.

Verses 9-11 – The Seven Heads: Revelation 17:9.

“seven heads are seven mountains” – Rome, The City of Seven Hills.

"on which the woman sits" – Headquarters. The headquarters of this one world false church will be in Rome.

Revelation 17:10

"they are seven kings; five have fallen" – 1) Egypt, 2) Assyria, 3) Babylon, 4) Medo-Persia, 5) Greece.

"one is" – 6) Roman Empire.

Revelation 17:11

Verses 12-14 – "The Ten Horns": Revelation 17:12-13.

Daniel 7:23-24

Revelation 17:14

Revelation 19 – Battle is really a slaughter – not too much of a battle.

Verse 15 – "The waters": Revelation 17:15.

Ecumenical – "worldwide", 2 Timothy 4:3-4.

### **3. Verses 16-18 – Destruction Of Babylon:**

Revelation 17:16-17

Isaiah 42:8

Revelation 17:18

#### **Application:** Apostate Church Does 3 Things:

1. It Minimizes Doctrinal Truth.
2. It Rejects The Authority Of The Word Of God.
3. It Attempts To Unite Professed Believers – But Not On The Basis Of Faith In Jesus Christ Alone.

We Need To Make A Decision For Jesus; Daily Make Decisions To Follow Him.