

REVELATION 17

RELIGIOUS BABYLON

Chapter 17

Summary: Before Jesus returns to reign, He will destroy religious Babylon.

I. The Woman's Identity (1-6): (A) her identity [the false religious system of Babylon; Gen. 10:8-10; 11:1-9]; (B) her influence (1-2) [Jer. 7:18; 44:17-19, 25; Ezek. 8:14]; (C) her abominations (3-6).

II. The Beast's Identity (7-14): (A) the beast (7-8) [the revived Roman Empire {Dan. 7:7}, the antichrist {Dan. 7:8}, and Satan]; (B) the 7 heads, 7 kings (9-11) [7 successive Gentile kingdoms oppressing Israel--Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, and the revived Roman empire]; (C) the ten horns, ten kings (12-14) [10 contemporaneous kings of the revived Roman empire; Dan. 7:24; the 10 toes, Dan. 2:42]

III. The Woman's Destruction (15-18): (A) the fall (15-16); (B) the author [God] (17a); (C) the successor (17a-18) [the antichrist; Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:1-4; Rev. 13:3-8].

Lesson: *Before Jesus reigns in our hearts, we must destroy religious Babylon.*