

## CHAPTERS SEVENTEEN AND EIGHTEEN – MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT

Last week in our study of chapter 17 we learned the following:

- Chapter 17 gives us details concerning a \_\_\_\_\_ system
- Chapter 18 gives us details concerning a \_\_\_\_\_ system
- Chapter 17 divides into two parts and describes two entities:
  - 1) The mother – 17:1-6
  - 2) The monster – 17:7-18
- The mother is portrayed as a: \_\_\_\_\_ whore, a woman riding the beast, a mother of \_\_\_\_\_ and abominations of the earth, and a \_\_\_\_\_ woman...

She is a religious mother that claims in her fold the historic lineage of all false systems of religion. She is a woman that is supported by a \_\_\_\_\_, a beast we have already been introduced to in our past studies of Revelation. As we will see, this beast has an insatiable appetite and gorges himself on the nations of the world...

### A BABYLONIAN RELIGIOUS SYSTEM – PART TWO – REVELATION 17:7-18

#### 1. A comparison of the two women of Revelation

- Both women are allied with \_\_\_\_\_
  - One is allied with the God of \_\_\_\_\_ – Rev. 11:19; 12:1
  - One is allied with the god of this \_\_\_\_\_ – Rev. 17:3; 2 Co. 4:4
- Both women are connected to a geographic location
  - One is a nation – the nation of \_\_\_\_\_ – Rev. 12:5
  - One is a city – \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ City – Rev. 17:9, 18
- Both women have an identifying mark upon their \_\_\_\_\_
  - One has a \_\_\_\_\_ – Rev. 12:1
  - One has a \_\_\_\_\_ – Rev. 17:5
- Both women are \_\_\_\_\_
  - One produces \_\_\_\_\_ nobility – he will one day rule all nations – Rev. 12:5
  - One produces \_\_\_\_\_ impurity – they reign over the kings of the earth – Rev. 17:5, 18
- Both women are brilliantly \_\_\_\_\_
  - One is adorned with \_\_\_\_\_ garments – Rev. 12:1
  - One is adorned with \_\_\_\_\_ garments – Rev. 17:4
- Both women are found in the \_\_\_\_\_ during the tribulation period
  - One is taken there on the wings of an \_\_\_\_\_ – Rev. 12:13
  - One is taken there on the back of a scarlet colored \_\_\_\_\_ – Rev. 17:3
- Both women are \_\_\_\_\_ and bitterly persecuted
  - One is hated by the \_\_\_\_\_ – he tries to destroy her with a flood of \_\_\_\_\_ – Rev. 12:13, 15
  - One is hated by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth – they destroy her with \_\_\_\_\_ – Rev. 17:16

2. The monster – Revelation 17:7-18

- He ascends up out of the \_\_\_\_\_ pit – verse 8; Rev. 9:11, 11:7
  - He \_\_\_\_\_, and is \_\_\_\_\_, and yet \_\_\_\_\_. As we have discussed in past studies, if he is Judas Iscariot this phraseology makes sense:
    - Judas was (he \_\_\_\_\_ and walked on the earth)*
    - Judas is not (he \_\_\_\_\_ and went to his own place)*
    - Judas yet is (he is manifest as the second member of the Satanic \_\_\_\_\_).*
  
- He has seven heads – verses 9-11
  - They are seven mountains with seven kings
  
  - Five are fallen, one is, and the [seventh] is yet to come – he must continue for a short space
    - 1) *Nimrod: King of Babylon*
    - 2) *Pharaoh: King of Egypt*
    - 3) *Sennacherib: King of Assyria*
    - 4) *Nebuchadnezzar: King of Babylon*
    - 5) *Darius: King of Medo-Persia*
    - 6) *Alexander: The great King of Greece*
    - 7) *Caesar: The King of Rome*
  
  - The beast that was, and is not, he is the eighth, and is of the \_\_\_\_\_
    - Because Babylon is on the list twice, it cancels itself and counts as one – this takes our list from seven down to six. The first five kingdoms (thru Greece) have fallen as history records. When John is on the island of Patmos, Rome is in power...Although Rome (#6) has fallen since then, it will revive again, for a short space, under another title (#7, maybe called the UN), until the beast establishes his kingdom (#8, which is actually born out of all the other kingdoms).*
  
- He has ten horns – verses 12-14
  - They are ten \_\_\_\_\_ kings (a league or federation; #7) that will be given economic power over the entire earth near the end on the beast's reign
  
  - These kings will ultimately engage in warfare with the Lord Jesus Christ and will be destroyed...
  
- These ten horns will \_\_\_\_\_ the whore – verses 15-17
  - They will agree together to hand their power over to the beast
  
  - This is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God as he brings to fruition all the prophesies of the Revelation of Jesus Christ
  
- The whore is a religious system that is also a \_\_\_\_\_ – verse 18
  - This is not surprising because cities are often referred to as women – Joshua 17:11
  
  - That city is \_\_\_\_\_ – Geographically called \_\_\_\_\_ and/or \_\_\_\_\_

**NEXT WEEK:** CHAPTER 18 – A Babylonian Political System