

# King of Kings and Lord of Lords

Revelation 17



# I. The Religious Prostitute that is also Called the Woman and Babylon vv. 1-2.

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who is seated on many waters,<sup>2</sup> with whom the kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality, and with the wine of whose sexual immorality the dwellers on earth have become drunk.”

I. The Religious Prostitute that is also Called the Woman and Babylon vv. 1-2.

A. The prostitute v. 1 is also called the woman (v. 3) the great city (v. 18) and Babylon the Great (18 v. 2).

B. Filled with pride because of her wealth, power, and authority, she declares that she is a queen (18 v. 7).

C. She will soon be utterly destroyed by those who put her in power.

## II. The Religious Prostitute Babylon will be Carried to Greatness by the Beast vv. 3-7.

**<sup>3</sup> And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns.**

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<sup>4</sup> The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality. <sup>5</sup> And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: “Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations.”

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<sup>6</sup> And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. When I saw her, I marveled greatly. <sup>7</sup> But the angel said to me, “Why do you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries her.

## **II. The Religious Prostitute Babylon will be Carried to Greatness by the Beast vv. 3-7.**

- A. The religion that is rightly called Babylonianism traces its roots back to the tower of Babel (Genesis 10-11). It is an apostate religion that blends the worship of many religions including Orthodox & Protestant Christianity & Catholicism.**
- B. Those in power, including the Beast, will make her into the global religion.**

### III. The Beast that is Better Known as the Anti-Christ vv. 8-14.

**<sup>8</sup> The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to rise from the bottomless pit and go to destruction. And the dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will marvel to see the beast, because it was and is not and is to come.**



### III. The Beast that is Better Known as the Anti-Christ vv. 8-14.

<sup>9</sup> This calls for a mind with wisdom: the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated; <sup>10</sup> they are also seven kings, five of whom have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come, and when he does come he must remain only a little while.

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**<sup>11</sup> As for the beast that was and is not, it is an eighth but it belongs to the seven, and it goes to destruction.**

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**<sup>12</sup> And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast. <sup>13</sup> These are of one mind, and they hand over their power and authority to the beast.**



III. The Beast that is  
Better Known as the  
Anti-Christ vv. 8-14.

<sup>14</sup> They will make war on  
the Lamb, and the Lamb  
will conquer them, for  
he is Lord of lords and  
King of kings, and those  
with Him are called and  
chosen and faithful.”

### III. The Beast that is Better Known as the Anti-Christ vv. 8-14.

- A. In Rev. 13:10 we saw that the Beast will be killed but then be resurrected. This forgery of the atoning death & resurrection of Jesus will turn him into a god-like figure in the eyes of the world. Most will worship him.
- B. The Beast is called the Man of Lawlessness in 2 Thess. 2:1-3 & the anti-Christ in 1 Jn 2:18.
- C. The anti-Christ will grow turn on her, proclaim that he is god, and demand to be worshipped.

# IV. God will use the Beast to Judge the Religious Prostitute vv. 15-18.

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**<sup>15</sup> And the angel said to me,  
“The waters that you saw,  
where the prostitute is seated,  
are peoples and multitudes  
and nations and languages.**



## IV. God will use the Beast to Judge the Religious Prostitute vv. 15-18.

**<sup>16</sup> And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, and devour her flesh and burn her up with fire,**



## IV. God will use the Beast to Judge the Religious Prostitute vv. 15-18.

<sup>17</sup> for God has put it into their hearts to carry out His purpose by being of one mind and handing over their royal power to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.





## IV. God will use the Beast to Judge the Religious Prostitute vv. 15-18.



**1<sup>8</sup>** And the woman that you saw is the great city that has dominion over the kings of the earth.”

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**A. God is the Only Sovereign King of Kings and Lord of Lords.**

## IV. God will use the Beast to Judge the Religious Prostitute vv. 15-18.



**“To describe God as sovereign is to say that He is powerful and authoritative to the extent that He can override all other powers and authorities.”**

**-Dr. John Piper**