A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

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THE BOOK OF REVELATION: CHAPTER 17



SCARLET WOMAN UPON THE SCARLET BEAST

Resources used:

- A Study Of The Book Of Revelation by Bob Dodson
- More Than Conquerors by William Hendriksen
- Overcoming With The Lamb, Florida College Annual Lectures, February 7-10, 1994
- Revelation: An Introduction and Commentary by Homer Hailey
- Revelation (Truth Commentaries) by Robert Harkrider
- Revelation (A Study Workbook) by Robert Harkrider
- Revelation by Donnie Rader
- Revelation charts by Keith Greer.
- Studies In The Book Of Revelation by Ferrell Jenkins
- The Apocalypse of St. John by Henry Barclay Swete http://biblicalstudies.gospelstudies.org.uk/pdf/e-books/swete_h-b/apocalypse-of-st-john_swete.pdf (540 pages)
- The Old Testament In The Book Of Revelation by Ferrell Jenkins
- The Revelation Of Saint John The Divine by G.B. Caird
- \bullet The Book of Revelation by Foy E. Wallace
- The Avenging of the Apostles and Prophets by Arthur M. Ogden
- Worthy Is The Lamb by Ray Summers
- Written exchange on "The Domitian Persecution" between Arthur M. Ogden and Ferrell Jenkins presented in Searching The Scriptures, June 12, 1989, pages 7-12

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- I. Struggle on Earth (1-11)
 - A. John's Vision (1)
 - B. Letters to 7 churches (2-3)
 - C. God in control (4-5)
 - D. Opening of seven seals (6-11)

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II. Christ And The Dragon In Conflict (12-22)

(Deeper Spiritual Meaning)

- A. War (12-14)
- B. Bowls of Wrath (15-16)
- C. Fall of Babylon the Harlot (17-18)
- D. Victory of God's people (19-21)
- E. Warnings about the Book (22)

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"The Great Harlot"

- I. John's Vision of the Great Harlot (verses 1-6)
 - The character of the two women and two cities are prominent in the second section of the book. (Chapters 12-22)
- II. Explanation of the Mystery (verses 7-18)

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"The Two Women and The Two Cities"

- In Chapter 12 the woman represented all God's redeemed ones
- In Chapter 17 several positions have been proposed:
 - Apostate Palestinian Jerusalem, the head of hostile Judaism (Foy E. Wallace, The Book of Revelation)
 - 2. Apostate church which developed in the centuries following Pentecost.
 - a. Some apply this to the Roman Catholic church.
 - Pagan Rome, which in turn represents the world of lust, all that is evil.

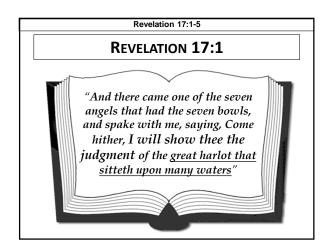
(Homer Hailey, Revelation: An Introduction and Commentary, Pages 341-342)

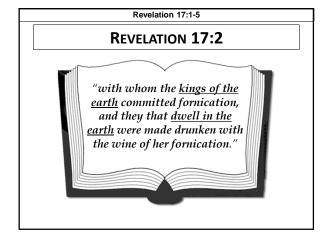
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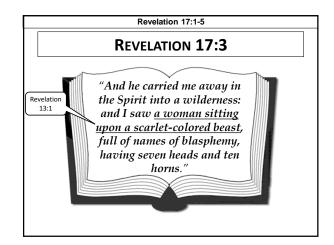
"The Two Women and The Two Cities"

- This section (Revelation 17:1-19:10) falls into three parts:
 - 1. The harlot and her seductive wiles. (chapter 17)
 - 2. The judgment and fall of the harlot. (chapter 18)
 - 3. The hallelujahs of heaven over her fall and the victory of the saints. (19:1-10) (Homer Hailey, Revelation: An Introduction and Commentary, Page 24(2)

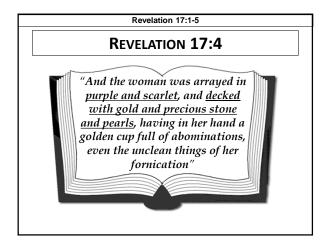


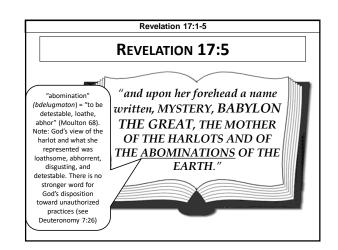






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BABYLON'S PAST

Pride: Proverbs 16:18, "Pride (goeth) before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall."

Note Context:

- Habakkuk 2:4, "Behold, his sout is puffed up, it is not upright in him; but the righteous shall live by his faith."
- Isaiah 14:13-14, "And thou saidst in thy heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will
 exalt my throne above the stars of God; and I will sit upon the mount of
 congregation, in the uttermost parts of the north; I will ascend above the heights
 of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."
- Isaiah 47:7, "And thou saidst, I shall be mistress for ever; so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end thereof."
- cf. Isaiah 13:11, "And I will punish the world for (their) evil, and the wicked for their iniquity: and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible."
- Isaiah 13:19, "And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah."

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Babylon's Past

Full of idols.

- Jeremiah 50:1-10, 38
- Jeremiah 51:17-18, 47, 52
- Isaiah 46-47
- Isaiah 21:8-9, "And he cried as a lion: O Lord, I stand continually upon the watch-tower in the day-time, and am set in my ward whole nights; and, behold, here cometh a troop of men, horsemen in pairs. And he answered and said, Fallen, fallen is Babylon; and all the graven images of her gods are broken unto the ground."

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BABYLON'S PAST

Cruelty in war.

Isaiah 14:4-6

Jeremiah 51:25, 33-35

Habakkuk 1:6-16

Jeremiah 50:10, "'Chaldea will become plunder; All who plunder her will have enough,' declares the Lord." NASU

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THE HARLOT

- The **harlot (mother of harlots)** the object of coming judgment the **sentence** is pronounced
 - In the OT three cities are designated as "harlots" and another as a mistress given to pleasure.
 - Nineveh. Nahum 3:1, 4
 - Tyre. Isaiah 23:15-17
 - Babylon. Isaiah 47:5-15
 - Israel and Judah. Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Hosea, and Micah
- Angel brings the message
- Awful harlot in **contrast** with the bride of Christ
- Follows the pouring out of the bowls of God's wrath
- Now will receive some of the "details"

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