

## **SEPTEMBER 15 OUTLINE & SCRIPTURES**

**OUTLINE - September 15, 2022 Call in: (667) 770-1404 - CODE: 644666**

**Scripture:** Rev 17 **Time:** 7:00-8:00 P.M. **Focus:** Seven Visions of the Fall of Babylon

**Thesis: The Fall of Babylon or Rome**

**1. Background:** Chapter 17 begins our study on the seven visions of the fall of Babylon. Tonight, we will study the first two visions.

### **2. First Vision: The Harlot, Babylon the Great (Vs 1-6)**

One of the seven angels offered to show John the coming judgment, which is to be inflicted upon the great harlot, which is the impending destruction of Rome for her idolatry and persecution of the saints. John saw in the spirit a woman arrayed in purple and scarlet, decked with gold, and upon her forehead was a name "The mother of harlots and abomination of the earth." The woman was drunk with the blood of the saints, and the kings of the earth committed fornication with her.

### **3. Second Vision: Interpretation of the Harlot and the Beast (Vs 6-11)**

John was puzzled and mystified by the woman. The angel interpreted John's mystery of the woman and the beast that carried her with seven heads and ten horns. The beast is to ascend from the bottomless pit and go to perdition. The seven heads are seven mountains and there are seven kings (Roman emperors), five have fallen and the others will fall. The beast is the eighth king and one of the seven to go into perdition (hell, eternal punishment).

### **4. Many Thrones (Vs 12-13)**

The ten horns John saw are the ten kings who do not have kingdoms yet but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. They shall give their own power and authority to the beast (Antichrist).

### **5. The Battle Between Good and Evil (Vs 14-16)**

The beast makes war against the Lamb, but the Lamb overcome them, for He is the Lord and the saints with Him are called chosen and faithful. The angel tells John that the waters upon which the harlot was seated signify peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues, who worshipped the beast as gods. The beast with the assistance of the ten horns will turn on the harlot and hate her. They will make her desolate and naked, and feast on her flesh, and consume her with fire.

### **6. God's Use of Evil Men (Vs 17-18)**

In the destruction of the woman these kings were carrying out God's purpose. Since they had given their power to the beast and were acting under his orders, then it follows that the beast, or Antichrist, has been an agent of God in the punishment of Rome and destruction of the harlot. The woman that John saw was the great city of Babylon, or Rome, and reigned over the kings of the earth.

**Application:** The five fallen kings are Caesar, Augustus, Claudius, Vespasian, and Titus who demanded to be worshipped while they were living. Domitian is the sixth and the Antichrist is the seventh. The ten horns were Nero's allies and generals. John finds good meaning at the last reign of God and the judgment of the harlot city.

**Revelation 14:8** <sup>8</sup> A second angel followed and said, "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great," which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries."

**Revelation 16:9** <sup>9</sup> They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him.

**Genesis 10:10** <sup>10</sup> The first centers of his kingdom were Babylon, Uruk, Akkad and Kalneh, in Shinar.

## READ VERSES 1-2

### The Scarlet Woman and the Scarlet Beast

<sup>1</sup>Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, <sup>2</sup>with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication."

**Jeremiah 3:8-9** <sup>8</sup> Then I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but went and played the harlot also. <sup>9</sup> So it came to pass, through her casual harlotry, that she defiled the land and committed adultery with stones and trees.

**Jeremiah 5:7** <sup>7</sup> "How shall I pardon you for this? Your children have forsaken Me and sworn by *those that are* not gods. When I had fed them to the full, then they committed adultery and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses.

**Jeremiah 13:27** <sup>27</sup> I have seen your adulteries and your *lustful* neighings, the lewdness of your harlotry, Your abominations on the hills in the fields. Woe to you, O Jerusalem! Will you still not be made clean?"

**Ezekiel 16:32** <sup>32</sup> *You are* an adulterous wife, *who* takes strangers instead of her husband.

**Genesis 10:9** <sup>9</sup>He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; that is why it is said, “Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before the LORD.”

**Genesis 11:4** <sup>4</sup>Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise, we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”

**Isaiah 47:12-13** “Keep on, then, with your magic spells and with your many sorceries, which you have labored at since childhood. Perhaps you will succeed, perhaps you will cause terror. <sup>13</sup>All the counsel you have received has only worn you out! Let your astrologers come forward, those stargazers who make predictions month by month, let them save you from what is coming upon you.

### **READ VERSES 3-8**

<sup>3</sup>So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast *which was* full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. <sup>4</sup>The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. <sup>5</sup>And on her forehead a name *was* written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. <sup>6</sup>I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

### **The Meaning of the Woman and the Beast**

<sup>7</sup>But the angel said to me, “Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. <sup>8</sup>The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

**Mark 15:17** <sup>17</sup> They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him.

**Mark 15:20** <sup>20</sup> And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

**Luke 16:19** <sup>19</sup> “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day.

**Matthew 27:28** <sup>28</sup> They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,

**Ephesians 5:32** <sup>32</sup> This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

**Matthew 27:37** <sup>37</sup> Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

**Mark 15:26** <sup>26</sup> The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS.

**Luke 23:38** <sup>38</sup> There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

**John 19:19** <sup>19</sup> Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

**Revelation 19:20** <sup>20</sup> But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.

**Revelation 13:1** <sup>1</sup> The dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name.

**Revelation 13:3** <sup>3</sup> One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was filled with wonder and followed the beast.

**Revelation 11:7** <sup>7</sup> Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them.

### **READ VERSES 9-11**

<sup>9</sup>“Here *is* the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. <sup>10</sup>There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one

is, *and* the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. <sup>11</sup>The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.

**Revelation 13:4** <sup>4</sup>People worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, “Who is like the beast? Who can wage war against it?”

**2 Corinthians 4:4** <sup>4</sup>The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

**Galatians 1:4** <sup>4</sup>who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

**Matthew 4:8-9** <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup>“All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

### **READ VERSES 12-15**

<sup>12</sup>“The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. <sup>13</sup>These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. <sup>14</sup>These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those *who are* with Him *are* called, chosen, and faithful.” <sup>15</sup>Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.

### **READ VERSES 16-18**

<sup>16</sup>And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. <sup>17</sup>For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. <sup>18</sup>And the

woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.”

**Revelation 11:3** <sup>1</sup>Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, “Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. <sup>2</sup>But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot *for* forty-two months. <sup>3</sup>And I will give *power* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”

**Revelation 11:7-8** <sup>7</sup>When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. <sup>8</sup>And their dead bodies *will lie* in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

**Revelation 16:19** <sup>19</sup>Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.