

The Prostitute & the Beast Revelation 17

I. The Prostitute – 17:1-6

1. God declares His wrath is done – 16:17-21
His wrath is poured out on the earth
God's work of creation will be torn apart
God Has provided for human sin in His Son
But His judgment awaits those who reject His Gift
Eternal life with God is given to those who receive
Christ as Savior
2. God's desire for humans in creation is fellowship
with Him
He made humans in His own image for this reason
– Gen 1:26-31
But with temptation, humans broke this bond (trust
in God)
God promised restoration to this fellowship (love
relationship)
Even though it meant the sacrifice of His Son (faith
in Him)
3. Satan attacks humans with a more pleasing offer –
Gen. 3:4-7
That is the offer of the prostitute – Prov. 9
4. God's Judgment on the prostitute – 1
Note this woman sits on many waters – 17:15
"Peoples, multitudes, nations & languages"
5. Kings of the earth face this temptation – 2
"Sexual immorality & wine" pleasure & profit
6. This woman rides the beast – 3
Leaders are often prone to chose the offer – true in
this passage
The beast she sits on is filled with blasphemous
names
This beast has seven heads and ten horns
The seven heads are 7 kings who appeared at
different times
Ten horns will join with one king yet to appear
7. The woman was arrayed in purple & scarlet – 4
"Adorned with gold, jewels & pearls"
"Holding in her hand a golden cup full of
abominations & impurities of her sexual Immorality"
8. "On her forehead was written a name of mystery" - 5
"Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes & of earth's
abominations"
This is speaking of spiritual adultery offered by
Satan's world
9. John saw the woman drunk with the blood of the
saints – 6
"The blood of the martyrs of Jesus"

II. The Beast – 17:7-14

1. Angel seeks to help John understand – 7
John marvels at this mystery of the woman & the
beast
2. Angel explains this beast appears at times – 8

It was, and is not, and yet shall appear again

It does and will again appear from the bottomless pit

Signifying that it is evil (held in check)

It will ultimately go to destruction

"Unbelievers will marvel to see the beast because it
was, is not & is to come"

3. "This calls for a mind with wisdom" – 9
The seven heads are 7 mountains on which the woman
sits
4. King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream – Daniel 2
When his wise men could not interpret it for him, he
called for Daniel
The dream was about 4 great kingdoms, beginning
with Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome
Nebuchadnezzar saw these as a great image with
them all crumble when struck by a stone which than
became a great mountain & filled the whole earth
5. Daniel later had a dream about the 4 kingdoms –Dan. 7
But he saw them as they truly were, "beasts"
He saw the "Son of Man" (Jesus Christ) come as the
stone to destroy these 4 kingdoms – 7:13-14
God's Kingdom will come with God's Son, ruling
eternally
6. John tells us 7 heads were 7 mountains–Rev17:9-10
On which the woman was seated (again she is in control)
These mountains (kingdoms) were also 7 kings
Five of these kings have fallen, one is, the other has
not yet come
When he does come he must remain only a little while
7. John adds more about this 7th head – 11
He calls it the beast that was and is not
It is an eighth but it belongs to the seven, and it goes
to destruction
8. The 10 horns are 10 kings that will join the beast–12-14
They will receive power with the beast – 13
They will make war on the Lamb (Jesus, when He
comes) – 14
And the Lamb will conquer them, for He is Lord of
lords & King of kings
Those with Him are called and chosen and faithful

III. Justice for the Prostitute – 17:15-18

1. The Angel adds more information – 15
The waters you saw, where the prostitute is seated
"Are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages"
These are those who seek what the prostitute offers
2. The ten horns & the beast will hate the prostitute–16-17
They have allowed themselves to be deceived by her
They will make her desolate and naked, devour her
flesh, burn her up with fire,
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- 17
3. This woman is the great city that has dominion over
kings of the earth - 18

7 Bowls of God's Wrath Revelation 16

I. Bowls of God's Wrath – 16:1-9

1. Angels with 7 plagues given bowls – 15:5-8
Each angel is given a gold bowl to pour out God's wrath
These 7 bowls are to be poured out on earth
When completed, the 7 plagues are finished – 15:8
2. This mission is given to 7 angels in heaven – 16:1
John heard a loud voice issuing a command to angels
They are to pour out each bowl on earth
3. First angel poured out harmful & painful sores – 2
Upon the people who bore the mark of the beast
And who worshipped its image
Not told the nature of these sores, only that they are harmful & painful
4. Second angel poured his bowl on the sea - 3
The sea became like the blood of a corpse
Every living thing died that was in the sea
5. Third angel poured his bowl into rivers & springs of water – 4
They became blood & angel in charge of waters spoke: - 5
About God's justice in this judgment
Men on earth have shed the blood of saints & prophets
God now has given them blood to drink
It is what they deserve
John heard the altar saying:
"Yes, Lord God the Almighty, true and just are your judgments"
6. Fourth angel poured his bowl on the sun – 8-9
It was allowed to scorch people with fire
They were scorched by fierce heat – 9
They cursed the name of God who had power over these plagues
"They did not repent and give Him glory"
First four, Man did not honor God as Creator
God, in turn, brought disruption on the creation

II. Judging Leaders of Rebellion – 16:10-21

1. Fifth angel poured out his bowl on the beast – 10-11
On the throne of the beast
Its kingdom was plunged into darkness
People gnawed their tongues in anguish
They cursed the God of heaven for their pain and sores
They did not repent of their deeds
2. Sixth angel poured out his bowl on river Euphrates – 12-16
Euphrates has long been a natural boundary between east & west
God set this boundary with Abraham & Israel – Gen. 15:18
Today it sets a boundary between Israel & Arab nations (Islamic)

Its water dried up, to prepare the way for the kings from the east – 12

John saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon (Satan) – 13

Out of the mouth of the beast (antichrist), out of mouth of false prophet

These 3 are demonic spirits, performing signs, they go to kings of whole world -14

To assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty

3. Jesus speaks to John (notice the ("I") red letter for some – 15

"Behold, I am coming like a thief!" (when you are not expecting)

"Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed"

4. And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon – 16

"Armageddon" comes from the Greek "Harmagedon" a transliteration of Hebrew for "Mount of Magiddo" and the plain of "Esdraelon"

Scene of many Old Testament battles

This assembly of nations is led by the beast and the kings of earth with their armies as found in Rev.19:19

The return of Christ will bring an end to this battle

5. Seventh angel poured his bowl into the air – 17-21

"A loud voice came out of the temple, from the Throne" Saying: "It is Done" There were flashes of lightning, peals of thunder – 18

A great earthquake such as there never had been since man was on earth

"The great city was split into three parts,"

"The cities of the nations fell" - 19

"God remembered Babylon the great, to make her drain the cup of the wine of the fury of His wrath"

"Every island fled away, and no mountains were to be found" – 20

"Great hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, fell from heaven on people – 21

"They cursed God for the plague of hail, because the plague was so severe"