

An hourglass with a glowing scroll of text in the background. The hourglass is on the left, and the scroll is on the right. The background is a dark, textured surface with a warm, orange glow. The text on the scroll is in Hebrew or a similar ancient script.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Chapter 17

Mystery, Babylon The Great

Europe

- 1949 - North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
 - defence alliance for Europe
- 1951 - European Coal & Steel Community
 - France Germany Italy Belgium Lux. Holland
- 1957 - Treaty of Rome
 - Signed in Rome in the building on the site of the Temple to Jupiter (Gr. Zeus ref Rev 2:13)
 - The European Economic Community
- 1963 - The Treaty of Élysée
- 1973 – Britain joined the EEC

Europe – Hidden Agenda?



This statue is located outside the EU offices in Brussels
— A WOMAN RIDING A BEAST!

Europe – Hidden Agenda?



- Greek 2 Euro coin - Woman on a beast

Europe – Hidden Agenda?



- European residents permits throughout the EU

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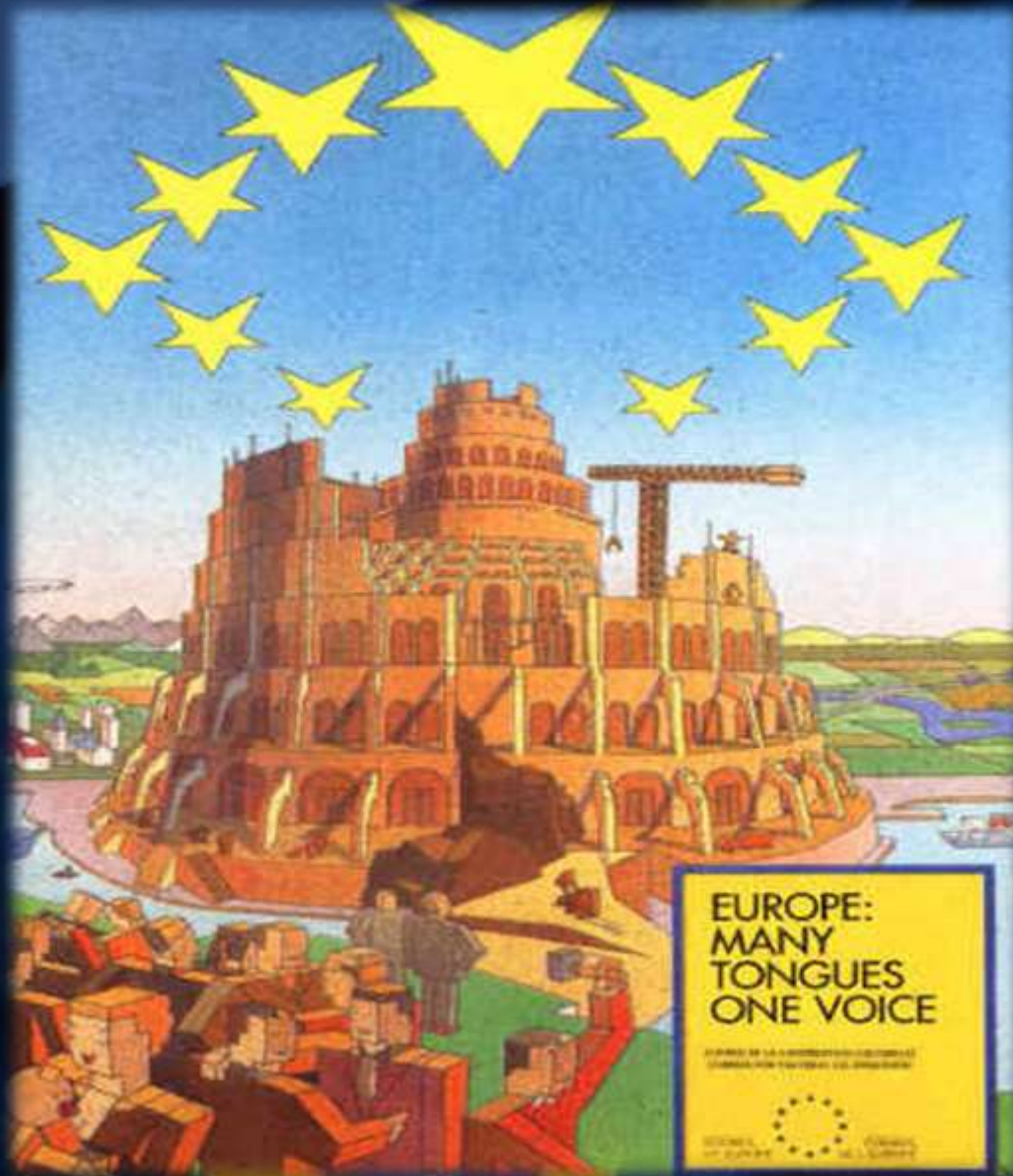
- European parliament building in Strasbourg

The Tower of Babel



- Pieter Bruegel's painting of Babel

Europe – Hidden Agenda?



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- ‘Tower Building’

- European parliament building in Strasburg

Europe – Hidden Agenda?



- Each of the 679 seats assigned to an individual
- Except for seat no. 666 – presently unallocated!



“There is a question of continuing interest to students of Bible prophecy who are watching current events. There is a fundamental difference of outlook between Britain and the Continental national and the impact of this on **events will gradually separate the two...**

The detail of how an unbridgeable gulf will develop we do not know... (p70)

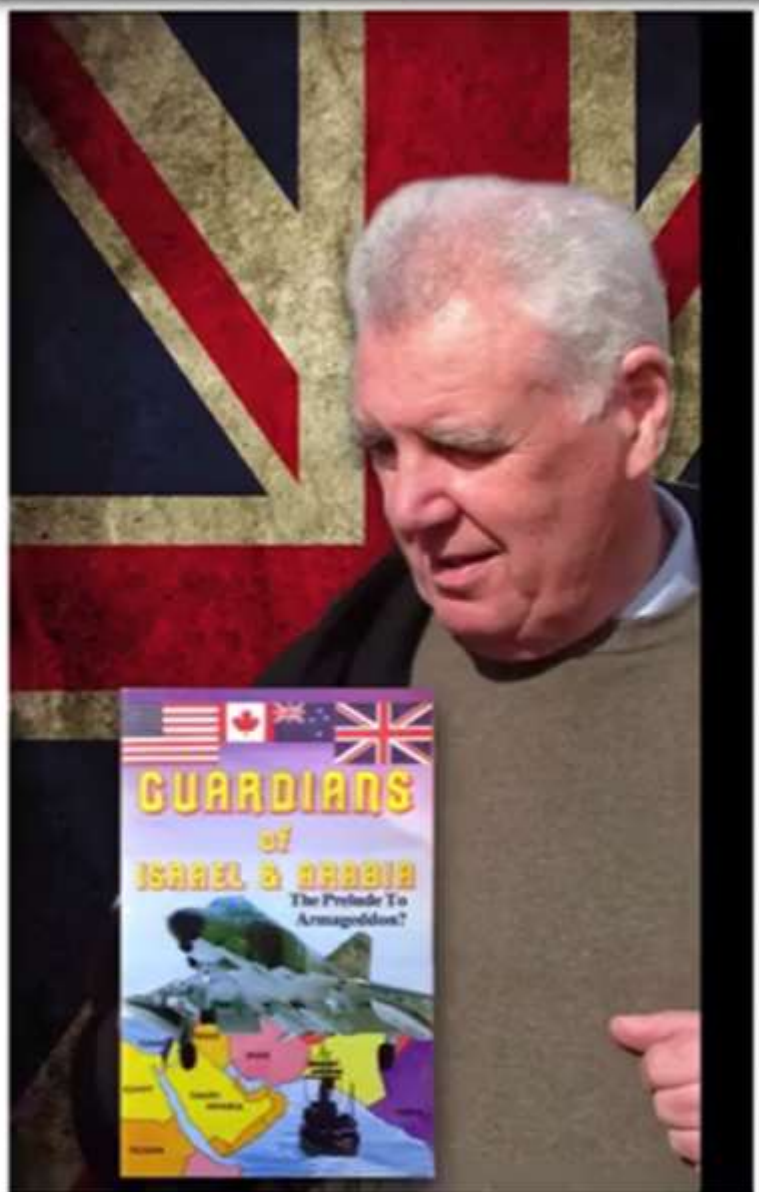
“We expect that as Britain becomes estranged from Europe she will restore her old strong trading links with these countries (Sheba, Dedan and the commonwealth nations)... (p71)

“Britain has been under God’s control for His purpose, a purpose to be revealed in the near future. **Britain has no abiding place in Europe. She will be separated.**” (p80)

-Graham Pearce, Milestones, 1989

Britain is identified in prophecies that concern those who protest and oppose the aggressive northern power who comes to invade Israel. She cannot protest and oppose herself, she is therefore perforce, not part of the European System when these prophecies are finally fulfilled. For this reason, writers over many years—some over a century ago—have seen Britain as being separated from Europe.

-Paul Billington, 1990,
Guardians of Israel and Arabia, p24



Revelation 17

- There will be a one world Government
- There will also be a one world religious system that will embrace all faith's
- Revelation 17 foretells the destruction of this religious system that has exerted enormous political sway over the governments of the world
- The world governments will grow tired of 'her' influence and destroy her
 - Making way for the worship of Antichrist!

The Tribulation

Church
Raptured

Second
Coming

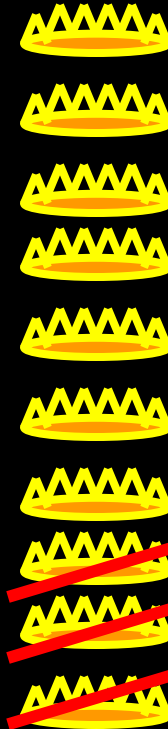
Timing of Chapter 17 & 18

The Beginning of Sorrows
3 1/2 Years

The Great Tribulation
3 1/2 Years



**MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT,
THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND
ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH**



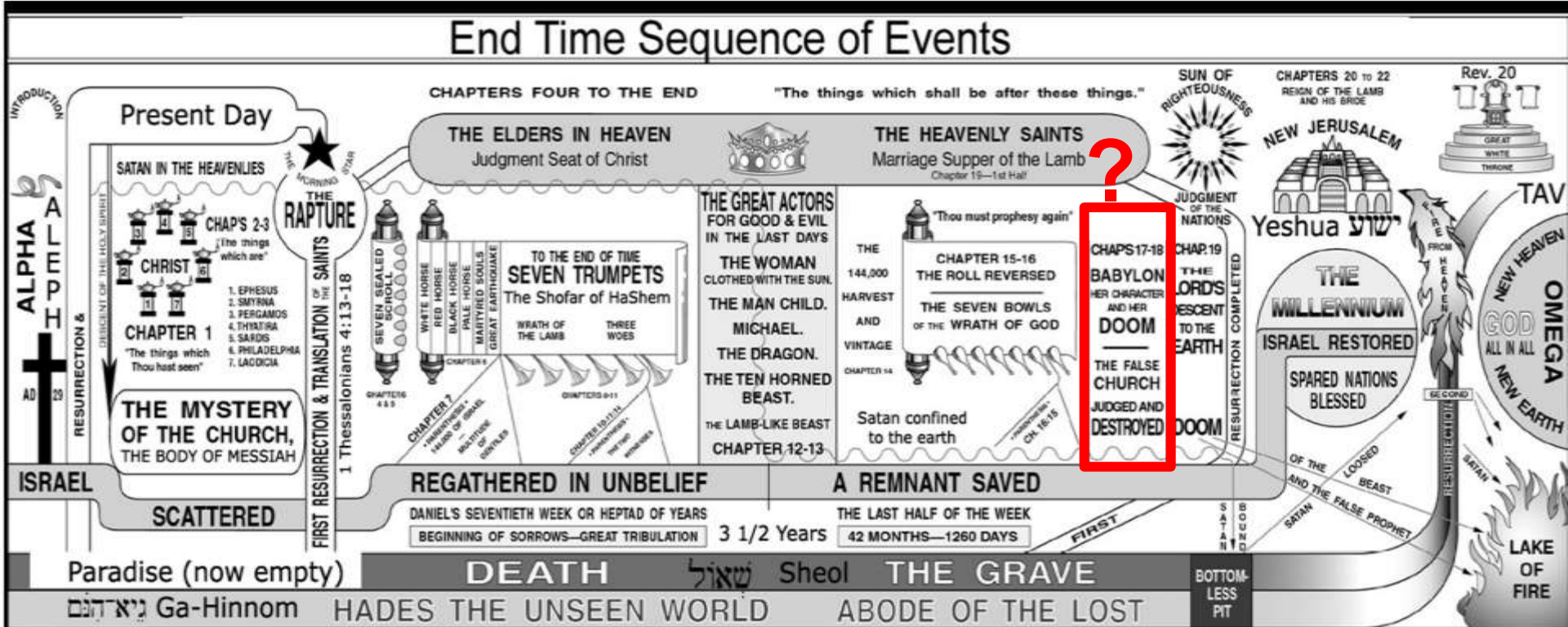
**Ten Kings
Ruling
under
Antichrist**

7 Years

Timing of Chapter 17 & 18

- Reasons it has to be 1st period of 3 ½ yrs
 1. Rule of the 10 kings who destroy 'Babylon' will not occur until the last 3 ½ year
 - The kings will have had enough of her rule
 2. Trade by sea impossible during last 3 ½ yrs
 - In Rev 18:17, those at sea observe 'Babylon's' destruction, so destruction must occur before the 2nd vial when the sea is turned to blood
 3. Antichrist worshipped by entire world 3 ½ yrs
 - This necessitates this false religious system being removed

Timing of Chapter 17 & 18



- Caveat: Acts 17:11

Chapter 17 & 18

- Note: one account (not two)
 - Some propose this is a duel judgment on a 'Spiritual Babylon' and 'Political Babylon'
- Theme - Judgment of the Great Harlot
 - Chapter 17 will give us Her Description
 - Chapter 18 will give us Her Destruction
- Chapter breaks were not included until the 12th century

An open scroll with Hebrew text is the central focus, set against a dark background. To the left, a wooden handle with a fluted design is visible. The scroll is unrolled, showing two pages of text. The text is in Hebrew, with some words clearly legible, such as 'כל אשר האמין' and 'ביום שבת'. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the scroll and the wood of the handle.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Chapter 17

Missing Piece of the Jigsaw?



Missing Piece of the Jigsaw?

- Pivotal chapter in regard to our understanding of history
- It explains why there are so many false religions in the world
- Seldom taught and is replaced by misinformation and deceit
- It unveils a reality that will change the way we look at the world.

The Code Explained

- The symbols and imagery used are clearly explained in the verses that follow.
 - Remember; this was all new to John as well, and the purpose of allowing John to see these things was not to confuse him but to show him *“things which must shortly come to pass”* (Rev 1:1).
- God is not the author of confusion (1 Cor 14:33).

The Key Elements (Players)

- Great Whore
 - We will be able to identify WHAT she is
 - The challenge is to identify WHO she is
- Scarlet Beast
- Seven Heads / Seven Mountains
- Ten Horns / Ten kings

Revelation 17

¹ And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, **Come hither;** I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

Revelation 17:1

- This is one of three occasions in the book that John is told to 'come here' (Rev 4:1 / Rev 21:9), thus highlighting the following vision as something of great importance.

Revelation 17

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Revelation 17:1

- God want's to know!
- We are not in darkness... **1 Thessalonians 5:4**
- *“Why are there so many religions, and don't all roads lead to God anyway!”*.

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Revelation 17

- John is shown the judgment of someone or something described as 'the great whore'.
- Throughout scripture whoredom/adultery speaks of unfaithfulness to God, worshipping or serving someone or something instead of Him.
- This was the crime of Israel in the Old Testament and is graphically portrayed in books like Ezekiel and Hosea (cf: Hosea 1:2 / Ezekiel 23 etc).

Revelation 17

- The first commandment in Exodus 20:11 states that *'You shall have no other God's before me'*. *Lit. 'in My presence'*
- God does not want to be number one on a list of ten; God wants to be number one on a list of one.
- God is a jealous God and wants to be worshipped alone. *Ref Isaiah 40:12-31*

Revelation 17

- “many waters” = worldwide influence
 - confirmed in verse 15
- She draws people away from the worship of the One true God into spiritual adultery.
- This is possibly the greatest crime and so deserves the strictest of judgments.
- Penalty for kidnapping was death (Ex 21:16)

Revelation 17

2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

Revelation 17:2

- Not only 'common' people, but *kings* and *rulers* of the earth have been intoxicated by her
- She has become irresistible to them and exerted her power over them

Revelation 17

- “Fornication” comes from the Greek root word ‘porneia’
 - from where we get the word ‘pornography’
- It means “unlawful intimate indulgence”.
- In the Bible, worshipping false concepts of God are often referred to as:
 - “fornication” for the unbeliever
 - “adultery” for unfaithful believers
- Here ref. unbelievers, hence its spiritual fornication that is in view

Revelation 17

- “the kings of the earth committed fornication”
- “committed” indicates that these rulers made a conscious decision to be involved.
- This is a relationship of selfish convenience.
- One with pretended affection.
- The angel here is quoting from Jeremiah

Revelation 17

- “drunk” = A state of Deception and Delusion

Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this [is] the time of the LORD'S vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence. Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD'S hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; *therefore the nations are mad.*”

Jeremiah 51:7

Revelation 17

3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

Revelation 17:3

- We have already met this beast in **ch 12 & 13**
- The scarlet beast represents:
 - 1) **The Devil himself**
 - 2) **Antichrist**
 - 3) **The Empire of Antichrist.**

Revelation 17

The Scarlet Beast is the Devil

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon [scarlet beast], having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads"....."

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

Revelation 12:3,9

Revelation 17

The Scarlet Beast is Antichrist

“And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.”

Revelation 13:1-2

Revelation 17

The Scarlet Beast is The kingdom of Antichrist

Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

Daniel 7:23-24

Revelation 17

- Thus the Beast is symbolic of
 - 1) the Devil,
 - 2) Antichrist and
 - 3) his kingdom that is yet to arise.
- Their mission and purpose are one
- Antichrist is empowered by the Devil and is the ruler of his kingdom, thus we have one image of the scarlet beast depicting the whole.

Revelation 17

- We should note from the context that it is the beast who is 'full of names of blasphemy' and who has 'seven heads and ten horns' and not the woman.
- What should grab our attention however is that this woman is riding the beast! Just who is she?
- We are now given a 'photo-fit'

Revelation 17

4 And **the woman** was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

Revelation 17:4

- 1st identifier: A woman!
- Deliberate contrast with Ch 12
 - ‘Mystical Eve’ - clothed with Israel
- This whore represents everything unrighteous
- She is to prepare the way for the false Messiah

Revelation 17

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Revelation 17:4

- 2nd identifier: Specific coloured clothing

Her Clothing

- 3 Primary Colours in the Jewish Tabernacle
Exodus 26:1 “Moreover you shall make the tabernacle *with* ten curtains of fine woven linen and **blue**, **purple**, and **scarlet** *thread*; with artistic designs of cherubim you shall weave them.
- **Blue** = Heavenly Realm
- **Purple** = Royal Realm
- **Scarlet** = Earthly Realm
- Notice that Blue is omitted from her clothing

Revelation 17

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- 3rd identifier: She is rich beyond measure

Revelation 17

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Revelation 17:4

- 4th identifier: She has a cup in her hand full of things that are an offence to God

Golden Cup

- In the Jewish Temple it was used to hold the blood of the sacrifice.
- Here it is “full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication”

Revelation 17

5 And upon her forehead was a name written,
MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE
MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND
ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Revelation 17:5

More Identity Clues

- 6. There is something mysterious about her, something hidden / spiritual
- 7. She is identified with Babylon
- 8. She is a mother
 - which means she has children
- 9. Abominations *started* with her
 - Mother of harlots AND abominations
- 10. Her influence is worldwide

Her Title

- “Mystery”
 - To be interpreted mystically or spiritually
- “Babylon”
 - From the Hebrew root word Babel (Confusion)
- “The Great”
 - Greek “megas” meaning “huge”
- One might say her title is:
 - “Huge spiritual confusion”

Revelation 17

6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

Revelation 17:6

More Identity Clues

- 11. She is responsible for shedding the blood of saints
 - (Deut 33:2-3 / 1 Sam 2:9 / 2 Chron 6:41 / Psalm 16:3 / Psalm 30:4 / Daniel 7:21-22,25 / Hosea 11:12)
- 12. She is also responsible for shedding the blood of the martyrs of Jesus

Revelation 17

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Revelation 17:6

- When John saw her, the Greek implies that he 'perceived' and was amazed. It's as if the penny drops, all of a sudden the lights go on

Revelation 17

7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

Revelation 17:7

- The angel says ‘why was this such a surprise?’ This strongly suggests that by now John had understood to a point, but that it should not have been such a surprise if he had done his homework properly.

Revelation 17

8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

Revelation 17:9

- Q: when did the spirit of antichrist manifest itself in the past?
- A: in the person of Judas Iscariot

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Revelation 17:9

- Incredible fact for us to hold on to!

Revelation 17

9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

Revelation 17:9

- Mountains in scripture are symbolic of kingdoms (see [Dan 2:37](#) / [Isaiah 2:2](#) / [Matt 4:8](#)),
- Which is followed in the next verse by...

Revelation 17

¹⁰ And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. **Revelation 17:10**

- Seven kingdoms would suggest seven kings.
- We are then told that five are no longer,
- One is in power at that time,
- and the seventh is yet to come.

7 Heads = 7 Kings

- To understand you have to be 'Israel Centric': There are 7 Kingdoms that ruled Israel
- Before Daniel
 - 2 = Egypt & Assyria
- Daniel chapters 2 & 7
 - 4 = Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome
 - 1 = Final Empire of the Antichrist

7 Heads = 7 Kings

- “Five have fallen, one is, *and* the other has not yet come.”
- “Five have fallen”
 - Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia & Greece
 - one is”
 - Rome
 - the other has not yet come”
 - Final Empire of the Antichrist

7 Heads = 7 Kings

- “when he comes, he must continue a short time”
- **Revelation 13:5** *“And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months”.*

Revelation 17

- 11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.
- 12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.
- 13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

Revelation 17:11-13

Revelation 17

- 14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.
- 15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

Revelation 17:14-15

The Waters

- Symbolic of the whole world.
- Notice the position of the Harlot...
- She “sits on many waters”
- The whole world has been under the influence of this woman
- This influence has transcended the ages
- In all previous ‘kingdoms’ she has been exerting her intoxicating power

Revelation 17

- 16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.
- 17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

Revelation 17:16-17

- Fulfilled in Chapter 18

Revelation 17

¹⁸ And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

Revelation 17:18

- Who is the Woman?
- What is the City?

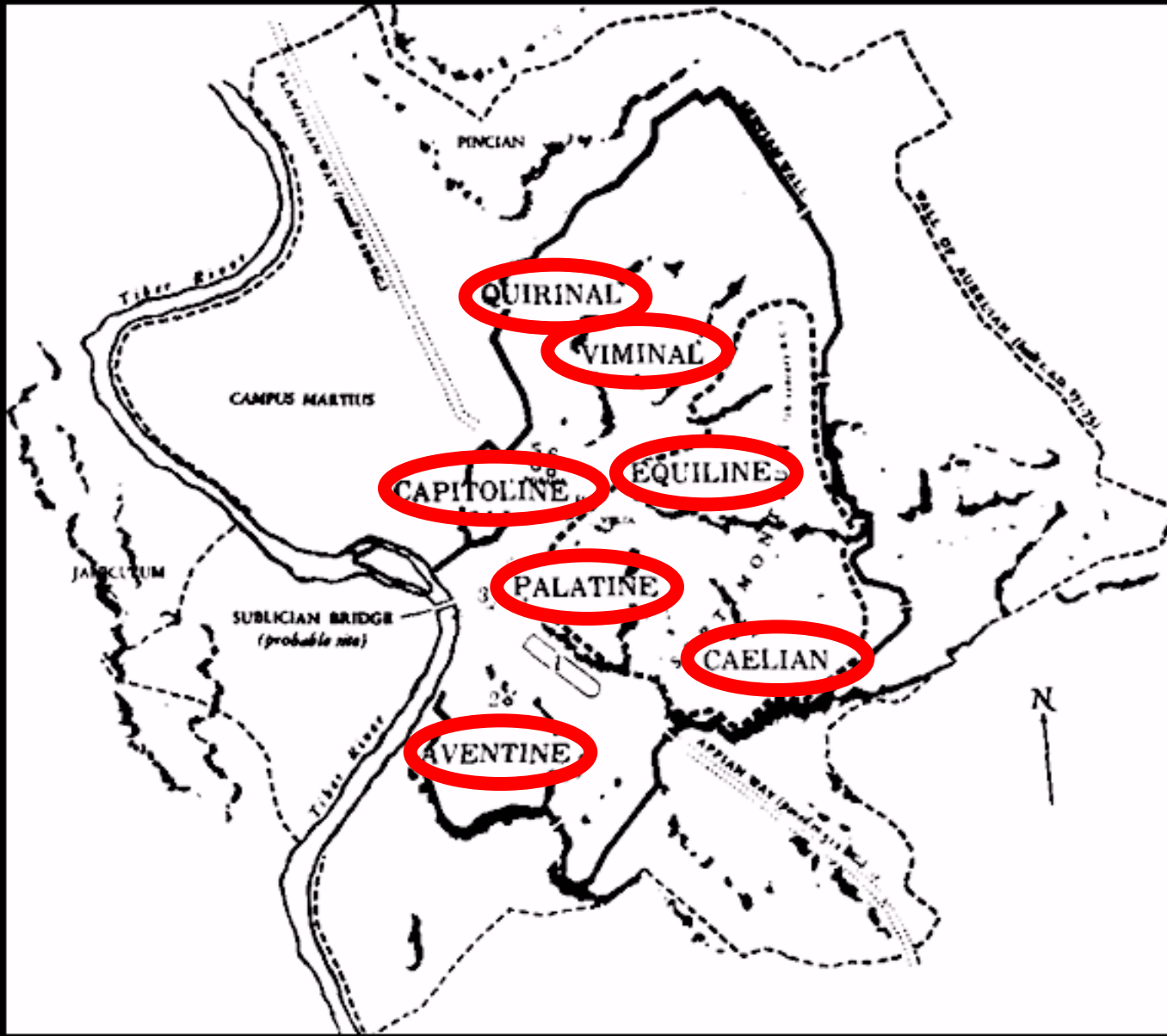
Identity of the Harlot

- Much speculation over her identity
- Some see her as:
 - The Roman Empire
 - The Roman Catholic Church
 - The United States of America
 - New York City
 - Revitalized nation of Babylon (Iraq)
 - Final One-world Religion centered in Babylon, Iraq

7 Heads = 7 Mountains

- Rome is built on 7 hills

7 Heads = 7 Mountains



The Roman Catholic Church?

- She is a woman: 'the Mother church'
- She is clothed in purple & scarlet
- She is rich (bedecked in gold, pearls etc,)
- Full of filthiness & fornication
- Full of mysterious inner groups
- Identified with Babylon
- Mother of harlots & abominations
- She sits on many waters – huge influence
- Has shed the blood of Jews & Christians

Identity of the Harlot

- The Roman Catholic church did not originate abominations
- Nor has it existed throughout the history of the world to deceive the nations
- The power that has dominated nations pre-dates Rome...
- And can be traced back to Babylon!

The Threefold Stratagem

- After the flood, Satan launched a more subtle threefold stratagem:
- World Government
 - To manipulate mankind (against the Seed)
- False Religion
 - To deceive mankind (into following a false seed)
- ‘Seek & Destroy’ Plan
 - To annihilate the ‘threat’ of the real Seed

The Threefold Stratagem

- 1) World Government
 - Abruptly halted at the Tower of Babel
 - But being re-established NOW
 - And will take up arms against the Seed
- 2) False Religion
 - Satanic stroke of genius

The Threefold Stratagem

- False Religion
 - Established at Babel (Babylon)
 - Cush (Grandson of Noah) built Tower
 - Nimrod – 1st World Dictator
 - Nimrod killed (by Shem?)
 - Wife (Semiramis) concocts plan...

The Counterfeit

“If there was one who was more deeply concerned in the tragic death of Nimrod than another, it was his wife Semiramis, who from an originally humble position, had been raised to share with him the throne of Babylon. What, in this emergency shall she do? Shall she quietly forego the pomp and pride to which she has been raised?”

Rev Alexander Hislop – The Two Babylons (p58)

The Counterfeit

“No. Though the death of her husband has given a rude shock to her power, yet her resolution and unbounded ambition were in flight. In life her husband had been honoured as a hero; in death she will have him worshipped as a god, yea as the woman’s promised seed ‘Zoro-ashta’.”

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The Counterfeit

- Rather than give up her throne, Semiramis told the story that her husband Nimrod, though dead, had been brought back to life as her baby son!
- And so began the worship of Mother and Child.

The Counterfeit

- Both Nimrod (supposedly now reincarnated as his own son) and Semiramis became worshipped as gods
- She being known as the 'Queen of Heaven'
- Her son (who she named Tammuz) was hailed as 'the promised Seed'
- Almost all false religion came from this origin.

The Counterfeit

- Thousands of years before the birth of the real Seed – Jesus Christ – false religions worshipping the ‘Mother and Child’ were spreading out all around the world.
 - In Egypt the Mother and Child were worshipped under the names of Isis and Osiris.
 - In India, even to this day as Isi and Iswara;
 - In Asia as Cybele and Deoious;
 - In pagan Rome as Fortuna and Jupiter
 - In Greece as Irene and Plutus;

The Counterfeit

“Even in Thibet, in China and Japan, the Jesuit missionaries were astonished to find the counterpart of [the Roman Catholic] Madonna and her child as devoutly worshipped as in Papal Rome itself; Shing Moo, the Holy Mother in China, being represented with a child in her arms, and a glory around her, exactly as if a Roman Catholic artist had been employed to set her up”

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The Counterfeit

- The Hebrew Mazzaroth, that told God's plan of redemption in the stars, became corrupted into the Zodiac
 - NB: the same in all the cultures around the world
 - demonstrating its single point of origin.

The Counterfeit

- Christmas, Easter, Lent, Lady Day, the Rosary, the sign of the cross (from the 'T' in Tammuz), worship of relics, the doctrine of purgatory, an elite priesthood, the sacrifice of the mass and so many other things all had their origin in Babylon.

Identity of the Harlot

- The false religious system that has led people away from the worship of the true God, and symbolised as this woman, has been skilfully established by Satan since the time of the Tower of Babel
- With one purpose: to unite all mankind, thus reversing the effects of the Tower of Babel where God confused the languages of the people (Gen 11:7).
- For this she will work with the 10 kings

Identity of the Harlot

- Once mankind has been reunited again (through this false religious system) Satan will have no further uses for it and will then cause all mankind to worship him in the person of Antichrist. (See again Rev 13:3-4 / also Isaiah 14:14)

Identity of the Harlot

- Just as the woman in Revelation 12 was clothed with Israel in order to complete her task (that being the birth of the promised Seed), so this 'Queen of Heaven' is clothed with purple and scarlet and decked with gold, precious stones and pearls – the colours of the Vatican, the colours of the Roman Catholic Church.

Identity of the Harlot

- For almost 1500 years this satanic spiritual entity has used Roman Catholicism to her own ends, and will continue to do so until all religions come under her banner. When she has done this, the job started by Semiramis in Babylon almost 4500 years ago will be complete

Identity of the Harlot

- This part of Satan's 'master plan' will then be accomplished and all that will remain is the removal of this false religious system and the unveiling of Antichrist who will then cause all men to worship the dragon – Satan. (Rev 13:4).

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To be continued...