



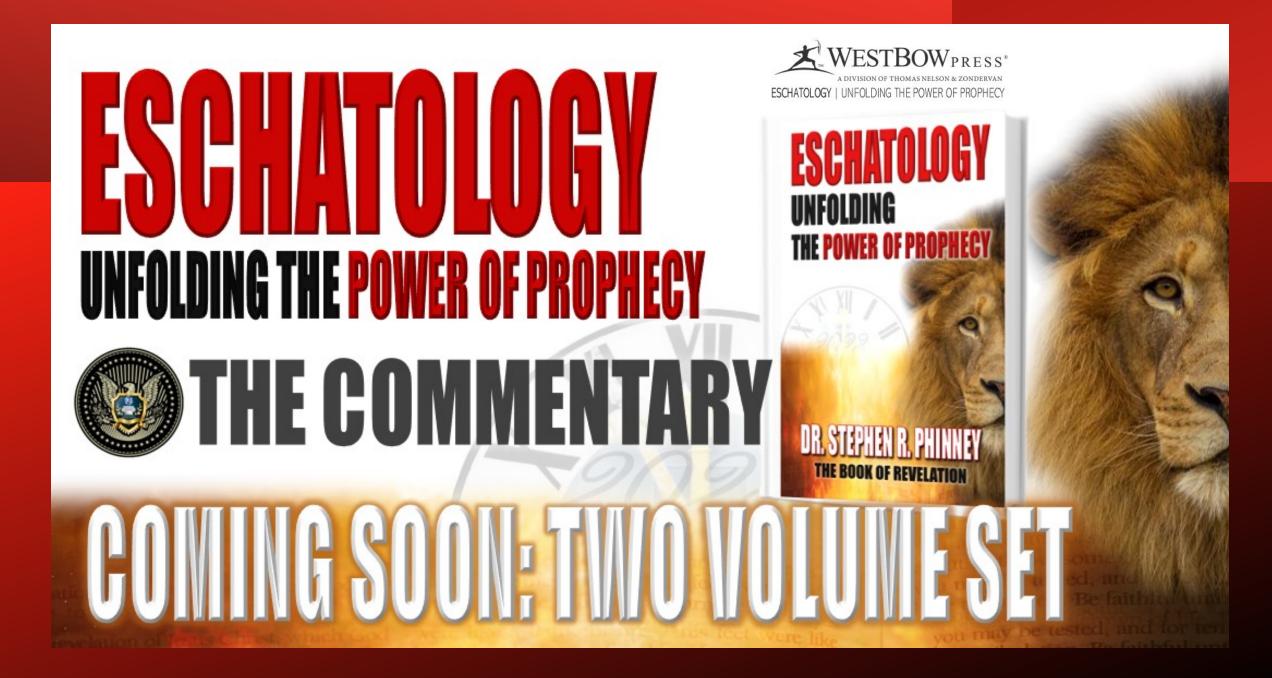
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TODAY'S PASSAGE Revelation 17:1-7

"Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth committed acts of immorality, and those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her immorality." And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns. The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality, and on her forehead a name was written, a mystery, "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. When I saw her, I wondered greatly. And the angel said to me, "Why do you wonder? 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."

THE FALL OF BABYLON

THE HARLOT SHOWS HER COLORS

In chapter 14, we learned about the announcement of the fall of Babylon. Under the Seventh Vial, we are seeing how God accomplishes this prophecy. After verse 8 of chapter 14, events unfold that occur after the outpouring of the Seventh Vial. This is critical to understand to reason with the passages of chapters 17 and 18.

Even though there are many speculations about Babylon's empire, particularly in Revelation's book, the topic of Babylon is of great importance in the unfolding of the book of Revelation. To gain Babylon's right perspective, we need to keep these verses in context with God's Word and place less attention on man's clever ideas. Here are a few points we need to keep at the forefront of our study.



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REVELATION MOTHERS

Both women stated in Revelation are mothers. The first brought forth a Son, who rules the nations; the second is the mother of harlots we discovered in our present passage. Both women are dressed in majestic beauty. The first is dressed in Heavenly attire - light from Heaven; the second woman is dressed in purple and scarlet and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls. The first woman has the moon (power of darkness) UNDER her feet; the second rule over the earth's kings. Both mothers suffer amid battles. The first one battles the Dragon to save her child from being destroyed; by using the Dragon to drive the children into the wilderness.



REVELATION MOTHERSCOMPARISON

	ISRAEL (God's woman) – Rev 12	The Great Whore (Satan's woman) – Rev 17
Motherhood	Brought forth a Son, who rules the nations [vv. 2, 5]	Mother of harlots [v.5]
Dressed in the majestic beauty	Dressed in Heavenly attire –light from Heaven (the sun) [v. 1]	Dressed in purple and scarlet, adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls [v.4]
Rulers	Has the moon (power of darkness) UNDER her feet [v. 1]	Rules over the kings of the earth [v. 18]
Great positions of power	Holds THE power of Heaven and is pure [v. 1]	Stained with immorality and sin [v. 2]
Battles	Battles the Dragon (Satan) to save her child from being destroyed – uses the Dragon to drive the children into the wilderness [v. 13]	Suffers at the hands of the ten kings who initially support her, but now make her naked, alone, and eat her flesh and burn her with fire by an allowance of God [v.2 & Rev 18:9]
Representation	Represents the God of true masculinity	Represents feminized impurities [v. 4]
"Transportation"	Carried on the wings of angels [v. 14]	Carried by the Antichrist [v. 3]
Head markings	Has a crown of twelve stars upon her head [v. 1]	A name was written on her forehead: the name of the destroyer; and she is drunk with the blood of the Bridal members of Christ [vv.5-6]
Eternity	Takes her place at the right Hand of God	Takes her place in the eternal damnable Hell
Lovers	One lover – God, her husband [Isaiah 54:5]	Loves multiple lovers (whoredom, adultery, fornication) [Rev. 19:2]

THE GREAT HARLOT

God notes the second woman as the Great Harlot. She bills herself with this title and appears to be proud of it. In Hebrew, the word harlot means "debauched worship, idolatry, and false devotion." She knows people who do not worship God WILL create a god of their own making. They will follow a system of doctrines, customs, and rituals that support an image pleasing to Satan. She doesn't care what the idol looks like because all images that do not match God's original image directly or indirectly serve Satan. Therefore, we have so many religions in the world today. Satan doesn't care what religion becomes predominant in the end, for he knows they all serve him. Since Satan is a god of indirect worship, the individual's preference of worship doesn't matter – just as long as it isn't Jesus Christ. Therefore, terms like faith-based worship, freedom of religion, interfaith, ecumenical, and emergent are of no threat to Satan. The Great Harlot loves multiple lovers; remember, that is what a whore does best. Whoredom, adultery, and fornication are her specialty.

NIROD

Nimrod was a mighty man and extremely gifted at leading. He enslaved many people and made them work for him. His mission didn't have much to do with the freedom of worship for the people; but rather, he was focused on proving his point to God. One thing he did do was allow each worker to serve any god of their choice. He didn't care about the object of their worship; he just wanted them to adopt his mission of rising against the knowledge of God. He did this through the vain philosophy of freedom of religion. His plan did work, at least for a while. He became the first earthly king. He was the first man in recorded history to form a tyranny system under the banner of freedom of worship.



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Babel's word means "gate to god," and the Hebrew word there is not the God of Heaven. This leaves us with a covert confession that his tower was a gateway to him being a god, which proved itself out by the people falling and worshipping the statue of his wife that he placed in their temple of worship. He was in complete rebellion against God. Without a doubt, this was the beginning of the rule and superpower of the Great Harlot. He became the first antichrist of a new religion, government, and system of idolatry.

From this day forward, idol worship became the most popular form of defying the true God of the Universe.

IN CONCLUSION

I will ask you the same thing that the angel asked John: Why do you wonder? This scarlet woman will ride out, and there is nothing you, or I, can do about it. For the body of Christ to accept these Truths will depend if she accepts or rejects the absolutes of God's Word.

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