

Revelation 17

- The woman is Babylon the Great – not an adulterous woman, but a prostitute
 - Civilized man apart from God, the godless community, man in all his glory without Christ
1. John sees the woman
 2. John is told the woman's significance
 3. John is informed of the woman's punishment

The woman of chapter 17 is in contrast to:

1. The woman of chapter 12 – Israel
2. The woman of chapter 21-22 – New Jerusalem, also a city but a bride

Nahum 3:4 – “Horsemen charging, flashing sword and glittering spear, hosts of slain, heaps of corpses, dead bodies without end— they stumble over the bodies! And all for the countless whorings of the prostitute, graceful and of deadly charms, who betrays nations with her whorings, and peoples with her charms. Behold, I am against you, declares the LORD of hosts, and will lift up your skirts over your face; and I will make nations look at your nakedness and kingdoms at your shame.”

Rev. 17:5 – name is Babylon the Great

Sitting on many waters

1. 16:17
2. Jeremiah 51:13 – many waters of Babylon here refer to the canals from the Euphrates
3. Jeremiah 51:7 – Babylon was a golden cup in the Lord's hand making all the earth drunken; the nations drank of her wine and went mad

The beast the woman rides has 7 heads and 10 horns in 17:3

1. like the red dragon in chapter 12:3
2. like the beast of 13:1

Woman (City of Babylon) **on the** **Beast** (anti-christ ch. 13) **which is on** **Many Waters** (nations, peoples)

7 mountains, 7 heads =

1. Egypt
2. Assyria
3. Babylon
4. Persia
5. Greece
6. Rome
7. Final kingdom (iron/clay)

10 horns, 10 kings = the 10 nations who submit to the #7 the beast after the little horn (AC) defeats 3 of the 10 (described in Daniel)

???Five have been (Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, Nero)
one is (Galba, Otho, Vitellius Vespasian), 7th (Titus)...Domitian, Trajan???