

UNDERSTANDING REVELATION

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SEEING JESUS
AS HE REALLY IS

The Book Of
REVELATION
Ch 17-18

The Fall of the Unfaithful Wife

The answer to Glen's question is "Hosea!"

(psst...Don't tell the people who are not using their notes!)

...the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD."

Hosea 1:2

The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple, from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

Revelation 16:17

"Chapters 17 and 18 give us full details of the Harlot's destruction.

Chapter 19 introduces us to the new bride and the marriage supper of the lamb."

~ Ralph E. Bass Jr.

Who or What is the Great Prostitute?

Revelation 17:1-2

¹ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of **the great prostitute** who is seated on many waters,² with whom the kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality, and with the wine of whose sexual immorality the dwellers on earth have become drunk."

How **the faithful city** has become a whore, she who was full of justice!

Righteousness lodged in her, but now murderers.

Isaiah 1:21

"For long ago I broke your yoke and burst your bonds; but you said, 'I will not serve.'

Yes, on every high hill and under every green tree you bowed down like a whore."

Jeremiah 2:20

Solving The Riddle

Revelation 17:7, 9-11

⁷ But the angel said to me, "Why do you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries her... ⁹ **This calls for a mind with wisdom:** the **seven heads** are seven mountains on which the woman is seated; ¹⁰ they are **also seven kings**, five of whom have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come, and when he does come he must remain only a little while. ¹¹ As for the beast that was and is not, it is an eighth but it belongs to the seven, and it goes to destruction.

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1 Julius Caesar 49-44 BC

2 Augustus Caesar 31 BC-14 AD

3 Tiberius Caesar 14-37 AD

4 Caligula Caesar 37-41 AD

5 Claudius Caesar 41-54 AD

6 Nero Caesar 54-68 AD

7 Galba Caesar 68-69 AD

(Fall of Jerusalem/ Temple's destruction 70 AD)

"Therefore, O prostitute, hear the word of the LORD: Thus says the Lord GOD, Because your lust was poured out and your nakedness uncovered in your whorings with your lovers,.. I will gather all your lovers with whom you took pleasure,.. I will gather them against you from every side and will uncover your nakedness to them, that they may see all your nakedness."

Ezekiel 16:35-37

Unrequited Love

Revelation 17:15-17

¹⁵ And the angel said to me, "The **waters** that you saw, where the prostitute is seated, are peoples and multitudes and **nations** and languages. ¹⁶ And the **ten horns** that you saw, they and **the beast** will hate the prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, and devour her flesh and burn her up with fire,¹⁷ 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.

"...this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it."

~Apostle Peter (Acts 2:23-24)

Escape From Babylon II

Revelation 18:4-5

⁴ Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues; ⁵ for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities."

"Flee from the midst of Babylon; let every one save his life! Be not cut off in her punishment, for this is the time of the LORD's vengeance, the repayment he is rendering her."

Jeremiah 51:6

"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its **desolation** has come near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written."

~ Jesus (Luke 21:20-22)

Gone Forever

Revelation 18:21

²¹ Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "So will Babylon the great city be thrown down with violence, and will be found no more;..."

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:9-10