

Revelation

The in-depth study of revelation

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1. The words I wondered with Great admiration means what?
 - a. I wondered in great amazement
2. The great mystery in John mind has to be what?
 - a. How or why did this happen
3. The seventh angel reveals the mystery to be – The church.
4. The term setting upon a scarlet-colored beast is symbolic of the fallen church.
5. The term the women is symbolic of her not being seen as what any longer?
 - a. The wife
 - b. The bride
6. The beast represents what?
 - a. The one world empire or order
7. The women setting upon the beast is symbolic of her what?
 - a. Their Joint alliance with each other
8. What does the term have been made drunk with the wine mean to us?
 - a. She has been subdued and subdued others with false doctrine.
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10. John says he is carried away into the wilderness.

Revelation 17:3 (KJV)

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.

- a. The wilderness is symbolic of the future condition of the empire formerly glory but now lays in total destruction.
 1. The beast
 2. The antichrist
 3. The false prophet-(church) – or religion
 4. Those who follow after them have been destroyed.
- b. Desert always refers to a dry place within scripture a place of disaster or hardship or correction are even destruction.
- c. John has seen the empire in its Glory-(are at its peak) but now, is shown the empire in total destruction.
 1. Biblical Roman, Babylon, Med-Parrish, Grecian empires all became a wilderness all destroyed never to be again.
 2. So John is shown the future of this empire, to be destroyed and never to be again.

11. John Says he sees the women-(church)-arrayed in purple and scarlet colors.

Revelation 17:4 (KJV)

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:

- a. Scarlet Border with Gold is the color adopted by the Roman catholic Church.
 1. It is to display the outward beauty of someone or something.
 - a. Much like the Pharisees in Jesus Days.
 2. Scarlet is the chosen color of all the catholic cardinals
 - a. Their hats, cloaks and stocking are all of scarlet coloring.
 - b. Their carriages and the horse covering and bridles are all scarlet
 - c. The inner covering of the Pope is scarlet in color
 1. Even a large part of the bodyguards dress of the Pope is scarlet in color.
 3. Scarlet in scripture is seen as being of royalty.
- b. John says the women also is seen arrayed in purple.
 1. Purple also in scripture is also seen as being of Royalty
 - a. Remember they placed a purple robe around Jesus and bowed down and mocked him as being Royal because of His claim of being the Son of God

John 19 : 1 - 5

c. The color purple is extracted from a shellfish found only on the cost line of Mediterranean Sea.

1. Which yielded a reddish-purple dye which was used by Mose's in the preparation of
 - a. Aarons priestly garments
 - b. The covering of the wilderness tabernacle.

Ex. 25 : 4 – Ex. 26 : 1 – 36 - Ex. 26 : 31 – 36 - Ex. 27 : 16 - Ex. 28 : 5 – 33
Ex. 35 : 6 : 26 - Ex. 35 : 8 : 35 - Ex. 38 : 23 – Ex. 39 : 1- 39

2. After the days of Jesus these shell-fish disappeared, Many feared they had gone Ex-stink up until approximately 2010 through 2016 but now has reappeared on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea again.
3. This is ever important because without this special dye the Jewish people could not have dyed their Priestly garments in the proper color required by scripiter.
4. Just as the anointing oil found in the dead sea caves along with the dead sea scrolls in early part of 1947.
 - a. They had to have the exact same formula to anoint the new temple and all of its furnishing including the priest and the sacrifices for the temple of which one ingredient had been lost down through history and no one knows what it was are what it came from.
(Some think it came from the sap of a tree that went ex-stink)

12. The arrayed harlot is symbolic of the attraction or appeal the last day church will have.

Revelation 17:4-5 (KJV)

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:

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

- a. She will be a wealthy church one full of deceptions.
 1. But also full of abomination and filthiness.
 - a. Meaning – 1. She will preach and teach deception saying one thing but doing another.
 2. She will deny scripture – or the true meaning of scripture.
 3. She will teach another way to heaven-
(or a easier way into heaven-)
out said of faith and obedience.

Heb. 11 : 1 - 40 - Matt. 7 : 13 - 14

- 13 The wealthy and corrupt religious Babylon at the end of time will be a very triage thing.
- a. It will commit the worlds largest ever Holocaust.
 - b. According to Google in 2026 over 10,000 children die each day worldwide, with adults the total reaches 25,000 plus.
(The numbers are more than likely even much higher than these)
 1. Not counting the ever-growing casualties of wars which are largely religiously led and feed.
14. Her works are no more than an abomination toward,
- a. Religion
 - b. Mankind
 - c. God
 1. The word abomination means – Idolatry – to stink – Disgusting
 2. Everything this one world reign does will be disgusting to God.
 3. The word Babylon means – Godless religion or godless society
[Jer. 2 : 20](#) - [Isaih 1 : 21](#) – [Jer. 3 ; 1](#) – [Eze. 16 : 15](#) – [Hosea 2 : 5](#)
[Hosea 4 : 15](#) – [Hosea 3 : 3](#)
15. This mother of harlots will do two things.
- a. First - It will put an end to the many different religions or faiths we have today.
 1. It will bring all faiths and religions into unity to worship only one god.
 - a. The beast
 - b. The state or the one world order
 2. The harlot will accomplish this with the mark of the beast.
 - a. By taking this mark one will be in alliance with or worship of this one world government-(Beast).
 - b. Secondly - It will demand complete
 1. Loyalty
 2. Worship
 3. Sacrifice - are be put to death.

16. John saw her as being drunken with the blood of the saints.

[Revelation 17:6 \(KJV\)](#)

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.

- a. John see again from the beginning to the end here he refers back to the opening of the seven-year tribulation.
- b. He is amazed of what has happened and why its happened.

[Rev. 4 - Rev. 9](#)

17. This mother of harlots stands for everything God stands against.

- a. God has sent His son for the salvation of this world by faith.

[John 3 :16](#) - [1 John 5 : 13](#) - [John 3 : 3](#) – [John 14 : 6](#) – [Eph. 2 : 8 – 9](#)

- b. This harlot will combine all faiths and religion under on god other than God.

[Ex. 20 : 1 – 5](#) – [Matt. 10 : 17 – 18](#) – [Matt. 24 : 9 – 10](#) – [Luke 21 : 12](#)

[John 15 : 20 – 21](#) – [John 16 : 2 – 3](#) - [11 Tim. 3 : 12](#) – [Rev. 2 : 10](#)

- c. Man has always been a worshipper of Himself.

1. The tower of Babel – was for self-worship
2. Sodom and Gomorrah was all about self-worship.
3. The flood of Noah's time was because of self-worship

- d. Man religion consists of.

1. His own self works – and benevolent and service.
2. His own self worth
3. His own self – religion- faith – rituals – ceremonies – ideals
4. His own - society – state and government.

- e. This mother of harlots will combine all into a one world religion in unity of worship to the state or government.

(This is the reason here, she is referred to as the mother)

1. All controlled by the beast, antichrist and false prophet.
2. All strictly enforced by the mark of the beast.

- a. Millions upon millions will be persecuted and killed because of their refusal to take the mark there will be no exception.

1. This happens at the beginning of the tribulation starting in chapter four and lasting through chapter nine,
2. By the end of chapter nine there is no one left to rebel outside of the 144,000 and the small remnant at Petro all others are eliminated according to scripture.

[Revelation 9:20-21 \(KJV\)](#)

18. John is asked a question by the sixth angel.

a. Why do you marvel at these things?

Revelation 17:7 (KJV)

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.

b. The angel asked, why do you marvel at what wicked leadership does.

1. Time and time again through-out scripture God has

a. Warned

b. Used

c. Placed

d. Installed

e. Raised up evil leadership because of the heart of the people

2. He has allowed them to have what they wanted

a. Another God

b. Another way other than God.

19. John as Daniel have seen the coming and goings of the world empires.

a. First – Danile – Dan. 1 – Dan. 9

1 He saw four great images – or metals

a. Gold - The empire of Babylon – Dan. 2 : 36 - 38

b. Siver – The empire of the Medo - Persia- Dan, 2 : 39 – Dan. 8 : 20

c. Bronze or brass – The empire of Greece – Dan. 2 : 38 – 29 – Dan. 8 : 21

d. Iron – The empire of the Roman government. – Dan. 9 : 26 – Dan. 2 : 40

b. Secondly – Rev. 4 : Rev. 19

1. John saw four great beasts.

a. Lion – is the first empire of Babylon – Dan. 7 : 4

b. Bear – is the second empire of Medo – Persia – Dan. 7 : 5 – Dan. 8 : 20

c. Leopard – is the third empire of Greece – Dan. 8 : 21 – 22 –

Dan. 10 – 20 - Dan. 11 : 2 : 4

d. Iron - The empire of the beast, of the one world order. - Rev. 4-Rev. 16

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1. Notice John only gives three references to three kingdoms and then gives the beats as the fourth and final kingdom.

Revelation 13:1-3 (NKJV)

¹ Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. ² Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like *the feet of* a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

20. His reference is to the most powerful kingdom of all.
- a. The Kingdom of the Beast.
 - b. His kingdom or rule will be worldwide or have worldwide effect.
 - c. The kingdom of the beast will be more powerful than all the other kingdoms combined.
 1. One ruling with complete control and authority.

Revelation 17:8-9 (NKJV)

⁸ The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

⁹ Here *is* the mind which has wisdom:

21. The beast will establish.

Rev. 17 : 11 - 12

- a. A seven-headed government.
 1. By power and might he will take over control of the government of this world and consolidate them down to ten nations with ten kings of which three will be overthrown. **Rev. 13 : 1 - 2**
- b. It will be the most wicked government ever formed
 1. John says as if it were right out of the pits of hell. **Rev. 9 : 2 – Rev. 11 : 7 – 10 - Rev. 13 : 2 – 3 - Rev. 17 : 1 - 18**
- c. John says he is the beast of two predictions. **Rev. 4 – Rev. 16**
 1. To rise
 2. To fall – The word prediction in rev. 17 : 8 means –
To be destroyed or devastated to a worthless existence.

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3. Satan will be bound for a thousand years for his part of this rebellion.

Revelation 20:1-4 (NKJV)

¹ Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ² He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is *the* Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³ and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. ⁴ And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then *I saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received *his* mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

22. The Government of this world will be in total alliance with the beast.

a. Agenda

b. Motives – [John 10 :10](#)

[Revelation 17:12-13 \(NKJV\)](#)

¹² The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.

¹³ These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast.

c. Who have received no kingdom as yet means - These ten kings and Kingdoms were not in existence when John was writing.

1. They were to be kings and kingdoms to come.

2. They were of one mind.

3. They were given power to be -

(Given authority or placed in authority by the beast).

4. They would exist for only a short time.

a. To be defeated along with Satan and the antichrist and their reign by the Lamb of God.

23. Satan whole agenda is to overthrow God kingdom here on earth.

a. Because his first attempt to overthrow God heavenly kingdom failed.

[Isaiah 14 : 1 -32](#)

1. It's his last attempt to rule.

2. It's his last place to rule.

[Revelation 17:14 \(NKJV\)](#)

¹⁴ These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those *who are* with Him *are* called, chosen, and faithful."

b. He will lead-(Those who remain and who have rebelled against)-

1. God

2. God creation

3. God people and purpose to war with God.

Rev. 4 – trough - Rev. 9

24. The Lamb will prevail.

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a. The saints of God will be with the Lamb of God when He returns to war with the Beast.

Revelation 19:11-14 (NKJV)

¹¹ Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. ¹³ He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

25. John explains verse one through verse thirteen of chapter seventeen with verse fifteen through verse eighteen of chapter seventeen.

a. The waters meaning the multitudes of deceived people.

b. Nations and tongues mean – the whole world-
(every nation with no exception).

b. The whore – The fallen or apostate church- (or Babylon).
(Lukewarm church rev. 3 : 14 – 22).

c. The ten horns are the ten original ten nations formed by the antichrist.

d. These shall hate the whore means – Satan hates even the apostate church,
the false and deceived church.

1. The false religion will gain worldwide power and fame and worship
Satan will even turn against this worldwide movement or religion.

2. Satan will want all to worship the state.

a. The state will be the one who issues the mark of the beast and demand
loyalty to the mark or worship of the image of the beast.
(the state being the antichrist)-(Satan ruler).

3. Satan will come to despise even this false religion and will seek to destroy
It.

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