

THE RELATIONSHIP: THE HARLOT AND THE BEAST Studies in the Revelation

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy,
and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

Revelation 1:3

TWO QUESTIONS, TWO ANSWERS:

The scene unfolding before John:

And he (the angel) carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a (1) woman sitting on a (2) 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."

Revelation 17:3-6

The explanation from the angel:

And the angel said to me, "Why do you wonder? I will tell you the mystery of the (1) woman and of the (2) beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns."

Revelation 17:7

First, the beast:

"The beast that you saw (1) was, and (2) is not, and (3) is about to come up out of the (what) abyss and go (where) to destruction. And those who (what) dwell on the earth, (described as) whose name has not been written in the book of life from (when) the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, (at what) that he (1) was and (2) is not and (3) will come."

Revelation 17:8

The Beast:

And the dragon (Satan: 12:9) stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a (what) beast coming up out of (what) the sea (17:15) having ten horns and seven heads (17:3) and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names (17:3). Revelation 13:1

Was, Is Not, About to Come:

I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain (lit: smitten to death), and his fatal wound was (what) healed. And the whole earth was (1) amazed and (2) followed after the beast; they worshiped the dragon (Satan) because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"

There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven. It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him.

All who dwell on the earth will (what) worship him, (described as) everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.

If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

Revelation 13:3-9

He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes (who) the earth and those who dwell in it to (what) worship the first beast, (described as) whose fatal wound was healed.

He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men.

And he deceives (who) those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast (described as) who had the wound of the sword and has come to life.

Revelation 13:12-14

Coming up out of the Abyss:

Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him.

He opened the bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit.

Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon.

Revelation 9:1-3, 11

When they (the two witnesses) have finished their testimony, the (who) beast that comes up (where) out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.

Revelation 11:9

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he threw him (where) into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

Revelation 20:1-3

Next, a pause for wisdom and reflection:

"Here is the mind which has wisdom." Revelation 17:9a

Then , the seven heads, mountains and kings:

"The seven heads are (what) seven mountains (described as) on which the woman sits, and they are (what) seven kings; (described as) five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while.

"The beast which (1) was and (2) is not, is himself also an eighth and is one of the seven, and he goes (where) to destruction."

Revelation 17:9b-11

Seven Heads, Seven Mountains and Seven Kings:

Five fallen: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece

One is: Rome

Not yet come: Revived Roman Empire - Antichrist's final kingdom

Eighth, one of the seven: Before and after fatal wound healed

Finally , the ten horns:

"The ten horns which you saw are ten kings (future) who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour. These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast."

Revelation 17:12-13

Victory for the Lamb:

"These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, (why) because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful."

And he said to me, "The waters which you saw where the harlot sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues. And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will (what) hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire.

For (who) God has put it in their hearts to execute (what) His purpose by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled. The woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth."

Revelation 17:14-18

FINAL REMINDER:

"For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, (who) even the elect. Behold, I have told you in advance."

Matthew 24:24

Gratitude

I was hungry then, broken and ashamed
Haunted by mistakes, things I won't explain
I could've used a friend, I'm sure I used a few
The worst in every man, will get the best of you

Gratitude my Lord
All to You, my Lord

I hoped for so much more, settled for much less
I didn't trust Your love, I didn't trust myself
So I reset my clock, till I ran out of time
Then You turned this stagnant heart of water into wine

Gratitude my Lord
All to You, my Lord

A man can lose his world and still reclaim his soul
Remember he was young, even when he's old
How can I have lost what I never had
If I never had...

Gratitude my Lord
All for You, my Lord

Gratitude my Lord
All to You, my Lord

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