



BABYLON

The Collapse of Deception

Revelation 17 & 18

CALL TO THE WORD

But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)

EPH 2:4-5

INTRODUCTION

The Judgement of False Religion



REV 17:6

The woman is Babylon, the
false religious system



JOHN AMAZED

REV 17:6

“He faced the fire with such calm and grace that onlookers were in awe. It was as if he was going to his own wedding, and the crowd even applauded as he walked to the stake.”

JOHN AMAZED

REV 17:7

Amazement: "thaumazō" in Greek can have a connotation of amazement mixed with fear.

Mystery: a truth once hidden but, in the NT, is revealed

JOHN AMAZED

REV 17:8

“The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend...”

It is Satan’s version of:

“The God who is and was and is to come.” Rev 1:8

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REV 17:9-10

“mountain” (ore)... mountain or hill

Often associated with Rome

JOHN GETS AN EXPLANATION

REV 17:9-10

“Though none of these empires ever actually ruled the whole globe, each was the greatest kingdom of its time. Particularly in reference to the land and the people of Israel, and these kingdoms’ opposition to the proclamation of God’s Word and the accomplishment of His purposes in the world.” (Guzik)

JOHN GETS AN EXPLANATION

REV 17:11-13

The Beast is “going to perdition” (destruction)

Ten Kings allude to a ten-nation confederation

Dan 2:24-45

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REV 17:11-13

“What changes in Europe may bring them into the required tale and form, it is not for us to say.”

(Alford, 1866)

JOHN GETS AN EXPLANATION

REV 17:11-13

*“We are not forming
coalitions of states, we
are uniting men.”*



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REV 17:14

The End Game...

Rev 16:13-14

1Tim 4:1

2Tim 3:13

JOHN SEES THE END GAME

REV 17:14

The Lamb will overcome them...

Rev 19:11-16

*“Christ conquers by the power of His Word”
(Johnson).*

JOHN SEES THE END GAME

REV 17:14

*The Prince of Darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.*

JOHN SEES THE END GAME

REV 17:15

The harlot through its connection with the beast (the false religious system working with the antichrist) will be one... church and state on steroids.

JOHN SEES THE END GAME

REV 17:16

The son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped, so that he sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God (2Th 2:3-4).

JOHN SEES THE END GAME

REV 17:17-18

“for God has put it into their hearts...”

Pro 21:1 The king's heart is like a stream of water directed by the LORD; he guides it wherever he pleases...

JOHN SEES THE END GAME

REFLECTION

The Future is Religious

“My dear brothers, we are already one, but we imagine that we are not. And what we have to discover is our original unity.”

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The Future is Relief

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