

## IDENTIFYING THE EARTHLY ENEMY OF TRUTH

Scripture: Revelation 17

Introduction:

- A. Note that chapter 16:19 revealed the great city being divided into three parts and the fall of the cities of the nations; but great Babylon only coming into remembrance before God to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.
- B. Now, chapter 17 is given to identify great Babylon.
- C. There are some terms that must be understood if we are to get a clear picture of that which is revealed in this chapter.
- D. Women are used to refer to religions -- good women refer to true and bad women refer to false religions.
- E. Adultery and fornication are used to identify spiritual sin as well as physical.
- F. Who or what is this great Babylon that came into remembrance before God that is to be given the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath?

### I. SHE IS THE GREAT WHORE THAT SITS SUPREME OVER THE EARTH.

- A. Verse 1 – she sitteth upon many waters.
- B. Verse 15 tells us who the waters are –peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues – the whole world of people.

### II. SHE HAS INVOLVED HERSELF IN SPIRITUAL FORNICATION WITH THE NATIONS. Vs. 2, 3

- A. The kings of the earth have fallen prey to this great whore.
- B. The people of the earth have been made drunk on the wine of her spiritual fornication – false teachings.
- C. This spiritual whore sits upon and controls a scarlet colored beast – maybe the antichrist beast.

### III. SHE IS BEAUTIFUL TO LOOK UPON BUT FILTHY INSIDE.

- A. V. 4 While arrayed in beautiful color and riches, she is full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication – physical and spiritual.
- B. V. 5 She has a name that reveals her inner being.
- C. V. 6 She was drunk with the blood of the saints, and the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.

### IV. THE MYSTERY OF THE WOMAN AND THE BEAST IS TOLD.

- A. Vs. 8, 11 The beast WAS and IS NOT and SHALL ASCEND out of the bottomless pit. This identifies him as the antichrist – killed in 11:13 – is not – comes out of the bottomless pit and go into perdition 20:7, 8.
- B. Vs. 9, 10 The seven heads are kings over seven mountains or kingdoms.
- C. Vs. 12, 13 The ten horns on the beast are ten kings that have one mind and shall give their power to the antichrist beast who shall give them power as kings for one hour.

### V. THE ANTICHRIST AND THE TEN KINGS SHALL MAKE WAR AGAINST GOD'S LITTLE LAMB AND AGAINST THE GREAT WHORE.

- A. V. 14 This war is still future – shall make war – when it comes, the Lamb shall overcome the Antichrist and his kings because He is Lord of Lords and King of Kings.**
- B. Vs. 15 – 17 These kings shall fulfill God’s will in dealing with the great religious whore which reigned over the kings of the earth.**

**CONCLUSIONS:**

- A. The great enemy of truth has been identified. She is the great religious whore that holds the masses of the world locked in doctrines and practices contrary to truth.**
- B. She is the great Roman Catholic Church and her many daughters who continue to hold too much of the false teachings of the mother church.**
- C. They have been identified; they will be dealt with in the next two chapters.**