

REVELATION • Victory in Jesus • LESSON 18 (August 26)

Revelation 17: The Judgment of the Great Prostitute

By its use of “Then,” Revelation 17:1 assumes we remember the context of what is happening in this revelation. Take a moment to remind yourself: what is going on?

Take the time to carefully read Revelation 17 as a whole and reflect on what you’ve read:

- The great prostitute who is seated on many waters
 - 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
 - Arrayed in purple and scarlet and adorned with gold, jewels, and pearls, she holds a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality
 - “Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth’s abominations” is written on her forehead
 - She is drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus
 - “The woman...is the great city that has dominion over the kings of the earth.”

What does this great prostitute represent?

- The great prostitute is sitting on a scarlet beast with seven heads and ten horns; it is full of blasphemous names
 - The beast was, and is not, and is about to rise from the bottomless pit and go to destruction
 - The dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will marvel to see the beast
 - The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated; 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
 - The ten horns are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast
 - They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them

What does this scarlet beast represent?

- The waters, where the prostitute is seated, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and languages

In your own words, what is being communicated in Revelation 17? What is the overall message?