

Decoding Revelation –Week 10

“That is why it was called Babel — because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.” Genesis 11:9 (NIV)

Let US make bricks.
Let US build a great city.
Let US make a name for ourselves.
Let US not be scattered over the earth.

I. GOD’S DESCRIPTION OF “BABYLON?” (Chapter 17)

Babylon Is entrenched worldly resistance to God.

Five ways to recognize this civilization that sets itself up against God

1. A woman sitting on a scarlet beast. (17:3)
Its father is Satan.
2. The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet. (17:4a)
Its focus is materialism.
3. She held a golden cup in her hand. (17:4b)

“Babylon was a gold cup in the Lord’s hand; she made the whole earth drunk. The nations drank her wine; therefore they have now gone mad.” Jeremiah 51:7 (NIV)

Its character is immorality.

4. This title was written on her forehead: BABYLON... mother of prostitutes. (17:5)
Its business is prostitution.

“But you trusted in your beauty and used your fame to become a prostitute. You lavished your favors on anyone who passed by and your beauty became his.”
Ezekiel 16:15 (NIV)

5. She is drunk with the blood of the saints. (17:6)
Its religion is anti-God.

Question: *Who is this beast with 7 heads and 10 horns?*

The beast that once was, now is not and will come.
The beast that will make war against the Lamb.
The beast that will ruin Babylon.

The 7 heads are the 7 hills on which the woman sits

- Some understand that to mean 7 Kings of Rome (The Ceasars from Augustus to Domition).
- Some understand it to mean a symbol of the fullness of evil.
- Some understand it to mean 7 kingdoms (Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome and the last kingdom).

Babylon the woman is the unholy opposite to Bride of Christ.

Babylon the city the ungodly opposite of the New Jerusalem.

II. GOD'S PERSPECTIVE ON BABYLON (Chapter 18)

4 voices that put human history in perspective...

4 voices that put the world today in perspective...

4 voices that put the world leader of the end times in perspective...

1. The voice of condemnation (vv. 1–3)
God's Perspective: Babylon will fall.
2. The voice of separation (18:4–8)
God's Perspective: Come out from her my people!

"Come out of her, my people! Run for your lives! Run from the fierce anger of the LORD."
Jeremiah 51:45 (NIV)

3. The voice of lamentation (18:9–19)
God's Perspective: "In One Hour"
4. The voice of celebration (18:20–24)
God's Perspective: Justice will be done

GOD made us.
GOD makes a city.
GOD gives us a name.

GOD gathers us together for eternity.

Scriptures Referenced – Revelation Chapters 17 & 18, Genesis 11:3-9, Jeremiah Chapters 51&52,
Ezekiel 16:15, 1 John 2:15-17