REVELATION 17:

1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the **great whore that sitteth upon many waters**:

*Before I start, I would like to say again that there are three thing that a Christian must spiritually understand about the book of Revelation as they follow Christ. I don’t have a full understanding of everything disclosed but I do believe I understand what I need at this present time. There has never been and never will be a man that can literally interpret Revelations to the understanding of the carnal mind*

*Although they may think they have understanding.*

*Each individual must seek Christ for spiritual understanding.*

*The three things that the true church will understand is who the Beast is, who the false prophet is, and they will recognize Babylon. Not just a person or a city but mostly the influence cause by them.*

*If a person is in deception, they need to recognize the person that put them there more then something to come.*

*Most protestant churches begin in what is called the reformation and will openly call Babylon Rome. I do not disagree, but I believe Babylon covers much more territory then that.*

REVELATION 17:

15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

*I know that the city of Rome is called the city of seven hills or mountains but I also know Babylon is called mystery Babylon and abominations of the earth.*

REVELATION 17:

5 And upon her forehead was a name written, **MYSTERY**, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

 **MYSTERY** 3466 musterion {moos-tay'-ree-on} a hidden or secret thing, not obvious to the understanding.

*To know Rome sits on seven hills is obvious not mystery and she is also on a seven headed beast.*

*The only thing that the bottomless pit represents is a dungeon for demons that can be released according to the purpose of God.*

*I’m not sure what it is but the devils are not comfortable being there.*

LUKE 8:

30 And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him.

31 And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the **deep.**

 **deep. bottomless** 12 abussos {ab'-us-sos} bottomless, unfathomed: boundless, enormous

*When these demons are released,*

REVELATION 9:

1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

REVELATION 9:

2 And he opened the **bottomless** pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

 *They have a ruler or king over them*.

REVELATION 9:

11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of **the bottomless pit**, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

*And the beast that appears for the last time comes from the bottomless pit.*

REVELATION 17

8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of **the bottomless pit,** and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

*The only star falling from heaven would be Satan*.

LUKE 10:

18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

REVELATION 12

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

*The beast will be imprisoned in the bottomless pit for a thousand years*.

REVELATION 20:

1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season

REVELATION 17

9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. **The seven heads are seven mountains**, on which the woman sitteth.

*Let’s use a little wisdom here what are the seven heads?*

REVELATION 12

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon**, having seven heads** and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

REVELATION 13:

1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, **having seven heads and ten horns**, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

REVELATION 17:

3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy**, having seven heads and ten horns.**

*Who are those kings?*

10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth**, and is of the seven**, and goeth into perdition.

*I have read several commentaries, and they all differ because the carnal mind will never understand, to me it is not who they are but what they represent. To my understanding it doesn’t matter who they are, but they represent a kingdom ruled by Satan physical until the kings pass and them Satan from the bottomless pit is the last king of this world and has the same power in one with the seven making eight.*

*Take this parable as a type.*

MATTHEW 12:

43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.

45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

*Satan was kicked not out of a man but heaven the earth was ruled mostly by physical force but when the beast of seven heads is loosed out of the bottomless pit he also is using spiritual deception through the two horned beast of Revelation 13, the false prophet and also political strength of the Kingdoms of this world. The beast from the bottomless pit is the eight king.*

I CORINTHIANS 4:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

EPHESIANS 2

1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

*First Satan used physical force of armies to fight but now he still uses physical force but also deception you cannot be a child of disobedience unless you have heard and disbelieved. We were all born sinners but when we turn down the gospel we become children of disobedience.*

REVELATION 13:

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

7 And it was **given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome** them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

*That is physical force.*

REVELATION 13:

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

14 **And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles** which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

That is spiritual force.

*You might not agree with my parable but certainly Satan with the kingdoms of this world and the power of Babylon with the false prophet it certainly more wicked then before.*

REVELATION 12:

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

*When the scripture speaks of Babylon it speaks of it from beginning to end it may not be committing acts against the church but its history hold it guilt.*

REVELATION 18:

24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

*That takes Babylon back and identifies it with Cain although it did not take a name until later.*

*To be guilty of spiritual fornication or/and murder you do not have to commit an act but to be associated with the ones that did.*

LUKE 11:

49 Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute:

50 That **the blood of all the prophets**, which was shed from the foundation of the world**, may be required of this generation**;

51 From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation.

*False religion which is idol worship rejection of the truth put you in Babylon on matter where you might think it would be because Babylon rides on the Beast.*

*This is how the Spirit manifests itself.*

GENESIS 11

4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

*The true church does not make a name to identify itself but God* *identifies it.*

JOHN 5:

43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

44 How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

30 And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.

31 Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.

32 Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.

33 Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

*The beast has many names that people can identify with not just one.*

*If false religion was united it could control the world but like the first physical Babylon whose language was change to cause confusion so each name of false religion speaks its own denominational doctrine and is rejected by those who differ.*

*The destruction of Babylon happens seemly in two parts first the ten kings hate the whore as many nations do at this time and seek to destroy her.*

REVELATION 17:

16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

*This is happening now is some countries and only the Lord know to the extent it will evolve to.*

*But her final judgment is from God Himself.*

REVELATION 18:

8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

REVELATION 18:

20 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at al

REVELATION 18:

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

*All modern organized religious groups can be traced back to the teachings of a man most agree doctrines started by men who lived after the apostles death while most churches openly agree that their doctrines and tradition come from what they call church fathers, the true church doctrine comes from the scripture and inspiration and teaching of the Holy Spirit.*

*A religion which in error cannot repent or be reformed it can only change to some extent but mostly to its detriment. The true church is in the hand of our Lord and His Father.*

JOHN 10:

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand*.*

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**THE PROMISES OF GOD**

“*For all the promises of God IN HIM are yea and IN HIM amen, unto the glory of God*” **(2 Cor. 1:20).**

It is a wonderful thing that the Sovereign, immutable God of Heaven would make promises to the fallen sons of Adam. But He has promised forgiveness of sin, eternal life and justification before His own glorious person. He has promised to receive sinners, give them a new nature, a new heart and to give them a perfect standing in His own presence, and to make them perfect and complete.

There is one thing we must be sure of concerning the promises of God: ALL OF THEM ARE IN CHRIST. If you desire anything from God you must come to the Son, for He is heir of all things. “*The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hands*” (Jn.­3:35). God has given His Son Jesus Christ all authority both in heaven and in earth. He has said, “*This is my Beloved Son, hear Him.”*

If you desire forgiveness of your sin, to have a clean conscience and a perfect standing before God, there is but one way to receive the promises of God: Come to Christ in faith, casting your soul upon Him - trusting Him with your very eternal soul and well-being.

 God always makes good on His promises for He cannot lie. There are two sides to God’s promises just as there are two sides to a sword; He has said “*He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him*” (Jn. 3:36). All the promises of God are “*yea*” and “*amen*” IN CHRIST!

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## When Paul was sitting in a Roman prison for preaching the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, he lacked the necessities that he needed to maintain his physical strength. The believers at Philippi found out about Paul’s deplorable circumstances and sent relief to him by the hand of their pastor. Having received the gift from them, he wrote back to them saying, *"I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God*" (Phil. 4:18). Paul also assured them that the Almighty God would take care of all their need, "*My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus*." (Phil. 4:19).

Believer, although we have a great need of all spiritual blessings; to ascend and to stand in His presence (Psalm 24:3), we can fully rest in this and many other precious promises of our Lord Jesus Christ that He will meet all our need, not according to our puny efforts of religious work, but rather according to His riches in glory by Jesus Christ (Rom.8:32). Although we are poor and needy sinners, yet the Lord thinketh upon us (Psa. 40:17).

We have a great need of pardon and forgiveness from all sin (Rom. 3:23). The Lord Jesus Christ is ready to abundantly pardon His people from all their sin; seeing, that in our room and stead He paid all our indebtedness to God’s offended justice and put away all our sin (Neh. 9:17; Isa. 55:6-7; Jer. 50:20; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:26).

We have a great need of righteousness (Isa. 64:6). Men before and after regeneration and conversion have no ability to perform or produce a righteousness that is well pleasing and acceptable unto God. But thank God, He does not ask us to produce a righteousness, but rather to receive the Lord Jesus Christ by God given faith, Who is the believer’s righteousness (Jer. 23:5; Phil. 3:9). *Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord would impute* (freely give) *righteousness without works* (Rom.4:6).

We have a great need of salvation (Heb.2:3). Our blessed Lord and Saviour came into this world to accomplish salvation for His people (Matt. 1:21).

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