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There is ample reason when studying Revelation 17 to also study various chapters in Daniel and Revelation 12 and 13 as they each speak to a beast of sorts. Upon close examination these beasts have similarities, in function even though their physical descriptions vary slightly. The functions of these various beasts is hatred of God; accomplished through evil power, persecution of God's people and idol worship.

There are varied understandings attached to these verses in Revelation 17 it is hard to discern which is correct. In Chapter 17 there is something called the "whore" and a "woman". This Whore that is described here riding the beast has been described as everything from the Catholic Church to the false Christian religion and many things in between.

This beast is another thing described and can represent two different things an individual and a coalition of nations and kingdoms. For example, in vs 8 the beast represents Satan and what he intends to do on the earth during the Tribulation time using kings/kingdoms and nations which is the other possibility of what the beast is; nations/kingdoms. In the end we will see that

the beast (Satan) becomes angry with the “whore” and destroys her.

As we work our way through Revelation 17 verse by verse, we will seek God’s wisdom and understanding and decide if God’s Word supplies enough evidence or information for us to draw any conclusions as to the identity of the beast and the whore that rides it.

The Woman on the Beast

1And 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:

Revelaton 17:1And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials

In Revelation 16, we were introduced to the last plagues that God was going to afflict those on the earth at the time. There were seven angels God had selected to deliver each of the vial judgements.

Revelation 17:1 continued: Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

It is one of these angels that is sent to John to reveal this, mysterious “whore” and her “judgement”. This THING symbolically is referred to as a “whore” again by implication a

woman, but is it a woman? Why call it a “whore”? This THING meaning the (whore) is described as riding the beast that was revealed in Revelation 13.

Additionally symbolic is the term “many waters” often refers to many countries or kingdoms around the world.

Perhaps we need to break that idea down first. Just because the angel referred to this THING as a “whore” does not mean that it is a woman or for that matter a human being at all.

Websters dictionary defines “whore” in a literal and figurative way: We all know the literal meaning but let’s look at the figurative definition of whore:

“to pursue a faithless, unworthy, or [idolatrous](#) desire”

Strong’s Concordance in Greek is porne’. The Greek word used to describe this THING as a “harlot”.

“Transliteration: porné

Phonetic Spelling: (por'-nay)

Definition: a prostitute

Usage: a prostitute; met: an idolatrous community.”

The implication is that whatever this THING is, it is unfaithful to someone or something and or is involved in idol worship. Further,

the angel declares that this THING “sitteth upon many waters” meaning its influence is widespread, perhaps worldwide.

The point of the first verse is that the angel is going to show John the “JUDGEMENT” of this thing called a “whore or harlot”.

2With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

These words help us understand that what is being described is symbolic of a real THING.

The “whom” in this verse is again the “whore” THING. It is what the kings of the earth have committed fornication with.

Another sign that the power of this THING reaches many nations or kingdoms as the rulers or kings of these kingdoms have committed “fornication” with the “whore”. What is the Bible definition of “fornication”?

According to Strong’s Concordance:

Phonetic Spelling: (porn-yoo'-o)

Definition: to commit fornication

Usage: I fornicate; met: I practice idolatry.

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Cognate: 4203 porneúō – commit fornication (sexual immorality); (figuratively) to be unfaithful to Christ, while posing as His true follower. [See 4202 \(porneia\)](#). (emphasis mine)

There are two ways to look at this definition, literally or figuratively.

God refers to this “THING” as her. So, we have to assume at this point that God is speaking in symbolism. In other words, the WHORE is a “her” that has some type or relationship with God. If this THING had no relationship with God why would God call her out as a “WHORE”?

God has chosen specific words to describe the actions of this THING: fornicate, Harlot and WHORE.

A common thread in each of these definitions of different words is “idolatry” or “Idol worship”.

Fornicate - *I practice idolatry.* Strong’s Concordance

Harlot - *an idolatrous community* Strong’s Concordance

Whore - *“to pursue a faithless, unworthy, or idolatrous desire”*
Websters Dictionary

Another hint that this is figurative is the last part of verse 2:

“inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.”

It is doubtful that the inhabitants of the earth were literally made drunk as we are not talking about alcohol, it is a metaphor; we are

talking about power of this “THING” called the “whore”. So, it was the power of this THING that made people drunk, not with alcohol but with the thirst for power perhaps through Idol Worship. And again, this fornication is defined figuratively as to *“be unfaithful to Christ, while posing as His true follower.”*

3So 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.

John is carried off in the “spirit”, meaning not physically. In this “spiritual” realm John is taken to the “wilderness” or quiet place.

Now concentrating on this spiritual vision John sees:

.....a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

John in the vision sees what appears to be a woman riding a beast meaning it has some control over the beast.

This again is a metaphor. God is using this image to show John something that he can then describe in some detail to the benefit of others.

As we discovered this THING described as a “woman”, “her” and a “whore” are not human at all but some “THING” that has great power, likely a religious ecumenical amalgamation and has some

type of power over the beast. This “beast” is not an animal, it is describing something that it made up of “kingdoms/nations” the end times empire.

A quote from “Got Questions”

“In Revelation, the term beast refers to two related entities. Sometimes “the beast” refers to the end-times’ empire. The seven heads and ten horns indicate that the beast will be a coalition of nations that rises to power to subdue the earth under Satan’s control. Later references to “the beast” in Revelation picture an individual—the man who is the political leader and head of the beastly empire.”

4And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

The colors and items like precious stones, pearls etc described here are Biblically historically used to refer to kings, leaders, ruler, or religious leaders; someone, or something with great power is intended. The gold would usually reference something valuable, precious but in this case, it is a vessel that is filled with evil.

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

A mystery is not something unknowable it is simply hidden. There will be a time when the “mysteries of God” will be made known to those who love Him.

Revelation 10: 7But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. (emphasis mine)

We now see that this THING in vs 5 is also referenced to “MYSTERY BABLION THE GREAT..”

Babylon is not a mystery in itself we have great deal of understanding about the history of Babylon. It began as the City of Babel due to the tower that Nimrod and those with him tried to build in defiance of God. God came down and confused their language to stop them and cause them to spread across the land. Babel later became Babylon where Israel was held captive for 400 years. Captivity I might add was due to their rebellion against and refusal to walk with their God, Yahweh. It was while captive in Babylon that Daniel was given a prophecy that is called in part “Time of Daniel’s Trouble.”

This Mystery Babylon is also called:

THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Remember the definition of “harlot” **Harlot** - an **idolatrous** community *Strong’s Concordance*

6And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

In the Greek, this last word is not translated as “admiration” as we understand to admire, but to marvel or be amazed. Perhaps another word for John’s reaction in today’s vernacular would be “dumbfounded”. As in he could not believe what he was seeing.

One point of the verse is that this THING called a “woman” is drunk or better in the Greek “intoxicated” as with wine. The point of “intoxication” is that a human’s inhibitions have been dulled so the boundaries that would normally be in place are gone. As with this “whore” it no longer exhibits restraint and is exuberant at the death and destruction it has brought about specifically to Christians and Christianity.

This entire display by the “whore” amazes John to see it. Likely it is so outside normal human behavior John can have no other reaction than “amazement”. Remember the “whore” is a THING not necessarily an individual the context tells us which it is. There is some potential that due to the “whore” and the description we

have been given can show connections to an ecumenical organization.

“Cognate: 4203 porneúō – commit fornication (sexual immorality); (figuratively) to be unfaithful to Christ, while posing as His true follower. [See 4202](#) (porneia).” (emphasis mine)

This from: <https://www.christianity.com/wiki/christian-terms/what-does-ecumenical-mean-in-christianity-is-the-ecumenical-movement-biblical.html>

“A definition of ecumenical is: “of or referring to or representing the whole of a body of churches or trending toward worldwide Christian unity or cooperation,” according to Merriam-Webster. Another interpretation of the modern Ecumenical Movement seeks to promote a type of unity Christian unity, as described in the Bible, with those of other non-Christian faiths. This ecumenism propounds the idea of universalism in which everyone will go to heaven, believing in Jesus or not.”

We know from what God has repeatedly told us in His Word there is only one way to “heaven”. That is through Jesus and His Work on the Cross and in the Grave. Anything else is a lie and will lead to destruction and eternal death.

Continued quote from Christianity.com

“What Is the Modern Ecumenical Movement?

Today, however, the modern Ecumenical Movement seeks to promote a type of unity and agreement which would widen what Jesus referred to as “the narrow gate” in [Matthew 7:13](#). In this sense, “ecumenical” refers to agreement between all people of all

beliefs and would dismantle the foundations of Christian ecumenism.”

There is a bigger question in my mind. Israel as a whole was chosen by God as His people.

Deuteronomy 7: [7](#)The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: [8](#)But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. [9](#)Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations; [10](#)And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face. [11](#)Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.

Did Israel live up to its commitment to God?

Jeremiah [31](#)They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the LORD.

[2](#)Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lien with. In the ways hast thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness.

3Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed.

4Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou art the guide of my youth?

5Will he reserve his anger for ever? will he keep it to the end? Behold, thou hast spoken and done evil things as thou couldest.

Israel's and Judah's Unfaithfulness

6The LORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot. 7And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. 8And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also. 9And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks. 10And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith the LORD.

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We are seeing in our lives today the re-writing of US History in order to promote a lie and it is called Critical Race Theory. I think the same thing is happening with the Bible and Ecumenicalism that is growing with the small “c” church today. They claim to

belong to Christ and make grand displays of worship but all the time denying the power of Christ.

2 Timothy 3: 1This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 7Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

We as believers have been warned. Pastors of all these churches have been warned. Time is drawing near to the Rapture. The Whore will include many denominations and religions that:

“5Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof....”

Q. Are Christian churches (small c) part of: **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH**

The Mystery Explained

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7And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of

the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

Like us, as John is seeing this THING riding on a beast and not understanding it, this angel sent by God is now going to educate John on its meaning. The Angle now switches from the Whore to the Beast she is riding on.

8The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into **perdition:**
(emphasis mine)

In this context the angel is describing Satan a singular entity not the other “Beast” that was a coalition of nations or kingdoms.

The beast will be seen in two forms.

1. Satan
2. World government ruled by the Anti-Christ, empowered by Satan

Satan was in heaven since his creation. That is the “was”. The “is not” is a reference to Satan being put into the bottomless pit for a thousand years during the Millennial Reign of Christ. The “and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit” is Satan’s release at the end of the Millennial period to fight against our Lord and God Jesus Christ for the last time before he is cast into “perdition”.

Strong's Concordance: **perdition**

“Phonetic Spelling: (ap-o'-li-a)

Definition: destruction, loss

Usage: destruction, ruin, loss, perishing; eternal ruin.”

When the context is referring to the government/empire/kingdoms it will cease to exist when the power of Satan the real entity behind the government beast is cast into the lake of fire referred to as **“perdition”** or eternal ruin.

Vs 8 continued..... 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.

As with anything people invest in and it fails, they are left with an empty feeling but physically a person would be at a total loss, broken from what was to be their glory, to now reveal total failure. They will have no hope, nothing to cling to, no safe harbor as the world collapses around them.

Revelation 21: [27](#)And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

We as believers cling to the Rock of our Salvation. The people who are not written in the Book of Life cling to a false god, a fake savior; Satan the father of lies.

These next verses will give a slight reveal as to what makes up the “beast” in its other form a coalition of nations, that is ridden or guided by the “whore”. God tells us it requires wisdom. Wisdom is from God and the wisdom we need is hidden in His Word. In this context it is speaking of the coalition as opposed to Satan the singular entity.

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

Many bible scholars took the easy way out and have labeled Rome “Catholics” as these seven mountains as Rome was said to sit on seven hills. It is not Godly wisdom and not supported by Biblical study.

This context gives us a mingling of both the empire that is established to rule the world involving the fallen church entwined with government power. That is the earthly physical “beast” the coalition of governments/nations/kingdoms.

10And 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.

If we look back over the period that the Bible contains the first real governments that had great power on a large scale was Egypt. So, in today's study we will look at Egypt being the first of seven kings.

A case can be made for other regions, but the Bible focuses on Israel and its relationship with each of these seven kings. Each of the former and fallen kingdoms had huge impact on Israel, most taking them into captivity in one form or another or have had lifelong conflict as with Islam and Judaism.

I cannot take complete credit for creating this list I have studied several sites that created lists, some differ from this but based on my study I think this list is Biblically accurate.

1. Egypt
2. Assyria
3. Babylon
4. Persia
5. Greece
6. Rome
7. Ten Toes = Ten Kings; Tribulation government last a short time.

10And 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.

Note on Rome: The City of Rome

<https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/is-rome-a-country.html>

“Rome is a complex city. While it is the [capital city of Italy](#), it hosts the [smallest independent country](#) in the world ([Vatican City](#)) within its boundaries. Thus, Rome has always been referred to as the capital of two countries. The city of Rome is considered a global city. It is the 4th most visited city in the world and the 3rd most visited in EU. The name “Rome” is believed to have originated from Romulus, the founder, and first king. Rome is located in the region of Lazio, central Italy. The city center is approximately 15 miles from the Tyrrhenian Sea with its territories extending to the seashores. The city is crossed by Aniene River which flows into the Tiber. Being the country’s capital, Rome is the seat of the national government. The official residence of both the president and the prime minister and both houses of parliament, as well as the constitutional court, are situated in the historical center”

I do not believe Rome is the 7th Kingdom, it may be a part of it but it is not the focal point of this Tribulation kingdom.

There are two primary possibilities as we look at history. When John gives this description of the 5 have fallen those had to predate John. Then it says there one that is: that would be Rome as it existed during John’s entire life as the ruler over Israel.

This 7th, must come after the 6th which was Rome. We are not told the name of the 7th only that it must last a short time.

Vs 10 *must continue a short space.*

We are also told that the 8th is connected to the 7^t in the next verse. By 7 it means not just the 7th but in some manner the essence the evil nature of all 7 prior kingdoms from Egypt on.

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

This particular beast spoken of here is a continuation of the beasts or parts of the beasts that both John and Daniel describe. It is to be partly made up of one or a combination of the 6 prior kingdoms.

Revelation 17:11.....he is the eighth, and is of the seven,

It would have to be a kingdom that was so vicious and hated Christianity and Judaism in its beliefs. I first thought of the Ottoman Empire, it went out of existence in 1922 but met all the criteria of this 7th kingdom except it lasted over 600 years which does not seem to be a “short time”.

The next nation that seems to fit the criteria is the Nazis of Germany. Under Hitler the Germans sought to destroy all Jews and killed over 6 million in 12 years; 12 years in the overall scheme of things is a short time. The Nazis claimed to allow Christianity in their literature and even demanded religious

freedom for everyone except the Jews. Within the Nazis propaganda it was called, “Positive Christianity”.

<https://theologyandchurch.com/2021/06/10/hitlers-positive-christianity/>

This is Hitler’s description of “Positive Christianity”

*“We demand freedom of religion for all religious denominations in the state so long as they do not endanger it and do not oppose the moral feelings of the German race. The Party as such stands for **positive Christianity**, without binding itself confessionally to any one denomination. It combats the Jewish materialistic spirit within and around us, and is convinced that a lasting recovery of our nation can only succeed from within on the principle: The general interest before self-interest (Stackelberg & Winkle, The Nazi Germany Sourcebook, 65).” (emphasis mine)*

Is it possible that Nazism will rise again?

<https://www.ibtimes.com/nazism-rise-germany-far-right-reichsburger-movement-rejects-government-attacking-2436949>

“The Reichsburger movement claims there hasn’t been a legitimate German government since Adolf Hitler, and the country’s borders should be returned to their pre-World War II status. Members carry homemade identity cards proclaiming they are citizens of the “kingdom of Germany.”

“Anti-Jewish sentiment has been rising in the region. The Schmock Israeli restaurant in the Bavarian capital of Munich was forced to close recently. Owner Florian Gleibs, who is not Israeli,

told Die Welt people supporting Palestinian positions were holding him “responsible as a representative of Israel.”

They have the hatred for the Jewish nation it appears. But this group is not large. However, remember when small groups of people become outraged over some perceived injustice or real injustice collective think takes over and numbers can grow rapidly.

Germany is not the only threat of what is called “white supremacy” which is what Hitler was all about. Blond hair, blue eyes was the sign of a pure race and that was Hitler’s goal. So white supremacy around the world is growing and some overtly identify with Hitler such as the Arian Brotherhood.

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

There is little doubt that Satan or one of his minions possessed Adolf Hitler. In 1945 Hitlers body was found in a bunker with his new bride. Evidence showed he had been shot in the head and taken cyanide poison. As recently as 2018 French scientists have studied tooth fragments of Hitler and reaffirmed that he died of cyanide poison as at least one cause of death, the other cause of death was of course lead poisoning.

Vs 11 could easily be speaking of Satan himself:

1. Beast that was – Satan in heaven

2. Beast that was not – Satan restrained in the abyss
3. Beast that goeth into perdition – Satan cast into the lake of fire.

Will Hitler go into perdition with Satan at the Great White Throne Judgement? Most likely. But will Germany or Nazism be part of the Beast described here? Which is the eight and part of the seven speaking of? I tend to think it is speaking of someone like Hitler that was Satanically empowered and possessed. The real question is what is meant exactly by the term for time in vs 10?

“he must continue a short space.”

Again:

Strong’s Concordance: **perdition**

“Phonetic Spelling: (ap-o'-li-a)

Definition: destruction, loss

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In last week’s study of Revelation 17 we saw God call Israel many times, a “harlot, a prostitute, an adulterer, and a whore”. I am not qualified to call anyone especially God’s Chosen people those things, but God and only God is. I take no joy in hearing those things about God’s people, but God declares the Truth, He is the

Truth. Again, I think it was this future revelation to John that caused John in vs 6

“I wondered with great admiration”

to be amazed, dumbfounded at what he was seeing revealed about the future Israel. I can't imagine the pain he must have felt hearing and seeing what God was revealing to him.

Back to vs 11.

God says in vs 11 that the 8th kingdom will be part of the 7 meaning the previous 7 kingdoms that have come and fallen. (At the time of John writing this the 7th had not yet come. If I am correct that Hitler's Germany was the 7th kingdom and it fell after 12 years, we have only the 8th evil kingdom left to come. This 8th kingdom will reveal the beast with 10 heads. The 7 horns or kingdoms have already been revealed

- 1 Egypt
- 2 Assyria
- 3 Babylon
- 4 Persia
- 5 Greece
- 6 Rome
- 7 Nazis Germany

If Nazis were the 7th kingdom that lasted a short time, then how is it involved in the Tribulation. It was destroyed in 1945. Its leader was shot in the head. Could it be that this kingdom lingers in the spiritual realm waiting for the coming of the Anti-Christ? We know that God said that the 8th is part of the 7, meaning the seven fallen kingdoms. So not only will Satan draw from Nazis Hitler he will also draw from the other 6 before Nazism. From the evil that permeated these kingdoms.

In this 8th kingdom there will be 10 kings without kingdoms.

12And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

From John's perspective he is writing this as it is given to him during his lifetime. However, he was taken by one of the 7 angels to a quiet place (desert) to be instructed on what events? Future events. These events can span thousands of years and they can span just a few years such as the 7-year tribulation.

John is now presented with the idea of

12And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

These ten kings may be oligarchs, but what is an oligarch? Why oligarchs? There are few ways to reach power in this world, it is

either through money, politics, ancestry (royalty), military might or illegal means, treachery, deception as in a coup. Most world leaders of today are either elected, royalty, or in the case of most communist countries by murderous power. In order for a non elected person to reach nation power status they must first destroy the existing power through one of three main ways. Food, Finances, Force and one other helpful means is medicine.

According to Websters

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/oligarchy>

: government by the few The corporation is ruled by oligarchy.

2 : a government in which a small group exercises control especially for corrupt and selfish purposes a military oligarchy was established in the country also : a group exercising such control An oligarchy ruled the nation.

3 : an organization under [oligarchic](#) control That country is an oligarchy.

Oligarchs are wealthy elites who have amassed fortunes usually by illegal and sometimes violent means but not always. In current day understanding people like George Soros, Bill Gates even Elon Musk should be considered but the vast majority of today's Oligarchs are from Communist/Socialist countries. So, both Soros

and Gates seem aligned with Communism/Socialism in today's environment. Will they or people like them fulfill vs 12?

Revelation 17:12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

Are these the type of people that an anti-Christ would seek that have power and unimaginable wealth that would give it all to him?

We can go to Daniel 7 to find a similar description of the same 10 kings.

23 Thus he said, *The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.*

Daniel was interpreting a dream he had while in captivity in Babylon. The four beasts represent four kingdoms over time. There is a debate as to which 4 kingdoms. The fourth is more easily identified. The fourth one is the kingdom of Anti-Christ during the Tribulation. The ten kings starting in the next verse are the same 10 kings John wrote of in Revelation 17. 10 kings with no kingdoms.

24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

This other king that rises up is the Anti-Christ. This part is a bit different from Revelation 17 in that this 11th king/ruler Anti-Christ “subdues three kings”. That is not in Revelation 17. However, if we continue into vs 25 of Daniel 7 we see that this is clearly talking about Anti-Christ and the last 3 ½ years of Tribulation. (time and times and half a time) is 3 ½ years.

25 ***And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.***

Back to Revelation 17 vs 13

13 **These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.**

“These” is a reference to the 10 kings who receive their kingdoms from the Anti-Christ.

If you follow the workings of Clause Schwab and the World Economic Forum, you will see speeches and agendas that sound exactly like these are the type of people spoken of here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6G3nWyoQ5CQ>

There are many examples of those involved in the WEF and what their beliefs are and how anti-Godly they are. They appear to be the perfect platform for the 10 Kings with no kingdom’s vs 12

12And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

To be clear, an hour is not a 60-minute period of time in God's vernacular. It is meant to signify a short duration, likely either 3 ½ years or less than that. The Tribulation has 7 years assigned to it by God. The first 3 ½ years are what is called Tribulation the last 3 ½ years is what is called the "Great Tribulation". It is during this final 3 ½ years that Satan through his emissary the Anti-Christ will exert unimaginable pressure on the world to worship Satan as God. Any who refuse his mark and refuse to worship him will be killed, men, women and children.

So back to the question who is this "whore"?

We need to look back through scripture and find out if God had ever identified a nation or people or an individual as a "whore".

Jeremiah 3:1They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah is speaking prophecy given him by God.

2Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lien with. In the ways hast thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness.

3Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed.

4Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou art the guide of my youth?

5Will he reserve his anger for ever? will he keep it to the end? Behold, thou hast spoken and done evil things as thou couldest.

Israel's and Judah's Unfaithfulness

6The LORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot. 7And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. 8And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also. 9And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks. 10And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith the LORD.

The term God repeatedly uses in these verses and many others is that Israel as a whole (to include Judah) repeatedly was called by God using these terms: harlot, whore or whoredom, adultery or adulterous. The very terms used in Revelation 17 describing the “whore that rides the beast”. In conversation with a friend from Israel, he assessed that only 10% of Israel were walking with God or at least trying. When 90% of a country is not walking willingly

with God, what or who are they walking with. I would submit to walk with the world is to reject God.

Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Hosea 4:12

My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.

The world is filled with immorality, sexual perversion and abominations that the Lord God hates. Of all this why would God call anyone or any people a whore if it were not those who proclaim to love Him and yet seek spiritual life from somewhere else. I am not saying that Israel is not God's chosen, He has and will always hold a remnant of His people, but the vast majority are not following Him. I'm not sure I fully agree with this statement from JD Farag, but he says, "The Tribulation is for the Salvation of the Jewish Nation".

The Victory of the Lamb

14These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

“These” of vs 14 are meaning the kings without kingdoms of verses 12 and 13. They will eventually do battle with the King of Kings our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It will be a short battle, ended by a word from our God.

God will now give John and in turn us a bit more information as to the identity of the whore and the beast that she rides on.

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

God is going to tell us who the “whore” of Revelation 17 is now, so stay with me on this.

God uses the term “water” at various times to depict human masses, and then defines them even further by specifying what aspect of human masses He is speaking of. In this case God uses four specific things to identify the “whore” the woman riding the beast: people, multitudes, nations and tongues.

The importance of word meaning is always critical. In the case of the word “peoples” according to Strong’s Concordance

PEOPLES

Transliteration: laos

Phonetic Spelling: (lah-os')

Definition: the people

Usage: (a) a people, characteristically of God's chosen people,

first the Jews, then the Christians, (b) sometimes, but rarely, the people, the crowd.

This is where the word “laity” comes from. Synonymy’s for “laity” are “congregation or uninitiated”.

Laity defined from: <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/laity>

Laity

[ley-i-tee]

[See synonyms for laity on Thesaurus.com](#)

Definition of laity

noun

*the body of religious worshipers, as distinguished from the clergy.
the people outside of a particular profession, as distinguished from those belonging to it:*

16And 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.

At some point the Anti-Christ will grow tired of the whore who has had power over the nations and destroy her. Oligarchs by their nature hate anyone telling them what to do and will turn on her at the appropriate moment.

17For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. 18And the woman which

thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

God's Will is going to be carried out. We as believers simply need to accept that and watch for how He brings it about. We are not to be ignorant; we are to be watchmen on the wall to warn those we love and people in general of what is coming that they might be saved.

If you search the scriptures, I think you will find that God only calls Israel/Jerusalem a "whore", "harlot", "adulterous nation", "adulterer". In Revelation 17 God again refers to Jerusalem with the same terms, in my mind confirming that Jerusalem specifically and Israel generally is the "whore that rides the beast". Jerusalem is the Great City, the City where they killed the prophets and God ultimately states that it was in this Great City that they killed His Son. Messiah!

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