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## CHAPTER 17

17 And there came one of the seven messengers, who were having the seven vials, and he spake with me, saying to me, 'Come, I will shew to thee the judgment of the great whore, who is sitting upon the many waters,

<sup>2</sup> with whom the kings of the earth did commit whoredom; and made drunk from the wine of her whoredom were those inhabiting the earth;'

<sup>3</sup> and he carried me away to a wilderness in the Spirit, and I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet-coloured beast full of names of evil-speaking, having seven heads and ten horns,

<sup>4</sup> and the woman was arrayed with purple and scarlet-colour, and gilded with gold, and precious stone, and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and uncleanness of her whoredom,

<sup>5</sup> and upon her forehead was a name written: 'Secret, Babylon the Great, the Mother of the Whores, and the Abominations of the earth.'

<sup>6</sup> And I saw the woman drunken from the blood of the saints, and from the blood of the witnesses of Jesus, and I did wonder -- having seen her -- with great wonder;

<sup>7</sup> and the messenger said to me, 'Wherefore didst thou wonder? I -- I will tell thee the secret of the woman and of the beast that [is] carrying her, which hath the seven heads and the ten horns.

<sup>8</sup> 'The beast that thou didst see: it was, and it is not; and it is about to come up out of the abyss, and to go away to destruction, and wonder shall those dwelling upon the earth, whose names have not been written upon the scroll of the life from the foundation of the world, beholding the beast that was, and is not, although it is.

<sup>9</sup> 'Here [is] the mind that is having wisdom; the seven heads are seven mountains, upon which the woman doth sit,

<sup>10</sup> and there are seven kings, the five did fall, and the one is, the other did not yet come, and when he may come, it behoveth him to remain a little time;

<sup>11</sup> and the beast that was, and is not, he also is eighth, and out of the seven he is, and to destruction he doth go away.

<sup>12</sup> 'And the ten horns that thou sawest, are ten kings,

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who a kingdom did not yet receive, but authority as kings the same hour do receive with the beast,

<sup>13</sup> these have one mind, and their own power and authority to the beast they shall give over;

<sup>14</sup> these with the Lamb shall make war, and the Lamb shall overcome them, because Lord of lords he is, and King of kings, and those with him are called, and choice, and stedfast.'

<sup>15</sup> And he saith to me, 'The waters that thou didst see, where the whore doth sit, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues;'

<sup>16</sup> and the ten horns that thou didst see upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and shall burn her in fire,

<sup>17</sup> for God did give into their hearts to do its mind, and to make one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast till the sayings of God may be complete,

<sup>18</sup> and the woman that thou didst see is the great city that is having reign over the kings of the land.' [of the earth] (Revelation 17:1-18 YLT) [Gr.: *ghay* is land, region, or earth. The messengers are angels; their vials are the seven bowls.]

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2 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills;

and all the nations shall flow to it,  
<sup>3</sup> and many peoples shall come, and say:  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth the law,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

(Is. 2:1-3 ESV) [Cf. Jer. 51:25-26]

Israel is a little nation. Her size roughly equals the fourth smallest state in America, New Jersey.<sup>169</sup> After Solomon's death

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she was divided as Judah and Israel; of the two, the smaller was Judah. Isaiah wrote of Jerusalem, the city of the God of Jacob.

48 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised  
In the city of our God,  
In His holy mountain.  
<sup>2</sup> Beautiful in elevation,  
The joy of the whole earth,  
Is Mount Zion on the sides of the north,  
The city of the great King. (Ps. 48:1-2 NKJV)

The psalmist said God will reign from His city, the highest of all mountains (in Is. 2:2). Mt. Zion, King David's Jerusalem, was not the highest mountain; nor is Jerusalem today. What did this mean? Figuratively, heads are mountains as capital cities of empires. The **key** is Isaiah's: *the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin* (in Is. 7:8). In other words, heads can be capitals [thrones] or their kings, depending on the context.

The head of Syria is its capital, and the head of the eternal Kingdom is Jerusalem, the highest mountain of all. With heads as mountains in chapter 17, it follows that mountains are capitals of empires, and five of their kings had fallen. In John's time, the king of Rome *is sixth: the five did fall, and one is* (in 17:10).

In 12 the seven heads had crowns as kings over kingdoms, but not the horns. In 17 horns are kings with *no kingdom yet*.

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

<sup>10</sup> 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. (Rev. 17:9-10)

### The Seven Mountains

Standing on a hill in the Decapolis ruins, we were informed that a city beneath our feet would soon be excavated. On top of buried piles, we were struck by the stillness. Its once busy streets were silent like the mystery of the mountains and their kings:

**1. Egypt:**<sup>170</sup> Jacob's sons threw their brother Joseph into a pit; then, pulled him out to sell him as a slave to Egypt. But Pharaoh exalted him at his right hand. A famine struck, and his brothers went there for food. Their sons were enslaved four hundred years till God chose Moses to deliver them. Egypt's capital is Cairo.

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**2. Assyria:**<sup>171</sup> Israel turned to idols, so God sent idolaters, Assyrians, to ravage them. They scattered its ten tribes to the nations though a remnant stayed in Samaria. The Assyrian king sent his people to marry the survivors. The next time Jews were threatened, the Samaritans denied being Jews. The Judeans hated them for this, but now all the tribes are making *aliyah* to Israel.<sup>172</sup> (Is. 9:1-2) The Syrian capitals are Assur and Nineveh.

**3. Babylon:**<sup>173</sup> Two centuries after Israel fell to Assyria, Judeans became violent idolaters, so God sent the Babylonians to destroy Judah. As it turned out, Babylon took the Jews captive, treating them harshly, so God cursed the city. Alexander the Great hoped to revive it but died young. Later Saddam Hussein began to restore her, but he and his sons were killed in the Iraq War.<sup>174</sup> Babylon is still uninhabited. Baghdad is Iraq's capital.

<sup>19</sup> And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. <sup>20</sup> It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there. (Is. 13:19-20)

**4. Medo-Persia:**<sup>175</sup> In the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC, Cyrus II of Persia gained Media, merging it with Persia, joining two kingdoms as one. Their king Belshezzar was killed, and Darius the Mede was made king of Babylon. After him, Cyrus of Persia favored the Jews by the *Edict of Cyrus*, supporting their return by sending materials to rebuild both the temple and Jerusalem. (Ezk. 1:2-4)

Jews who stayed in Persia under Xerxes faced Haman whose scheme to kill them backfired when Haman was hanged on the gallows he'd built for a Jew. Esther, the king's Jewish wife, was the wise heroine of Purim, its feast. In 1935 Persia was renamed Iran.<sup>176</sup> In a coup d'état in 1979, the Ayatollah Khomeini ousted its Shah and controlled the nation.<sup>177</sup> Tehran is its capital today.

**5. Greece:**<sup>178</sup> Macedon was a province in northwest Greece, birthplace to Alexander the Great whose father, Phillip II, overcame and unified its city-states. At his death, Alexander fulfilled his father's dream to conquer Persia, merging Babylonian and Greek cultures and advancing the Greek language from Anatolia and Egypt to Persia. He died at thirty-three with no legal heir.<sup>179</sup>

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Four generals divided Alexander's kingdom. The largest part went to Seleucus Nicator I, from the Mediterranean to India.<sup>180</sup>

Enraged by a defeat in Egypt, its eighth king, Antiochus IV, desecrated the temple in Judea in 167 BC.<sup>181</sup> He set up an image of Zeus, his "god of gods," the *abomination of desolation*, in the temple where he demanded worship. He crucified, mutilated, and slew multitudes of Jews. Afterward, the Maccabees, a family of priests, purified and rededicated the temple. When he returned, they defeated his army.<sup>182</sup> *Hanukkah* marks the occasion.<sup>183</sup> Jesus was in Jerusalem to celebrate its feast (in Jn. 10:22).

Ptolemy's portion was Alexander's Egypt. From Egypt he took Jerusalem, and as a result, Israelites and most of the world learned Greek.<sup>184</sup> Greek became the language of the gospel to the world, but Rome's Latin vanished. Athens is the Grecian capital.

**6. Rome:**<sup>185</sup> By 30 BC Rome conquered Greece but split in two. Its western side fell twice: in 410 and 476. Babylon had pervaded Rome's empire and affected the church. In 800 her pope formed a new Roman empire. In 962 a pope crowned its first German king as its emperor. Over time the lands became the "Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation," the (H)REGN.

In 1453 Muslims invaded Constantinople, the capital of the Eastern Roman Empire, aka the Byzantine Empire. Renaming its capital "Istanbul," Ottoman Turks converted most but not all of its churches. Its Romanized city was held by the Ottomans for four hundred sixty-four years.<sup>186</sup> She was the second foot of the idol in the king's dream. Ankara is Turkey's capital today.

**7. France:**<sup>187</sup> December 1804: Napoleon crowned himself First Consul of France.<sup>188</sup> He soon defeated the (H)REGN. By him the seventh king took Rome. Predestined to win, he ruled fewer than ten years but dramatically affected the world. (1804 – 1814) ... *the one is, the other did not yet come, and when he may come, it behoveth him to remain a little time.* (Rev. 17:10) His empire was cut short in 1814–16. Paris is the French capital.

**Germany:** At Rome's fall, Attila's Huns settled in Germania and Austria. 962–1806: Rome ruled with German kings. 1871: Berlin became Germany's first capital. 1920: ten nations rose after WW1. 1932: of the seven, the eighth king entered Hitler till the beast was slain in 1945. Berlin was restored in 1990.

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<sup>11</sup> and the beast that was, and is not, *he also is eighth*, and out of the seven he is, and to destruction he doth go away. (Rev. 17:11 YLT) [Beasts are the greater kings.]

### To Begin with ...

<sup>3</sup> And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. (Rev. 12:3 NKJV)

Scarlet is a bright, *fiery red*. The scarlet beast *was* the *fiery red dragon* from chapter 12, known by its **bright red color** and its **keys to history**: seven heads, ten horns, and seven kings.

Babylon was the dragon's whore whose sensualities were received and passed on to the greatest empires on earth, and they gloried in their shame because of her. Today she seduces the world by her sins, the reasons for the seven bowls of wrath.

The woman isn't a nation, but a capital (in 17:18). She rides the scarlet beast that carries her and has power over the kings of the earth. Mystery Babylon rules seven cities that seduce and destroy the world. Proud, godless, carnal—all her ways lead to death, deceit, and ruin. She knows the ways of Satan. Emperors knew her well. Walking her streets, we sense her presence.

In 17:10 (p. 187) there are no crowns on the heads or horns. Although the seven empires had seven kings, five had fallen; *and one is* means Rome is sixth at the time of John. *The other is not yet come*—the seventh, the king of France. (1804–1814)

Satan *was about to come up out of the abyss*. First he deceived the church; then he caused Rome's fall. By the church Lucifer made the sixth city his illegitimate capital for over a thousand years until the seventh king, Napoleon, briefly ruled and conquered Rome.

After the ascension of Christ, the scarlet beast was banished from heaven. Cast down to earth [ending chapter 12], he was about to come up soon after John prophesied near the time of the Huns who rose in the late third century. When the dragon came out of the earth, he surely returned to his throne in Pergamon (in 2:13). He may have risen out of Pergamon's earthquake in 262.<sup>189</sup> Soon after it shook the city, the Huns appeared. Under the spell of Babylon, the Greek and Roman civilizations had famously been Babylonian. Pergamon was like today's Hollywood.



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### The Beast that Was

The devil deceived the church by Babylon's attractive idols and traditions as he'd done to Israel by Baal. [See p. 143, Council Letter] Under Roman emperors, Christians were thrown to lions, crucified, beheaded, burned alive, maimed, and tortured while the crowds cheered.<sup>190</sup> Constantine, however, changed the attitude of the empire toward the church, and she responded by favoring pagans over Jews and over her Jewish heritage. In time the bishops changed the church, turning away from the Jews by ignoring their Scriptures, which are foundational to our faith.

Having no capital, the eighth king of the Huns, Attila, forced Rome's fall, chasing other tribes into the city. (pp. 47–50) In the mid-eighth century, the institutional church was in fear when her popes founded a Roman empire for protection from the jihadists. (The dragon knows fear works as well as any sword.)

An 8<sup>th</sup> C. pope deceived a king to conquer central Italy for the church under the pretense that Constantine had willed his empire to Rome (but no one knew it ... for hundreds of years!) Thus the church called for kings to go to war to gain many lands on her behalf as the first horseman (in 6:2) rode forth to conquer.

Few stopped to think: the Roman Empire didn't belong to Constantine; he was just one of its many emperors. His so-called "Donation" relied on the people's ignorance to succeed; thus the father of lies has kept the church in the dark over the centuries.<sup>191</sup> Deceivers easily fool people who are not armed with the truth.

Since ancient days, the spirit of Babylon has seduced the world. The mother of harlots beguiles her children, keeping them in spiritual darkness. (Prologue, p. 55) She persuades the nations against Israel to their own destruction. She deludes deceivers.

In chapter 1 Daniel was dreaming in Babylon when he saw four beasts rise from the Great Sea. In 17 John was exiled to an island on that sea when he saw the woman on the dragon *in the wilderness*, not in Rome. There she was—drunk *from the blood of saints and from the blood of the witnesses of Jesus (in 17:6)*! John refers to the Jews as saints, set apart for God's glory; their blood was why Babylon was cursed. *The witnesses of Jesus* were new covenant believers, *the people of the saints* (in Dan. 7:27). Most of the saints in Hebrews 11 were Semites, and we are their heirs in Eph. 2:19. The spirit of Babylon is guilty of the blood of

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saints and of the witnesses of Jesus to this day. As heirs with the saints, we are related in the faith, together as one new man.

John saw the scarlet beast carrying her mystery when *it was*, though in John's time, the beast *is not*. The prophecy looks back to when the dragon first carried Babylon, cursed for her cruelty: *It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation. (Is. 13:20a)* The *wilderness* was an uninhabited area, no place for a city unless that city was Babylon after her curse, hundreds of years earlier.

In 17:1 the angel began to reveal the judgment of Babylon. Staring at her emptiness, John learned the dragon *is not* the sixth king that ruled Rome's emperors, but was a rogue king. Soon after the scarlet beast rose from the abyss Rome fell. He rose out again but in an unexpected way.

<sup>9</sup> Here [is] the mind that is having wisdom; the seven heads are seven mountains, upon which the woman doth sit,<sup>10</sup> and there are seven kings, the five did fall, and the one is, the other did not yet come, and when he may come, it behoveth him to remain a little time;<sup>11</sup> and the beast that was, and is not, he also is eighth, and out of the seven he is, and to destruction he doth go away.  
(Rev. 17:9-11)

John was filled with the Spirit, and God set him apart on Patmos Isle to see Babylon on a scarlet beast. *The beast that was*, he was told, *is not, and yet is*. This means *the beast that was* had been present, but *is not; and yet is* because he still exists. (17:8)

Chapter 12 ends with the dragon seeking retribution, and he was about to rise out of the sea, the abyss. The one *about to come up* is the scarlet beast that *was and is not* because the fiery red dragon was absent, either losing the war in heaven, or in the depths of the earth with his cohorts (in 12:7-9). Since most of the world is water, he'd rise *from the abyss* (in 17:8).

Upon rising the dragon deceived the church. Jesus warned us of wolves in sheepskin who aren't real believers. Despite His advice, bishops received a pagan culture through Constantine to become another Roman Empire for a thousand years. A false gospel misled her people to persecute the true believers in Jesus Christ, as well as Jews, His chosen nation. His calling is without repentance (in Rom. 11:29). We were also called as they were.

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After the seventh king overcame the (H)REGN in 1806, the dragon moved his capital from Rome to Berlin in 1871. The city transported the Altar of Zeus out of Pergamon in 1889.<sup>192</sup> By 1930 the wall of Babylon was its entryway. Ten kings received their kingdoms after WW1, and Hitler rose in Satan to destroy the Jews in WW2.

### The Iron Kingdom

After the fifth kingdom, Rome was sixth as the iron of the idol in Daniel 2. The dragon used his unholy Roman Empire of the German Nation with Germanic kings hitched to Rome, the sixth capital city. Paris was seventh; the beast that was *about to come up from the abyss*, the *eighth of the seven* (in 17:8, 11), was the king of Babylon, speaking as a little horn in Berlin.

When popes sought out the brutal German kings as emperors in 962, they conquered central Europa, blanketing hundreds of lands, cities, fiefs, and hamlets, suppressing them and breaking them into little pieces (in Dan. 7:7, 19). The fiery red dragon is the terrible beast in Daniel 7 and the scarlet one in 17, depictions of Satan (in 20:2), carrying his harlot city from place to place.

In the Roman Empire of the German Nation, Rome was the nominal capital of her protectors. Germania shared her capital. The “Holy Roman Empire” was a blasphemous name for it. The French philosopher Voltaire said, “Its agglomeration ... was neither holy, nor Roman, nor an empire.”<sup>193</sup> He may not have seen the forces behind it but was keenly aware of its fakery.

In 1806 the seventh king overcame the church empire by Napoleon, forcing Rome’s final fall.<sup>194</sup> It is written: *it behoveth him to continue a little time* (in 17:10 YLT). In 1814 and in 1816, he was defeated and exiled twice. The Treaty of Vienna merged his lands to thirty-nine nations to bolster them against invasions.

[*The ten horns*] ... *have one mind, and their own power and authority to the beast they shall give over* (in 17:12-13 YLT). At first they had no kingdom but weakened the iron feet of Rome (in Daniel 2). They waited millennia to *receive* crowns; then instantly gave them to **the eighth king**, the dragon in Hitler. All ten had *one mind with him*, appearing on the beast’s head (in Dan. 7:20).

In 17:7 the beast *carries* Babylon. [Gr.: *bastazo*, “lift, bear, or carry”] When something is carried it’s transported. The spirit of Babel spread when people scattered across the earth with her

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culture and her false gods, but the dragon himself transported the evil throne, which he gave the beast that won the world war.

Invisible powers are at war, inciting their nations to envy and bloodlust. At war we do not concede; the enemy is panicked; he has no time left. *Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.* (1 Tim. 6:12; Eph. 6:10-20)

To regain Europe, the dragon returned as the *eighth of the seven* (in 17:11) out of the (H)REGN into the man who murdered millions, Hitler. Putting it all together, it's easier to see it now:

<sup>10</sup> and there are seven kings, the five did fall, and the one is, the other did not yet come, and when he may come, it behoveth him to remain a little time; <sup>11</sup> and the beast that was, and is not, he also is eighth, and out of the seven he is, and to destruction he doth go away. <sup>12</sup> And the ten horns that thou sawest, are ten kings, who a kingdom did not yet receive, but authority as kings the same hour do receive with the beast, <sup>13</sup> these have one mind, and their own power and authority to the beast they shall give over; <sup>14</sup> these with the Lamb shall make war, and the Lamb shall overcome them, because Lord of lords he is, and King of kings, and those with him are called, and choice, and steadfast.' (Rev. 17:10-14)

*The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.* (Ex. 14:14) Unseen kings empower armies. Ten gave their power and authority to Hitler, at one mind with him in 17:13, leading to Dan. 7:13 where the victorious Lamb approached the throne.

Famous heroes from Hebrews 11 were *the called, chosen, and faithful* warriors, providing the speed, strength, and skills the Allied forces needed to win (in 17:14). The Lamb struck the dragon's head, and the leopard was given dominion (in Dan. 7:6).

<sup>15</sup> And he saith to me, 'The waters that thou didst see, where the whore doth sit, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues;' (Rev. 17:15 YLT)

The head of Berlin was a dragon. Enmity bruised his head, and *the beast was slain* (in Dan. 7:11). Thus the Lamb overcame His enemies, fulfilling the Word: *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.* (Gen. 3:15)

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### The Invisible World at War

The terrible beast was *the eighth [king] of the seven*. The sixth was Roman; the seventh ruled France. The eighth king was in Hitler as the king of Babylon over Berlin.

In Daniel 2 the idol's metals are empires that change by origins, not by rulers. First he ruled Babel; then Rome with Germania; and thirdly, the German Empire. At that point, his capital was crushed, and the beast was slain but was healed by the next beast rising. Though diverse, he returns for his fourth kingdom.

He *was* the serpent in Eden; he *was* the enemy to Job; he *was* the king of Babel; he *was* in Haman the Jew-hater outwitted by Esther. At Jesus' birth, he *was* in Herod; at the temptation he *was* the serpent; he *was* Pride in Peter, scolding Yeshua before the disciples; he *was* in Judas the betrayer; he *is the beast that was*.

<sup>8</sup> 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.** (Rev. 17:8; cf. Is. 14:16)

Isaiah foresaw him in a vision:

<sup>4</sup> That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased! <sup>5</sup> The LORD hath broken the staff of the wicked, and the scepter of the rulers. ... <sup>12</sup> How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! <sup>13</sup> For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: <sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. <sup>15</sup> Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

<sup>16</sup> **They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, *Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;*** <sup>17</sup> *That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?*

<sup>18</sup> All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house. <sup>19</sup> But thou art cast

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out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet. <sup>20</sup> Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned. (Is. 14:4-5, 12-20)

*Those whose names were not in the scroll of life beheld the beast that was.* In hell they saw *the man that made the world as a wilderness ...* His throne was in Germany, northwest of Israel, to the sides of the north. (p. 197) Hitler's body was burned, and its ashes were covered in an unmarked grave.

We envision him through the windows of history as Adolf Hitler, but in hell they saw the man as Lucifer. After the war the dragon gave his harlot, Babylon, to the next beast as his throne (in 13:2). Driven by hatred, the ten kings return to him (in 17:16) before God's bowls of wrath end with Babylon destroyed. (16:19)

<sup>16</sup> and the ten horns that thou didst see upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and shall burn her in fire,<sup>17</sup> for God did give into their hearts to do its mind, and to make one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast till the sayings of God may be complete.

(Rev. 17:16-17 YLT) [The beast here is the scarlet dragon of 17.]

The last verses of 13 precede the sixth seal (in 6:12-17) when the martyrs beheaded for the first resurrection ascend with the elect to the Lord in the air (in Mat. 24:29-31, p. 92). They are in heaven in 14 and 15 before the bowls of wrath are poured out on all who receive the beast and his mark. At the seventh bowl (in 16:16; 17:16-18), Babylon the Great is erased from the earth. Then Yeshua returns to slay the armies gathered in Armageddon.

God entrusted His oracles to the Hebrews, and the dragon has attempted to destroy the sons of the light carriers since then. As a beautiful angel, he'd carried the torch in heaven but fell into pride, envy, and darkness. He loathes the words of the prophets and apostles that enlighten us and expose him as the devil.

We can't fathom the value of suffering that prepares us for the height of our calling in Jesus Christ. We are seated with Him at the Father's right hand in heaven. If we only knew ... !

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When a nation trains its troops, the officers put them through rigorous trials to test their endurance for combat. They develop strength of character, not forgotten in battle. Why volunteer for that? Isn't it for the victory? Now we are promised a seat with God in Christ, but we must die to live for the victory.

The beast is given authority over the world and overcomes the saints, but we who endure and keep the faith till death will win the crown of life. We'll trust in God to keep our souls for the prize set before us as members of God's holy family forever:

3 See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and *such* we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who has this hope *fixed* on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. (1 John 3:1-3 NASB)

Lucifer attracts human nature but opposes righteousness and conscience. His false Elijah fools men by his signs, wonders, and miracles, ordering the world to worship the image of *the first beast that was slain by the sword but lived* (cf. Dan. 7:11, 24). The dragon speaks as a living idol in the temple (in 13:15).

When they return to him, we realize his power was in ten united kings in WW2. He prompts the nations to war by their reunion with him. Though iron mixed with clay, the kings have one mind with a dragon, and their single-mindedness empowers them as four heads and four wings empowered the leopard, America, in WW2.

### Jerusalem the Prize

In the Second World War, the Arabs fought the British but lost land they'd occupied for centuries; they also lost Jerusalem, which they'd won by war. Melchizedek, King of Righteousness, gave Abram bread and wine near the walls of the city that still recalls the blessing.<sup>195</sup> (Ps. 2:6, 48:2; Gen. 14:18-20)

The Scriptures contain an allegory of two cities at war—cities that rule the world, one for evil and one for good. Though small, Jerusalem is ordained to win the war as light overcomes the darkness. Until then the dragon carried his harlot for several

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thousand years. Today she embraces the world. She controls seven capitals, some of the greatest on earth, whose cultures she formed. Since the days of Babel, she has thrived in her lifestyle. She spreads her idolatries and seduces the nations by sexual sins. The mother of whores, she fills the earth with false religions.

Rome was a model of Babylon with seven hills. An eighth is across the Tiber River, Janiculum Hill, outside ancient Rome's walls like the eighth capital city.<sup>196</sup> Her hills are not mountains, and she is the sixth. Her church empire fell short of the Roman Empire in size, but in infamy was its equal. Like Babylon Rome is destined for destruction. Babylon isn't just a city, but a powerful principality, a spiritual stronghold; yet the one with horns like a lamb will attack her by ten kings of one mind (in 17:16-18), and she will plunge into darkness. By then she will have taken the land whose power goes out at the fifth bowl of wrath, leaving everyone in the dark, in the heat, in the blood, and in their sores. By allowing His words to correct our ideas, we renew our minds and don't see the world the old way again (in Rom. 12:1-2).

Until his head was healed, the first beast could not return, but in 16:13 at the sixth bowl, all three—the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet, are together till the end of the age.

At the end, earth's topography changes by disasters; Israel is exalted; Jerusalem is the highest mountain. Damascus is ruined; towers are fallen; cities are fields where flocks graze. America is humbled; mountains are leveled; islands disappear; armies are destroyed; nations are judged, and Jesus Christ reigns. It seems surreal, yet its hour is near because it's in the Book:

<sup>9</sup> In that day their strong cities will be like the deserted places of the wooded heights and the hilltops, which they deserted because of the children of Israel, and there will be desolation.

<sup>10</sup> For you have forgotten the God of your salvation  
and have not remembered the Rock of your refuge;  
therefore, though you plant pleasant plants  
and sow the vine-branch of a stranger

<sup>11</sup> though you make them grow on the day that you plant them,  
and make them blossom in the morning that you sow,  
yet the harvest will flee away  
in a day of grief and incurable pain.



## Insights: Chapter 17

<sup>12</sup> Ah, the thunder of many peoples;  
they thunder like the thundering of the sea!  
Ah, the roar of nations;  
they roar like the roaring of mighty waters!

<sup>13</sup> The nations roar like the roaring of many waters,  
but he will rebuke them, and they will flee far away,  
chased like chaff on the mountains before the wind  
and whirling dust before the storm.

<sup>14</sup> At evening time, behold, terror!  
Before morning, they are no more!  
This is the portion of those who loot us,  
and the lot of those who plunder us. (Is. 17:9-14 ESV)

The Bible names Israel as a people, a nation, or its northern tribes {2,543 x}; Judah, Judea {861 x}; and Jerusalem {814 x}. No other land can claim its history but that of Jacob whom God called Israel. {55 x} (See Gen. 32:28).<sup>197</sup> A war of two kingdoms has mankind in the middle: the kingdom of darkness and the Kingdom of light. The choice is for those given ears to hear:

<sup>14</sup> In righteousness you will be established;  
You will be far from oppression, for you will not fear;  
And from terror, for it will not come near you.  
(Is. 54:14 NASB) [The King of kings to His servants.]

Fear of the enemy has no place in us. If we love God, we serve Him faithfully. It may cost our lives, our families, and our income, but He surpasses them all. We own no one. Time's pain is temporal. We who endure to the end will enter the Kingdom of God. We thank and praise Him in all things because *greater is he that is in us than he that is in the world.* (1 Jn. 4:4b)

We treasure our days like a financial account; how we invest our time matters most. *The night cometh when no man can work* (from Jn. 9:4b). Can righteous saints work when darkness covers the earth? The world is in lockdowns and poverty while its darkness is being exposed. Mystery Babylon, like Delilah, has bound the strong man by his weakness: the fear of death.

For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday  
when it is past, or as a watch in the night. (Ps. 90:4 ESV)

Babylon will be destroyed never to rise again. She first appeared in chapter 17 but existed long before the Lord revealed

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her. In 17 two kings remained, but the heads that were mountains wore no crowns at all. As chapter 17 begins, the fall of the seven kings is foreseen; the eighth is predicted. The time is short; the ten kings are with the beast for just one hour (in 17:12).

All ten gave their power and authority to the dragon (in 17:13), but the Lamb overpowered him and the dragon and its kings lost the world war (in Dan. 7:11; Rev. 17:14). Then the Lamb ascended to heaven for the Victor's crown (in Dan. 7:13).

After seeing the Lamb defeat Hitler, John says, <sup>15</sup> *And he saith to me, 'The waters that thou didst see, where the whore doth sit, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues;'* (YLT) He had seen the red dragon carry her after all seven fell. After the Second World War, the eighth king was slain, but the wealthy whore still covered the nations. Now her end is at hand.

She has slain prophets and saints through the ages and has spoken evil of us who believe in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As with Israel, a remnant endure the great tribulation to the end while an evil, unscrupulous, lawless imposter reigns. He is a tool that divides believers from unbelievers in order for our faith to prove itself true while all who believe the lie will be condemned for not loving the truth. (Jn. 3:18-21; 2 Thes. 2:3-12)

At last the Lord Jesus Christ returns to rule from His holy mountain, which is above all the mountains and the hills. His law goes forth from Jerusalem to cover the world like waters cover the sea. (See Is. 11:9)

<sup>11</sup> I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles for to provoke them to jealousy. <sup>12</sup> Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness? (Rom. 11:11-12)

We've learned of mountains and metaphors, principalities and powers, kingdoms and kings, heads and horns and crowns. (Jeremiah 50-51) One thing leads to another until history catches up to us. Now let's locate that harlot: