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### CHAPTER 17

17 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, <sup>2</sup> with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication."

<sup>3</sup> So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. <sup>4</sup> The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. <sup>5</sup> And on her forehead a name was written:

MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT,  
THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS  
AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS  
OF THE EARTH.

<sup>6</sup> I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

<sup>7</sup> But the angel said to me, "Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. (17:1-7 NKJV)

<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. (17:8-11 YLT) (Continued)

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<sup>12</sup> “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. <sup>13</sup> These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. <sup>14</sup> These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.”

<sup>15</sup> Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues. <sup>16</sup> And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. <sup>17</sup> For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. <sup>18</sup> And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.” (Revelation 17:12-18 NKJV)

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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)

Israel is a little country, about the size of the fourth smallest state in America, New Jersey.<sup>184</sup> After Solomon’s death, his official Jeroboam gained ten of the tribes. Israel split from Judah and moved north to Samaria though the temple was in 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,  
(Is. 2:2 ESV; cf. Jer. 51:25-26)

The psalmists sang **its** key and Isaiah harmonized: the city of the LORD will be the highest mountain, Zion, i.e., Jerusalem.

The heads are the harlot’s thrones, capital cities of empires, and the harlot is the spirit of the dragon’s throne. There are seven

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kings; the scarlet beast is one; thus, the rest are supernatural too. In chapter 17, the most obscure words are the most enlightening.

Isaiah holds the **key**: *the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin. (Is. 7:8)* Context determines whether heads are capital cities or kings. The head of Israel is Jerusalem, the highest mountain of all—the *city of the great King, Zion (in Is. 2:2; Ps. 48:2)*. Since her head is the highest mountain, capitals of empires, not kings, are mountain, as the heads in 17. There were seven heads and seven kings; the scarlet beast was one of five that fell, but he'd return. In John's day, *the five did fall, and one is (in 17:10)*; Rome's king **is sixth** when the beast **is not** in 17:8, so the scarlet beast is not Rome's king:

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

<sup>10a</sup> And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; (Rev. 17:9-10a)

In chapter 12, all seven heads have crowns for kings; in 17 five kings had fallen. In 12 the ten horns lacked crowns; in 17:12 the horns have *no kingdom yet*; they're still waiting for crowns during the sixth empire. 12 is before 17; 13 is after: its beast's heads have no crowns; its horns have ten. Cast down to earth, the scarlet beast (in 12:9) is *about to come up from the abyss (in 17:8)*; that's an important point.

<sup>8a</sup> "The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction....

<sup>11</sup> The beast which was, and is not, is himself also an eighth and is *one* of the seven, and he goes to destruction. (Rev. 17:8a, 11 NASB) [Lit. *even he an eighth is, ZGE*]

### The Seven Mountains

Standing on a hill in the Decapolis ruins, we heard that a city was buried under our feet. Standing on its piles, we felt the stillness; its once busy streets were mysteries like the mountains.

**1. Memphis:**<sup>185</sup> Jacob's sons doubted the dream God gave their brother. Enviously, they threw Joseph into a pit; pulling him out, they sold him into slavery. Years later Pharaoh exalted him. A famine sent his brothers to **Egypt**, bowing to Joseph for food, but their offspring became slaves for four centuries till God sent Moses to free them. Near Memphis' ruins, **Cairo** is her capital.

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**2. Damascus:**<sup>186</sup> The northern kingdom, Israel, turned to idols till in 733-721 BC, God sent the **Assyrian Empire** to scatter their tribes to the nations. Some stayed in Samaria where Assyrians came to mingle with their seed. Whenever Jews were threatened, Samaritans denied their race; therefore, the Jews despised them. But today their tribes are making *aliyah* from all nations.<sup>187</sup> (See Ezk. 37:15-23.) **Damascus** is today's Syrian capital.

**3. Babylon:**<sup>188</sup> Babylonia had been Chaldea, Abram's first home. For Judah's violence, God sent Chaldeans to remove Jerusalem's elite in 605 and 597 BC. Again in 586 and 581, they returned, taking thousands of craftsmen to **Babylon** where the Jews were abused; and so, God cursed the city for dishonoring his people. Alexander the Great planned to restore the city but died young. Saddam Hussein was rebuilding it when he died with his sons in the Iraq War.<sup>189</sup> Babylon is desolate. **Baghdad** is Iraq's capital.

<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. 13:20)

**4. Susa:**<sup>190</sup> In the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC, Cyrus II founded the city Susa and conquered Media, merging it with Persia, making two one of the seven, the **Persian Empire**. Its king Belshezzar was killed. Darius the Mede was king by Cyrus the Great. In 539 Cyrus freed Babylon's slaves. *The Edict of Cyrus* declared the Jews free to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. (Ezra 1:1-4)

Jews who stayed in Susa under Xerxes feared one of his officials, Haman, whose scheme to kill them backfired. He was hanged on gallows he'd built for Mordecai, cousin to Esther, the king's Jewish wife and heroine of Purim, its feast to this day.

In 1935 Persia was renamed Iran.<sup>191</sup> In a coup d'état in 1979, the Ayatollah Khomeini ousted the Shah of Iran and ruled the nation by Islam.<sup>192</sup> **Tehran** is its present capital city.

**5. Macedon:**<sup>193</sup> The birthplace of Alexander the Great is north of Greece. His father, Phillip II, unified the city-states. When he conquered Persia, Alexander, the great horn, fulfilled his father's dream. As he approached Jerusalem, her high priest trembled but called for all the people to pray for protection. Josephus wrote that seeing the high priest made Alexander stop and dismount.

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He grasped the priest's hand and described a dream he had in Macedonia: he had seen the same man in the same robes and was told he'd succeed against Persia by him. Bowing to the name of God on his turban, he worshiped with sacrifices in the temple. He enriched the priesthood and granted the people their wishes; then easily conquered Persia.<sup>194</sup> Melding Babylonian and Greek cultures, he advanced the Greek language from Anatolia and Egypt to India but died at thirty-three with no heir in 323 BC.

His four generals partitioned the **Greek Empire**. Seleucus Nicator took the lion's share from the Great Sea to India. Ptolemy's capital was **Alexandria**, Egypt. In Jerusalem he introduced Greek to Israel. By its international tongue, the gospel went to the nations. Ancient **Athens** is now the capital of Greece.<sup>195</sup>

Enraged after his loss to Egypt, the eighth Seleucid king, Antiochus IV, desecrated the temple in 167 BC. He demanded worship and set up an idol of Zeus, the *abomination of desolation*. Forcing the Jews to offer a pig on the altar, he crucified, mutilated, and murdered a multitude.<sup>196</sup> He left for Antioch, and a family of priests, the Maccabees, purified and rededicated the temple.

When the king returned, they slew his army.<sup>197</sup> *Hanukkah* celebrates the event.<sup>198</sup> Yeshua went up to Jerusalem for its feast. (Jn. 10:22) Though the Seleucid capital moved west to **Antioch**, spiritually, **Pergamos** was the throne of Satan.<sup>199</sup> (See 2:13)

**6. Rome:**<sup>200</sup> In 30 BC Rome defeated Greece but was later divided in two. Its west side fell in 410 and again in 476. By a clever hoax, in 800 the dragon took Rome for an empire, ruled by the apostate church. In 962 its first Germanic king co-ruled what became the Roman Empire of the German Nation. **Rome** is Italy's capital city today.

In 1453 her eastern capital, Constantinople, was conquered by jihadists and renamed Istanbul. The Ottoman Turks turned most of its churches into mosques. Its Romanized city was ruled by Moslems till its fall to Britain in 1917 as the second foot of the idol in the king's dream.<sup>201</sup> [Part 1, chapter 2] The dragon will conquer and reign over both as one. Turkey's capital is **Ankara**.

**7. Paris:**<sup>202</sup> On December 25, 1804, Napoleon crowned himself first consul of France.<sup>203</sup> In 1806 he defeated the (H)REGN as the seventh king gained the sixth head and central Europe. He

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ruled for a brief time. *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) John hadn't known France or its city, Napoleon's **Paris**.

**The eighth king:** After the seventh king routed the church empire, Berlin was made a capital for the eighth king to come. After the Great War, in 1918 ten kings received crowns in Europe, and after the ten, one of the seven returned as a little horn, an unlikely **eighth king**, in 1932.

### As It Begins ...

Scarlet is a bright, *fiery red*. The scarlet beast was the *fiery red dragon* from chapter 12, linked to 17 by its **bright red color** and its historic **keys**: seven heads, seven crowns, and ten horns.

Mystery Babylon was the dragon's whore whose sensualities and false religions spread through her empires, which gloried in their shame because of her. She seduces the world by her sins, the reasons for the seven bowls of wrath that end the age.

The harlot isn't a nation, but a mystical capital (in 17:18). She rides the scarlet beast that carries her, empowered by his kings. Babylon sits on seven cities; her spirit still dominates them to seduce and destroy the earth. Filled with false religions, Persian, Greek, and Roman civilizations were Babylonian by nature. Her culture took Rome before Rome had her throne.

Connecting the pieces, the dragon was about to deceive the church for an empire. Amazed, this writer asked, "How could that be?" The Spirit whispered clearly, "It's illegitimate." The devil rose out of the pit to gain an empire by the church!

The red dragon, banished to earth, was *about to come up out of the abyss* (in 17:8). On a timeline, he may have returned to Pergamos at her earthquake in 262.<sup>204</sup> (Rev. 2:13) Huns entered Europa from Asia forty years later. An eighth king, Attila, forced other tribes into Rome with the dragon's goal in mind, her ruin.

In the 4<sup>th</sup> century, Constantine offered a way for the fearful bishops to escape persecution, but the devil was luring them into apostasy. Later an apostate bishop feared jihadist invasions and formed an empire by a forgery with Rome's church as the throne of the dragon's illegitimate empire for over a thousand years.

Her bishops sent believers to lions and crucified, beheaded, burnt, and tortured them as a crowded Coliseum cheered.<sup>205</sup> Caesar Constantine kept his pagan title, Pontifex Maximus, the



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precedent for the church that turned to pagans from prophets.<sup>206</sup> Defaming the Hebrew Bible, she denied its words. Babylonian gods, like Hollywood idols, drew Israel to Baal and the church to idolatry. As we mature, we repent from the ideas of a godless culture in our pursuit of holiness; sanctification comes by faith in the truth.

### The Beast that Was

In Part 1, chapter 1, Daniel slept in Babylon and dreamed of four beasts, rising up from the Great Sea. John was exiled on an island there but in 17:3 was *carried away in the Spirit* to see a woman *in the wilderness ... drunk from the blood of saints and from the blood of the witnesses of Jesus (from 17:6)*.

John refers to Jews as saints like the holy ones in Daniel; by their blood, Babylon was cursed. *The witnesses of Jesus* lived after the Savior came and were among *the people of the saints* (in Dan. 7:27). Babylon will be called to account for *the blood of the saints and of the witnesses of Jesus* to this day, and we're heirs who suffer with Him to be glorified with Him. (Rom. 8:17) Most saints in Hebrews 11 are Jews; we're *fellow-citizens*. (Eph. 2:19)

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. The vacant city dwells in an uninhabitable wilderness.

The dragon appeared well in advance of Christ's birth. He'd pursued Israel before Egypt; he *was* the king of Babel; he *was* satan, "the enemy," to Job; he *was* Haman, outwitted by Esther's wisdom; in Antiochus he *was* the blasphemer. In Judea he *was* Herod; in the desert he *was* the tempter; he *was* the usurper in Peter; he *was* in Judas, the betrayer—*he was the beast that was*, the god of this world, he *was* in Hitler, that great destroyer:

<sup>8</sup> "The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth, whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was, and is not, and will come. (Rev. 17:8 NASB; cf. Is. 14:16)

<sup>3</sup> And it will be in the day when the LORD gives you rest from your pain and turmoil and harsh service in which you have been enslaved,<sup>4</sup> that you will take up this taunt

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against the king of Babylon, and say,  
“How the oppressor has ceased,  
And *how* fury has ceased!  
<sup>5</sup> “The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked,  
The scepter of the rulers,  
<sup>6</sup> Which subdued the nations in anger with unrestrained  
persecution,  
Which used to strike the peoples in fury with unceasing  
strokes.  
<sup>7</sup> “The whole earth is at rest *and* is quiet;  
They break forth into shouts of joy, ...  
<sup>12</sup> “How you have fallen from heaven,  
O star of the morning, son of the dawn!  
You have been cut down to the earth,  
You who have weakened the nations!  
<sup>13</sup> “But you said in your heart,  
I will ascend into heaven;  
I will raise my throne above the stars of God,  
And I will sit on the mount of the assembly  
In the recesses of the north.  
<sup>14</sup> ‘I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;  
I will make myself like the most High.’  
<sup>15</sup> “Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol,  
To the recesses of the pit.  
<sup>16</sup> “Those who see you will gaze at you,  
They will ponder over you, *saying*,  
*‘Is this the man* who made the earth tremble,  
Who shook kingdoms,  
<sup>17</sup> Who made the world like a wilderness,  
And overthrew its cities,  
Who did not allow his prisoners to go home?’  
<sup>18</sup> “All the kings of the nations lie in glory,  
Each in his own tomb.  
<sup>19</sup> “But you have been cast out of your tomb  
Like a rejected branch,  
Clothed with the slain who are pierced with a sword,  
Who go down to the stones of the pit  
Like a trampled corpse.  
<sup>20</sup> “You will not be united with them in burial,  
Because you have ruined your country,  
You have slain your people.  
May the offspring of evildoers not be mentioned forever.  
(Is. 14:3-7, 12-20 NASB)

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Those whose names were not in the scroll of life beheld the beast. (17:8) [Gr.: *biblos*, is “scroll” (in ZGE).] In hell they saw the man *that opened not the house of his prisoners (from 17:17)*. His throne was in Berlin. He’d go from the reaches of heaven to the depths of the pit. His body was burnt and buried in an unmarked grave. (17:20) Adolf Hitler is in hell; the man they see is Lucifer: a beast in a man turns the man into a beast.

In the mid-8th century, an apostate church feared invading jihadists. Its pope Stephen II used a hoax, a forgery, to convince Pepin the king of France to conquer central Italy. Historically untrue, the “Donation of Constantine” relied on the ignorance of its people to succeed; by it, Mussolini signed the Lateran Treaty of 1929 with the Vatican “secretary of state” to make the church a sovereign state in exchange for Rome as Italy’s capital.<sup>207</sup> Even Benito Mussolini was deceived. Indeed, kings sit at the same table and deceive each other.

Babylon seduces kings; her spirit beguiles nations against Israel to their own cursing and apparently deceives the church. (Pp. 55-60) In 17:1 an angel introduces the judgment of Babylon by describing the city. John sees a blaspheming whore, decadent, yet an adorned city, seated on a scarlet beast—the red dragon—not the king of Rome, but the rogue king who was about to come up out of the abyss to take Rome by guile (in 17:8).

<sup>8a</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, ...<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. 17:8a, 11 YLT)

The apostle was filled with the Spirit, set apart on an island but carried into a wilderness to see a woman as a city, seated on the scarlet beast *that was, is not, and yet is*. The scarlet beast had been present but *is not* [in John’s time]—*and yet is* because he exists though he’s absent, either at war or in the abyss. (17:8)

12 ends with the devil, seeking revenge. He is literally about to come up out of the abyss soon after 95 AD on a timeline. The fiery red dragon loses a war in heaven and is *cast down to the earth* with his angels. Banished, there is no longer a place for him in heaven (in 12:7-9). He soon rises out of the abyss, the sea (in 17:8), which was why he was missing in 95 AD.

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### The Masquerade

Jesus warned us of wolves, disguised as sheep. The bishops were idolaters who wanted to satisfy Constantine's desire, the unification of the Roman Empire. Those whose faith had waxed cold created another gospel. Over time, new bishops believed the changes and accused true believers of heresy.

The first emperor of Rome's church was Charlemagne in 800. After calling for the more brutal German kings as emperors in 962, popes conquered central Europa—hundreds of villages, cities, towns, fiefs, and small, independent nations, whose heads were allegedly the church's "holy emperors." (Dan. 7:7, 19)

The dragon ruled the unholy Roman Empire of the German Nation, often by Hunnic kings hitched to Rome, till the king of Paris, the seventh, took the sixth city and its church empire.

The scarlet beast John saw would be *the eighth of the seven*, which goes into *perdition* (in 17:8, 11). After the seventh king lost the church empire in 1816, the dragon carried his capital from Rome to Berlin in 1871. The city imported ruins of the Altar of Satan from Pergamos in 1889.<sup>208</sup> (Rev. 2:13) Babylon's walls exposed the harlot city as its altar's entryway in 1930, reconstructed just in time for the eighth king.

17:7 has the scarlet beast *carrying* a harlot that dominates seven capital cities on which she is seated. (17:9,18) For centuries the church in Rome adopted the reputation of her city, and her kings shared the infamy of a throne that wasn't their own.

Of the "Holy Roman Empire," her blasphemous name, the French philosopher Voltaire famously wrote, "Its agglomeration ... was neither holy, nor Roman, nor an empire."<sup>209</sup> He may not have recognized its dragon but was keenly aware of its fakery.

Two years after his coronation, the seventh king overcame the church empire.<sup>210</sup> ... *it behoveth him to continue a little time* (from 17:10 YLT). The great emperor Napoleon I lost his crown, the seventh of seven crowns, when he was defeated and exiled shortly thereafter.

Ten kings *have one mind, and their own power and authority to the beast they shall give over* (from 17:13 YLT). Its ten horns had been kings without a kingdom, raiding the lands and weakening the people as rulers of nomadic tribes. (Dan. 2:43) After receiving their ten kingdoms, they gave them to the scarlet beast.

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In 17:7 the red dragon *carries* Babylon. [Gr.: *bastazo*, carry] Carried, she's *transported*. The spirit of Babel spread when its people scattered across the earth with her culture and false gods, but the dragon himself carried the spirit of her throne, which he gave to the beast that has owned it since WW2 (in 13:2).

Supernatural kings waited millennia for crowns; given them in 1920, they relinquished them to the eighth king in Hitler. *Of one mind* (in 17:13), they're seen on the beast's head (in Dan. 7:20).

Invisible powers are at war, but we must take hold of eternal life; we are called to it. (1 Tim. 6:12) Our training equips us with the armor of God. (Eph. 6:10-18) Shadow-boxing doesn't work in this war: *so fight I, not as one beating the air.* (1 Cor. 9:26b)

To regain his empire, the dragon returned as the *eighth of the seven* (in 17:11), out of the infamous church empire into the man who murdered millions. An eighth king is twice an abomination:

<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 stedfast.' (Rev. 17:10-14 YLT)

As eyewitnesses, the heroes of Hebrews 11 may have lent their speed, strength, and skill for the Allies' victory. The best plans of men are made by higher powers. Now Jesus Christ is the King of kings. The bear struck the dragon's head, but the leopard was given dominion for the sake of Israel (in Dan. 7:6).

<sup>5</sup> Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger  
And the staff in whose hands is My indignation,  
(Is. 10:5 NASB) [In Isaiah 10, God uses His enemies as weapons.]

The beast's capital was wounded: *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) God put hostility between the serpent's seed and the woman's seed

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when a young virgin gave birth to the Son of God. As the Lamb of God, His heel was bruised on the cross. Then God used Stalin as a club against Hitler, and the dragon was slain by the ally he'd betrayed. His war against the Lamb (17:14) failed by the wisdom of Christ, and the serpent was sent to perdition.

## The Invisible War

God entrusted His oracles to the Hebrews, but their enemy, who had once carried the light in heaven, attempts to destroy the sons of the light carriers who inherit the promises. A beautiful angel, he'd carried the torch but fell into pride, deceit, and envy. He loathes the prophets and apostles because he hates the light.

We can't fathom the value of the trials that prepare us for the future and can't imagine the height of our calling. We're with Jesus beside the Father! If we only knew, but we're half asleep.

When an army trains its troops, the officers put them through rigorous trials for their endurance in combat. We have a place with God in Christ but must be willing to die for its victory. The beast is given authority to overcome the saints, but though it costs our lives, we'll endure till death and keep the faith to win the crown of life.

3 See how great a love the Father has given us, that we would be called children of God; and *in fact* 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 set on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

(1 John 3:1-3 NASB)

In WW2 the Arabs fought the Allies and lost the land they'd occupied; forcing Jews from its Old City, they lost Jerusalem too. Melchizedek, King of Righteousness, had offered bread and wine to Abram near the walls of that city.<sup>211</sup> (Ps. 2:6; 48:2; Gen. 14:18-20; cf. Ex. 19:5) Outside her walls, God gave His only Son and bought the world to possess its treasure:

<sup>44</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

(Mat. 13:44 NKJV) [Israel, the treasured possession. Ex. 19:5]

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The dragon carried his harlot for several thousand years, yet she continues to thrive. She controls the world's capital cities with decadent cultures. Since the days of Babel, she has disseminated her lifestyle of idolatry and immorality by seducing kings. She has slaughtered the helpless and subjected children to her sins. She has killed the innocents and has shed the blood of prophets and saints, but she'll be obliterated, never rising again:

<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.' (Rev. 17:16-18 YLT) [... of the land, i.e., 'of the earth.']

Rome is a miniature of Babylon, having seven hills; another is across the Tiber River, Janiculum Hill, outside ancient Rome's walls like the eighth out of seven.<sup>212</sup> But mountains are not hills, and she is the sixth mountain. In the end, a beast *with two horns like a lamb that speaks as a dragon* abases the three that have his throne, Babylon. He hates and destroys the mystery city in fire, (in 17:16-18); in one hour, she plunges into the sea (in 18:21-19:3). Before then, her kingdom loses its power at the fifth bowl of wrath while in her sores, sweat, blood, and darkness (in 16:10-11).

We were asleep at the dragon's return. Till he was healed, he couldn't rise; then he did. Mystery Babylon is destroyed, and the dragon is sealed in the bottomless pit; but first, the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet gather their armies to Armageddon.

### Above It All

The war of two kingdoms has humanity in its throes: one pleases the flesh and spreads darkness throughout the world; the other shines her light on human hearts and minds, and we must choose one of the two:

<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

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- 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.
- <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. [cf. Dan 2:35]
- <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. 17:10-14 ESV)

By fear and deception, the world is in spiritual lockdown and decay; this is a dark hour, heading for midnight when no one can work. The flesh is weak by the fear of death and the love of convenience. But if we follow Christ, we're suited in the armor of God: the surety of salvation; the protection of righteousness; the strength of truth; the shield of faith; shoes on our feet to walk in the gospel of peace, and holding the ready Word of God like a sword, unsheathed against the darkness. (See Eph. 6:10-18.)

Disasters alter earth's topography: Damascus is razed; cities are fields that flocks graze; towers are fallen; islands disappear; mountains are leveled; armies are buried; weapons are destroyed; nations are judged. Her enemies are decimated but Israel stands. Jerusalem is the highest mountain of all when Yeshua returns as her King. It seems surreal, yet it's at hand; it's in the Scroll.

- <sup>37</sup> Behold, I will gather them from all the countries to which I drove them in my anger and my wrath and in great indignation. I will bring them back to this place, and I will make them dwell in safety. <sup>38</sup> And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. <sup>39</sup> I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and for the good of their children after them. <sup>40</sup> I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that



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they may not turn from me. <sup>41</sup> I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul. (Jer. 32:37-41 ESV) [God also has a heart and a soul; we are made in His image after His likeness.]

God is the Light of righteousness and has given light to each of us for us to see that God is good. (Jn. 1:4, 5, 9) God is Love but hates evil; He is wrapped with light and exposes darkness. He searches the intentions of every heart and the thoughts of every mind. He is the Beauty of nature and the God of all justice, mercy, and truth; the Source of wisdom and grace; the Savior of our souls; the Father of Eternity; the Alpha and Omega of time.

<sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in thy sight *are but* as yesterday when it is past, or *as* a watch in the night. (Ps. 90:4)

The dragon had been a little horn out of Alexander's Greek Empire as the eighth king of the Seleucids, the abomination that desolated Jerusalem's temple in 167 BC after the Jews' transgression, their apostasy. (Dan. 8:12-13).<sup>213</sup> And he returns.

The United Nations began by the alliance of the Allies in a cooperative union of nations for peace on earth. But in a brief period of time, its ideas dramatically changed with the growth of its member nations. Iniquity and deception spread by the lack of, rather than the practice of, faith in the God of Israel.

The dragon seeks to unite the East with the West as men take the mark of the beast, having one mind together with the one who makes the beast his chancellor. The ten horns return to him, empowering a false religious kingdom by Istanbul and Rome, the feet of the idol in the king's dream in Part 1, chapter 2. (Rev. 13:2-4, 8, 11-12; 17:16-17)

### **“Come Out to Meet Him!”**

Even if we are far off from Him, God is in our presence because God is Spirit. (Jn. 4:24) There's no place we can go to escape Him. Except for His selfless act of love, we would all be lost, but now we hope for eternal life, and this hope in our hearts affects how we live every day:

<sup>24</sup> For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance. (Rom. 8:24-25 NKJV)

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After God's indignation against His enemies, He returns at Babylon's destruction when the Father remembers her with the **seventh bowl of wrath** (in 16:19; 18:5). At that time, the nations' armies are in the dale below Armageddon when Jesus descends from heaven with His warriors, wearing white linen and riding white horses in honor, glory, and power! (16:16; 19:11-21)

In 15 those who reject the beast and his mark are in heaven before God's wrath leaves the Sanctuary. They held to purity and withdrew from Babylon, strong in righteousness and prepared for the great tribulation.

Jesus calls, "Come out of her, my people, so that you won't suffer her plagues!" If we cling to this world, we'll suffer the plagues of His wrath against the world. In 16:15 He urges those who are left behind to keep the faith and be holy, remembering faith, hope, and love, ready for His return. We are consoled in this: all things work together for good if we love and obey God by faith in Him.

We've seen mountains and metaphors, kingdoms and kings, principalities and powers, heads and horns. One thing leads to the next till prophecy apprehends us. Now let's find that harlot: