

PTB3-7: Revelation 17, 18, an 19.

“Great and marvelous are Your works,
Lord God Almighty!
Just and true are Your ways,
O King of the ^[b]saints!
⁴ Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your
name?
For You alone are holy.
For all nations shall come and worship before You,
For Your judgments have been manifested.”

Chapter 8: Revelation 17 of The Meaning of the Woman and the Beast.

NOTE: The explanation is obvious, but has a caveat. The guiding angel with John has the explanation. The caveat is the appeal to the mind with wisdom.

⁷ But the angel said to me, “Why did you marvel? I will tell you the ^[d]mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. ⁸ The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to ^[d]perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and ^[e]yet is.

⁹ “Here *is* the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. ¹⁰ There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, *and* the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. ¹¹ The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to ^[d]perdition.

¹² “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. ¹³ These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. ¹⁴ 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.”

¹⁵ Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues. ¹⁶ And the ten horns which you ^{15a}saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.”

Chapter 9: Revelation 18 of Babylon’s Fall, of course Babylon has to be the whole earth of wicked cities.

1. We need to get attuned to the voices from heaven now.

NOTE: Revelation even teaches how to react to a scene for we are so attuned to the sounds of this earth that we have a problem getting attuned to heaven. Here comes some hints to get in tune with heaven for we all know if we are a believer we will be there. It behooves us know to get our attitudes adjusted for this herendous experience: We are able to hear and heed these admonitions of the voice from heaven, to come out of the, to not be spotted by the world for this is what Babylon is. Below we will discuss further and what our attitude should be to this world that we live in. Another voice gives the explanation. “⁴And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. ⁵For her sins ^{4a}have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. ⁶Render to her just as she rendered ^{4b}to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her. ⁷In the measure that she glorified herself and lived ^{4c}luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, ‘I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.’ ⁸Therefore her plagues will

come in one day—death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her.”

2. Babylon is nothing less than the whole wicked world, even as one city in the site of God and His power. Of course it is first of all the City of Babylon that wronged Jerusalem by taking them captive and making them slaves, for we know that the whole world will stand in judgement before even those that viewed Christ being crucified. The same is the case with Assyria that took the northern kingdom of Israel captive, and likewise Rome and the Caesars that persecuted Christians and Jews for about two hundred years.

3. To heed the voice from heaven, what should our present attitude be toward the world.

There could be no better expression of this than John's "love not the world", "love not the world", "love not the world" in I John 2:

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

NOTE: It is hard to see how recent Baylor graduates can turn this 'love not the world' passage into a circus saying it only applies to the Roman world at the time of John's writing. This is so ridiculous to be humorous if young people were not really buying it from liberal Baylor religion professors, and subsequently living a life of coveting the world with its lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. The last pride of life is the most dangerous because it is so easily justifiable in the world, so easily promoting selfishness, pride in things of the world, and competition.

Chapter 10: Revelation 19 of Heaven exults over Babylon (the destruction of earth) and Christ on a White Horse.

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herendous experience: (1) We can not simulate the sounds of many waters and thunders, we can only think about them in order to get into a heavenly or new earth routine; (2) We can say and pray "ALLELUIA and repeat " The^{id} Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"; (3) We can rejoice now, be glad, and give our heavenly Father the glory because Jesus will come and the church is ready for Him. "The explanation comes from the voice of a multitude talking in unison. "6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunders, saying, "Alleluia! For the^{id} Lord God Omnipotent reigns! 7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints."