

# THE SCARLET-COLORED BEAST

## REVELATION 17

(Outline # 23)

**Meditation:** *TM* 118

**INTRODUCTION:** This study describes what will take place when the Image of the beast system becomes international.—world-wide, and how it will fail.

**Read: Rev. 17:1-6**

1. **What Does A Woman Symbolize?**—a church.  
See Jer. 6:2; *GC* 381.
2. **This Woman Is An Apostate Church**
  - a. This woman is a prostitute (verse 5)
  - b. She is described as Babylon...abominations of the earth.
3. **This Woman Is Not Specifically The Papacy**

**Read: Rev. 18:24**

The woman is responsible for "**ALL that were slain upon the earth.**"  
The first person slain for their faith was ABEL. Thus the woman goes back to the time of Cain and Abel.

**Read: Rev. 19:1-7**

These verses show that the **woman** was **destroyed** around the time of the **close of probation**. But the Papacy will exist up to the 2nd coming of Christ. (2 Thes. 2:3,8; *GC* 321, 579).

4. **Further Explanation:**
  - a. Rev. 19: 1-7, mentions the **four** beasts, **twenty-four elders, the throne, etc., IN THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY-TEMPLE**. The fact that persons are still in the heavenly temple/sanctuary, is proof that the plagues have not yet fallen, and that probation is closing, and that the plagues have not been poured out. See **Rev. 15:1, 7,8**.
  - b. **THE WOMAN WAS ALREADY DESTROYED WHILE PROBATION WAS CLOSING** and the plagues had not yet been poured out. (See Rev. 19:2, 3).
  - c. **The PAPACY will exist up the 2nd coming AND WILL BE DESTROYED BY CHRIST AT HIS COMING.** (2 Thes. 2: 3, 8; *GC* 321, 356, 579).

**Summary:** The woman therefore, could not specifically be the Papacy. **The Papacy came to power in 538 A.D. -the new Testament era.** The woman **REPRESENTS A COUNTERFEIT RELIGIOUS SYSTEM OR IDEOLOGY which is older than the Papacy —A false belief system that goes back to the time of CAIN.**

It was Cain who purported the first false doctrine (false sacrifice) and killed his brother Abel.

Obviously, the Papacy is a part of the woman. The woman takes on

different forms as she has progressed down through time. In other words, the woman initially represented Paganism, but was later on fused into Christianity during the dark ages—then she was known as the Papacy. This further indicates that Rome's doctrines are not new, but in fact went back to the very father of false religion on earth—Cain.

So the image of the beast system is not based on new doctrines or new ideas. It is built on a belief system that encompasses all religions—eastern and western.

5. **Her Three Exploits Or Outstanding Periods.**

- a. Sitting on the waters (verse 1)-during the dark ages—the time of the Papacy when this false system of worship controlled many nations—"waters."
- b. Sitting on the seven heads (verse 9)-when the woman unites all the churches together-when Protestantism, Catholicism, and Spiritualism unite. (5T 451; GC 589).
- c. Sitting on the Scarlet-colored beast (SCB)-(verse 3)—during the one-world government. Her sitting on the beast must be her last act.

6. **What Is The Meaning Of The SCB?**

**Scarlet** Full of sin/cursed. God's people will be called out of it. Rev. 18:1-4; *EW* 33; John 10:16.

**Names of blasphemy** Full of sin and corruption and hypocrisy.

**Ten Horns** Civil powers—governments. Note that the horns have no crowns showing that the authority and control rests with the woman.

**Seven** The religious bodies in existence at the time of the mark of the beast. Note that the SDA church would have already been purified so they are NOT included. (1 SC 17:6).

7. **Revelation 17:8**

**Was** before the millennium

**Is Not** During the millennium—when the wicked are dead in their graves-**Rev. 20:1-3,5.**

**Yet Is** After the millennium when all the wicked dead are resurrected. **Rev. 20:3, 7, 8.**

**Bottomless Pit** The earth in chaos and as a prison house for Satan, his angels and the wicked during the 1,000 years. **Rev. 20:3, 5. GC 658.**

**Perdition** A destruction from which there is no resurrection.—after the millennium the wicked will be destroyed by fire from God.

**They That Dwell On The Earth** After all the wicked (whose names are not written in the book of Life) are resurrected, they will marvel ("wonder") when they see all the wicked from the beginning of time ("from the foundation of the world")

8. **Revelation 17:9**

Heads and mountains in Scripture represent religious bodies.

Therefore, the seven heads forecast the unification of the churches (see the woman's three exploits in this outline).

9. **Revelation 17:10**

**Five Fallen** **Five kingdoms have fallen—past:** (1) Adamic kingdom (2) Babylon (3) Media-Persia (4) Grecia (5) Rome.

**One Is** Our present world—same as the ten toes. This period covers the Leopard-like Beast (LLB), Two-horned Beast (THB), and the Scarlet-colored Beast (SCB).

**Not Yet Come** The wicked (world) after the millennium.

**Continue a** The 100 years after the millennium just before the wicked are **Short Space** destroyed. **Isa. 65:20; Rev. 20: 3. (same as the little season).**

10. **Revelation 17:11**

**Was** Before the millennium.

**Is Not** During the millennium

**He Is The** He is the **eighth beast—all** the beast from Daniel 7 and Revelation:

- Eighth**
- (1) Lion
  - (2) Bear
  - (3) Leopard
  - (4) Non-descript beast
  - (5) Leopard-like beast
  - (6) Two-horned beast
  - (7) Scarlet-colored beast [SCB] BEFORE the millennium
  - (8) SCB AFTER the millennium.

**Is Of The** The SCB—all the wicked AFTER the millennium, is a composite of all **Seven** the previous beasts-kingdoms. He has all the characteristics of all the former beasts.

**Goes Into** The SCB AFTER millennium (the eighth beast), represents all the wicked **Perdition** who are cast into a lake of fire and destroyed. (Rev. 20: 8-10).

11. **What Do The Ten Horns Of The SCB Represent?**

Civil Powers

12. **Revelation 17:12,13**

Horns represent civil or Political entities. These horns:

- a. Are kings but have not yet received their kingdom.
- b. They have the authority as kings for one hour.
- c. They have one mind—they are unified in their thinking and planning.
- d. Instead of taking the rulership, they give it away for the one hour.
- e. They give their kingdom (rulership) away because God put it in their heart to do it **(Rev. 17:17).**
- f. The ONE HOUR is the same as the **11th to 12th hour (Matt. 20:6,7)-the loud cry period.**

13. **What Civil Powers Do The Horns Represent?**

Communist or Communist-like powers

- a. **Only Communists profess NO religion**—They despise it. **The ten horns hated and destroyed the woman (religion).** (Rev. 17:16)
- b. **REV. 18: 9-11.** The kings in this passage are crying because the woman is destroyed. **These kings must be DEMOCRATIC-THEY LOVE RELIGION (the woman).** They must also be **Capitalists** because they are "merchants" (verses 11,12). Therefore, these kings in Rev. 18:9, cannot be the same as the ones who destroyed her in REV. 17:16. There are TWO TYPES OF KINGS-those that LOVE the woman [**democratic/capitalists**] and those that HATE her [Communist/Communist-like].

**Summary:** This reveals that Communism will appear to dominate the world's political seat, but instead will give up their right to rule the world, by giving their power to the Mark of the beast system (the SCB) which is controlled by the Beast (*666*) and the False Prophet through the woman (the false religious system or beliefs). Thus, this religious-political system will not be purely Communist or Democratic, but Ecclesiastical. It will unite Catholicism, apostate Protestantism, and Spiritualism together under a so-called NEW WORLD ORDER.

**Note:** The democratic nations (ie USA) will see victory in surrendering their power to the church (the woman) because it will be denied them in WAR. (12 *Tr* 54; 2TG 41:18). Therefore, the Communist will gain the upper hand politically because the USA and the other nations - members of western society will fall in a gigantic war. But God will put it in the hearts of the Communists to surrender their rulership to the image of the beast. God does this so that the Gospel can gather the Great Multitude. (Rev. 17:18).

14. **Revelation 17:14**

These kings are to be anti-religious and therefore anti-Christian. They shall eventually make war with the Lord and with His called, chosen, and faithful ones, but "the lamb shall overcome" them.

15. **Revelation 17:15**

Waters represent people.

16. **Revelation 17:16,17,18**

After the gospel is completed, the Communist powers will destroy the New World Order-the Mark of the beast system. This will take place around the close of probation. (Rev. 18:1-7). Then the plagues will fall. So Babylon's rule will be short-lived. At that point the GM would have already been gathered.

**Further Study** 2 *SR* 111-125,148-162  
 2 *TG* 18,36  
 12 *Tr* 30 -41, 53 -57.

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