

## **THE SCARLET COLORED BEAST REVELATION 17**

**INTRODUCTION:** This study describes what will take place when the Image of the Beast system becomes international, worldwide, and how it will fall.

**Rev. 17:1-6**

### **WHOM DOES THIS WOMAN SYMBOLIZE**

1. A woman symbolizes a church. See **Jer. 6:2; GC 381**
2. This woman must be an apostate woman (prostitute) **verse 5**
3. She is described as Babylon. . . abominations of the earth.

### **THIS WOMAN IS NOT SPECIFICALLY THE PAPACY**

1. **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.
2. **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 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ (**2 Thess. 2:3-8; GC 321, 579**)
3. The woman therefore, could not specifically be the Papacy. The papacy came to power in 538 A.D. This woman represents a counterfeit religious system or ideology which is older than the Papacy. It is a false belief system that goes back to the time of Cain. It was Cain who purported the first false doctrine and killed his brother Abel.
4. Obviously, the Papacy is 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.

### **HER THREE EXPLOITS OR OUTSTANDING PERIODS**

1. Sitting on the waters (verse **1**) during the dark ages, at the time of the Papacy when this false system of worship controlled many nations - “waters”
2. 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**)
3. Sitting on the Scarlet Colored Beast (SCCB) **verse 3**; during the one world government. Her sitting on the beast must be her last act.

### **WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE SCARLET COLORED BEAST?**

1. She has all the characteristics of the previous beast, so must represent the world after them, and just before the return of Jesus.
2. **SCARLET** - Full of sin/cursed. God’s people will be called out of it.
3. **NAMES OF BLASPHEMY** - full of sin and corruption including hypocrisy.
4. **TEN HORNS** - Civil powers - governments. Note that the horns have no crowns

showing that the authority and control rests with the woman.

5. **SEVEN READS** - The religious bodies in existence at the time of the mark of the beast. Note the SDA church would have already be purified so they are not included.

#### **VERSE 8**

1. **WAS** - before the millennium.
2. **IS NOT** - During the millennium—when the wicked are dead in their graves (**Rev. 20:1-3, 5**)
3. **YET IS** - After the millennium when all the wicked dead are resurrected. (**Rev. 20:3,7,8**)
4. **BOTTOMLESS PIT** - The earth in chaos and as a prison house for Satan, his angels and the wicked **during the 1,000 yrs. (Rev. 20:3, 5; GC 658)**
5. **PERDITION** - A destruction from which there is no resurrection. After the millennium the wicked will be destroyed by fire from God.
6. **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.

#### **VERSE 9**

Heads and mountains in Scripture represent religious bodies. Therefore the seven heads forecast the unification of the churches.

#### **VERSE 10**

1. **FIVE FALLEN** - five kingdoms have fallen - past: 1. Adamic kingdom 2. Babylon 3. Medo-Persia 4. Grecia 5. **Rome.**
2. **ONE IS** - Our present world - same as the ten toes. This period covers the LLB, THB and the SCCB.
3. **NOT YET COME** - the wicked world after the millennium
4. **CONTINUE A SHORT SPACE** - The 100 years after the millennium just before the wicked are destroyed. Isa. **65:20; Rev. 20:3** (same as the little season)

#### **VERSE 11**

1. **THE BEAST THAT WAS AND IS NOT IS THE EIGHTH** - He is the eighth of all the beast from Daniel 7 and Revelation: 1) Lion 2) Bear 3) Leopard 4) Non-descript Beast 5) Leopard-like beast 6) Two-horned beast 7) Scarlet-colored beast before the millennium 8) the SCCB after the millennium.
2. **IS OF THE SEVEN** - The SCCB - all the wicked after the millennium, is a composite of all the previous beasts, kingdoms. He has all the characteristics of all the former beasts.
3. **GOES INTO PERDITION** - The SCCB after millennium (the eighth beast), represents all the wicked who are cast into a lake of fire and destroyed. **Rev. 20:8-10)**
4. **HORNS** - civil powers

### **VERSE 12, 13**

These horns represent civil powers or Political entities.

1. Are kings but have not yet received their kingdom
2. They have authority as kings for one hour
3. They have one mind they are unified in their thinking and planning
4. Instead of taking the rulership, they give it away for the one hour.
5. They give their kingdom (rulership) away because God put it in their hearts to do it.
6. The one hour is the same as the 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> hour of **Matt. 20:6, 7** the loud cry message.

### **WHAT CIVIL POWERS DO THE HORNS REPRESENT?**

1. Only communists profess no religion - They despise it. The ten horns hated the woman and destroyed her. **Rev. 17:16**
2. **Rev. 18:9-11** the kings in this passage are crying because the woman is destroyed. These kings must be democratic-they love religion.

### **VERSE 14**

1. 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.

### **VERSE 15**

Waters represents peoples.

### **VERSE 16, 17, 18**

1. 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. Then the plagues will fall. So Babylon's rule will be short lived. At that point the great multitude would have already been gathered.