

## Revelation 17

- Chap. 17 nature and history of of great harlot - Babylon
- Chap. 18 inevitable and complete fall of Babylon
- Chap. 19 rejoicing in heaven at fall of Babylon and wedding of lamb

- v. 1 a prophecy of Babylon's fall
- v. 2 The kings represent anti-Christian government and those who are accomplices in the government's deeds. Currently abortion, homosexuality, previously persecution, etc.
- v. 3 The woman representing the church has fled to wilderness Rev 12:6, 14. Don't confuse her with this woman (an enemy)..
- v. 4 We expect the beautiful cup to hold something wonderful but contains abominations (pornography, sex, evil wealth, luxuries, fame, power) Rev 2:14 Jude 11
- v. 5 This woman is identified as Babylon. Not just Rome!
- v. 6 John wondered, so an explanation is given in v. 7-18.
- v. 7 The harlot is Babylon 17:5, 18; 19:2-3. Represents that which allures, tempts, seduces, draws away. A city which by means of industry, commerce, art and culture seeks to entice and seduce the believer to turn away from God. I Jn 2:16
- v. 8 The beast is past and future = antichristian persecution of all ages through successive world empires.  
It represents antichristian seduction at any moment of history, e.g. the Rome of the NT. Rev 18:4 points out the danger of this seduction for people of all ages

Babylon's fall takes place throughout ages, as successive world empires fall and the last great fall coincides with coming of Lord in judgment

- v. 9 wisdom required as in 13:18. Rome, a city set on 7 hills begins the scenario of successive anti-Christian governments.

- v. 10 Babylon, Assyria, Medo-Persian, Grecian and now Roman.

The gospel age is but a little while as is pointed out in Rev. 11:2-3; 12:6, 14; 13:5

- v. 11 Eighth king is religion that permeates all governments and rules through them

- v. 12-13 the lesser authorities will serve the central authority -- art, education, commerce, industry, government in opposition to Christ

### The Theme of The Book!!!

- v. 14 The harlot and her minions war but do not win! Mt 5:6 We are called! II Th 2:14 We are chosen! Mt 22:14 Lk 18:7 Rom 8:33 Col 3:12 I Th 1:4-5 Ja 2:5 I Pet 2:9 We must be faithful! II Tim 2:2 Rev 2:10  
The kingdoms of the antichrist perish (11:11; 16:14ff) and finally God will put an end to Satan's power 19:11ff; II Th 2:8

- v. 15 The forces of immorality and evil

- v. 16 Even the world finally turns against Satan seeing what fools they have been. e.g. Judas Mt 27:5 Heb 11:25