

# The Woman on the Scarlet Beast (Rev 17-18; Gen 11:1-9)



## 1. The Rude Awakening

Do you feel as if you have been forced into a dog fight on a global scale, fighting against the rapid erosion of Judeo-Christian values? In the last couple of years, among those who observe international affairs, there has been a sudden and rude awakening to the fact the forces of evil in our world are very real and well-coordinated.

It started to surface in the realm of political power struggle, then it spread to media's biased reporting then aggressive censorship. Now 'it' is insidiously working in the nations through the most daring global scale medical and pharmaceutical experiment. Where are the scientists and the politicians who speak common sense? How deep are these tentacles of evil? What are we dealing with?

*We are not just dealing with politicians or policies in individual nations, but we are dealing with the 'spirit of the age' – principalities and powers. It is also known as 'Mystery Babylon' (c.f. Dan 2:42; 10:20), i.e., Revived Rome with its 10-horn member-state. We are in the appetizer stage before moving to the main menu.*

## 2. Why is it called Mystery Babylon?

A. Why not Mystery Greece, or Mystery Rome? First Babylon as the city and empire unified all three sovereign spheres of influence: (i) political/military; (ii) economy; (iii) religion. Greece did not demand the worship of kings or emperors. Rome started as a republic, but later tried to enforce the worship of emperors and it was quickly destroyed. Such evil can never last long (c.f. Herod Agrippa - Acts 12). But this worship of man will rise again for a short time before the kingdoms of man are permanently judged by the King coming from heaven.

Against the clear warning of Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar demanded the worship of his golden statue which represented himself. As a result, Nebuchadnezzar became like a beast for seven years until he repented. It is a prophetic parable of the last empire, the antichrist kingdom. I believe that before the rise of the 'political Babylon' in Europe (Revived Rome with 10 member-state), an economic turmoil will be engineered to help set it up, i.e., the breakup of EU which is held together by a sticky tape (Euro) to shake the world economy.

B. We are in the greatest monetary experiment in the history of mankind. Nobody knows when it will end, but when it ends it will not end well. (Rev 6:5-6) Is there practical biblical wisdom? Yes. *'Cast your bread upon the waters. For you will find it after many days. Give a serving to seven, and also to eight, for you do not know what evil will be on the earth.'* (Eccl 11:1-2)

(1) Practice mercy and generosity. (2) Diversify. It is good to understand different asset classes and their purposes: (i) Precious Metals (hedge / insurance); (ii) Cash (liquidity for quick action); (iii) stocks & bonds (traditional investments); (iv) crypto (new technology & great potential for upside, but also speculative).

## 3. What does Mystery Babylon look like?

A. This is the greatest prophetic riddle in the Scripture (Rev 17:1-18). It has **'dual entities in a symbiotic relationship'**. The woman sitting on the scarlet beast with 7 heads and 10 horns. Curiously EU buildings feature a wealth of imagery and symbolism from ancient Babylon. A statue of the goddess Europa riding a bull stands just outside the EU Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium. This mysterious woman has been sitting on the beast all along, throughout the seven heads/kingdoms - Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, and the Resurrected Rome (Rev 17:9-10). The woman has been around from the ancient days, and she will be the 'forerunner' to the final beast kingdom.

B. The Woman's Characteristics

a. **'mystery', secrecy:** She has been hiding in plain sight throughout the ages. She loves to work hidden from the public view and deceive the nations (Rev 18:23).

b. **powerful & influential:** She is dressed in purple (royalty) and scarlet (bloodthirstiness) (Rev 17:4); She *'sits on many waters' – 'people, multitudes, nations & tongues'* (Rev 17:15).

- c. **rich & defiling:** *'She is adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls.'* (Rev 17:4). She became rich by commerce and trading (Rev 18:9-13) and she holds a golden cup full of abomination (Rev 17:4). The kings & merchants were drunk with her *'wine of fornication'*. There is a coming day of the revelation of the many world leaders whose ego and lust for power was fed by this woman.
- d. **deception with sorcery:** The harlot has been the main exporter of moral and spiritual filth throughout the earth by deception and sorcery. There has been a sudden rise of narcotics (Gk. 'pharmakeia') and pharmaceutical drugs in the world. She also buys and sells the 'bodies and souls of men', i.e. human trafficking and 'selling souls' – Luciferian practices.
- e. **cruel & menacing:** She is drunk with the blood of the saints, 'prophets' and 'apostles' (x 4) (Rev 17:6; 18:20; 19:2). It has been so in the past and it will be so again in the future.
- f. **However, she has a strictly limited time.** She will be destroyed by the beast itself as soon as the 10 member states in Europe emerge. The woman is like the bride of the beast. She thinks she is 'riding' the beast, but really the beast has been using her all along. This is how the devil pays back her service.

There are two-fold judgments on the 'Mystery Babylon': (i) The scarlet woman is burned (Rev 17:16 c.f. Rev 14:8-9), destroyed by the 10 horns at the beginning of the beast kingdom. (ii) The city of Babylon (the beast kingdom) is overthrown by an angel of God at the seventh bowl judgment, God's last judgment on the antichrist's empire. (Rev 18:21 c.f. Rev 16:19) Rev 18 refers to the 'great city', and is no longer called a 'mystery.'

#### 4. Who is this Harlot?

Who is responsible for all these atrocities in the nations while operating in secret for so long?

- a. Who set up the fraudulent Babylonian economic system in the modern world, so that the world is now overloaded with unmanageable liabilities everywhere?
- b. Who controls the majority of the world trade and exert enormous influence over the politicians of the nations through their vast wealth, global banking cartel and large corporations?
- c. Who owns much of the world media and promotes moral sexual perversions and propagates anti-Judeo-Christian values through the media and new technology?
- d. Who has been financing both sides of wars on a global and regional scale over the last few centuries and pillaged the resources of the underdeveloped and emerging countries by selling narcotics, human trafficking, slavery, in order to fulfill their ambition to rule the world through the one-world government?
- e. There has been a very small number of extremely rich 'elites' controlling much of the world's finance and they have been pushing for the New World Order. In 2011 a study by the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology found that a very small core group of men and giant corporations dominate the global economic system, described as an *'economic super-entity.'* It consists of just 147 very tightly knit companies, mostly banks.

This power structure has many facets, front groups, and interlocking power centers. They include the Bilderberg Group, Council on Foreign Relations, Royal Institute of International Affairs, World Trade Organization, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, Federal Reserve, CIA, MI6, Round Table Trilateral Commission, Club of Rome, Bohemian Grove, Yale University's Skull and Bones, and the UN according to the expert researchers. (C.f. *'Babylon Code'* by Paul McGuire & Troy Anderson)

- f. Some identify the harlot as 'Illuminati' which traces its roots to the early 1600s. A secret occult plan for America was conceived by an English lawyer, Sir Francis Bacon who formed the secret society of the Rosicrucian Order. Later it merged with the Bavarian Illuminati, a secret society founded by the law professor, Adam Weishaupt in 1776, the year of America's birth. They aimed to rebuild the ancient Babylonian system and bring about the New World Order (NWO).

Many of these 'global elites' trace their lineage to the royals of Europe, Charlemagne, the Roman Caesars, the pharaohs of Egypt, and even Nimrod. *'The Rothschild banking dynasty, for example, believe*

*themselves to be the descendants of Nimrod, who was the ancient god-king of Sumer.’* They feel it is their right to rule over the rest of the population due to their bloodline, wealth, etc.

However, the scripture predates the scarlet woman even to what we know as Illuminati.

## 5. The Harlot’s Origin

- A. The Tower of Babel (Gen 11:1-9) was built by Nimrod, Ham’s grandson who was a ‘mighty hunter’ before the Lord (Gen 10:8-9). Septuagint (LXX) says ‘giant hunter’ before the Lord. Arabic says, ‘terrible giant’. Hungarian legend describes this tyrant as ‘Nimrod the Giant.’ Who are these giants? (Gen 6:4) They were Nephilims, hybrid beings of mixed genetic origin. According to the historian Josephus, Nimrod was a wicked man who built Babel in defiance toward God because of the flood, i.e., he would ‘avenge himself on God’ by building a tower too high for God to destroy (Gen 10:9). Nimrod is a picture of the antichrist.
- B. There were three motivations for Babel (Gen 11:4).
- i. Independence: ‘*Come, let us build ourselves a city - lest we be scattered.*’ It was the first city (metropolis) that was built in human history in direct opposition to God’s commission. Mankind was to spread out and fill the earth. Instead, the city was built so that a small number could rule over the rest of the population in an integrated man-centered system in defiance of God.
  - ii. Power: ‘*...tower whose top is in heavens.*’ Why did God take this project seriously, that He confused their language and scattered them abroad? Because the tower was going from 6th to 7th floor? What were they trying to do that so opposed God’s purpose for the human race? It wasn’t about reaching new physical heights, but reaching spiritual heights. God said, ‘*Nothing they purpose will be withheld from them.*’ I believe that they were reaching into the demonic realm by occultic means independent of God (c.f. Gen 3:24). Was the tower of Babel an ‘inter-dimensional demonic portal’? ‘Babel’ in Hebrew means ‘confusion’, but in the Babylonian language, it means ‘gate of heaven’. The rebuilt city of Babylon became the occult centre of ANE with ANE university of sorcery – Jer 50:36 (c.f. Is 47:9-15). God pronounced utter destruction of Babylon because of their multitudes of sorcery, enchantments, astrologers, stargazers, and prognosticators. (C.f. Ziggurats // tower of Babel)
  - iii. Name: ‘*let us make a name for ourselves.*’ It is the pride of humanism, man as a standard of measurement for all ethics and right or wrong apart from God. It is the belief that man can achieve ethical life and personal fulfilment without God. The ultimate pride of the human heart is to become ‘god’ apart from God and make our own name.

These three elements will again motivate the last Babylonian system, the quest for independence, spiritual power, and a name for ourselves.

- C. What is God’s doorway to heaven? Jacob’s ladder (Gen 28:12) reached to heaven, and on it the angels of God ascended and descended. Jesus is that ladder that reaches heaven. It is not our effort to reach into heaven, but God’s grace in Christ upon men who believe. The church accesses God’s throne through Jesus Christ alone! Are we grieving for the way our world is changing before our eyes without a strong defender? Let’s rest assured. God is revealing His Son in His power and glory, and raising up His holy bride in the last days.

There is a clear warning from the Lord to the woman on the scarlet beast, that her time is running out. Unless they turn to God and repent, they will be burned up by the beast and be tormented in the eternal fire of hell.