

Series: Revelation

Revelation 17:1-18

I. Revelation 17:1

- a. "...show you the punishment..."
 - i. This is the _____ and _____ time the word punishment is used in Revelation to explain what has symbolically been described.
- b. "...the great prostitute..."
 - i. Four cities in the Old Testament were called harlots or prostitutes.
 - 1. Nineveh
 - a. See Nahum 3:1-4
 - 2. Tyre
 - a. See Isaiah 23:15-17
 - 3. Babylon
 - a. See Isaiah 47:8
 - 4. Jerusalem
 - a. See Isaiah 1:21; Jeremiah 2:20
 - 5. Nineveh
 - a. The _____ harlot
 - 6. Tyre
 - a. The _____ harlot
 - 7. Babylon
 - a. The _____ harlot
 - 8. Jerusalem
 - a. The _____ harlot
- c. Rome was the _____ of all four, therefore, the GREAT harlot.
- d. "...by many waters..."
 - i. Answer found in 17:15
 - 1. A powerful nation
 - ii. See Jeremiah 51:11-13
 - 1. Refers to Babylon, a nation God punished for its sin.

II. Revelation 17:2

- a. "...the kings...the inhabitants of the earth...intoxicated..."
 - i. All the people _____ by Rome's immoral pleasures and worship.

III. Revelation 17:3

- a. "...into the wilderness..."
 - i. A place of _____ and _____ for God's people.

1. See Psalm 78:52; Isaiah 51:3
- ii. A place of _____ and _____ for His adversaries.
 1. See Malachi 1:3
 - iii. The church is in the 1st and the Harlot in the 2nd.
- b. "...a woman..."
- i. The prostitute of 17:1
- c. "...scarlet beast..."
- i. Same as the beast of 13:1
 1. The _____ and the _____ + he represents.
- d. "...blasphemous names..."
- i. Claiming to be "Lord" and "the Son of God".
- e. "...seven heads...ten horns..."
- i. "seven"
 1. complete or perfect.
- ii. "heads"
 1. Wisdom and master of cunning.
- iii. "ten"
 1. Human completion
- iv. "horns"
 1. Full _____ and _____ in earthly realms.
 2. This is the _____ time this combination of heads and horns has been mentioned.
 - a. 12:3 - The red dragon
 - i. Satan
 - ii. 7 heads with crowns and 10 horns.
 - b. 13:1 - The beast out of the sea
 - i. Political entity empowered by the dragon
 - ii. 7 heads and 10 horns with crowns
 - c. 17:3 - The scarlet beast
 - v. "...seven heads..."
 1. See Revelation 17:9
 - a. "seven hills"
 - i. The _____ of Rome and all it represents.
 2. See Revelation 17:10-11
 - a. "seven kings"
 - i. Three possibilities

Possibility #1

The seven kings represent the seven pagan _____ that have opposed God's kingdom. Egypt (1), Assyria (2), Babylon (3), Medo-Persia (4), Greece (5) - the "five who have fallen", Rome (6) - the "one is". The 7th is any future anti-God nation.

Possibility #2

The seven heads which represent seven kings are actually seven _____ Roman emperors. This is based upon Daniel 7. Daniel says the 10 horns are 10 kings. John also refers to 10 horns being 10 kings, but that is in addition to the 7 heads also being kings. This approach makes the letter written during the rule of Vespasian which supports the earlier writing date and the book describing the fall of Jerusalem.

At issue is the fact that there is _____ during the reign of Vespasian that would have caused John to be exiled or explain the _____ described in the letter to Pergamum (Antipas). Plus, Victorinus (303 AD) states that John was exiled by Domitian.

Possibility #3

Up until this point, every number used by John in his visions has been seen as _____, the 144,000, 7 seals, trumpet and bowls, 666 as the mark of the beast etc. Therefore, the 7 heads represent _____ kings (including the 8 emperors) and kingdoms (including Egypt, Babylon and all others) that oppose the kingdom of God.

f. "...ten horns..."

- i. See Revelation 17:12-14
- ii. Conquered nations subservient to Rome.

IV. Revelation 17:4-5

a. "...dressed in purple and scarlet...and pearls."

- i. Tries to make herself _____ to her suitors.
- ii. Or, _____ her true nature by dressing like a queen.

b. "...golden cup..."

- i. An emblem of luxury containing the filth of her immorality.

c. "...mystery..."

- i. Something _____ that has been exposed.

d. "THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES..."

- i. The _____ and the _____ of immorality combined with pagan worship.

V. Revelation 17:6

- a. "...drunk with the blood..."
- i. "drunk"
 - 1. Drank to _____.
 - 2. The nations were intoxicated by her immoralities; she was intoxicated by the _____ of bloodshed.

VI. Revelation 17:8

- a. "...once was, now is not, and yet will come..."
- i. "once was"
 - 1. Most likely referring to _____ and his persecution of Christians on a _____ scale.
- ii. "now is not"
 - 1. For the most part, the persecution stopped upon is death.
- iii. "yet will come"
 - 1. Domitian was believed to be Nero "_____ as he returned to persecuting Christians, but now on _____, national scale.
- b. "The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written...will be astonished..."
- i. Those intoxicated by the harlot will be surprised that "Nero" had returned.

VII. Revelation 17:10-11

- a. "Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come."
- i. If we accept Possibility #2 above, see Emperor chart included.
- ii. If we accept Possibility #3 and we take the numbers to be symbolic:
 - 1. The _____ are living during the time of the 6th emperor.
 - 2. Six is the number for _____.
 - 3. The _____ punishment of Rome is yet to come.
- b. "...once was..."
- i. Nero Redivivus
 - 1. Nero and his limited persecution "resurrected" in Domitian and his national persecution.
- c. "...eighth king..."
- i. Belongs to the seven
 - 1. An emperor
 - ii. The scarlet beast of 17:3
 - iii. Comes out of the Abyss in 17:8

1. A tool of Satan
- iv. Domitian
 1. Emperor chart
 2. Nero Redivivus
 3. Claimed to be God
 - a. _____ is the number for Jesus
 - b. Play on words from Revelation 1:8

VIII. Revelation 17:12-14

- a. "...ten horns...are ten kings..."
 - i. "ten"
 1. Symbolic number for human _____.
 - ii. "kings"
 1. Political power.
 - iii. Subservient rulers of Rome who join them in their "war" against God's kingdom.

IX. Revelation 17:15-18

- a. "The waters..."
 - i. The empire and the many nations under her rule.
 - ii. This would be a _____.
 - iii. See Daniel 2:40-43
- b. "...will hate..."
 - i. "the beast"
 1. Internal strife and _____ will be part of her downfall.
 - ii. "the ten horns"
 1. The nations will turn against her and will be the _____ forces to also be part of her demise.
- c. "The woman you saw is the great city..."
 - i. "the" not a great city
 - ii. "great city"
 1. _____

DANIEL 7

1	Augustus	
2	Tiberius	
3	Caligula	
4	Claudius	
5	Nero	
6	Galba	*
7	Otho	*
8	Vitellius	*
9	Vespasian	
10	Titus	
11	Domotian	

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1	Augustus	**
2	Tiberius	**
3	Caligula	**
4	Claudius	**
5	Nero	**
6	Vespasian	***
7	Titus	***
8	Domotian	****

* The 3 "uprooted kings" of Daniel 7:24 and the 3 that John ignores

** The 5 "fallen" of Revelation 17:10

*** Vespasian is "the one is" and Titus is "the one yet to come".

**** Domtian is the "another king" in Daniel 7:24-25 and "eighth" king of Revelation 17:11