

THE BEAST CARRYING THE WOMAN
(Revelation 17:7b-18)

- I. WHERE Did He COME FROM? (Rev. 17:7b-8)
 - A. Represents HUMAN EMPIRES in general
 - B. Probably represents BABYLONIAN Empire in particular
 - 1. It WAS the FIRST
 - 2. It IS NOT in John's day
 - 3. It is SATANIC, as it ascends from the ABYSS
 - 4. It WILL GO into DESTRUCTION
 - C. Prophetically represents the kingdom of ANTICHRIST
 - 1. The LOST will be AMAZED
 - 2. The REDEEMED will be EXPECTING it

- II. WHO Are the SEVEN HEADS? (Rev. 17:9-11)
 - A. Identified as MOUNTAINS: could it be ROME?
 - B. Identified as KINGS
 - 1. Probably the following sequence
 - a. BABEL/BABYLON
 - b. EGYPT
 - c. ASSYRIA
[BABYLON revived]
 - d. PERSIA
 - e. GREECE
 - f. ROME: The one that IS in JOHN'S day
 - g. Reconstituted ROME
[Transitions to Antichrist's BABYLONIAN revival]
 - 2. Shows DIABOLICAL continuity through the AGES

- III. WHY Are There TEN HORNS? (Rev. 17:12-14)
 - A. Relates to the FINAL form of the empire
 - B. Represents TEN NATION coalition
 - 1. Their one PURPOSE: to bring the BEAST to power
 - 2. Their one ACTIVITY: to wage WAR against the LAMB
 - 3. Their one DESTINY: to be DESTROYED
 - a. The Lamb is LORD of lords and KING of kings
 - b. Those with Him are identified as the CALLED, the CHOSEN, and the FAITHFUL

- IV. WHAT Happens to the WOMAN? (Rev. 17:15-18)
 - A. She holds sway over the PEOPLE of the EARTH
 - B. She will be DESTROYED by the TEN KINGS
 - 1. Will OVERTHROW her AUTHORITY
 - 2. Will CONFISCATE her WEALTH
 - 3. Will EXECUTE her LEADERS
 - 4. Will CONSUME her PROPERTY
 - 5. By behaving WILLFULLY, they FULFILL God's will (Ps. 2; Acts 4:26-28)

- V. WHEN Will This TAKE PLACE?
 - A. World religion CONSOLIDATES after the RAPTURE of TRUE believers
 - B. World religion FLOURISHES during Antichrist's peaceful RISE to power
 - C. World religion begins to COLLAPSE when Antichrist no longer NEEDS it, beginning at the MID-POINT of the Tribulation
 - 1. Inauguration of the MINISTRY of the TWO WITNESSES
 - 2. Inauguration of the WORSHIP of the BEAST
 - a. Require his MARK for all BUSINESS
 - b. Seeking to MURDER all who DEFY him