

Revelation

Chapter 17

Lesson 18

Revelation 17:1-2

- ◆ ¹ And one from the seven angels, the ones having the seven bowls, came and said to me, “Come, I will show to you the judgment of the great whore, the one seated upon the many waters, ² with whom the kings of the earth engaged in illicit sex (**ἐπόρνευσαν**) and the ones dwelling upon the earth got drunk from the wine of her sexual immorality.”

Jeremiah 51:6-8

- ◆ Flee from the midst of Babylon, save your lives, each of you! Do not perish because of her guilt, for this is the time of the LORD'S vengeance; he is repaying her what is due.⁷ Babylon was a golden cup in the LORD'S hand, making all the earth drunken; the nations drank of her wine, and so the nations went mad.⁸ Suddenly Babylon has fallen and is shattered; wail for her! Bring balm for her wound; perhaps she may be healed.

Nahum 3:1-5

- ¹ Ah! City of bloodshed, utterly deceitful, full of booty— no end to the plunder! ² The crack of whip and rumble of wheel, galloping horse and bounding chariot! ³ Horsemen charging, flashing sword and glittering spear, piles of dead, heaps of corpses, dead bodies without end— they stumble over the bodies! ⁴ Because of the countless debaucheries of the prostitute, gracefully alluring, mistress of sorcery, who enslaves nations through her debaucheries, and peoples through her sorcery, ⁵ I am against you, says the LORD of hosts, and will lift up your skirts over your face; and I will let nations look on your nakedness and kingdoms on your shame.



Revelation 17:3-4

- ◆ ³ And he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet beast, being full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns. ⁴ And the woman was clothed in purple and scarlet and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand filled with detestable things and the impurities of her sexual immorality;

Revelation 17:5-6

- ◆ ⁵ and upon her forehead had been written, a mystery, Babylon the great, the mother of prostitutes and of the detestable things of the earth. ⁶ And I saw the woman drunk from the blood of the holy ones and from the blood of the witnesses (martyrs) of Jesus. And I was greatly amazed when I saw her.



Revelation 17:7

- ◆ ⁷ And the angel said to me, “Why are you amazed? I myself will tell the mystery of the woman and the beast that carries her, the one having seven heads and ten horns.”

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- ◆ ⁸ “The beast, the one you saw was and is not and is about to ascend out of the abyss and goes away to destruction. And the inhabitants upon the earth, whose names have not been written upon the scroll of life from the foundation of the world, when seeing the beast that was and is not and is to come.”

Revelation 17:9-11

- ◆ ⁹ “This requires the mind, the one having wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains, where the woman is seated upon them. Also they are seven kings, ¹⁰ five have fallen, the one is, the other has not yet come, and when he comes, he will remain for only a short time. ¹¹ And the beast which was and is not is himself an eighth and he is out of the seven, and is going away unto destruction.

Revelation 17:12-13

- ◆ ¹² And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, ones having not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority like a king for one hour with the beast. ¹³ These have one purpose and their power and authority, they give to the beast.

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- ◆ ¹⁴ These will wage war with the lamb and the lamb will conquer them, because he is the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings and the ones with him (are) called and elected and trustworthy.”

Revelation 17:15-16

- ◆ ¹⁵ And he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the prostitute is seated, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages. ¹⁶ And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast; these will hate the prostitute and they will make her desolate and naked and her flesh they will eat and they will burn her up in fire.

2 Kings 9:30-37

- ◆ When Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; she painted her eyes, and adorned her head, and looked out of the window. ³¹ As Jehu entered the gate, she said, "Is it peace, Zimri, murderer of your master?" ³² He looked up to the window and said, "Who is on my side? Who?" Two or three eunuchs looked out at him. ³³ He said, "Throw her down." So they threw her down; some of her blood splattered on the wall and on the horses, which trampled on her. ³⁴ Then he went in and ate and drank; he said, "See to that cursed woman and bury her; for she is a king's daughter." ³⁵ But when they went to bury her, they found no more of her than the skull and the feet and the palms of her hands. ³⁶ When they came back and told him, he said, "This is the word of the LORD, which he spoke by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, 'In the territory of Jezreel the dogs shall eat the flesh of Jezebel; ³⁷ the corpse of Jezebel shall be like dung on the field in the territory of Jezreel, so that no one can say, This is Jezebel.'"

Ezekiel 23:1-4

- ◆ The word of the LORD came to me: ² Mortal, there were two women, the daughters of one mother; ³ they played the whore in Egypt; they played the whore in their youth; their breasts were caressed there, and their virgin bosoms were fondled. ⁴ Oholah was the name of the elder and Oholibah the name of her sister. They became mine, and they bore sons and daughters. As for their names, Oholah is Samaria, and Oholibah is Jerusalem.

Ezekiel 23:5-10

- ◆ Oholah played the whore while she was mine; she lusted after her lovers the Assyrians, warriors ⁶ clothed in blue, governors and commanders, all of them handsome young men, mounted horsemen. ⁷ She bestowed her favors upon them, the choicest men of Assyria all of them; and she defiled herself with all the idols of everyone for whom she lusted. ⁸ She did not give up her whorings that she had practiced since Egypt; for in her youth men had lain with her and fondled her virgin bosom and poured out their lust upon her. ⁹ Therefore I delivered her into the hands of her lovers, into the hands of the Assyrians, for whom she lusted. ¹⁰ These uncovered her nakedness; they seized her sons and her daughters; and they killed her with the sword. Judgment was executed upon her, and she became a byword among women.

Ezekiel 23:11-15

- ◆ Her sister Oholibah saw this, yet she was more corrupt than she in her lusting and in her whorings, which were worse than those of her sister. ¹² She lusted after the Assyrians, governors and commanders, warriors clothed in full armor, mounted horsemen, all of them handsome young men. ¹³ And I saw that she was defiled; they both took the same way. ¹⁴ But she carried her whorings further; she saw male figures carved on the wall, images of the Chaldeans portrayed in vermilion, ¹⁵ with belts around their waists, with flowing turbans on their heads, all of them looking like officers—a picture of Babylonians whose native land was Chaldea. ¹

Ezekiel 23:16-21

- ◆ ¹⁶ When she saw them she lusted after them, and sent messengers to them in Chaldea. ¹⁷ And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their lust; and after she defiled herself with them, she turned from them in disgust. ¹⁸ When she carried on her whorings so openly and flaunted her nakedness, I turned in disgust from her, as I had turned from her sister. ¹⁹ Yet she increased her whorings, remembering the days of her youth, when she played the whore in the land of Egypt ²⁰ and lusted after her paramours there, whose members were like those of donkeys, and whose emission was like that of stallions. ²¹ Thus you longed for the lewdness of your youth, when the Egyptians fondled your bosom and caressed your young breasts.

Ezekiel 23:22-25

- ◆ Therefore, O Oholibah, thus says the Lord GOD: I will rouse against you your lovers from whom you turned in disgust, and I will bring them against you from every side: ²³ the Babylonians and all the Chaldeans, Pekod and Shoa and Koa, and all the Assyrians with them, handsome young men, governors and commanders all of them, officers and warriors, all of them riding on horses. ²⁴ They shall come against you from the north with chariots and wagons and a host of peoples; they shall set themselves against you on every side with buckler, shield, and helmet, and I will commit the judgment to them, and they shall judge you according to their ordinances. ²⁵ I will direct my indignation against you, in order that they may deal with you in fury. They shall cut off your nose and your ears, and your survivors shall fall by the sword. They shall seize your sons and your daughters, and your survivors shall be devoured by fire.

Ezekiel 23:26-30

- ◆ They shall also strip you of your clothes and take away your fine jewels. ²⁷ So I will put an end to your lewdness and your whoring brought from the land of Egypt; you shall not long for them, or remember Egypt any more. ²⁸ For thus says the Lord GOD: I will deliver you into the hands of those whom you hate, into the hands of those from whom you turned in disgust; ²⁹ and they shall deal with you in hatred, and take away all the fruit of your labor, and leave you naked and bare, and the nakedness of your whorings shall be exposed. Your lewdness and your whorings ³⁰ have brought this upon you, because you played the whore with the nations, and polluted yourself with their idols.

Ezekiel 23:31-34

- ◆ ³¹ You have gone the way of your sister; therefore I will give her cup into your hand. ³² Thus says the Lord GOD: You shall drink your sister's cup, deep and wide; you shall be scorned and derided, it holds so much. ³³ You shall be filled with drunkenness and sorrow. A cup of horror and desolation is the cup of your sister Samaria; ³⁴ you shall drink it and drain it out, and gnaw its sherds, and tear out your breasts; for I have spoken, says the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 23:35

- ◆ Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Because you have forgotten me and cast me behind your back, therefore bear the consequences of your lewdness and whorings.

Revelation 17:17-18

- ◆ ¹⁷ For God gave unto their heart (the desire) to carry out his purpose and to have one purpose and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled. ¹⁸
And the woman which you saw is the great city, the one having sovereignty upon the kings of the earth.