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Revelation 14:8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

Revelation 16:19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell; and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

A Bible Study

This is a Bible study on the Bible doctrine (teaching) of Babylon and the beast she rode in the book of Revelation. Revelation, along with the rest of the Bible, which we call the Word of God, is written to be understood by the reader.

It is not a deep, dark, mysterious book, which cannot be understood.

As a young man, a Catholic, we were told by the church that we could not understand the book of Revelation. We were told it would literally drive a person to madness if they read it.

Of course no one wants to be mad; So it was not read, or even considered, by the laity in the church.

The fact is, the church leaders didn't understand it. Therefore, it is only natural they would inform the members it could not be understood.

Years later, when I realized that I was a sinner, and trusted Christ as my Savior, I began attending Bible teaching churches. Specifically, Baptist churches, because they were, and are, Bible centered.

The book of Revelation, the doctrine of Babylon, and every other doctrine in the Bible may be understood by those who trust Christ as their Savior, if they will only study the Word of God.

It takes time and effort. It is one of the things we are obligated to do. (2 Timothy 2:15 1 Peter 2:2)

The Meaning of Revelation

The word Revelation, which is the title of the book, and comes from the very first verse, which says, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ," means to unveil, or to reveal. If it could not be understood, then why would the Lord Jesus Christ call it a Revelation?

The Revelation of Jesus Christ is the revealing of future events. Things that were previously unclear are now revealed concerning prophecy.

The word for Revelation in Latin is *Revelatio*, and the word in the original Greek is *apocalupsis*, which means,.....Disclosure of that which was previously unknown.

The book of Revelation is a disclosure of that which was previously unknown. Chapters four and five reveal the church in heaven after the rapture. It is a revealing of the seven year tribulation and the rise of the antichrist. It is a revealing of the plagues and judgments upon mankind just before Christ sets up his kingdom.

Daniel, in prophecy given to him, was given a glimpse of the tribulation and the antichrist; but God told him to, "*shut thou up the vision,*" (Dan.8:26b) and to, "*shut up the words, and seal the book,*" (Dan. 11:4a) and also.....

Daniel 11:9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel; for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

The book of Revelation is the revealing, or unveiling, of events that were not revealed to the Old Testament prophets. They were unaware of the church and the church age. The rapture was unknown to them. The New Testament doctrines were a mystery to the Old Testament prophets and it perplexed many of them. (ref. Romans 16:25,26 1 Corinthians 15:51,52 Ephesians 3:1-6 Colossians 2:2,3 1 Timothy 3:16 1 Peter 1:9-12)

The word mystery is used twenty seven times in the New Testament and it is translated from the same Greek word; *musterion*, which means,..*to initiate, a secret rite, a previous secret now learned, a truth concealed until the time revealed.....*

Revelation 17:5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Revelation 17:7 And the angel said unto me, Why didst thou marvel? (wonder) I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

Babylon is no longer a mystery. The mystery has been revealed to John and recorded in the Bible for all to understand.

Revelation 1:3b for the time is at hand.....

Revelation 22:10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings (words) of the prophecy of this book; for the time is at hand.

Daniel was told to seal up the prophecy for the time was not yet. John was told not to seal the prophecy for the time is at hand.

With the completion of the New Testament there are no more mysteries. It is all revealed for the sincere Bible student to understand.

We can understand who or what Babylon is, and we can understand who or what the beast is. *"....I will thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her....."*

Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant, John,

Revelation 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is at hand.

Revelation was given by Jesus Christ to show his servants, the church, things which must shortly come to pass.

There are also blessings promised to the those who read, and those who listen to the prophecy of the book, and those who keep (consider) the things written in it.

There is no reason to claim Bible ignorance. Ignorance is not bliss, it is just plain ignorance. Jesus Christ said Revelation, and the entire Bible, may be understood and will give a blessing.

We have went to all of this trouble to prove a very important point. The meaning of Babylon and the beast carrying her is no longer a mystery.

There are those who ignorantly claim that Babylon is the Catholic Church in Rome. Still there are those who just as ignorantly claim that Babylon is the United States of America, and that the City Babylon is New York City. We intend to show the fallacy of these ridiculous claims which are founded on self righteousness and Bible ignorance.

We also intend to show logically and simply, using Gods Word, the Bible, the meaning of Babylon and the beast.

It has nothing to do with our own intelligence, but the Word which the Lord has given us to understand, reveals the true meaning of all things.

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The Truth

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*Ephesians 2:8,9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God-----
Not of works lest any man should boast.*

The Bible is a big book. Yet, it is summed up in these few verses.

1. Everyone is a sinner and falls short of God's perfection.
2. At the end of this life we have earned death. That is eternal death, separation from God for eternity.
3. Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, shed his blood and died on the Cross, to pay for my sin.
4. All I have to do is believe in, (faith, trust) in the payment Christ made for my sin. It is a free gift.
5. Because eternal life (salvation) is a free gift, there is nothing I can do to earn it. "NOT OF WORKS LEST ANY MAN SHOULD BOAST."

Verily, verily. That means truly, truly. Did Jesus Christ lie? Our many denominations think so. The Baptist church, along with many others, say we must walk an aisle, call on the name of the Lord, etc. Many churches twist the word repent into meaning we must turn from our sin along with faith. The Catholic church claims we must pray to Mary, or confess our sin to a priest.

All of these churches claim Christ lied. Apparently, the words, "Verily, verily,...He that believeth on me hath everlasting life," are a lie. Or maybe, it is mankind, the sinner, who has it all fouled up.

Maybe it is the sinful nature of religious humanity that has everything all fouled up. Jesus Christ died, was buried, and rose again, for the forgiveness of sin. That is the truth!!!!!!

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said,.....?

Things have not changed in all these centuries. It is the same old thing. Our churches and preachers and denominations still say the same thing; "Yea, hath God said?"

The Baptist church drags people down an aisle and claims we must call on the name of the Lord, or we must confess (something?).

Or we must repent, which, they claim, means to turn from sin in order to be saved.

The Pentecostal church claims most of the above, yet they say if you do not show a manifestation of the Holy Ghost you are not saved. They call this "the full gospel."

The Catholic church says you must confess your sin to a priest. Or pray to Mary or some dead saint. They claim to believe in a purgatory.

All of the above doctrines bring the words of the Lord Jesus Christ into question.....Yea, hath God said? Jesus Christ said...."whosoever believeth in me hath everlasting life." "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

To have everlasting life, all one must do is believe in, have faith in, the work that Christ has already done on the Cross.

That is not what our religious community believes. In all of their self righteousness and Bible ignorance they say..."Yea, hath God said"?

Law of First Mention

You may be wondering what all of this has to do with Babylon and the beast of Revelation. We will explain shortly.

When studying a doctrine we often have to use something we call the law of first mention. Or, in other words, where is the particular doctrine mentioned first in the Bible?

The first mention of Babylon is in Genesis 10:10 through 11:9. However, as you will see, we believe the first mention of Babylon is in Genesis 3:1 where Satan said..."Yea, hath God said"?

Our goal is to reveal the meaning of the mystery Babylon mentioned in Revelation. As you will see, we already laid the foundation.

In Genesis 10:8,9 is the record of the birth and personality of a man named Nimrod. It is said he was a mighty hunter before the Lord. Actually, it could be translated, "a mighty hunter against the Lord."

Nevertheless, he built a kingdom in a place called Babel in the land of Shinar. (Gen. 10:10)

His goal was to build a one world system of government and religion. It would be mankind against God. Their religion was founded on works, (vs. 11:4) and their ideology was mankind banding together in a system of a government run religion.

NOTE: Genesis 11:4 They were building a city---A tower that reached to heaven---making a name for themselves---coming together as one--

Has anyone ever heard of the World Council of Churches? How about the United Nations?

Of course, God saw what they were up to, and came down and put an end to their foolish endeavor. He confounded their language and scattered them abroad over the face of the earth.

That is how it acquired the name of Babel, because babel means confusion. False religion is confusion. Therefore, babel-on and babel-on and babel-on.

God confounded their language and scattered them around the face of the earth. They became different nations and peoples.

Yet, it does not say God changed their way of thinking. Their thought process, their ideology, remained the same. They just happened to think it in a different language and a different place on the globe.

In Genesis 10:11 we are told,... "out of that land went forth..." They went out of the land of Shinar with the same way of thinking they had when they were there.

"Let us build us a city with a tower reaching to heaven and come together and build a name."

The concept God gave Adam and Eve was to have a family. (Gen. 1:28) Adam, mankind, was supposed to obey God. (Gen. 2:15-17) We must acknowledge the might and power of God. We must rely on him for our needs. We must rely on him for our salvation. (Gen. 3:21)

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Two Babylons

The student of the Bible needs to understand the two Babylons. There is Babylon the ideology, which began in the garden. It is "yea hath God said." It manifested itself when Cain slew Abel. Abel was righteous because he believed in God his savior. Cain brought a works righteousness before God. (Matt.23:33 Heb.11:4 12:24 1 John 3:12)

Finally, at Babel, in the land of Shinar, it manifested itself upon all of humanity. They were building a city and a tower to heaven.

This is also a type of working our way to heaven, which will not work. Every false doctrine that has ever existed upon the face of the earth is founded upon works. If it is works it is "yea hath God said?"

Salvation is not of works! (Ephesians 2:8,9 Titus 3:5) Any student of the Bible knows that. Yet, for some reason we attach works to our gospel message, if we have a gospel message.

Many so called churches today deny that Jesus Christ is God. They are not even considered as New Testament churches by the Lord.

Some churches claim to have the authority and power of Jesus Christ. They say the priest has all the power and authority of Christ.

When a church denies the deity of Christ, the forgiveness only Christ can give, and the total free gift of salvation, it is not a New Testament church.

It is antichrist.

The few true denominations that exist today have perverted and twisted the Word of God to the point of non existence.

We use non biblical terms as "the altar call," "turn from sin," "ask Jesus into your heart," etc, etc, etc,

Nothing has changed in thousands of years...."Yea hath God said?"

In the land of Shinar, at a place called Babel, man came together to establish a one world government combined with a one world religion. It is antichrist in it's origin. It denies, rejects and contradicts the Word of God. It calls Jesus Christ a liar. "Hath God said?"

Jesus Christ the Lord was and is God. He said, "Whosoever believeth in me shall have everlasting life." (John 3:15,16,36 6:34,47 Acts 10:34 13:39 Romans 10:4)

False religion, or false doctrine denies the truth, but will readily accept a lie. It is believe plus this, or, plus that, or plus anything religious.

In Revelation chapter fourteen the Word of God gives an announcement of his judgement against Babylon. (14:8)

Also in 14:6,7,12,13 the everlasting gospel is preached along with a description of those who believe the gospel.

In verses 9-11 and 14-20 is the judgement of those who do not believe the gospel, and accept the false doctrine of Babylon.

Revelation 16:19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell; and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

This is the final declaration of the wrath of God against false doctrine, Babylon. During the seven year tribulation the ideology of Babylon will reach it's full fruition. God will allow her to be fully manifest, only to be destroyed.

Then, in chapter seventeen, the Word of God gives a description of the personality and final destruction of great Babylon.

It is clear that Babylon is not a single place but an ideology that is spread world wide.

Revelation 17:1 And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come here; I will show unto thee the judgement of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters.

Revelation 17:15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

Genesis 11:7,8 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

So the Lord scattered them abroad from there upon the face of all the earth; and they left of to build the city.

Genesis 10:11 Out of that land went forth.....

Out of the land of Shinar they went forth with different languages, into all the world. They became peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.

The ideology of false religion, a works righteousness, self righteousness, has filled the world.

God said "whosoever believeth in me hath everlasting life." Satan said, "Yea, hath God said?"

The land of Shinar, where Nimrod left off building the tower and the city of refuge, came under the authority of many kings and kingdoms over the centuries.

There were 49 Assyrian monarchs, around 50 Chaldean kings, (of whom Nebuchadnezzar was one) 9 Arab rulers, then of course, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, and finally, present day Iraq.

Israel was taken captive into Babylon because they fell into false religion and worshipped false gods. The God of Israel refused to allow this rebellion to go unpunished and they were led captive into Babylon.

After 70 years of captivity they were allowed to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem and the city of Jerusalem, and re-enter their land.

This was short lived however, and today Israel is scattered around the globe. They will once again enjoy the prosperity of their kingdom when Christ comes and establishes their kingdom for one thousand years.

In the meantime, the church age must be fulfilled and completed with the rapture of the church.

Then the world must go through seven years of tribulation. At the end of which, those who are alive will be judged according to the gospel. The saved will enter into the kingdom and the lost will be cast into the lake of fire.

It is during the seven year tribulation that Babylon, the whore of false religion will be destroyed.

No less than two chapters of the book of Revelation are dedicated to the description of the destruction of Babylon. (Revelation 14:8-11 16:19 17:1-18:24)

The ancient city Babylon, which was built by Nebuchadnezzar, was a glorious place. It no longer exists in all it's glory. (Note: some say Saddam Hussein was in the process of rebuilding Babylon)

Babylon, the ideology, on the other hand, flourishes today. It is man against God. A one world government mixed with false religion and false gods.

It is the false religion of denominations. Many seem to think if they belong to a certain denomination they are something special. Still others, believe if they mix their special rituals with church denominations they something special.

None of this has anything to do with faith in Christ. It is faith in works. Faith in my church, my preacher, etc. etc.

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Israel Our Example

Israel, in the Old Testament, is a type of the church in the New Testament. They are an example of the failure of God's people. (1 Corinthians 10:1-15 Hebrews 3&4)

Israel was, and are, God's chosen nation. He selected them. They were to be a light and a reflection of God to the nations round about them. That light was to reflect and make manifest to the world the Lord Jesus Christ. They failed. (1 Cor. 10:5-13 Heb. 3:7-12)

The gospel we preach today was the same gospel preached to Israel. (Galatians 3:8 Hebrews 4:2)

Israel, like the present day church, the body of Christ, became religious. When we become religious we become in-effective. (Matthew 15:6 Mark 7:13 1 Corinthians 1:17 Galatians 5:4)

When we become religious, and mix our religion with simple faith in Christ for salvation, it becomes a works righteousness. We then make the simple gospel, the Cross, and Christ, of no effect. (1 Corinthians 1:17 Galatians 5:4)

History of Israel

Abraham was chosen as the father of Israel. Abraham "believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness. (Romans 3:22-26 4:3-5 with Genesis 15:6)

Abraham believed God. That is called faith, trust. Abraham did not confess his sins to a priest, pray to Mary, walk an aisle, ask Jesus into his heart, turn from sin, get dunked into a puddle of water, speak in an unknown tongue, etc, and etc.

Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness. He was forgiven, and God gave him his righteousness.

Out of Abraham came the twelve tribes of Israel. Eventually, they were held captive in Egypt. Moses was sent to deliver them out of Egypt. The Lord parted the Red Sea and Israel went to the other side in the wilderness.

From there they were supposed to enter the promised land of Canaan. Instead, because of lack of faith, they wandered in the wilderness for forty years.

After forty years, the next generation crossed the river Jordan and entered Canaan. Israel remained in Canaan from Joshua until the reign of Zedekiah.

During the reign of Hezekiah, the nation of Israel was led captive into Babylon by the Chaldean king Nebuchadnezzar.

After seventy years they were set free and rebuilt the city of Jerusalem, the temple, and the walls of the city of Jerusalem.

All of this was according to the purpose and the will of God. The reason. False religion. Israel became religious. They would not serve God by simple faith. They had a works righteousness. (Isaiah 3:12-15 65:1-7 Hosea 1:2 Romans 10:1-4)

Finally, God scattered the nation of Israel all over the entire world. This is called the diaspora, dispersion.

NOTE: For a good biblical account of the history of Israel see Joshua chapter 24 and Acts chapter seven.

Babylon is Captivity

We have went to all the trouble of pointing this out in order show the importance of the meaning of being in Babylon. Babylon is captivity. False religion is captivity. When we become religious, we are held captive by the bonds of a works righteousness.

The Jehovah Witness must perform a certain amount of works in order to be righteousness, or, earn the merits of God.

However, when is it enough work? How much or what must I do to please God?

Why not do what Abraham did and simply "believe God"

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

Concerning Israel God said.....

Romans 10:3,4 For they, being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.

Maybe the reason man has it all fouled up is because it is to simple. After all, we are to smart for that are we not?

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Revelation 17:1,2,3 And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come here; I will show thee the judgement of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters;

With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

Hosea 1:2 The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea. And the LORD said unto Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredom and children of whoredom; for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the LORD.

Israel was a religious people. Trouble is, it was false religion. The prophet Hosea tells us they committed whoredom by, "departing from the Lord."

People today are religious. Trouble is, it is false religion. Religion is departing from the Lord.

False religion is departing from the Lord. It is captivity in Babylon. It is Babylon. It is whoredom. False religion is likened to a whore. Babylon is whoredom.

Proverbs chapters six and seven tell us of the danger of departing from the Word of God and following after false religion. We will not take time to quote the entire context, however, we must point out some of the major text.

Proverbs 6:23,24,25 For the commandment is a lamp, and the law is a light, and reproofs of instruction are the way of life,

To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.

Lust not after her beauty in thine heart, neither let her take thee with her eyelids.

God's Word is a light. It is instruction in the way of life. It is reproof. Notice also, if we stay in the Word of God, it will keep us from the flattering tongue, and the beauty, of the evil woman; Babylon, the whore of false religion.

Israel failed and fell into false religion. God was not happy with his people and they were led captive into Babylon. God allowed Israel back into their land. Once again they became religious and failed. Israel has been scattered throughout the world. They yearn to be back in Israel, their land.

The church today has failed. We have become religious. "Yea hath God said."

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To show an example to Israel, the prophet Hosea was to take a wife of harlotry. A prostitute. And children of "whoredom." In other words, the children his wife would have, probably were not his.

That is how false doctrine works. God's people, Israel and the church, (wife; remember the church is called the bride.) play with false religion. It is called whoredom, and harlotry. The offspring of harlotry is harlotry. False religion produces false religion.

Matthew 7:15,20 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them.

A false prophet produces a false prophet. It is children of harlotry. The offspring of whoredom can be devastating to the offspring.

In proverbs chapter seven is an account of a person who falls into the trap of false doctrine. In verses 1 through 5 we are told that the Word of God is wisdom, and will, "keep thee from the strange woman."

In verses 6 through 27 we see what happens to those who fall into the trap of false religion.

In verse 7 he is called a simple one void of understanding. Finally, in verse 27 we see that, "Her house is the way to hell."

For those who fall into the trap of false doctrine, which is described as harlotry, which is Babylon, the end is an eternal home in Hell. Why?

Because salvation is by faith in the finished work of Christ on the Cross. His death, burial, and resurrection proves he was God in the flesh and only God can provide forgiveness of sin.

Water baptism will not save us. Confessing to a priest will not save us. Praying to Mary or some saint will not save us. Turning from sin will not save us. Confessing, calling on the name of the Lord will not save us from hell. Asking, walking, running, jumping, praying, squealing, shouting, will not give us salvation and eternal life.

Faith in, believe in, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the only way to eternal life. Or did Jesus lie? Babylon says he did. Babylon is anything that contradicts the Word of God. "YEA HATH GOD SAID?"

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False Religion and the Church

The Lord pleaded with Israel through his prophets to return to him and serve by faith. They refused and dwelt in false religion. They went after other gods. God called it harlotry and whoredom,

2 Chronicles 36:16 But they mocked the messengers of God and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy.

Some illnesses cannot be cured. There is no cure for the common cold. Many social diseases cannot be cured, such as aids for example. Neither is there a cure for those who continue in false doctrine. There is no remedy.

For those who have never trusted Christ as their Savior, and die in their false religion, there is no remedy. They will enter into hell for all eternity.

For those who are saved and fall into false doctrine, they lose their inheritance in the kingdom of God. That is their present day rewards and blessings. They will lose the divine protection of Christ their Savior.

They will enter into eternity prematurely and lose rewards in heaven. Their so called rewards will be burned as by fire, but they will be saved. (1 Corinthians 3:11-17)

In either case there is no remedy.

Acts 7:43 Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Molech, and the star of your god rephan, figures which ye made to worship; and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

False religion is captivity and bondage. False religion is bondage to a works righteousness. Being captive in Babylon is one thing, beyond Babylon is another. The present day church of Christ, like Israel, is beyond Babylon, and there is no remedy.

Over two whole chapters of Revelation are dedicated to the revelation of the MYSTERY BABYLON. In Jeremiah chapters 50-52 the word Babylon is used over 70 times. You would think we would get it.

FINAL NOTE: America and the Catholic church cannot be Babylon because there was no Catholic church and United States of America when John wrote Revelation.

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Who is the Beast

Revelation 17:3 So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

Understanding the beast is easy. He is none other than Satan. False religion, who is the harlot and the whore, rides the beast, who is Satan.

Remember in Genesis 3:1 the words of Satan, "Yea hath God said?" False doctrine always stands on the words "yea hath God said?"

Satan wants to be God. He wants to be worshipped as God. (2 Thessalonians 2:4) He is a liar and a murderer. (John 8:44) He is the promoter of false religion and the father of it.

His seven heads represent the seven great Gentile world powers that are types of a one world government mixed with a one world religion. They are Assyria, Egypt, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. The seventh is yet to come which will be the revived Roman empire.

This revived Roman empire represents the ten toes of Daniel 2:42 and the ten horns of Daniel 7:7.

This one world government and one world religion will be made manifest during the seven year tribulation. (Revelation 17:3 "having seven heads and ten horns")

In Revelation chapter thirteen a person arrives on the scene who is called the beast. This is the same beast mentioned in 17:3. Notice in 13:1 a beast will arise who has seven heads and ten horns.

NOTE: He is called the antichrist in 1 John 4:3

This beast will reign for seven years. In the middle of the seven years he will appear to have a resurrection. (13:3) After his so called resurrection, he will rule for another 3 ½ years. (13:3)

We know the beast is a manifestation of Satan because we are told he gets his power and seat and authority from the dragon. (13:2,4)

We also know that the dragon is Satan. (Revelation 12:3,4,7,9)

There is no need to speculate as to the beast of Revelation. He is the antichrist of 1 John, who is influenced by Satan. Not only is he influenced by, he is literally indwelt by Satan.

His power and authority come from the dragon who is Satan. In Revelation 12:3 the dragon has seven heads and ten horns. In Revelation 13:1 the beast has seven heads and ten horns. In Revelation 17:3 the beast has seven heads and ten horns. They are all one and the same.

Ironically, Satan, who is the dragon and the beast, will destroy the whore, who is Babylon. All of this is according to the will of God and part of his plan. (Rev. 17:16-18)

Since the beast demands to be worshipped, it is only logical he will not allow any other kind of worship.

Babylon and the beast are a manifestation of false religion.

Jesus Christ the Lord, who is and was God in the flesh said, "Whosoever believeth in me hath everlasting life."

Satan, who is the author of Babylon, and will be manifest in the flesh as the beast said, "Yea hath God said?"

