

Lesson 30 – Revelation 17:1-18
The _____ of the _____ Church – i.e., _____ Babylon

1. Who or what is the beast?

a. v3: “a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven _____ and ten _____.”

1) The _____ aspect of this beast:

a) v9: “The seven _____ are seven _____”

1] “A _____, or prominent elevation on the surface of the earth, is one of the common scriptural images, or representatives of a _____, regal dominion, _____, or established authority” (Walvoord quoting Joseph Seiss, pg. 251).

2] E.g., in reference to the Millennial Kingdom, Daniel writes, “and the stone that smote the image became a great _____, and filled the whole earth” (Dan 2:35).

3] “The _____, then, are not piles of material rocks and earth at all, but royal or _____” (Walvoord quoting Joseph Seiss, pg. 252).

b) v10: “And there are seven _____:”

1] v10: “five are _____”

a] I.e., no longer _____ at the time in which John receives this vision.

b] These are the _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____ Empires.

2] v10: “and one _____”

a] I.e., _____ at the time in which John receives this vision.

b] This is the _____ Empire.

2) The _____ aspect of this beast:

a) v10: “and the other is not yet _____; and _____ he cometh, he must continue a _____ space”

1] *Read* v12: The ten _____ represent a _____ of ten _____ that shall rise out of the ashes of the _____ to comprise this _____ kingdom (see Dan 7:7, 24a).

2] This is the _____ Empire under the control of this _____ of _____.

b) What is meant by the phrase “a short space” in verse 10?

1] Option 1: Short in the sense of the time span that is spelled out in Dan 7:25b, which is what?

2] Option 2: Short in the sense of the time span in which the _____ reigns before the _____ takes over (see Dan 7:24 – “after them” = a _____ period of time.)

c) v11: “And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the _____”

1] Its Description:

a] v8: “and shall ascend out of the _____” – i.e., this _____ king is a _____ possessed man who receives his power directly from _____ himself (see Rev 9:11).

b] v11: “and is _____ the seven” – i.e., _____ out of the _____ (see Dan 7:8 & 24b).

c] *Read* v13: The ten _____ themselves under his _____ and _____ (see Dan 7:24b) thereby constituting the _____.

d] *Read* v14: This _____ kingdom _____ against the Lamb (see Dan 7:25).

e] v11: “and goeth into _____” – (see Dan 7:26).

2] Its Identity:

a] In general, this beast represents _____ the Gentile _____ (i.e. political _____) throughout history.

b] In particular, this beast (i.e., the beast of v8) represents the _____ and most _____ and _____ of all the previous Gentile _____: the _____ Empire under the _____ control of the _____.

c] Please notice the similarity between the description of the beast in verse 3 and that of Rev 13:1.

b. v7: “the beast that _____ her” and v9: “on which the woman _____”

- 1) In general, this means that _____ of the Gentile _____ (i.e. political _____) throughout history have _____ the woman and given her significant _____ over the _____ of their _____.
- 2) In particular, this means the _____ Empire under the _____ control of the _____ has _____ the woman and given her significant _____ over the _____ of its _____.