



UNLOCK REVELATION

“Revelation’s Scarlet Harlot”

Study Guide #16



***This study guide uses the New King James Bible.**

1. As a review, what are some of the characteristics that reveal the second beast power of Revelation 13?

• Bible Answer from Revelation 13:11-14 - “Then I saw _____ beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon...telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.”

Note: The only nation on earth that fits all of these characteristics is the United States of America. It arose into power right around 1798 in a mostly unpopulated area of the world. It was a new nation built on freedom from religious and civil tyranny. It was built on Christian principles, but it now speaks as a dragon. It has accomplished world-wide influence and power. For a full chart showing all the characteristics, see study #15 on “The United States in Prophecy.”

2. How does prophecy say the United States will unite the world to give loyalty and submission to the Roman Church?

• Bible Answer from Revelation 13:12 - “And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to _____ the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.”

Note: According to the Bible, the second beast, the United States, will cause the world to pay homage and give loyalty to the first beast (Roman Church). They will do this by causing the world to engage in false worship (Sunday) that breaks God’s commandments. Already, multiple global movements are happening to put this in place. The final issue facing humanity in the last days will be which authority we will follow in worship: God’s or man’s. We must stand for Jesus.

3. How will this worship contrary to God’s Law be enforced?

• Bible Answer from Revelation 13:14 - “...telling those who dwell on the earth to make an _____ to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.”

Note: The second beast will tell the world to make an “image” to the first beast. This image will be false worship that counterfeits the truth of God. It will be worship that is mixed with pagan practices and Biblical errors. It will also contain spiritualism, which the Bible forbids. This is already seen in the non-Biblical rituals and traditions of Rome.

4. What other prophetic passage in the book of Revelation reveals the coming together of these two powers to force false worship on the world?

• Bible Answer from Revelation 17:1 - “Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great _____ who sits on many waters.”

Note: This woman who rides the beast is a description of a power in the last days that will bring deception to the whole world. She rides the beast, symbolizing that she will control the political powers of the state to do her bidding. This happened once before during the Dark Ages when the Roman Church used the powers of the governments to carry out its agenda. In the last days, Scripture says that this will be repeated again, as man has forgotten history, and history forgotten is destined to repeat itself. No religious power should have control over the secular power. This is why we have separation of church and state in America. When not separated, there is a violation of the conscience to worship as one desires. This puts humanity in a great challenge of being forced to worship contrary to the Bible. This has already happened in history.

5. What does a woman represent in prophecy, and how do the two women in chapters 12 & 17 of Revelation compare?

• Bible Answer from Ephesians 5:25-27 - “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the _____ and gave Himself for her; that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.”

• Revelation 21:9 - “Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, ‘Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb’s _____.’”

Note: Throughout the Bible, God refers to His people and the church as His bride. A woman in prophecy represents the church (See also 2 Corinthians 11:2, Jeremiah 6:2, and Isaiah 51:16). The pure woman in Revelation 12 symbolizes His pure church throughout time and into the last days. The harlot in Revelation 17 represents the erroneous, apostate church down through time and into the last days. We will study the pure woman in a future study.

6. What are the identifying characteristics of the harlot woman (Church of Rome) in Revelation 17?

Characteristic	Bible Verse	Rome's Fulfillment:
1) Located in a very populated area.	Rev. 17:1	Located in Europe, the heart of the ancient and modern world.
2) Commits fornication w/ kings of earth.	Rev. 17:2	Has more influence on world leaders than any other power.
3) Church arrayed in purple/scarlet.	Rev. 17:4	Official colors are purple/scarlet. Blue (God's law) is missing.
4) Would be a wealthy church.	Rev. 17:4	Wealthiest entity in the world. Owns more land than any nation.
5) Sits on seven mountains.	Rev. 17:9	There are seven literal, geographical hills surrounding Rome.
6) Drunk with blood of the saints.	Rev. 17:6	Persecuted Bible believers during Dark Ages. Killed millions.
7) Commits blasphemy.	Rev. 17:3	Believes pope is God, and the priest has power to forgive sin.
8) People on earth deceived by her false doctrines and made drunk on Bible error.	Rev. 17:1-2	Has changed many Bible truths including Sunday for Sabbath, and the whole world is deceived by traditions of men.
9) The mother would have daughters.	Rev. 17:5	The mother harlot has daughters - any churches birthed in tradition that teach any of the same errors Rome does, even one.

Note: The Roman Catholic Church system is the only entity that fits *all* of these points. It is the mother harlot of prophecy.

7. What is the Biblical identifying point that the Church of Rome is not the only entity involved in this last day system of religious confusion called Babylon?

- Bible Answer from Revelation 17:5 - *“And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE _____ OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”*

Note: The fact that Rome through Babylon has daughter churches should concern us. Any church teaching any of her error would be a daughter church. As most of the Protestant and evangelical churches have strayed away from their roots and wonder why they exist, strong moves are being made to bring every church again under one banner - the Roman Catholic banner. Prophecy predicted this, and it's happening. Churches might not become Catholic, but they will pay loyalty and homage to her by teaching and believing her false doctrines.

8. What counsel does Jesus give when we find ourselves in the system of Babylon, whether in the mother church or in one of the daughter churches?

- Bible Answer from Revelation 18:4 - *“And I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘Come _____ of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.’”*

Note: Jesus gives the counsel to come out of Babylon, regardless if it's the mother or a daughter. It is important for us to do this to avoid coming under deception from the enemy. We are not called to stay in and reform the mother or daughter churches, but to come out of them. Where do we go when we come out? God will be faithful to tell us from Scripture!

9. When Jesus lovingly calls His people following His voice out of Babylon, where does He tell them to go?

- Bible Answer from Revelation 14:12 - *“Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who _____ the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.”*

Note: The Bible is clear. Jesus calls us out of Babylon into a last day church that keeps the commandments of God and has the faith and truth of Jesus. Jesus said in John 10:16 that He has “other sheep not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.” That means that though Jesus has many people in many churches, He is calling them all together in the last days into a prophetic church that will reflect the complete truth of His word. Who is this church in the last days? We will find out in upcoming studies, but it's important for us to obey Him and come out of Babylon into the church He reveals in Scripture.

10. Out of love for Jesus and the truth, will you obey His call for you to come out of Babylon, the mother church, or a daughter church and into the truth of Jesus Christ in the last days revealed from His heart through the Bible? _____