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BAAL WORSHIP

And The Beast of Seven Heads of Revelation 17th Chapter.

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"And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment 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 coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

"And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

"And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." Rev. 17:1-5.

The first thing to do in the teaching of this chapter is to give the location of the beast and the woman that sits upon it. This same beast is first mentioned by the prophet in chapter 13, there is no woman connected with it there. Hence, Rev. 13, so far as the beast alone is concerned, represents the civil power and the ten kingdoms of the Western Empire of Rome. It is represented as having seven heads, the same as the dragon of the 12th chapter has seven heads. In the 12th chapter the seven heads wore the crowns. But in the 13th chapter the crowns are transferred to the horns. This teaches that both the heads and the horns represent kingly governments. It also teaches that the heads and horns do not both represent the same governments. For there are ten crowns on the horns, and

seven on the heads. This teaches the heads to be prior in point of time to the horns. Let this distinction be noted for it will be necessary in locating the heads separate from the horns.

The dragon in the 12th chapter represented Rome universal.

The beast in the 13th chapter represents the Western division of the Roman power after the death of Constantine. The woman introduced in Chapter 17 is a symbol of an ecclesiastical organization. All who know the Bible know that a pure woman is a symbol of a pure church. A corrupt woman is a symbol of a corrupt church. That this woman represents a religious organization there is no question. Hersymbolic clothing all show this. Her origin dates back to the name she bares upon her crown, which is Babylon. Hence it is necessary to locate her identity definitely the first thing. The name Babylon is derived from the word Babel. The history following the flood gives the origin of the word Babel as we now read:

"And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

"And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

"And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

"And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered upon the face of the whole earth.

"And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

"And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

"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 thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

"Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth."

Gen. 11:1-9.

This tower was built in the land of Shinar. The territory of the Assyrian kingdom founded by Nimrod, the grandson of Ham.

"Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem,

Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood.

"The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

"And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Targemah.

"And the sons of Javan; Dlishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanaim.

"By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

"And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan.

"And the sons of Cush, Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Ravnah, and Sabtechah: and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.

"And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

"He was a mighty hunter before the Lord: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord.

"And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Acad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar." Gen. 10:1-10.

The woman is represented in Rev. 17 as committing fornication with the kings of the earth, also of sitting on many waters (peoples). Hence her origin and her history must be well defined if we would understand prophecy of later dates. The Hammetic race after the building of the tower as the above Scriptures shows and also by the examination of ancient maps, traveled west into Canaan, Egypt and Africa. Their worship was the planets, or Baal worship. The word Baal and Babylon are associated together. The next kingdom established by the descendants of Ham was Egypt. There the same worship of the sun, the moon, and the planets of heaven were continued. No doubt that worship caused the great pyramids of Egypt to be built. Hence Egypt is the 2nd great kingdom of the world where this woman ruled. Coming back again to the land of Shinar, there was another kingdom formed later in history called the Babylonian kingdom, the city of Babylon, the capitol was built on the ground where the old tower of Babel once stood. This was called the Chaldaic kingdom. In the reading of the history of Babylon we learn again that Baal worship connected with that kingdom, hence it was the 3rd kingdom over which the woman in the 17th chapter ruled.

In order to connect the former history through to

the beast of the 13th chapter of Rev. the beast of the 13th chapter is represented as having the mouth of a lion, the feet of a bear and the body of a leopard. The purpose of this is to follow her history through Babylon the lion, Medo-Persia, the bear, and Grecia the leopard, down to Rome universal, the 4th kingdom from Babylon as brought to view in the 7th chapter of Daniel. Then when we come to Rome we find those 7 heads or governments represented on the dragon. The first was Assyria, the 2nd Egypt, the 3rd Babylon, the 4th Medo-Persia, the 5th Grecia, the 6th Rome, the 7th the beast upon which the woman is seated, Western Rome, with its 10 kingdoms. This shows where the 7 heads belong beyond all question. The 10 horns were the divided kingdoms of Western Europe as they were divided between 351 and 483 A. D. So the ten crowns and not the seven belongs to Western Rome. Leaving the seven heads and crowns to cover the entire history.

The woman as seated upon the 7th head shows she takes possession of the government, which was 538 A. D. The next point to consider before we go farther is that in this prophecy there has a change taken place both in the woman and in the beast from that of her relationship to any government before this, in head, in Western Rome. Prior to this she had been strictly and wholly a woman of Baal. Now as indicated by her clothing, purple and scarlet, and decked with precious stones with a golden cup in her hand and her name mystery Babylon all teach that now she is professedly Christian. Her clothing and precious stones are taken from the priesthood, Ex. 28. Her name mystery Babylon signifies a mixing of the gospel and of heathen worship. Paul terms it the mystery of iniquity. The mystery of the gospel is "Christ in us the hope of glory," mystery Babylon is a mixture of the gospel with Baal worship combined, hence she has changed to a combination of the two in the Western Empire of Rome. The beast also shows a change from that of all governments before it. It changes its color to scarlet. Scarlet was the color which represented Christ as the sin bearer of the world, Isa. 63; Isa. 1:18. All other beasts were in natural color.

This shows a union in the Western Empire of religion and the civil power. The woman symbolizing the religious faith. The beast the civil. But in their color it shows they become both one, hence in speaking of either one we speak of them both, for they are united. This uniting took place A. D. 538. It continued from 538 to 1798 A. D.

By the above statements thus far made, we feel now we can study understandingly the rest of the 17th chapter.

"And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

"And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

"The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is." Rev. 17:6-8.

Verses 6 and 9 gives the story of her hatred and persecution of the people of God during this 1260 years, at the end of which time John says, "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death." Rev. 13:3. This was fulfilled at the end of the 1260 years, when that form of government was broken up. Thus it was the 7th head that was wounded to death.

But that is not the end of her history. John says in verse 8, in the 17th chapter, "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not, and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition." Verse 8 also says, "When they behold the beast that was, (from 538 to 1798) and is not, (when not in existence) and yet is," (when restored). The expression "yet is," indicates that that union between the beast and the civil power will again take place.

"And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

"And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

"And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition." Rev. 17:9-11.

The above Scripture plainly says "The 7 heads are seven mountains (or seven governments) on

which the woman sitteth." Thus she had sat upon all the former governments the same as she sits upon the seventh. John said when he lived under Rome universal, "five had fallen;" Assyrian, Egypt, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Grecia, "one now is" Rome, (the 6th) and "the other is not yet come," (the beast is the Western Empire). Note, he says in verse 10, "The beast that is not and yet is, is the 8th, and is of the 7." Thus the 8th head (or the government as restored) is identically the 7th head.

"And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

"These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

"These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

"And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues." Rev. 17:12-15.

The above Scripture shows clearly the 10 kingdoms were not in existence in John's day, neither was the 7th head. These kingdoms give their support to the beast in its united form, if the one called the 8th refers to the restoration it would be restored 15 days prophetic time. The object of its restoration as shown by other Scriptures, is to avoid the judgment of God falling upon her in the 7 last plagues, but the restoration of the iniquity only increases the difficulty and it is very quickly seen as the mask is lifted that they have rendered service to a system that has led to their utter ruin.

"And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

"And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth." Rev. 17:16-18.

So bitter hatred is now turned on the part of the people that is deceived against the whole system till that they would gladly burn her with fire.

They had already rejected God when probation had closed so God sends them a strong delusion when they lend their strength and support to the beast, which

trines about a fulfillment of God's prediction of the prophecy.

The last verse explains that Babylon covers 3 great divisions of Christendom, Greek Catholicism, Roman Catholicism and Protestantism, as shown in our comments on the 16th chapter of Ez. and the book of Hosea in the "Yellow Peril." She is said to be "the mother of harlots" which is the mother of all three divisions of Christendom, but as she is seated on the scarlet colored beast she represents the Roman division only as united with the beast under a false theocracy. When we speak of the beast during that period we speak of both the woman and the beast.

Trusting these comments may lead to a clear light on this important chapter we send this article forth. We would cite the reader to our other publications for a more full explanation of Scriptures.

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