

Guide & Record of your thoughts

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Destiny (of the world) Pt 32

Revelation 17

Following the Message:

- 1)
 - The great harlot is not an **actual prostitute**
 - Harlot/metaphor for **false religion**, spiritual defection
 - Association with the kings of the earth reveals- scope of the harlot's **influence** will be **immense**

- 2) In the ancient world it was customary for prostitutes to identify themselves by **writing** their names on their **foreheads**

- 3) BABYLON is a symbol of all **worldly resistance** to God. It's described as "THE GREAT" because of its far-reaching influence.

- 4) vs 7 "The scarlet beast" refers to **the Antichrist**. Sitting on the beast signifies he is **supporting** her.

- 5) vs 8 Scripture portrays the Anti-christ as an **intellectual genius**. An outstanding orator and military leader without parallel.

- 6) The term "was, and is not, and is about to come"
-refers to Antichrist's **death/resurrection**

- 7) The activity described in Revelation 17 takes place approximately **halfway** through the Tribulation period

- 8) The mountains described as seven kings are world empires. The Five world empires fallen by the time of John's vision are:
Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece

- 9) Vs 11 How can he (Antichrist) be an eighth king and also one of the seven? He is 1 of the 7 **before his death** and an eighth king after his **resurrection**, during the second phase of his rule.

10) That they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour means a **brief time**.

11) In Vs 16 the Harlot is no longer beautifully adorned, but now is found naked and consumed. This graphic language of extreme violence makes it clear that the Antichrist will **obliterate anything** that stands in His way of obtaining glory for himself

12) In vs 17 it is clear that everything that happens is precisely in the scope of God's **sovereign plan** as the plan of the ages unfolds

Greek word used today:

Thaumazo (thou-mad'-zo); have in admiration, marveled - to be amazed, surprised; to wonder at something with attentive interest

Reflecting on the Text