

## Beauty & The Beast Revelation 17

📖 Revelation 17:1–5 (NIV84) “One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute, who sits on many waters. <sup>2</sup> With her the kings of the earth committed adultery and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries.” <sup>3</sup> Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a desert. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns. <sup>4</sup> The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries. <sup>5</sup> This title was written on her forehead: MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”

### The Cast of Characters:

- The “Beauty” portrayed in this passage is **False Religion**.
- The “Beast” portrayed in this passage is **The Antichrist**.

### The Beauty’s evil **CHARACTER**.

📖 Revelation 17:1–2 (NIV84) “One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute, who sits on many waters. <sup>2</sup> With her the kings of the earth committed adultery and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries.”

### The Beauty’s evil **CHILDREN**.

📖 Revelation 17:3–5 (NIV84) “Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a desert. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns. <sup>4</sup> The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries. <sup>5</sup>This title was written on her forehead:

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BABYLON THE GREAT  
THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES  
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📖 1 Timothy 4:1 (NLT) “Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons.”

📖 Revelation 17:15 (NIV84) “Then the angel said to me, “The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages.”

### The Beauty’s evil **CONDUCT**.

📖 Revelation 17:6 (NIV84) “I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus. When I saw her, I was greatly astonished.”

📖 Revelation 13:15 (NIV84) “He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed.”

### The Beauty’s evil **COMPANION**.

📖 Revelation 17:3 (NIV84) “Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a desert. There I saw a woman sitting on a **scarlet beast** that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns.”

📖 Revelation 17:7–13 (NIV84) “Then the angel said to me: “Why are you astonished? I will explain to you the mystery of the woman and of the beast she rides, which has the seven heads and ten horns. <sup>8</sup> The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and will come up out of the Abyss and go to his destruction. The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because he once was, now is not, and yet will come. <sup>9</sup> “This calls for a mind with wisdom. The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits. <sup>10</sup> They are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; but when he does come, he must remain for a little while.

<sup>11</sup> The beast who once was, and now is not, is an eighth king. He belongs to the seven and is going to his destruction. <sup>12</sup> “The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast. <sup>13</sup> They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast.”

- The **PERSUASION** of the Beast.

📖 Revelation 17:8a (NIV) “The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and will come up out of the Abyss and go to his destruction.”

📖 Revelation 13:3-4 (NLT) “I saw that one of the heads of the beast seemed wounded beyond recovery—but the fatal wound was healed! The whole world marveled at this miracle and gave allegiance to the beast. <sup>4</sup>They worshiped the dragon for giving the beast such power, and they also worshiped the beast. “Who is as great as the beast?” they exclaimed. “Who is able to fight against him?”

- The **PURPOSE** of the Beast:

📖 Revelation 17:8b (NIV84) “The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because he once was, now is not, and yet will come.”

📖 2 Thess 2:9-10 (NLT) “This man will come to do the work of Satan with counterfeit power and signs and miracles. <sup>10</sup> He will use every kind of evil deception to fool those on their way to destruction, because they refuse to love and accept the truth that would save them.”

- The **PLACE** of the Beast:

📖 Revelation 17:9 (NIV84) “This calls for a mind with wisdom. The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits.”

- The **PERIOD** of the Beast:

📖 Revelation 17:10 (NIV84) “They are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; but when he does come, he must remain for a little while.”

- The **PUPPETS** of the Beast:

📖 Revelation 17:12–13 (NIV84) “The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast. <sup>13</sup> They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast.”

📖 Revelation 17:14 (NIV84) They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.”

## The Beauty’s eventual **CONCLUSION**.

📖 Revelation 17:16 (NIV84) “The beast and the ten horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire.”

📖 Revelation 17:17–18 (NIV84) “For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish His purpose by agreeing to give the beast their power to rule, until God’s words are fulfilled. <sup>18</sup> The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth.”

📖 1 Samuel 16:7b (NIV84) “...The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

📖 Ephesians 2:10a (NLT) “For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus...”

**Digging Deeper:** In today’s message, is there a promise to trust, a command to obey, a truth to embrace, a warning to heed, or an encouragement to rest in? What did you learn about God, about yourself, or about the world today? Is there one verse or thought that stands out?

