Victory Everlasting Gospel Church

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**“Revelation Chapter 17”**

A Power Point Presentation

Today’s sermon title is: **“Revelation Chapters 17”**

Before we begin, let us pray …

In the 17th chapter of Revelation, John’s mind was projected into the future beyond the time the beast received the deadly wound.

Revelation 17:1 **“And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:”**

**“…I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: ”** From our studies of the “little horn power” of Daniel 7 and the first beast power of Revelation 13, we know this is speaking about the anti-Christ power of the Papacy in Rome. This religious system is called a great whore because she has been unfaithful to Christ.

**sitteth upon many waters: ”** The Bible interprets itself and we know what sitting on many waters is according to Revelation 17:15.

Revelation 17:15 **“And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.”** This verse explains all prophetic scriptures using waters or seas.

So in verse 1, one of the seven angels that had the seven vials was going to show John, the judgment of the great whore which is an idolatrous woman representing a corrupt religious system, that had power and control over the nations of the earth.

Revelation 17:2 **“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.”**

**“…kings of the earth have committed fornication,**” This represents the leaders and rulers of the nations of the world, including kings and queens, presidents, prime ministers and all their associates of high power.

**“…inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication,”** So here we see the citizens of all the nations have been victimized by the Roman church power and by their own leaders in their countries.

When we studied Revelation 14 in particular verse 8, the reason why the churches of Babylon are fallen, **“…she made all nations drink of the wine…”** Let’s review once again some of those non-Biblical false doctrines which constitute the wine of Babylon.

Chief among these was the creation of the Papacy, which was to be regarded as the continuation of the apostolic church with its hierarchal form of government and the Pope vicariously being Jesus in the flesh.

The blasphemous doctrine of **Transubstantiation** iswhen in the sacrifice of the mass the priest is supposed to create the Creator.

The doctrine of the **Immaculate Conception** which denies that God in Christ dwelt in human flesh. It says that Mary was sinless and she is therefore worshipped.

Setting aside Jesus as Mediator between God and man (1 Timothy 2:5) for another system of mediation; Mary and the saints. Here are just 10 of the hundreds of the supposedly canonized saints. But we know that those who were not fictitious are in their graves and hear absolutely nothing.

Confession of sins is made to another mortal sinner, the priest, thereby separating the sinner from Jesus; then in order to receive absolution, they must do penance to work off their sins.

Instituting the pagan day of worshipping the sun, sun-day, in place of God’s eternal Sabbath.

The false doctrine of the natural immortality of the soul, that somehow at death a disembodied spirit leaves the body and makes its way to heaven or hell.

The doctrines of baptism by sprinkling and infant baptism.

The false doctrine of a secret rapture.

The false doctrine of Purgatory where you weren’t bad enough to burn in hellfire for eternity, but you needed to burn for a time to get cleaned up for heaven. If relatives donated enough money, they could get you out of purgatory sooner.

Then there is the non-scriptural doctrine of an eternally burning hell fire where sinners roast throughout eternity.

The false doctrine of a soul going to heaven immediately at death to praise Jesus when we know the scripture says in © Psalm 115:17 **“The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence.”**

The false doctrine of the future antichrist. And there is so much more that constitutes the intoxicating wine of Babylon. The people are indeed drunk on these fables and continue to stumble in darkness, thinking they are walking in the light. We will now move on to Revelation 17:3.

Revelation 17:3 **“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.”** So now John is about to describe what he is seeing in this prophetic vision.

**“So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: …”** Keep this word wilderness in mind as we will come back to it shortly.

**“and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast:”** Previous beasts or empires came up and they were independent civil empires. This one has the color of scarlet with a woman riding upon the beast. The woman of course represents the corrupt religious power in Rome. We are going to notice something similar and something different about this beast in a few moments.

**“… full of names of blasphemy, …”** This is talking about the fallen woman, the Papacy.

How does the Bible define Blasphemy?

John 10:33 **“The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.”** But since Jesus is God, He committed no blasphemy.

Let us look to the Roman Church for their own clear testimony.

Listen to this blasphemy, “The Pope is of so great dignity and so exalted that he is not a mere man, but as it were God, and the vicar of God.” Ferraris’ Ecclesiastical Dictionary

Another blasphemous quote, “For thou art the shepherd, thou art the director, thou art the husbandman; finally thou art another God on earth.” Labbe and Cossart’s History of the Councils published in 1672, Vol. XIV, Col. 109

And this, On April 30, 1922, Pope Pius XI said, “You know that I am the Holy Father, the representative of God on earth, the Vicar of Christ, which means that I am God on earth.” Source: Revelation Four Views, A Parallel Commentary, page 288.

Here is another, “All the names which is in the Scriptures are applied to Christ, by virtue of which it is established that he is over the church, all the same names are applied to the Pope.” On the Authority of Councils, Bellarmine book 2, chapter 17 (Vol. II, page 266).

Mark 2:6, 7 **“But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this [man] thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?”** But since Jesus is God, He could forgive sins and therefore committed no blasphemy. Only a mortal sinner who claims to have the power to forgive sins is a blasphemer.

From the Catholic Encyclopedia, “The judicial authority will even include the power to forgive sins.”

“The priest does really and truly forgive sins in virtue of the power given to him by Christ.” Joseph Devarbe’s Catschism page 279.

“God Himself is obliged to abide by the judgment of His priests, and either not to pardon or to pardon. Can you believe the audacity?

According as they refuse or give absolution… The sentence of the priest precedes, and God subscribes to it.” Dignities and Duties of the Priest, Volume 12, page 27.

The Bible defines blasphemy as assuming any rights or power that belong to God alone.

Continuing Revelation 17:3 **“… having seven heads and ten horns.”**  This is the same composite beast that we saw in Revelation 13 in the wilderness, that came up out of the sea.

Revelation 17:4 **“And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour,**

**“And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour,** Usually when they converge on Rome to elect a new Pope, there is a sea of red and purple. The dictionary says that scarlet is a brilliant red with a tinge of yellow. When looking at the degeneracy of sin relative to colors, the Bible says in Isaiah 1:18,

**“…though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”** Crimson is a deep red color.

**and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls,**

The pope loves his jewels and gold. The crown in the middle is the jeweled three tiered “Tiara.”

**having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:”**

In that symbolic golden cup, is the wine of Babylon, all the false doctrines that are not found in scripture, a few of which we had just previously mentioned. So symbolically … we have the corrupt church. Literally however, the pope and priests use the golden cup in the blasphemous sacrifice of the mass.

Revelation 17:5 **“And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”** The Roman Catholic Church officially became the Mother and the Protestant churches became her harlot daughters when they rejected God’s visitation call to reformation in the 1840-1844 era.

Revelation 17:6 **“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.”** John was not actually admiring the corrupt church, but he was more astonished at what it had done.

When people have had long drinking sessions, they usually keep themselves feeling good, but eventually they will reach a state of drunkeness from the intoxicating beverages.

And so John saw the woman, after the period of 1,260 years of persecution of the saints, sometime after 1798, **“… drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus:”**

Revelation 17:7 **“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 angel is about to unravel the mystery of the woman, the corrupt church of Rome.

Now try to wrap your mind around this next verse as this is deep and many of our theologians don’t get it. Revelation 17:8 **“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.”** Pay attention or you will miss it.

Revelation 17:8 **“The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: …”** As I have studied this prophecy, I am fully persuaded that this does not represent different entities, but rather represents the four phases of the Papacy. Follow this now…

Revelation 17:8 **“The beast that thou sawest WAS, …”** This first phase would be the Papacy in the period from 538 AD to 1798.

Revelation 17:8 **“The beast that thou sawest was, and IS NOT; …”** This second phase would be the Papacy in the period from 1798 AD to the present, the period of the healing of the deadly wound.)

Revelation 17:8 **“The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; SHALL ASCEND OUT OF THE BOTTOMLESS PIT, …”** (The bottomless pit is a future brief period and would be the third phase of the Papacy when the wound is completely healed and she has regained her dominant persecuting power.) This should be after the National Sunday Law is enacted and the little time of trouble has begun.

Revelation 17:8 **“The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and GO INTO PERDITION: …”** (This is the fourth and final phase of the Papacy, after probation has closed, when God destroys the beast**.**)

Revelation 17:8 the rest of verse 8 **“…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, …”** (last part) **“…when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is**.” In this last part of verse 8,

**“…the beast that was, and is not, and yet is**.”The angel repeats, telling John that the beast that **was** is the Papacy in the 1,260 years until it received the deadly wound in 1798. And “…**the beast that is not, and yet is.”** The angel is telling John that the beast that was wounded in 1798, went into the **“IS NOT”** condition and is the Papacy that still lives, so it is **“YET IS**.**”** It is living and the wound is healing and it is getting stronger, but it has not yet ascended.

Going on, Revelation 17:9 **“And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.”**

**“The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.”** You see them here on this map, 1. Quirinal Hill; 2. Viminal Hill; 3. Esquilline Hill; 4. Capitoline Hill; 5. Palatine Hill; 6. Caelian Hill; and 7. Aventine Hill. Isn’t it curious how #4 is called Capitoline Hill, and today the Vatican has a major influence on the Capitol Hill in Washington, DC where the National Sunday Law will soon be enacted.

Revelation 17:10 **“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.”** We are into another deep verse, so once again try to wrap your mind around the interpretation. The seven kings are also the seven heads on the composite beast.

Revelation 17:10 **“And there are seven kings: five are fallen, …”** The first king or head was Babylon – 606 BC to 538 BC

Revelation 17:10 **“And there are seven kings: five are fallen, …”** The second king or head was Medo-Persia – 538 BC to 331 BC

Revelation 17:10 **“And there are seven kings: five are fallen, …”** The third king or head was Greece – 331 BC to 168 BC

Revelation 17:10 **“And there are seven kings: five are fallen, …”** The fourth king or head was Rome (Pagan) – 168 BC to 476 AD.

Revelation 17:10 **“And there are seven kings: five are fallen, …”** The fifth king was the Papacy from 538 AD to 1798 AD and is the 5th head of the composite beast.

These 5 powers represent the five fallen kings of Revelation 17:10 and 5 of the seven heads on the composite beast.

The sixth king is the Papacy in its present **“and one is”** (meaning it exists now). It is also the 6th head of the composite beast.

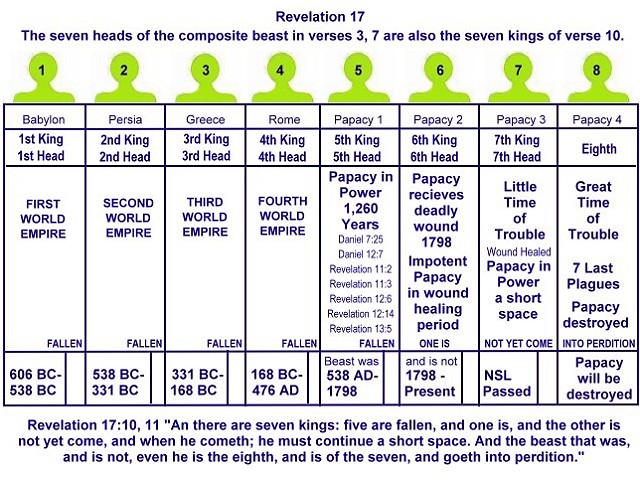
The seventh king is the Papacy in its future wound healed state “**not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space**” condition. It is also the 7th head of the composite beast. He will ascend in power when the National Sunday Law is passed and we enter the little time of trouble, but it will be for a short time.

**“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.”**

Revelation 17:11 **“And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.“** Since the Papacy is the **WAS** (the 5th head era) and **IS NOT** (the 6th head era), and we established that he is the ascended (7th head era) even he is the 8th that will go in to perdition and will be destroyed by God.

So in Revelation 17:11 we clearly have the Papacy in its 4th and final phase. The question may be asked, why does the beast only have 7 heads when there are 8 periods mentioned? The answer would be that the first 7 heads represented 7 kingdom periods when they exercised power of some sort. But the 8th period the kingdom has no power and has been taken away and it is destroyed by God in the seven last plagues.

Here is a chart that illustrates what we have studied so far.



Revelation 17:12 **“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.**

Revelation 17:13 **“These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.”** There will be a mysterious unity, but in effect Satan is attempting to bring about his total control of planet earth. But there is a problem. There is a small group who have ever been a thorn in Satan’s side. He must eliminate them to achieve his goal.

Revelation 12:17 **Scripture says the dragon was very angry and went to make war with the remnant of her seed,** © Revelation 17:14 **“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.”** The battle is further described in Revelation 19.

Revelation 19:11 **“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. ”**

Revelation 19:14 **“And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.”**

The world is unaware that probation has ended and the seven last plagues are being poured out in rapid succession, this is the period of the 8th head when the Papacy will go into perdition.

Revelation 17:16 **“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.”** Now that judgment has come upon the whore, they want nothing to do with her as they see how they were duped and they are now suffering also under God’s wrath.

Revelation 17:17 **“For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.”**

Revelation 17:18 “**And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.”**

Those who have been faithful have never feared that God was not in control. He has revealed to them through the prophets what was, what is and what will be in the yet to come. They have trusted His promise, **“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.**

**And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”** John 14:1-3God’s people need to continue their search in matters pertaining to the prophecies of the last days.

Let us pray…