

Prophetical Babylon

(Isa 13:1-22; 21:1-10; 47-48; Jer 50-51; Rev 17-18)

The Identity of the Ten Horns. Rev 17:12

C.T./L.T. = And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but they are going to receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour.

The Purpose. Rev 17:13

C.T./L.T. = These (10 kings) are going to have one purpose and they are going to give their power and authority to the beast.

Summary:

1. The ten kings were not around in 96 A.D.
2. They will be in power at the same time and not in succession, thus they are contemporaneous and not successive with each other.
3. This is prophesied in Daniel. Dan 7:7-8
4. No other attempt to revive Rome has involved ten kingdoms.
5. The kings will align with the Antichrist during the seven years.
6. The Antichrist's religion will have the political and military power that it needs to seek world domination.
7. What is going on today?
 - A. International Criminal Court. (The Hague, Established 2002)
 - B. Regionalism.
 - C. Attitudes promoted internationally:
 - D. New Technology.
 - E. Unmanageable national debt.
 - 1) Lack of competition
 - 2) Centralized Power
 - F. Spiritual ecumenism.

Their Mantra: one of the mistakes that human beings make is believing that there is only one way. There are many ways, many paths to what you call God. What if you never heard the name "Jesus." The move to unite Catholics and Evangelicals as well as the move to unite Christians and Muslims into Chrislam.
 - G. **The Georgia Guide Stones:**

On one of the highest hilltops in Elbert County, Georgia stands a huge granite monument. Engraved in eight different languages on the four giant

stones that support the common capstone are 10 Guides, or commandments. That monument is alternately referred to as The Georgia Guidestones, or the American Stonehenge. Though relatively unknown to most people, it is an important link to the Occult Hierarchy that dominates the world in which we live.

The origin of that strange monument is shrouded in mystery because no one knows the true identity of the man, or men, who commissioned its construction. All that is known for certain is that in June 1979, a well-dressed, articulate stranger visited the office of the Elberton Granite Finishing Company and announced that he wanted to build an edifice to transmit a message to mankind.

The messages engraved on the Georgia Guidestones deal with four major fields:

- (1) Governance and the establishment of a world government,
- (2) Population and reproduction control,
- (3) The environment and man's relationship to nature, and
- (4) Spirituality. The monument he commissioned had been erected in recognition of Thomas Paine and the occult philosophy he espoused. Indeed, the Georgia Guidestones were used for occult ceremonies and mystic celebrations.

A message consisting of a set of ten guidelines or principles is engraved on the Georgia Guidestones in eight different languages, one language on each face of the four large upright stones. Moving clockwise around the structure, beginning at due north are English, Spanish, Swahili, Hindi, Hebrew, Arabic, Chinese and Russian. They say:

1. Maintain humanity under 500,000,000 in perpetual balance with nature.
2. Guide reproduction wisely — improving fitness and diversity.
3. Unite humanity with a living new language.
4. Rule passion — faith — tradition — and all things with tempered reason.
5. Protect people and nations with fair laws and just courts.
6. Let all nations rule internally resolving external disputes in a world court.
7. Avoid petty laws and useless officials.
8. Balance personal rights with social duties.
9. Prize truth — beauty — love — seeking harmony with the infinite.
10. Be not a cancer on the earth — Leave room for nature — Leave room for nature.

- On July 7, 2022 the “Guidestones” were blown up by an unknown group.

Section D—The Things Which Will Be 4:1–22:5

13. Religious and Economic Babylon 17:1-18
b. Victory for the Lamb 17:14-18

The Victor. 17:14

"These (kings) will wage war (Fut Act Ind POLEMEW = 7x; all in Revelation except Jas 4:2 that speaks of fighting between people over foolish things; a campaign not just a single battle) against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them (Fut Act Ind NIKAW), because He is (Pres Act Ind EIMI = an historical fact) Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him (this theme is picked up again in 19:7) are the called (KL8TOS = 10x; have been invited) and chosen (EKLEKTOS = 22x; called out of; chosen) and faithful (PISTOS = an interesting Greek construction; set up like a Granville-Sharp; but inserted into the construction is "with Him.").

C.T./L.T. = These (10 kings) will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and with Him are the called, even chosen, even faithful.

Summary:

1. The unified purpose of the kings is an assault on Jesus Christ.
2. "Lord of lords" is used first in this sentence to emphasize His power.
3. "King of kings" is used to denote His sovereignty.
4. Later in Revelation, the titles are reversed to denote His established earthly kingdom was done via His Omnipotence. Rev 19:16
5. The last phrase gives the qualifications for reigning with Him:
 - A. Called = recipient of the gospel. Matt 22:14
 - B. Chosen = Believer in the gospel.
 - C. Faithful = consistent in the Christian life.
6. "The Overcomer" wants others to overcome and reign with Him in His Kingdom.

More Identification. 17:15

And he (the angel) said to me (John), "The waters which you saw where the harlot sits, are peoples and multitudes (are they) and nations and tongues.

C.T./L.T. = And he (the angel) said to me (John), "The waters which you saw where the prostitute sits, people and multitudes are they, and nations and tongues."

Summary:

1. This verse refers us to "The Great Prostitute" of verse one.
2. The Greek construction demonstrates that there are two harlots; one rules peoples and multitudes, the other rules nations and tongues.
3. The word "Peoples" refer to assemblies of the common people.
4. The word "Multitudes" refer to large numbers in the assemblies.
5. So the first harlot is Religious Babylon.
6. The word "Nations" are political spheres of authority and "tongues" show the extent of that authority.

7. The second "harlot" is Economic Babylon.
8. The "wicked woman" of verse five is carried by two other women, i.e. "harlots" of the end-time. Zech 5:5-11
9. One harlot uses religion to influence politics and the other uses politics to influence religion.

Destruction. 17:16

"And the ten horns which you saw (10 kings on the 7th head), and the beast (all 11 of them; with three conquered that makes him an eighth), these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate (Perf Pas Ptc ER8MOW = to make into a wilderness) and naked (Fut Act Ind POIEW = will make), and will eat (devour) her flesh and will burn her up with fire (Fut Act Ind KATAKAIW = 13x; totally burn cf. 2 Pet 3:10).

C.T./L.T. = And the ten horns which you saw (10 kings on the 7th head), and the beast, these will hate the harlot, and having been desolated, they will make her indeed naked, and they will devour her flesh and will totally burn her with fire.

Summary:

1. The Revived Roman Empire will destroy the harlot of Religious Babylon. Cf. Rev 2:22
2. Religious Babylon did not unite with the Beast.
3. The destruction of Religious Babylon will occur during the Beast's rise to power because it refers to ten kings and not seven.
4. These kings will plunder the wealth of the false church.
5. They will kill all of its inhabitants.
6. The rest will probably be destroyed by a nuclear bomb. Cf. 2 Pet 3:10
7. Note that the "woman," the viewpoint of the Tower of Babel, is not destroyed, only some of her offspring.
8. Another harlot exists. Cf. 18:1,3

God's Control of History. 17:17

"For (GAR) (the) God has put it (Aor Act Ind DIDWMI = to give, place) in their (the kings and the Beast) hearts (cf Mark 7:22) to execute His purpose (Lit: to do His will = THEL8MA) by having a common purpose (namely, to do one purpose which is to ruin Religious Babylon), and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God should be fulfilled. (Fut Pas Ind TELEW = completed)

C.T./L.T. = For the God has granted in their hearts to do His will, namely to execute one purpose, and to give their kingdom to the Beast until the words of the God shall be completed.

Summary:

1. God permitted this evil viewpoint to flourish as a test for humanity.
2. God often permits one manifestation of evil to discipline another evil.
3. Those who possess a human "one-world government" mentality will kill each other for control of it.

4. **Globalism preaches peace but destroys those who oppose. Cf 1 Thes 5:3**

The Identify of the Woman. 17:18

"And the woman (of verses 3-6,9) whom you saw is the great city (same construction in 18:10,16,18,19 must be a different city), which reigns over the kings of the earth." ("the one having a kingdom over"; cf. 11:8; 16:19 where used to describe Jerusalem, but it is not Jerusalem/)

C.T./L.T. = And the woman (of verses 3-6,9) whom you saw is the great city, the one having a kingdom over the kings of the earth.

Summary:

1. The "woman" is the viewpoint of the Tower of Babel.
2. She is signified by two harlots who are now personified in two cities.
3. Her roots were in ancient Babel where tongues were confused.
4. This "great city" of the end-time overtly manifests the political thought of Babel.
5. There must be two "great cities." One that represents religious Babylon and the other that represents Political Babylon.
6. The end-time "Economic Babylon" is said to be an offspring of Babel. Cf Jer 50:41-42
7. Note again that the city is destroyed but not the woman.
8. There is one more "Babylon" to be destroyed. Rev 14:8

Chapter 17 Summary:

1. This chapter reveals a horizontal flow through history of Babylonianism to a convergent point where all the events converge.
2. It is all lumped together so it must be carefully analyzed. 17:9
3. The "Scarlet Beast" refers to both kings and kingdoms.
4. The Beast has 7 heads which are 7 kingdoms (17:9) and 7 kings (17:10).
5. The 7th Kingdom has 10 kings ruling at the same time (17:16).
6. The "Woman" is an "attitude" manifested in Rome (17:18) that began at the Tower of Babel.
7. This "attitude" of Babel spawned two harlots of the end-time who are going to be dramatically judged.
8. The destruction of Religious Babylon will take place before the destruction of three of the ten kings because ten kings are mentioned as being in existence when this entity is destroyed.