

"THE FALL OF BABYLON" Part 1 REVELATION 17:1-6; SUPPORT SCRIPTURE

- *I. THE LAST JUDGMENT BEFORE THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST* Rev 16–17
 - A. The condition of the world under God's wrath the <u>bowls</u>
 - B. An important history of the why of God's judgment
- II. HOW IT STARTED
 - A. Female fellowship, fruitfulness, synergy, and union; image the Godhead; covenant relationship
 - B. Wisdom completes the human; seen as female to reflect human creation and for human creation to reflect it; God's intended covenant relationship; an unseen but real gift of revelation
 - C. Harlotry, adultery, prostitution a break in the covenant relationship of creation; perverting the natural use; a creation of the lusts of the darkened imagination; lust personified; imaged in real time in human behavior and creation - the deeds of the flesh (Gal 5:19-21)
 - D. The two "women" are pictured in <u>Proverbs</u>
 - E. Babylon is the "mother" of every perversion of breaking the original covenant relationship with God and reflected in its actions
 - 1. She is the <u>product</u> of the lusts of the darkened imagination, the unregenerate mind
 - 2. She is <u>visible</u> when the imagination creates what it sees; the place where every lust is seen

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- F. Babylon, the creation of Nimrod, the mother of Babel
 - 1. Nimrod, a mighty hunter in the <u>face</u> of God; the picture of great defiance and of violent human conquest; supernatural power
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 - 5. Because of his stature as a "hunter" religions were built around his exploits and became the foundation for idolatry and lusty, bloody worship of the principalities as gods
- III. THE DESCRIPTION OF BABYLON
 - A. She sits on many waters 17:15
 - B. Kings were <u>seduced</u> by her and the people got drunk off the wine of her adultery
 - C. She has an intimate relationship to the beast, the seed of satan; scarlet with 7 heads and ten horns
 - D. She is dressed in the wealthiest of finery, gold and jewelry to <u>attract</u> even more kings
 - E. She holds a golden cup of her abominations and filthiness; she is proud of them
 - F. She is drunk with <u>blood</u> <u>lust</u> and <u>blood</u>

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