#633 The Woman is that Great City Babylon – The Woman riding the Beast is a picture of the Church (the religious) being carried by and/or closely entwined with and/or trying to control the State (the political)

Key Understanding: *The church riding the state*. In Revelation 17, the scarlet Woman riding the scarlet Beast is a picture of the close relationship between the scarlet Woman, who is primarily representing the *religious* aspect – the Church – and the scarlet Beast, which is representing the *political* aspect – the State. The scarlet Woman (the Church) is carried by the scarlet Beast (the State), is entwined with the scarlet Beast, and yet is also attempting to control the scarlet Beast.

One Nation Under God. A good example of how the scarlet Woman and the scarlet Beast are virtually inseparable, and how the scarlet Woman is carried by the scarlet Beast, entwined with the scarlet Beast, and yet trying to control the scarlet Beast, is seen through the scarlet Woman's own terminology of describing the scarlet Beast as "One Nation Under God." Of course, the Lord looks upon the scarlet Woman as a spiritual prostitute, a great whore.



[Note: The Woman and the Beast in Revelation 17 are indeed connected to the scarlet Roman Catholic Church, but an elaboration on that is for another series. In short, however, just as Roman Catholicism created *Roman Catholic* sword-bearing church/states, Protestants coming out of the mother church of Roman Catholicism created *Protestant* sword-bearing church/states.]

Revelation 17:1-7 (KJV) And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of THE GREAT

WHORE that sitteth upon many waters:

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.

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.



- 4 And THE WOMAN WAS ARRAYED IN PURPLE AND SCARLET COLOUR, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:
- 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.
- 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.
- 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.

**Revelation 17:08 (KJV)** <u>THE BEAST</u> that thou sawest was, and is not; and <u>SHALL ASCEND</u> <u>OUT OF THE BOTTOMLESS PIT</u>, 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.

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