LET NO ONE DECEIVE YOU
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I. Rev 17:1-6
A. Apocalyptic pattern in Daniel and Revelation:
   1. Revelation, dream, or vision using symbolic imagery
   2. Symbolism is explained in straight forward literal terms (often by an angel)

II. Rev 17:7-14 - I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast which carries her
A. This beast is a coalition under the leadership of the Antichrist of 10 kings representing seven historical pagan empires with each head representing a different empire.
   1. Primary seven empires who have at one time or another ruled over the promised land and most often through which Satan sought to destroy God’s people.
      a) Matches with Statue of Daniel 2, Vision of the four beasts of Daniel 7 and Rev 13

III. Rev 17:1-6 - Scarlet Woman
A. Harlot - pōrnē - Prostitute - Sells itself or its resources (what they have) for money
   1. What is she? Rev 17:18 - And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.
      a) 8 times in Rev 17 and Rev 18 she is referred to as a city
   2. “Great city” - Politically and geographically definable entity that exerts a significant measure of influence around the world over kings and those in authority.
   3. Sits on many waters - Sits represents authority
      a) V15 - Peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues
B. V2 - How does she (city) get this influence?
   1. Fornication - pōrnēuō - To act the harlot
C. V3 - Angel carried John away to see this woman (city)?
   1. Wilderness - ērēmōs - Lonely, deserted, solitary place; desert
      a) Children of Israel wander for 40 years? Wilderness of Shur, Sinai, Paran and Zin
   2. Matt 24:24-26 - Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out
D. V3b - Woman (city) Sitting on a scarlet beast with 7 heads and ten horns
   1. Revelation 12 - Satan - Fiery, red dragon having seven heads and ten horns
   2. The Beast is the governmental aspect; Harlot city is the spiritual or religious aspect
   3. The woman (city) is Sitting on this kingdom or empire
      a) All these nations function under one common banner — religion
   4. Full of names of blasphemy
      a) Blasphemy - blasphemia - Insult, defamation, slander or disrespect for God
E. V4 - Arrayed in purple and scarlet and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls
   1. Scarlet beast and Woman arrayed in scarlet - They match
      a) Scarlet - Sin
         (1) Isaiah 1:18 (NKJV) - Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.
2. **Purple** - Royalty  
   a) Gold, precious stones and pearls represent that she is rich beyond measure

F. **V5** - **What is her name?** - Mystery Babylon the Great  
   1. Names written on foreheads reveal true character of people & their loyalty to God or Satan  
   2. Mother of Harlots and of the abominations of the earth  
      a) **Mother of** - Figure of speech that means major or best  
         (1) Middle Eastern way of expressing a superlative; it is the biggest, the worst, unmatched, most significant  
      b) Not literal but spiritual prostitution — idolatry  
         (1) **Exodus 34:14–16** - They play the harlot with their gods

G. **V6** - Drunk with the blood of the saints and martyrs  
   1. **Drunk** - Excessive, consumed; consumed with killing followers of Jesus; cannot get enough

IV. **Rev 18:1-3** - Babylon the great is fallen  
   A. **Is 21:1** - The burden (prophecy) against the Wilderness (Desert) of the Sea  
   B. **Rev 17:16-17** - Betrayed by its own  
      1. What she used to fund radical Islam will be used as judgment against her  
      2. What she thought she could control will eventually turn on her and burn her with fire  
      3. Kings of the earth will weep and mourn for their oil  
   C. **Rev 18** - Fall of Babylon