## Introduction

Revelation 17:1-6 describes a woman that sits upon many waters and gives the reader an understanding of the past, present, and future of this woman in the story of the children of Israel. When trying to understand prophecy, the mention of waters or sea is the biblical way of saying humanity or many kinds of people.

So, this woman is riding a beast with 7 heads and 10 horns (Revelation 13:1), and the scripture describing her goes to some lengths to tell the reader *where* the woman was located, *what* she was wearing, *what* she was doing, effectively *who* this woman is. [Remember: God inspired a man to write this vision down nearly 2 millennia ago regarding this time *today*.] The assumption is that the reader has been following the whole story, from the beginning – Genesis to Revelation. It is easy to get distracted just trying to untangle the mystery of the scary beast.

Analyses on the Final Mysteries of God<sup>1</sup> in discussing this section of scripture defines and proves, using the scriptures, that the woman riding the beast is one and the same woman who runs into the *wilderness* for protection from the red dragon, and was kept safe there until the end of Gentile times (that is 1,260 days or time, times, and half-a-time, Rev 12:6, 14). To understand the woman riding the beast, the reader must travel to the *wilderness*. Rev 17:3

A few weeks ago, something happened that was a reminder of the woman *riding* the beast, whom the angel had *indeed* promised to reveal, which in fact, is the *point* of Revelation 17, to identify and show *how* and *when* this woman's judgment will come.

## The Whore

In the *Revelation 13*<sup>2</sup> Bible study notes, for understanding the timing of the noted events, it is proposed that Revelation 6-13 might be better understood read in *parallel*, instead of *sequentially*. That is *conceptually*, sequentially-speaking, events in Revelation 7, occur exactly after Revelation 6 events finish, and Revelation 8 events do not start until everything in Revelation 7 is completed, etc.

If viewing the chapters in parallel, each chapter of this section of Revelation is taking place on its own track, on its own schedule, from its own perspective, but all the tracks are moving toward that same 3.5-year period, in which the final Gentile world power collapses.

Logically then, are there other sections of scripture that should be viewed in this manner?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effiom, Holly, "Analyses on the Final Mysteries of God". <u>Analyses on the Final Mysteries of God: Effiom, Holly: 9781714222100: Amazon.com: Books</u> Pages 67-74.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://hollyelise.com/study-notes/Revelation/wRevelation-13.pdf, Page 4.

The proposed answer to this question is *Yes!* And hence, understanding what is seen in the woman riding the beast requires studying her past and analyzing her future because the woman who had been hiding out in the wilderness, i.e., being dispossessed of her own land, instead of receiving correction in that discipline, takes her dysfunction into the lands to which she was scattered, especially Babylon. Eze 36:20

Time	Description
Past	She is seated upon the beast (Gen 9:27)
	"God shall enlarge Japheth and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant."
	In the writing "Misogyny and Racism of the End Times" <sup>3</sup> , this section of scripture is expounded upon, as it relates to Japheth and Shem, especially in the treatment of their brother Canaan.
Future	Revelation 17:3 is the end time description of this relationship and current events – which explains <i>why</i> their dominions <i>have</i> to come to an "end time". The woman with the crown of 12 stars, who was protected in the wilderness, by the time of the end, will have become a royal harlot, shedding innocent blood, as she rides the final Gentile beast from out of the sea <sup>4</sup> , who is <i>well-versed</i> in shedding the blood of the innocent.
	Together they seek to destroy those over whom they have power, those relegated to servitude.
Past	She is wearing purple and scarlet, decked in gold, precious stones and pearls, with a golden cup in her hand.
	"And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made cloths of service, to do service in the holy place, and made the holy garments for Aaron and he made the ephod of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen" (Ex 39:1-3)
	In the construction of the tabernacle, the priest ( <i>Aaron</i> , Exodus 31) is the king of the people, i.e., the only one to interact with God Almighty, and this was by design <i>by</i> the children of Israel, according to Deuteronomy 5:22-33.
	[NOTICE: In Deuteronomy 5:29, God lets it be <i>known</i> to the reader, that <i>He</i> had hoped that the children of Israel would <i>choose</i> to be their own mediators between their people and God, for their own good and that of their children. But the children of Israel chose the <i>lazy man's</i> relationship with God, to their own and to their children's detriment.
	Imagine each of these 12 stones as a priest who got to personally interact with and intercede on behalf of their own families before God Almighty?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://hollyelise.com/study-notes/interpretations/1260Days\_MisogynyRacismOfTheEndTimes\_copyright.pdf, page 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Revelation 13:1; Daniel 7:3.

Imagine these *many* priests, intercessors all, shining with the glory of God (*His* power, *His* health, *His* knowledge, *His* greatness) when they returned from being in the very *presence* of God to serve their constituents?]

So, the priest was arrayed in the most splendid of garments among men, and more, even being vested with the pure gold breastplate of judgment (Urim and Thummim, Exodus 28:29-30) that contained the 12 various precious stones, each representing one of the children of Israel (Exodus 39:4-14). The "priests" were representatives to the world of the people they serve.

The golden cup, in the temple, was the instrument from which the priest sprinkled the blood of the animal sacrifice on the altar, located at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. Leviticus 1:5

The symbolism of what the woman is wearing and the cup she was holding informs the reader that she is representative of the *priest of the most High* that is being described – the king.

## Past/Future

The title, Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth, was inscribed on her forehead. (Ezekiel 16)

Revelation 17:1-6 makes 3 indictments against the woman who sits upon many waters.

- 1. She commits fornication with the kings of the earth (sins against her God).
- 2. She, herself, becomes drunk on her own wine, the blood of the saints and martyrs of Jesus Christ (sacrifices her *own* children, given to her by God Almighty, Rev 12:17).
- 3. She corrupts the inhabitants of the earth, getting them drunk on her fornication (encourages her siblings to sin in like manner).

Ezekiel 16 is one of several chapters in the Bible in which God's heart can clearly be heard in discussing His relationship with the children of Israel, from its origin to its end. The words of the prophecy are given in time of the children of Judah, i.e., the nation Jerusalem, but speaks forward to the time of the final Gentile power, which will be judged similarly, for the same reasons and manner that Jerusalem was judged.

So with regard to indictment #1, in Ezekiel 16:15-19, God describes how and with whom His *chosen* had become a *harlot*. "But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy fornications on every one that passed by; his it was."

Indictment #2 is addressed in Ezekiel 16:20-24. "...Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou has borne unto me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured. Is this of thy whoredoms a small matter, that though has slain my children and delivered them to cause them to pass through the fire for them?

"And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and bare, and wast polluted in thy blood. And it came to pass after all thy wickedness, (woe, woe unto thee! saith the Lord God;) that thou hast also built unto thee an eminent place, and hast made thee an high place in every street."

Indictment #3, Ezekiel 16:25, "Thou hast built thy high place at every head of the way, and hast made thy beauty to be abhorred, and hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy whoredoms."

The *mystery* of the whore of Babylon was unmasked a few weeks ago, when a congresswoman, known for being a fierce and valiant defender for her constituents of the United States of America (often speaking truth to power), named and prophesied against an organization, crying out, "...I'm coming to tear down your kingdom!"<sup>5</sup>

That organization, in its own bid to maintain power and position, had paid a *poor*, but ambitious man to challenge this congresswoman, who criticized a leader of a *foreign* nation (whom that organization supports even above its *ally*, the United States of America), who is making war on innocent civilians of yet *another* nation.

The poor, ambitious politician, defeating the congresswoman with that organization's aid, won *no* concessions from that *well-heeled* organization<sup>6</sup> on *behalf* of his own constituents (*citizens* of the United States of America), *he* won the title of congressman. And such is the case in other congressional districts, in which the *citizens* of the United States of America are no longer being *represented*, but have "congress" people *strongly* representing *themselves*.

It is such machinations that contribute to the destruction of not just the final Gentile power (the beast from out of the sea, carrying the whore) but, even to a greater extent, the whore, the one who *abused* the privilege of wearing the *breastplate of judgment*. Revelation 17:11,16-18.

What do the beast and the whore have in common?

Revelation 13:11 speaks of a beast rising out of the earth (a *man*, Genesis 2:7; Revelation 13:18) who is the physical embodiment of the spirit of the beast that arose from out of the sea and received its power, position, and authority from satan (Rev 13:1-2). "Priests" are representatives to the world of the people they serve. Both, the beast *and* the whore have forgotten that they are merely mankind (Psalms 62:9-12), and have sought to place

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> https://www.jezebel.com/cori-bush-loses-primary-after-pro-israel-group-spent-over-8-million-to-help-oust-her

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> https://www.aipacpac.org/2024election

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themselves *above* those they were created to *serve*, by *grasping* and *holding onto* that power, position, and authority they believe *belongs* to them, alone.

#### Conclusion

"And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished." Daniel 12:7; Rev 10:1-7

God *indeed* is coming to tear down the kingdom of the "gatekeepers", so-called *leaders*, and to spread the power, position, and authority that belongs to *all* His children, all over the earth (Revelation 22:1-5). For the *true* power of the holy people was never in *themselves*, but rather their privileged *access* to God Almighty *as His children!* 

Hallelujah and Amen!

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