

# Revelation – Chapter Seventeen

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Who is Babylon,  
the Great?



# Judgement of the Great Harlot (1-2)

1. I will show you the judgment of  
the **Great Harlot**

Who sits on many waters

2. With whom the kings of the  
earth have committed fornication

And the **inhabitants of the  
earth** were made drunk  
with the wine of her  
fornication



# The Harlot on the Scarlett Beast (3-6)

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- (3) A woman sitting
- On a scarlet beast
  - Which was full of names of blasphemy
  - Having seven heads and ten horns
- (4) The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet,
  - Adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls
  - In her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication
  - (5) On her forehead a name was written
  - MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH
- (6) I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.
- **When I saw her, I marveled with great amazement**







# The Angel Promises to Explain (7-8)

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- (7) But the angel said to me, "Why did you marvel?"
- I will tell you the mystery of the woman **and**
- of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.
- (8) The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition.
- And those who dwell on the earth will marvel,
  - whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world,
  - when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

# Heads, Mountains and Kings (9-11)

- (9) "Here is the mind which has wisdom:
- The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.
- (10) There are also seven kings.
- Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come.
- And when he comes, he must continue a short time.
- (11) The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.





# The Angel Identifies the Beast (12-14)

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- (12) "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet,
- but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.
  - (13) These are of one mind,
  - and they will give their power and authority to the beast.
  - (14) These will make war with the Lamb,
- and the Lamb will overcome them,
  - for He is Lord of lords and King of kings;
  - and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful."



# The Angel Identifies the Harlot (15-18)

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- (15) Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.
- (16) And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, *these will hate the harlot*,
  - make her desolate and naked,
  - eat her flesh and burn her with fire.
- (17) For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose,
  - to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast,
  - until the words of God are fulfilled.
- (18) And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth."



CHARACTERISTIC	JERUSALEM	ROME
Judged for fornication (Cf. Jeremiah 2:20-24; 30-33; 3:1-3; Hos 9:1)	✓	?
with kings of the earth (Cf. Ezek. 16:26-29)	✓	?
with inhabitants of earth (cf. Rev. 3:10; 6:10; 8:13; 11:10; 13:8, 12, 14; 14:6; 17:2,8)	✓	X
Sitting on a scarlet beast	✓	X
Arrayed in purple and scarlet	✓	✓
Adorned with gold, pearls and precious stones	✓	✓
In her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication	✓	✓
On her forehead a name was written, “mystery, Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and of the abominations of the earth”	?	?
I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.	✓	✓
Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.	✓	✓
She will be hated by the ten horns of the beast	✓	X
She reigns over the kings of the earth	?	✓



- (Rev 3:10 NKJV) Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test **those who dwell on the earth**.
- (Rev 6:10 NKJV) And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on **those who dwell on the earth**?"
- (Rev 8:13 NKJV) And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to the **inhabitants of the earth**, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"
- (Rev 11:10 NKJV) And those who **dwell on the earth** will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented **those who dwell on the earth**.
- (Rev 13:8 NKJV) All who **dwell on the earth** will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
- (Rev 13:12 NKJV) And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the **earth and those who dwell in it** to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.
- (Rev 13:14 NKJV) And he deceives **those who dwell on the earth**—by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling **those who dwell on the earth** to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.
- (Rev 14:6 NKJV) Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to **those who dwell on the earth** to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—
- (Rev 17:2 NKJV) with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and **the inhabitants of the earth** were made drunk with the wine of her fornication."
- (Rev 17:8 NKJV) The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And **those who dwell on the earth** will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

# Revelation 13:1-10 (NKJV)

(1) Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a **beast rising up out of the sea**, *having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.* (2) Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like *the feet of a bear*, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The **dragon** gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. (3) And *I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed.* And all the world marveled and followed the beast. (4) So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" (5) And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. (6) Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. (7) *It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them.* And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. (8) All who dwell on the earth will worship him, *whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.* (9) If anyone has an ear, let him hear. (10) He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

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On her forehead a name was written, “mystery, Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and of the abominations of the earth”	?	?
I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.	✓	✓
Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.	✓	✓
She will be hated by the ten horns of the beast	✓	X
She reigns over the kings of the earth	?	✓



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Julius Caesar



Augustus



Tiberius



Caligula



Claudius



Nero



Galba



Otho



Vitellius



Vespasian



Titus



Domitian





69 A.D.

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# YEAR OF THE FOUR EMPERORS



Galba



Otho



Vitellius



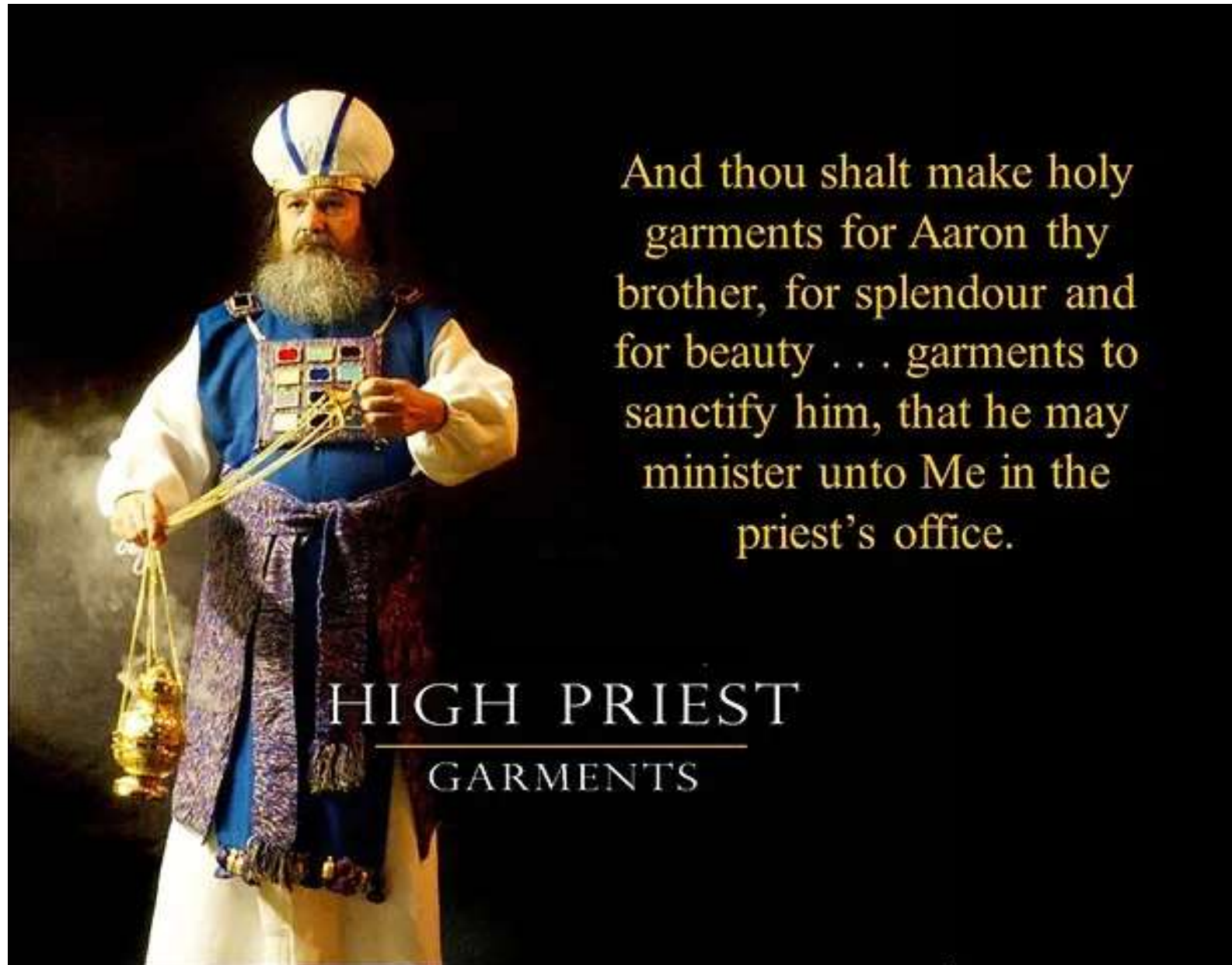
Vespasian





**Domitian is at least four kings late and eleven years too late!**

A Possible  
Identity?



And thou shalt make holy  
garments for Aaron thy  
brother, for splendour and  
for beauty . . . garments to  
sanctify him, that he may  
minister unto Me in the  
priest's office.

HIGH PRIEST  

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GARMENTS



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