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“For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?” 1 Cor. 14:8

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Revelation 17 The Riddle

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Revelation 17

The riddle interpreted

1 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:

Revelation 17:15 The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

Kings of the earth have committed fornication, when a church uses the civil power to enforce it's religious dogma.

The wine represents the traditions of man, with paganism, idol worship and outright falsehoods mingled with the Gospel.

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.

The woman is riding on the beast

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Red / Scarlet Beast - Symbol of the Satanic kingdom. The seven heads of the beast represent a series of seven earthly kingdoms that are controlled by Satan.

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.

Isaiah 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Blasphemy = Taking authority in the place of God. Think to change times and laws that God has given. Claim to be infallible. To think to change the command given at the time of creation. To pretend to forgive sins that only God can do. Blasphemy is to force worship of any kind, man, idol or kingdom in place of the invitation from Jesus to us to 'come unto Him'.

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:

Daniel and Revelation explain each other, there are seven kingdoms in Daniel's prophecies that carry the woman. (ten horns explained in verse 12)

Decked in pomp, wealth and ceremonial display to impress and satisfy the soul.

Golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: = Traditions, self exaltation, misleading and false teachings plus the fact that the civil authority forces her religion under penalty of law.

5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

MYSTERY = something hard to understand, a riddle.

BABYLON THE GREAT - The first kingdom in Daniel's visions. Babylon conquered Israel in 606BC "the crown removed from Israel passed successively to the kingdoms of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome." Education 179.

MOTHER = The first or origin of a lineage.

HARLOTS = Apostate religions.

ABOMINATIONS = Any teaching or practices that mingle the truth with idolatry, traditions, and the commandments of men. To set a man or man's authority in the place of 'thus sayest the Lord'.

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.

Woman drunken with the blood of the saints. False religions have always resorted to use of force to control people and destroy those who would worship in harmony with the scriptures. When church and governments join together, in the name of Christianity, there have been many martyred for refusing to follow the traditions of men. Jesus always invites us to follow Him and instructs His followers to do likewise.

"The Bible and the Bible alone."

Matthew 8:22 "Jesus said unto him, Follow me." Mt11:28 "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

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.

The key to unlock the riddle, The beast that is 'carrying the woman'

Bottomless pit - a condition of chaos and destruction, without form and void

Go to perdition - to it's final destruction.

8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of

Was 'carrying the woman' is not 'carrying the woman' shall rise to power from a condition of chaos and destruction, and continue to it's final destruction.

They worship the king as peace maker, even when he blasphemes God. "... worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him" Revelation 13:4

All those living in the world who have not taken their stand on "the Bible and the Bible alone" as their guide, will wonder after and worship the king that exalts himself in the place of The God of Creation.

life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

9 And here *is* the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, *and* the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

13 These have one mind, and shall give their power

The beast that was 'carrying the woman', and is not 'carrying the woman', and yet is 'carrying the woman'.

All the kingdoms from Babylon until now that have ruled and carried the false religion are: Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome and England.

The United States of America rose to world Superpower on December 8, 1941 when they declared war on the opposing superpower. USA does not now carry the apostate religion directly, by its federal laws.

Paganism in many forms and holidays (accepted as nationally observed holidays) has crept into the prevailing Christian religious worship in a way it is acceptable by most people.

The United States of America does not yet enforce religious worship by its laws or endorse and carry the apostate religion directly. Yet by labor relation laws and individual states laws that limit and restrict business, labor and worship, the United States is indirectly carrying the false system of worship.

Seven heads are seven mountains. Mountains a symbol of territory of governments. "Seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come" There have been five kingdoms which have ruled before The United States of America, each in a different location on earth.

The United States is now the Superpower unintentionally carrying the woman. The United Nations is the other yet to rule. (the United Nations, the image of the beast, is organized to setup kings and take down kings and tell the kings how to govern in the same manner as Rome has done in the past)

A short space - Forty-two months

Revelation 13:3-5 "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who *is* like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty *and* two months."

Ten kings yet future

The king that lost his power to govern in (Daniel 11:6) regains a kingdom (v.31) to rule but not in his own power. These ten kings have one mind, and give their power and strength unto the beast until the words of God shall be fulfilled. The deadly wound is healed and he governs the world by the support and military strength of these kings

Daniel 11:6 Lost power - "neither shall he stand, nor his arm" Verse 31 Power regained - "And arms shall stand on his part"

Revelation 13:14...they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

This king governs through the kingdom that the United States of America leads the kingdoms of the world to create. The United Nations is by its structure an image of the Roman kingdom. Rome set up kings who did as instructed, and took down kings that failed to give full allegiance.

and strength unto the beast.

14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful.

15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

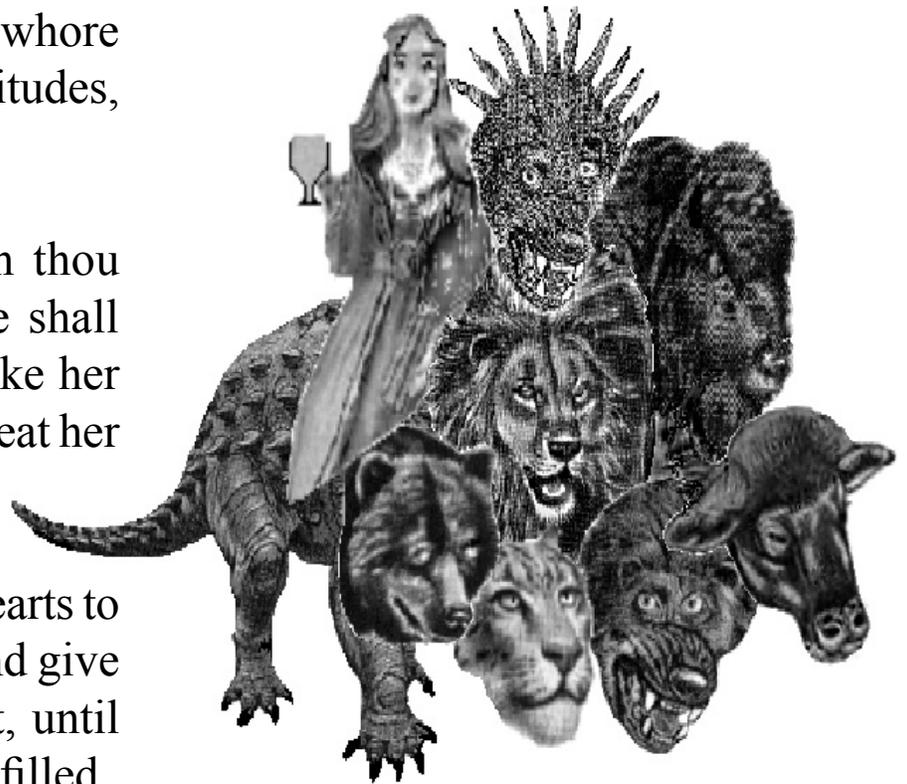
16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

Make war with the Lamb, Jesus the lamb of God. John 1:29 "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Persecution of the true worshipers of God takes place every time religion is enforced by law.

Water a symbol used in prophecy for people.



Woman, the whore, represents all the false worship and apostate Christian religions that control governments and persecute those who truly worship the Creator God.