



Revelation 17—Part 2
Verses 7-18

Read *Revelation 17:7-11 & 12-18*

Questions, Answers, and Review from Sunday's sermon: To better explain the Harlot (false religion) the angel further explains the Beast (Antichrist) that carries her. By showing/explaining the 7 heads, we learn these two have been together since the beginning. When the Beast is done with the Harlot, he utterly destroys her.

Homework: Read Jeremiah 51

Trade off reading through chapter 51—10 verses at a time (don't worry about getting name right)

What is the theme of Jeremiah 51? _____

Has this happened yet? No. Babylon was conquered and many of these things happened when the Medes/Persians invaded in 539 B.C. .But, much is future prophecy.

According to the text, how was/is God going to destroy Babylon? See Jeremiah 51:11, 27-28—through the kings (plural) of Persia (Iran & old Persian empire: Azerbaijan, Turkey, Russia...).

How does this support the theory of an Islamic force destroying the false religion? _____

Going Further

What were/are the 7 heads (empires) seen on the Beast and how do they relate to God's people Israel?

<u>Kingdom</u>	<u>Historical Relationship</u>
1. E _____	Ruled the world when famine hit Palestine in Jacob's day. Joseph ruled there after his family drama. Eventually made Hebrews slaves (Moses/Exodus)
2. Assyria	Israel's enemy to the North. Used by God to conquer/exile 10 northern tribes
3. Babylon	Used by God to conquer 2 southern tribes of Judah and sack Jerusalem & Temple
4. P _____	Conquered Babylon (Daniel, Esther, Ezra). Approved return to the Holy Land
5. Greece	Conquered Persia/ruled Israel. Desecrated new Temple.
6. R _____	Conquered Greece. Ruled Israel at time of Christ (crucifixion). Destroyed Jerusalem and Herod's temple in 70 A.D.
7. Antichrist	Brings false peace to current Israel. Allows new temple. Commandeers it to set up worship of self. Tries to exterminate the Jews.

In the Tribulation, Antichrist (Beast) uses religion to first unite, then control the world. Why did America's forefathers call for the separation of Church and State? Various answers: it's never work out well for the people when there is a State religion.

What biblical/doctrinal Reformed truth did they believe? Total Depravity. Man runs both the State and the Church. He's inherently and hopelessly sinful and will use both to his own evil ends. [you can also add economy/business & media]

Several times in chapter 17, the Beast is called "...who was and is not and is yet to come". What is this strange description teaching us? He's always been. Even though Antichrist (physical) comes on the scene later, the Beast has been since the beginning (spiritual/demonic). He appears to die and resurrect. When he comes back, he'll be transformed to the worst thing ever. [also Rome—was, is currently not, yet to come]