

Bereans Bible Institute

Module XI – Revelation

Lesson 41 – Rev. 17:1-6

I. Revelation 17:1-6 The woman riding the Beast

A. Vs. 1a Shown to John by angel of the 7th Bowl – Jerusalem divided into three parts (Rev. 16:19 & Zech. 13:1-9)

B. Vss. 1b - 2 The great prostitute is Rome, the destroyer of Jerusalem (2nd exile)

1. Remembered before God (Rev. 16:19)

2. She sits upon many waters (dominion over many nationalities) v.15

3. She “fornicates” (commits idolatry) with foreign kings

a. “fornication / prostitution” implies idolatry & perversion God’s Covenant (Constantine’s marriage of the Roman Empire with Roman Christianity – AD 325).

4. dwellers upon the Land drunk (Isa. 28:1-8; Isa. 29:9-10) – self-deception

C. Vss. 3-4 the Woman rides the Beast

1. Beast – Satan (Rev. 12:1-4,9)

a. Red in color

b. Full of blasphemous names - appropriating divine titles Jn. 10:33.

c. 7 heads & 10 horns

1. Beast attempted to destroy the “Man Child”

2. Woman

a. Dressed in purple & red, gems and pearls (Roman Church seduced by Constantine)

b. The golden cup placed by God in hand (Dan. 5:1-5; Jer. 51:7-11)

c. Full of abominations & filthiness of her idolatry

D. Vss. 5-6 The Woman

1. Name on her forehead: “Mystery: Babylon the Great, Mother of Prostitutes and Abominations of the Land.”

2. Drunk with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus – Imperial Rome killed the Apostles and many martyrs, but Roman Catholicism killed many more. (The Persecuted became the Persecutor)