

Revelation 17

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 show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sits upon many waters:

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.

3] So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

4] And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

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

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.

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 carries her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

8] The beast that thou did see 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 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 has wisdom. The seven heads are seven

mountains, on which the woman sits.

10] And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he comes, 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 goes into perdition.

12] The ten horns which thou saw 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 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 says unto me: The waters which thou saw, where the whore sits, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

16] And the ten horns which thou saw 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 fulfill 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 saw is that great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth.

1] One of the seven angels which had the seven vials, came and talked with me, saying unto me: Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sits upon many waters... This angel is one of the seven. The seven angels reveal the wrath of our God and His righteous judgments in the chapters 15 & 16; and now in this chapter - 17.

The beauty and magnitude of the Revelation messages reveal the higher and lasting dimensions of the Everlasting Gospel and, the greatly corrupted nature of rebellion against our Creator and Savior. Both sides are seen by the sinners exactly as opposite of the true reality revealed in this marvelous book. Think of the vision in 12:1-6; the “great wonder”.

There appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: 2] And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. 3] And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. 4] And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth.

The dragon stood before the woman who was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. 5] And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. 6] The woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared of God that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

This holy beauty in the chapter 12 is adorned in the splendor of the Almighty Creator and Deliverer. **He** has crowned her with **His** grace, mercy and love for all the souls redeemed by His own Lamb; but she travails to give birth to the New Life for all that will trust and obey the Son in Whom the Eternal Father is perfectly pleased and represented; our Redeemer.

This birth is not effortless; it is not painless. It's travail before the gaping jaws of the blood-thirsty monster. Yet, the Child is born! He is born, not to be a victim of the dragon, but to deliver many victimized by Satan and sin. This Woman in the holy splendor is victorious in fleeing from evil and feeding upon the Bread of life until the last redeemed soul gets saved.

Chapter 12 reveals the blessedness of the persecuted Bride and the

glorious purpose of her labor and suffering. All godly laborers and sufferers are faithful, victorious and glorious because the Spirit of our God's only Son reigns in them. This chapter [17] gives us another meaningful insight into the entire Everlasting Gospel [1st Peter 1:23-25 & Revelation 14: 6].

This chapter is reminding us of the entire Gospel teaching: all that the godless rebels display in their ostentation, their vanity, pride, arrogance, luxury, entertainment, rage, or, deceitful benevolence, all are the signs of our God's righteous judgment against their abominable and blasphemous wickedness. We are blessed to see it all **before** the last judgment.

Yes, the whore is great, but she is the whore and the whoredom is a clear sign: she is under the great uncompromising righteous judgment of our God. She is so great that she sits upon many waters, but in the verse 15 we see that under her seat are many people; unstable and, at times, raging like waves foaming out their filth & her own shame [Jude 13].

Her seat is as shaky as big it is. She pretends or, perhaps believes, that she is invincible, but our Lord says in 16: 15 that He comes as a thief. Blessed is everyone that keeps the garment of His righteousness... The big whore is not blessed; she is condemned. She is not pure and holy; she is abominable and blasphemous. She is not in Christ, but in sin; condemned.

2] The kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. Religious, social, political and military fornication has been the practice of many rulers... They do not believe this whore's teaching, yet they support her and often enforce her demands to achieve their evil goals.

The inhabitants under her influence are addicted to her intoxicating entertainment and promises of greater pleasure and wealth that is almost always just a step away. Only a little more wickedness, a little more oppression, cruelty, tyranny, bloodshed, perversions, and they will be successful and established forever; and soon, new lie & promise again.

3-4] I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. This woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication. The satanic beast has no true loyalty to his whore.

Yet the beast carries her on to sustain his abominable purpose. The whore has no affection or faithfulness for the beast, but she earns her position by whoredom. She knows no decent life; no sound character. Our God's judgment is evident in every part of her existence. She is arrayed in luxury and wealth, but she is poor and naked. [Rev. 3: 17; James 5: 3]

The beast blasphemously usurps divine attributes and the whore offers her abominations and fornication-filth in a cup of perishable gold [1st Peter 1: 18]. The brightness of our Lord's Revelation enlightens our mind to see through the false glory and see the reality of emptiness, misery and justification of the awful and righteous judgment our Lord promised.

5-6] Upon *the whore's* forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT - THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. I saw the woman drunk with the saints' blood, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. In Matthew 4: 1-10 the devil shows the glory of the world.

The Lamb of God sees the misery of the lost souls. The deceiver shows the power of the worldly kingdoms. Our God's Son knows their desperate need to get saved. Look from the right side at 'the beauty' of the world lost in sin & darkness, to see it through our Lord's Word – as it truly is. Looking through the satanic deception, lost sinner is attracted to sin.

What is so mysterious about the "Great Babylon"? She hides the grave consequences of her deception and magnifies her lies to present wickedness as holiness. She pretends to know the secrets and formulas of higher calling and to have power over the distribution of our God's

blessings. Our Lord reveals to us the truth and reality of her doom & perdition.

The great whore is teaching perversion, practicing oppression, pretending-love affairs, and giving birth to harlots. She promises sanctification and ordains cruel evildoers. All her deeds are mysteries to her slaves; the free children of our Father know the dangers and perils of falling into her snares and accepting her shackles upon our minds, hearts & souls.

In Luke 16: 15 our Lord Jesus says to the Pharisees – these Hebrew Babylonians: Ye are they which justify your-selves before men; but God knows your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. In the Philippians 3: 19 we are given a clear understanding of her victim's path: their end is destruction, their God is their belly, and their glory is in their shame, they mind earthly things.

The woman is drunk with the saints' blood and with the blood of our Lord's martyrs of all ages. We are given this Revelation to illuminate our understanding of our God's entire Word. By the Holy Scriptures we see the whore in her blood-thirsty character not only in persecutions, but also in her crafty and enticing entertainment in her wickedness.

The saints and martyrs follow our Savior – witnessing and proclaiming the Gospel of salvation in Christ, the only Savior. He leads them through suffering and martyrdom to His glory in everlasting adoration of our Heavenly Father. The whore, her daughters, and their victims, follow the dragon to suffer the just and righteous judgment of our Lord God Almighty.

John was amazed at the craftiness, audacity, and abominable perversion used to misrepresent the plain Gospel truth and all the enticements offered in exchange for salvation and life everlasting in Christ our only Savior. The dragon continues his evil treachery to the end-times, but his doom is approaching and he cannot escape; nor any of his victims.

7-8] The angel said unto me: Wherefore did you marvel? I will tell you the

mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carries her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. The beast you have seen was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, shall wonder, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

One of the 'seven angels of our God's final judgment' helps John to bring more of our Lord's revelation to all of His disciples. This angel has the assignment from our Lord to tell the mystery and to strip this Wickedness of her mask and disguise. He helps us to see: there is nothing to admire; properly, we can only abhor & condemn all her satanic devices.

We met the beast with his designer and power supplier in the chapter 13. Here we see more of both. The beast is like a shadow of the dragon; like his most sophisticated imitation and disguised presentation. The dragon was what he is not anymore and never can he return to his original position and condition; but his blind slaves bow to him as if "he still is" ...

He is still the god of this world. He blinds the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, God's perfect manifestation, should shine unto them [2nd Corinthians 4: 4]. The beast is proud to be dragon-like.

The beast gives false names of divinity to many forms of Satanism that he displays. Both the whore and the beast are greatly "decorated" with abominations that will fully justify the dreadful judgment of our righteous God. Yet their blinded worshippers keep honoring them as divine. Some of them see the deception, but they believe they must yield.

Many devil's slaves are shackled in fear of oppression, others by sinful lusts and habits, and, some are too shy to appear deferent than their world. In my limited experience and observation of some 65 years, I rarely met a person sincerely believing that the path they follow in submission to the

lost world and its authorities is righteous and worthy to live for.

The beast ascends out of the bottomless pit, and goes into perdition. Ascent out of the pit indicates the author of all rebellious – godless - intentions and deeds. Aiming toward the perdition confirms the nature and consequences of evil. Slaves of sin observe the beast’s “might and influence”. They are amazed but realize not: their sins give him the power.

Our Lord reveals to us the mystery and His revelation: we must keep ourselves from the infection of self-righteousness and pride: we claim no credit or merit for our salvation. It is all by the grace of our Heavenly Father given to us in His Beloved Son that our names are written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world; glory to our God forever!

When blind sinners behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is, they fail to perceive the last and so dangerous state of the beast: “and yet he is”; because the natural man receives not the things of God’s Spirit: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But the spiritual man judges all things...

But we are given the mind of Christ not to instruct Him, but to be instructed by Him [1st Corinthians 2: 14-16]. Ephesians 2: 1-5 is a blessing of refreshment to our souls: our God has quickened us, who were dead in trespasses and sins; we walked in the past times according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience: among them we all had our conversation in the lusts of our flesh.

Fulfilling the desires of the flesh and sinful mind; we were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ; by grace we are saved. We must reject self-pride and **reverence our gracious King** of kings [Romans 11: 20]. Carnal man is not willing to submit to our God. Sinful mind & flesh is too proud to

see the blessings of obeying our Lord.

9-11] Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sits. There are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he comes, he must continue a short space. The beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goes into perdition.

Wisdom is already recorded for us in the chapter 13: 18; it is needed for understanding the number 666. Here, we need wisdom to understand the symbolism and significance of the beast and the whore. Number '7' meaning is also included. Seven heads, seven mountains and seven kings – all these numbers and meanings are linked to the beast and dragon.

We know Satan's rebellion against our Lord. The devil's evil methods of pretence and disguise, [I paraphrase the apostle in 2nd Corinthians 11: 12-15]: But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we. For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, pretending to be the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is pretending to be an angel of light.

Therefore it is no great surprise that his ministers also pretend to be the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. Let us look into the meaning and symbolism of these words and their significance in our Lord's work and in His people's history. In the creation, seven days present the completeness of our Creator's work...

Every day is marked with some special significance to the glory of our God and for the blessedness of His creation.

The entire creation would be incomplete if any of the seven days was left out. The "creation week" left to us the number seven as a number of completeness: our Creator's perfect work. In the Proverbs 9: 1 we read: Wisdom hath built her house; she hath hewn out her seven pillars... Our

lord Jesus talks about Wisdom in Luke 7: 29, 30 and 35: ...the publicans justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John.

But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him. But wisdom is justified of all her children. In the 2nd Peter's 1: 5-7 is an admonishment to wisely build our faith upon seven pillars: that we give all diligence to add to our faith *virtue*; and to virtue *knowledge*; and to knowledge *temperance*; and to temperance *patience*; and to patience *godliness*; and to godliness *brotherly kindness*; and to brotherly kindness *charity*.

In the Revelation 12 the dragon gives his slaves illusion of his "fullness in headship" appearing with seven heads to devour the Ruler of all nations at the moment of His birth [in the verse 5]. The dragon fails; the Ruler rules forever. In the chapter 13 the dragon gives to the beast the power that he produced. The beast uses the same illusion: seven heads.

In this chapter [#17] the angel explains that the seven heads are the seven mountains used as the seat for the great whore. This seductive religious harlot [and the mother of harlots] is resting on sevenfold deception designed to give deceitful confidence to her worshipers to trust in her sevenfold perversion: instead of *virtue*, self-will and hypocrisy.

Instead of *knowledge* she offers superstition; instead of *temperance*, rage; no *patience* but irresolution; idolatry for *godliness*; instead of *brotherly kindness*, envy and greed; in place of *charity*, egocentric pride and arrogance. Instead of the Spirit of Christ - the only Savior, souls enslaved by her are victimized by the spirit of antichrist and lifeless emptiness.

These deceiving mountains of false confidence are so magnified by the dragon and his beast that each mountain is given a king to make it appear as a kingdom. Because there is no Truth in the father of deceit [John 8: 44] his governing is very unstable. Sinner's confidence in our adversary is destined for horrific disappointment. Five of "his 7 kings" failed already.

One exists presently. A meaningful lesson is given here to every generation of true disciples: the failure of five satanic designs is our **warning not to think** for a moment that his devices in the time of our pilgrimage might be less ungodly, less deceptive and dangerous than ever. In his rage his wickedness is open; under his mask of smiles he is more cunning.

How often through the history of Gospel faith the oppression [then present] seemed unbearable and already some even worse tyranny is getting ready to start reigning. Our Lord's Spirit tells us about every seemingly terrible future: It will last only a short time; our Father has ordained the victory of His Lamb over every beast in the kingdom of darkness & death.

The beast is in his nature, character, intensions and pursuits very similar to any and all of the seven failing kings. There is no surprise in that similarity; they all have one father, designer, and false god: the dragon. They all are destined for their perdition. Men of our times are prone to ask questions or to make guesses: who is the beast? Who are these kings?

It might be easier to get an answer to the question: which one is not? The world of sin, darkness, rebellion against, and, violation of, God's perfect order, is under the spell of satanic deception and wickedness. We need not limit the bliss of our God's Revelation to just some regions, to only some rulers. This book enlightens our understanding the entire Bible.

12] The ten horns which you saw are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. The vision of the beast appeared in the chapter 13: 1. The ten horns have received no kingdom yet. **The sequences of visions do not necessarily assure the sequences of real events in the past, present, or future times.**

Ten horns receive power the same hour with the beast: they all have the same designer, the same ruler of darkness... There is no peace and loyalty in Satan's kingdom but mutual hatred, destructive tendencies, and

perpetuating hell.

Verse 12 requires use of all understanding learned so far: more extended insight and appropriate application. The ten horns are integral parts of the beast and so are the seven heads. No part of this monster-beast is independent; no part can exist without all other parts. The beast cannot exist without constant power-supply from the designer – the dragon.

Something of the dragon's character we can see in Luke 8: 27-29. When Jesus went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said: What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.

(For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he break the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.) Satan is not only destructive, but also self-destructive. If he lacks excitement of destroying a victim, his fury turns to self-abuse.

This beast is the most successful image the devil managed to create for his satanic presentation. We see his nature in it. Seven heads and ten horns are a mismatch. If he had three heads with two horns each, and, four heads with one horn each, he cannot hide his contradictions: the minority has more power and the majority has less force. There's more to it.

The seven heads are linked to some other seven kings in the verse 10; only one of the seven reigns at the 'present' time. In the chapter 13: 11 the 2nd beast has two horns like a lamb, but its teaching, propaganda and practice push in the same direction and support the same purpose as the first beast; it is just another satanic design. The two horns indicate claim of twofold power to govern all souls and bodies of men; it is the false gospel teaching and practice to mask lust & greed.

This beast enforces tight grip over all aspects of human life and insists on having full control over eternal future of its subjects. For that purpose the second beast arbitrarily modifies and misinterprets our God's entire Word and declares it-self the only credentialed representative and even the possessor of the highest powers in the universe: "divine human".

By the number ten and the destructive character of the horns, we see the notorious rebellion of the devil: the moment our God reveals His divine words, Satan manifests his opposition, confusing perversion and falsehood. The ten horns are parts of the beastly kingdom. They have no domain, territory, and era as a kingdom; yet they are kings and cruel tyrants.

Some very perceivable methods of these tyrannical kings are strong sin-habits & addictions. These forces of darkness and destruction exist since the very first recorded invention of the devil – in the Garden of Eden: Satan's total opposition to the entire Will of our God. What makes the devil's inner torment worse: by doing **his own evil**, he **condemns himself**.

Ultimately, all things honor our God, all events glorify our Savior, and, all works for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to God's purpose [Romans 8: 28]. This fact makes the devil furious and defeated. Jesus Christ is victorious – presently and eternally! The beast carries on his back the whore; **fornication is** rampant, but **hate** is brewing.

13-14] The ten horns have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. 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. The horns' unity of mind is not true harmony; it's only hatred streamed in one trend.

Love, peace, honesty and harmony are totally excluded from **Satan's domain** even in the moments when his creation **unites all forces**; only **against righteousness**. As much as all components of Satan's wickedness hate one another, their greatest madness is always against the redemption

by our God's Lamb and salvation in Christ, the perfect righteousness.

The war against our God's Lamb goes on and on since Adam. The ten horns attack the Lamb by false teachings, 'science', wicked laws and oppression, violence and bloodshed, publicly and secretly, social and individual, general and particular...

The most subtle attacks are our **enemy's darts** of doubts, fears and anxieties in the hearts of feeble faith and, **snares** of ignorance, superstitions, misunderstanding and misapplications of the true Gospel in their misty minds. We can't be safe miss-learning our Lord's Gospel for some earthly cause or, by trusting human individuals outside the Holy Scriptures.

This description of **them that are with the Lamb** does not apply to the holy, bright and perfectly loyal heavenly angels. All, which are in Christ, are called, and chosen, and faithful. In their hearts & in their daily testimony the Lamb is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. When we are in Him and He is in us, all the hosts of darkness are defeated; in life or death.

When we completely trust and obey our King, the walls of Jericho are brought down, the fiery furnace, lions' jaws and stoning to death, only prove that our Passover Lamb is the only King of kings. In the midst of all satanic fury and rage the suffering Lamb of God is victorious; in the end, every knee shall bow to Jesus - in heaven and earth [Philippians 2: 5-11].

15] The angel says unto John: The waters which you have seen, where the whore sits, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. The whore spreads her power over the sinful humanity by her whoredom. She is like throned on top of the dragon-like beast. The beast's seven heads are seven mountains [9]. We have but **One Mountain** in our **Lord**.

Daniel's interpretation of the king's dream in 2:35 tells: **the stone that smote the idol became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.** 44] ... **the God of heaven shall set up a kingdom, which shall never be**

destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people ...and it shall stand for ever. Our Lord Jesus tells us of an obstacle-mountain.

In Matthew 17: 20: ...verily I say unto you: If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain: Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. *Our King* is the everlasting Mountain; **He** is *our salvation*. The seven mountains of the dragon and his beast will collapse condemned by our Creator.

Sinners trust in the seductive attraction of the whore in vain: her mirage is designed to secure an awful death for every soul that heeds not our Savior's call. Let us continue in prayers to our Heavenly Father to keep us in His grace in Christ and to sustain our confidence in our King's goodness and might. In 16: 20, after the 7th trumpet, **false mountains failed**.

16-17] The ten horns which you, John, did see 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; for God has put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. The beast holds the whore to move on.

The whore secures her-self by the seven heads that always try to devour New Life as soon as He is born in the hearts of sincere converts [12: 4]. This whore is throned on the seven mountains of false security [9]. All assets the whore uses are the property and possession of the dragon and, his investment into the dragon-like beast. But all is only whoredom...

These three: the dragon, the beast and the whore [with all her daughters (5)] know not the virtues and gifts of our Lord's Spirit. They know not the joy of living to please our Father, laboring to bless our fellow Christians and to reach out to souls in need of our Savior. After all the misery of their wicked life, they must face the righteous judgment of our God.

Our Adversary hates our Creator, the entire creation and, himself. All of his designs contain the same hate that is eating him. Sooner or later the evil

dark forces that enforce the whore's whoredom upon the beast's subjects, turn their cruel hate against their harlot and instead of lusting for her whoredom, they openly demonstrate their aversion and ill will.

They will no more bring her more victims, but will make her desolate – deserted. No more purple, scarlet and gold to lift her up in vanity: they will expose her naked lies and greed. The horns attack the whore in every manner: mythological, political, military, economic; in every way they can; although she is their harlot and they are part of the same beast. They used to support the whore; but now, the horns devour her substance to ruin her power and influence completely.

How and when our “God placed in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the [first] beast”? This Book contains many answers to this question. In Genesis 4: 6-7, our LORD said unto Cain: Why are you angry and why is your countenance fallen? If you do well, shall you not be accepted, and if you do not well, sin lies at the door. And unto you shall be its desire, and you shall rule over it. After Cain sinned - sin rules; Cain is a slave now.

In the 2nd Thessalonians 2: 2-12 is another answer. Be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, as that the day of Christ is at hand. That day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin, the son of perdition, be revealed; he opposes, and exalts himself above, all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

The mystery of iniquity already works: only he who now prevents it will be taken out of the way. Then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish.

They received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. [I have left out some words and verses for the sake of space and more precise focus on this subject.]

Having read these verses and many others in the Scriptures, we can conclude that there will be no sinner facing the throne of our God's judgment that could sincerely say: "I wanted to trust and obey thee, Lord, but thou hast rejected me". There will be many "called" that have refused to heed our Savior's call.

Our Lord's words must be fulfilled. He will not do anything a moment sooner or later than the time He has appointed. In all that happens in this world our Father has His own purpose, time and place. There is no chance, there is no good fortune and bad luck. All these are gentile superstitions. In Christ we are safe and we are blessed. In sin, it's only death.

18] The woman which you did see is that great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth. We can compare this whore, with the holy Bride in the chapter 12 again, to understand the "womanhood" in this part of the Revelation. In Galatians 4: 26-31 the Jerusalem above is our eternal Mother. All the redeemed in Christ, are the free children of the free Mother. In 2nd Corinthians 11: 2 the apostle refers to the fellowship of believers as to a "chaste virgin espoused to Christ".

The writer to the Hebrew Christians in the chapter 11 listed many faithful believers beginning with Abel and, did not end the long list. In the verse 40 all the faithful Christians are joined to the preceding witnesses as if perpetuating our Father's grace given to us in Christ and on His merit [in Ephesians 4: 4-13]: One Lord! One God and Father of all – He is above all, through all, and in you all; one body, Spirit, hope, faith, and baptism.

Is not this the teaching included in our Savior's words in Matthew 23: 34?

Our Lord indicates one wicked generation since Cain and one righteous generation since Abel. In Christ all genuine disciples are one. The wonder woman vision signifies the Fellowship of the faithful, redeemed in Christ before and after death and resurrection of Jesus in His flesh.

In life and death, in suffering or joy, all the faithful are in the sunshine of Christ's holiness. He adorned His Bride in His glorious garment - His perfect righteousness. All sinners are one in sin; in their slavery to the beast; in their intoxication by the filth of the fornication of this whore and her daughters. All the nominal believers in Matthew 25: 31-46 are here.

31-33] The Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him; he shall sit upon the throne of his glory. Before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd his sheep & goats.

He shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 41-46] He shall say unto them on the left hand: Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

Then shall they answer him, saying: Lord, when did we see thee hungry, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? He shall answer them, saying: Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. These shall go to everlasting punishment. Some questions are frequent...

Who could be the whore; when, where, over which cities, and how, did she rule...? Many men's answers, in spite of their diversity, could be correct – in part. Many answers limit the meaning and significance of these visions to a certain region, ethnicity, or governments. *The visions can have limited particular meaning, but the general meaning is more meaningful.*

Let us consider many of the Bible verses and passages giving us admonishment for our wise and faithful stewardship, brave and humble warfare, wholehearted loyalty to our King, and sincere charity for our brothers and sisters in Christ; also, fervent and thoughtful outreach and testimony to the world around us. Now, analyze the whore in the Gospel light.

Which worldly establishment, or any individual member of the same, is free from drinking of the golden cup in the whore's hand; the cup full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication? Who among all slaves of sin and iniquity is not defiled with vanity and pride of the dragon-like beast and the great whore's blasphemies? Who worships not idols?

Who fears not dark powers as if they were almighty; as if the true God is not on His throne? Who respects equally all persons: wealthy and poor, handsome and crippled, educated and barely literate, famous and despised, sharp and slow, privileged and disadvantaged? Whoredom, filth of fornication and abominations contaminate the world continually.

Our Lord's teachings sharpen our spiritual sight and give us clearer understanding of the contrast between holiness and abominations - the two opposite directions. The Light of our Savior's Truth reveals to us the appearance and the inward parts of all things exactly as they are. The light of God's Word removes Satan's mask, penetrates his crafty disguise, and exposes our enemy's abominable filth in its disgust and with its grave consequences. **God's Word is not compromising.**

Faithfulness to our Master is our shield. The epistles are a treasure of admonishments to keep us armed against all cunning attacks of the master-deceiver. The Apollyon is not satisfied within his "dead sea" of his "beast and whore domain"; he seeks opportunity to harm Christ's redeemed Flock. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walks through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says: I will return unto my house whence

I came out [Luke 11: 24].

Matthew 13: 14-15 warn us of Satanic snares: In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which says: By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: for this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Acts 7:51-53 is a loud and clear testimony: You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, you do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? And they have slain them which showed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom you have been now the betrayers and murderers. You have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.

2nd Peter's 2:9-15 is encouraging faithfulness and pointing out the doom of all foolish and reckless men... The Lord knows how to deliver all godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the Day of Judgment to be punished: but chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government.

Presumptuous are they, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. Angels, greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before God. But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption.

These shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceiving while they feast with you; having eyes full of adultery that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls.

They have a heart exercised with covetous practices; cursed children. They have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness... In Ephesians 4:17-19 Paul testifies in the Lord: This I say therefore, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having their understanding darkened.

They are alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. These days, perhaps more than ever before, through the media and the internet, whoredom is creeping into many homes...

The nature of the Truth strips the whore of her false and seductive beauty and defeats the oppression of Satan's beasts. The brightness of the truth lights upon the path of righteousness in Christ, our Lord, to channel us in the good direction. Matthew 5: 6 tells: Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Romans 6: 13: Yield not your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

Romans 6: 19: ... as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

So many verses urge our hearts to be filled with our King's Spirit. Let there be no emptiness in our heart, mind, soul and body; giving our Adversary any opportunity to drop his seed of beastliness and whoredom in any disguise, under any mask. Let no word of our only Teacher be too insignificant that we neglect or ignore it. Let none of Christ's teaching be too hard to us that we refuse to understand, embrace and wholeheartedly obey Him. Let us adore our King and LORD.

It is good for us to remember our Lord's deliverance out of our slavery to sin and Satan and never turn back. It is important to retain our Master's direction: let our focus be on our Savior's constant faithfulness and, His example our Light upon the path of Life and Truth. Let us continue in prayers and mutual encouragement.

Our Heavenly Father, keep us from idleness, aimlessness, and indifference. Holy Father, preserve us by Thy grace in Thy Beloved Son, our Blessed Master. LORD, fill us with Thy Holy Spirit and bless us in Thy loving Lordship. Thy Kingdom is forever; Thine is the glory, power, government, and, to Thee we owe our adoration from our heart, mind, soul & body.