The Destruction of Babylon
PART II
Revelation 17:12-18

MAIN THOUGHT The destruction of Babylon unfolds in three phases: (1) RELIGIOUSLY (ch. 17); (2) ECONOMICALLY (ch. 18); (3) MILITARILY (ch. 19).

BABYLON DESTROYED RELIGIOUSLY

THE TEN HORNS (12-14).

- These ten horns represent the ten kings who will rule simultaneously during the time of the revived Roman Empire (Western Civilization) in Europe.
- Daniel concurs (Dan. 7:7, 24a). Daniel (Dan. 7:24b-25) says one king will arise, different from earlier ones. He will subdue three of those kings, oppress the saints, and change the set times and laws for 3½ years (2nd half).
- This king is the ANTICHRIST, the LITTLE HORN (Dan. 7:8, 20-21).
- He is arrogant and boastful [2 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 13:5-6] like Satan [Isa. 14:12].
- He and the other kings, who give him their power and authority, form the AXIS POWERS and will make war against the LAMB and his called, chosen, and faithful followers – the ALLIED POWERS.
- This is the BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON (16:16).
- The have a single purpose and will unite to defeat God and the Lamb.
- The LAMB and His saints (THE RAPTURED CHURCH) will overcome and defeat the AXIS POWERS.
- This will prove that both God and the Lamb are the KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS (Deut. 10:17; Psa. 136:2; Dan. 2:37; 11:36).

THE WATERS (15).

- The WATERS (1) John saw is the evil realm (one worldwide religion) over which the prostitute controls. The ANTICHRIST also came from the sea (13:1).
- Like the TOWER OF BABEL, this apostate (false religion) unites the world of peoples, multitudes, nations and languages.

THE WOMAN DESTROYED (16-18).

- The beast and the prostitute “used” one another as she rode the beast (7) until the ANTICHRIST and the ten kings hated the prostitute (religion).
- But things change at the mid-point when ANTICHRIST insists that all people worship him – the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION (13:14-15).
- This is when ANTICHRIST and the ten kings (1) hate the prostitute, (2) bring her to ruin, (3) leave her naked, (4) eat her flesh (Jezebel – 2 Kings 9:36), and (5) burn her with fire.
- Now ANTICHRIST is invested with full power to act out his villainous part until God’s plan is fulfilled (Dan. 11:36-37).
- The woman is Babylon the Great who rules the world for a time.