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CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

There are two cities in the world clearly defined in the Bible which will play crucial roles in the end times. The first city is Jerusalem, which is defined in **Revelation 11:8**. God refers to Jerusalem as "Sodom and Egypt," which tells believers in Christ that until the time Jesus comes back, Jerusalem is a den of evil.

The second city is Rome and is defined as the city sitting on seven mountains (**Revelation 17:9**). Most people today have a very limited education in geography and do not know that the city of Rome was built on seven hills (small mountains). The names of the seven hills are as follows: Aventine, Caelian, Capitoline, Esquiline, Palatine, Quirinal, and Viminal. In ancient times, Rome was known as the city sitting on the seven mountains. It was founded around 1500 B.C., and by 1000 B.C., Indo-European people had moved into the region and developed Rome into a city state. By 600 B.C., the city of Rome had expanded its political and military power to cover the entire Italian peninsula. By the time of Christ, Rome had become an empire, and had conquered all the nations around the Mediterranean sea.

Jerusalem will be the seat of the Antichrist because the temple is there. **2 Thessalonians 2:1-4**

Rome will be the seat of the False Prophet. **Revelation 17:9**

Rome already has the governing center of the Great Whore, THE CHURCH OF SATAN!

VERSE 1

The angel shows the Apostle John the judgment against the great whore.

VERSE 2

We are told of the influence and power that this religious organization will have on the earth.

VERSE 3

The wilderness described in this verse is the spiritual wilderness that this organization has created on earth and lured people by the millions into it.



VERSE 4

We are told that the organization is financially rich, dressed in beautiful clothing, having buildings, a majestic liturgy but at the same time, it is full of evil and filthiness. **Matthew 23:25-28**

VERSE 5

The angel shows John that the church organization in Rome is Mystery Babylon the Great and it is the head of all other religious organizations on this earth. **Revelation 13:11-15**

It is the Great Whore that will be in charge of the Mark of the Beast. **Revelation 13:15-18**

The Mark of the Beast is a religious symbol which will give the bearer the right and duty to worship the Beast (Antichrist).

VERSE 6

In this verse we are told of John's emotion. In the Greek, it does not say that the apostle" admired" the Great Whore, but that he was "greatly astonished." John was shown the millions of men and women that this organization had murdered over the centuries.

The apostle received this revelation around 90 A.D. 20 years earlier he had witnessed the destruction of Jerusalem, the execution of tens of thousands of Jews, including the leadership of Judaism in Jerusalem, and the destruction of the temple and the city itself.

In the end times, a new temple will be rebuilt, Judaism will be revived, and all political and religious control will be held by the Antichrist and the Jews who follow him. All Gentiles will bow down to the Jewish World Government. John could not understand how Judaism, which had basically been destroyed, could rise and take total control over the entire world.

VERSE 7

The Angel tells John not to be astonished. He is now going to tell him about the Beast that is giving the woman the power. It is important to note that it is the Beast who is in charge of the Great Whore, not the other way around!

VERSE 8

The Beast is identified as the Antichrist, who came (**Revelation 13:1-2**), was killed (**verse 3**), and was revived and given power by the dragon [Devil] (**verse 4**).

VERSE 9

This verse identifies the city as Rome.

VERSE 10

At the time of this revelation, five rulers had come and gone, one was currently ruling and one more would be coming.

VERSE 11

The Antichrist will be the eighth ruler.

VERSE 12

The world will be divided into ten regions with ten rulers. These ten kings or rulers will rule under the dominion of the Antichrist.

It is obvious that this organization will not just rule for one hour in human time. If we use the measurement given to us in **2 Peter 3:8**, we find the following:

- One hour with God is 41.67 human years
- One minute with God is 8 months and 8 days for man
- One second for God is 3 days and 22 hours for man

Therefore, the reigning time of the Antichrist will be 41.67 years!

VERSES 13-14

These political rulers will be in total agreement with the Antichrist, but in the end, they will be defeated by Jesus. **Revelation 19:19-20**

VERSE 15

The waters which the woman (one world religion) sits on are people that are controlled by the organization.

VERSES 16-17

Once the Jewish World Government has been firmly seated in power on the earth, the Jews will turn on the One World Religion Church and strip it of its power.

VERSE 18

The Roman Catholic Church will receive all religions under its control and will rule over all kings (political rulers) from its power center in Rome.

Is it a coincidence that when the Soviet Union broke up, Gorbachev flew to Rome to have a conference with the pope? Or, that the foreign minister of Iraq asked for an audience with the pope to be held of the week February 10-15, 2003. Or that a number of political rulers and prominent American pastors and televangelists travel to Rome, to see the pope?

Do you have an ear to hear with?