

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

as revealed to the Apostle John • Lesson #105 - August 23rd, 2026

Moderator: Last week I gave good news about a pastor in Nigeria who was released but I have to give you some awful news just one week afterwards:

27 CHRISTIANS KILLED AS JIHADISTS AIM TO ‘WIPE OUT THE ENTIRETY OF CHRISTIANITY IN NIGERIA’

A new tragedy is being reported in the ongoing genocide against Christians in Nigeria. At least 27 Christians have been killed in attacks over the past day. The situation in Plateau State, Nigeria, involves an ongoing escalation of violent attacks targeting Christian communities. According to reports from Truth Nigeria and International Christian Concern, these attacks are characterized by nighttime raids on villages, resulting in significant loss of life, including children and families. “This highlights the intentions, the motivations of these terrorists. It is to wipe out the entirety of Christianity in Nigeria. This is not about climate change, and this is not about farmer-herder clashes... This is clear religious and ethnic targeting,” Masara Kim reports. One of the latest bloody incidents involved at least 27 deaths in two separate villages, Rim and Mangu, where attackers reportedly operated for hours while the nearby military did nothing to intervene. “What offense did they commit? Absolutely nothing,” Kim said. Likewise, he believes he could be targeted one day, just for reporting about the persecution of his fellow Christians. “What this means is that as LONG AS I BEAR THE NAME OF.. THE IDENTITY OF CHRIST, I WILL EVENTUALLY BE KILLED... AND SO IT IS BETTER FOR ME, IT IS MORE PROFITING FOR ME TO DIE WHILE SPEAKING OUT YOU KNOW FOR THESE PEOPLE.” (From CBN News)

Moderator: Here in the USA we have little or no fear about being persecuted, but we should be aware of what these bold pastors and evangelists are enduring. Much prayer is the least we can do. Our prayers should be followed with some would call “Battle Faith”. We need to pray for courage if and when we are called out for our Christian beliefs!

1 Peter 3:15 “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

Pastor Rains: We should absolutely pray for the situation over there and also pray that our President and our Congress will stop all aid to the government of Nigeria and possibly attack these wicked jihadists. Christians should not stand by idle in thinking that couldn’t possibly happen here.

Moderator: These attacks against Christians is also widespread in socialist and communist nations. Once again, we need to pray earnestly for the slaughter to stop. Now, I’ll begin the lesson, turn to Revelation 17 where I’ll read the first 6 verses:

Revelation 17:1-6 “And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: 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. So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. 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.”

• #1 JOHN IS CARRIED AWAY IN THE SPIRIT INTO THE WILDERNESS & SEES A WOMAN (Rev. 17:3A)

Revelation 17:3 “So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.”

Moderator: If you remember from Revelation 13:

Revelation 13:1 “And I stood upon the sand of the sea, AND SAW A BEAST RISE UP OUT OF THE SEA, HAVING SEVEN HEADS AND TEN HORNS, AND UPON HIS HORNS TEN CROWNS, AND UPON HIS HEADS THE NAME OF BLASPHEMY.”

Moderator: So we are looking at the same beast (the anti-christ) with the same description of Heads, Horns, Crowns and same Name of Blasphemy. The angel identifies to John who this woman is...

• WHO IS THIS WOMAN?

Revelation 17:18 “And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.”

Revelation 17:9 “And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.”

• THIS WOMAN, A CITY, IS ROME

Moderator: It was Rome that banished John to the Isle of Patmos for the crime of witnessing for Christ. Their attempts to kill him failed and their banishing plan backfired because John received the book of Revelation that we read today!

Revelation 1:9 “I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.”

Moderator: Now let's go back to Revelation 17

Revelation 17:9 “And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.”

Revelation 12:3 “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.”

Moderator: Five of the Empires have fallen. Egypt, Syria, Babylon, Medes-Persians and Greece. All of these nations have something in common. They were against God and Israel. Rome was the ruling power during the time of Jesus and she had the same common hatred of God and Israel. This “other” nation to come is the last day's revival of the Roman Empire, with headquarters in Rome. Look at verse 10 of Revelation 17:

Revelation 17:10 “And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.”

Moderator: This short space is most likely the last 3.5 years of the seven years of tribulation. Turn to Revelation 13:5 for proof:

Revelation 13:5 “And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue FORTY AND TWO MONTHS.

Moderator: Saint Augustine of Hippo from Alexandria said this about Rome in his book: “The City of God”, “Babylon is a former Rome & Rome is a later Babylon both driven by the love of self, pride

and the lust for worldly power.” What this means is they loved themselves more than God and will force people to worship their own kingdom rather than Christ. Now, concerning the ten horns, turn to Revelation 17:12-14:

Revelation 17:12-14 “And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These 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.”

Moderator: So now we find that the antichrist has taken a seat in the temple and declared himself as God. These ten kings will do whatever the beast wants them to do, BUT, in verse 14 we find they are defeated by the Lamb (Jesus Christ and those who are with him.) Chapters 17 & 18 are all about that short time just before the second coming of Christ.

Revelation 19:16 “And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”

Pastor Rains: When speaking about this “receiving power as kings in one hour” simply means that in this case, eventually negotiating stops and the signators join with the anti-christ against Israel & Christians to do what the beast wants. While I’m speaking I want to say this based on nearly 50 years of pastoring, Yes, there are many muslims who have come to the United States. We need to be very careful when it comes to muslims who might be muslims in name only. There is a difference between name only muslims and Islamists. I believe muslims who have grown up in that religion but have not embraced the radical version of Islam might be open to the gospel. We need to be kind and generous with our new neighbors who have never heard the truth about the Jesus we believe in. I know a Pastor who led two muslim men to Christ in a hot tub many years ago simply explaining the gospel. We need to tell them the greatest love story ever told. It is powerful and it changes hearts.

• #2 THE WOMAN SITTING ON A SCARLET COLORED BEAST (Rev. 17:3B)

Revelation 17:3: “So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.”

Moderator: In the closing verses of Revelation 16 we saw the seventh angel pouring out the last vial judgment. Now we see one of the seven angels who shows him the destruction of Babylon. This seventh and final vial judgment is happening during all of Chapter 17 & 18. The fall of Babylon, and the destruction of this false religious system happens just before the Second Coming of Christ. The Angel is going to reveal to John who this “woman” is, what she has done & how she’ll be destroyed.

• SCARLET REPRESENTS WORLDLY WEALTH, ROYALTY, POWER & SIN

Isaiah 1:18: “Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though YOUR SINS BE AS SCARLET, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”

Matthew 27:26-31: “Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And THEY STRIPPED HIM, AND PUT ON HIM A SCARLET ROBE. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.”

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- **THE SCARLET COLORED BEAST IS THE ANTICHRIST WHO WILL RECEIVE ALL HIS POWER FROM SATAN**

Revelation 13:1-6 “And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.”

• **THE ANTICHRIST WILL SPEAK GREAT BLASPHEMIES AGAINST GOD**

Daniel 7:25 “And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.”

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