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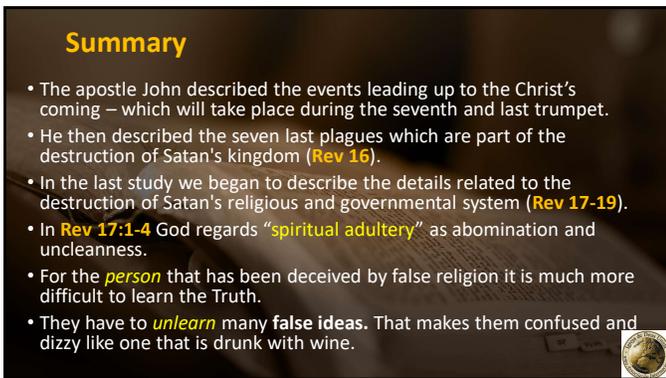
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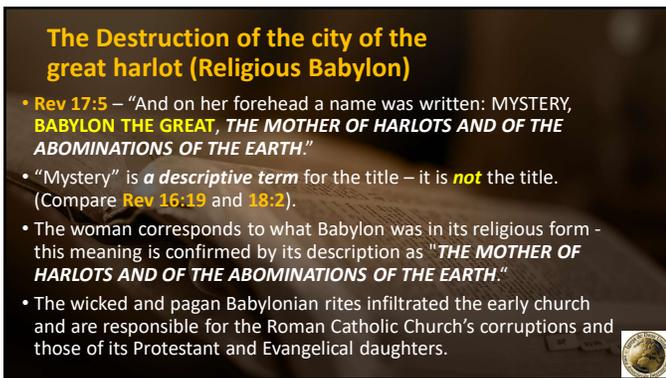
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### The Destruction of the city of the great harlot (Religious Babylon)

- Babylon is a counterfeit of the truth, a pseudo-religion that plagued Israel in the Old Testament and continues to this day.
- It is the source (the "genesis") of many false religions, including the current and falsely so called "Christianity".
- The subject of Babylon begins to be described in **Genesis 10:6-10** and **Nimrod** is recorded as the (human) founder of that religion.
- In **Erech (Gen 10:10)**, about 2200 B.C.) it was discovered that a common practice was to build huge mounds (ziggurats) of sun-dried bricks.
- **Gen 11:1-4** demonstrates man's rebellion against God when they tried to build a tower that would reach heaven.
- It was an act of human pride and a rebellion against God.




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- **Gen 11:5-9** – As a result of God's judgment on this act, God confused the people's language and gave the city the name "**Babel**", which means **confusion**.
  - **Gen 11:6** – The people are "**one**" people (**Heb 0259: echad**). Clearly the term "**echad**" does not mean that these people were one person.
  - **Deut 6:4** – "Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God [Elohim], the LORD is **one** (**Heb:0259: echad**)."
    - There is no other God besides the true God (besides the spiritual beings of the Kingdom of God), which are now composed of only two divine beings: The God (now the Father) and The Word (now the Son) (**John 1:1**).
- Babylon's greatest glory was achieved some 1600 years later, during the reign of Nebuchadnezzar who lived around 600 BC. (**Dan 2:31, 37-38**).
- Nimrod's wife **Semiramis** became the head of Babylon's pagan religious mysteries.




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- **Semiramis** was the mother of **Tammuz**. She is said to have given birth to him in a miraculous way.
- The names vary from nation to nation. Other names for **Semiramis**: **Ishtar, Astarte, Ashtareth, Eostre, Ostara, Inanna**.
- **Tammuz** was considered a savior of the people, a false messiah, who claimed to be the fulfillment of the promise given to Eve.
- **Gen 3:15** – "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."
- "And I will put enmity between you [**Satan**] and the woman [**mankind; ultimately the Church of God**] and between your seed [**Satan's – false religion**] and her Seed [**Son of Man – Jesus Christ**]; He [**Jesus Christ**] shall bruise your [**Satan's**] head— [**Rom 16:20**], and you [**Satan**] shall bruise His heel [**the Church**]."
- **Rom 16:20** – "And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen."




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- The mother-child legend was incorporated into many pagan rites.
- Handmade idols from ancient times, such as the *queen of heaven* with a baby in her arms, are found all over the world.
- *Tammuz* was said to have been killed by a wild beast and then resurrected – obviously a satanic deception in anticipation of Christ's resurrection.
- In Babylonian mythology, *Tammuz* died annually and was reborn year after year. *Tammuz* was also known as *Baal* (lord).
- Those were the false gods! God manifested his wrath against the Israelites when they served these false gods (**Judges 2:13-14; 10:6-7; 1 Kings 11:5-11; Ezek 8:14-18** – “weeping for Tammuz”).
- **Jeremiah 7:18; 44:17-19, 25-29** – “Queen of Heaven”
- This apostasy continues to this day! — **Rev 18:4**.




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	5th HORN		2nd of remaining 7 HORNS	2nd HEAD ridden by Woman		FRANCONIAN KINGDOM began 774. Charlemagne crowned by Pope AD 800
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The 10th HORN v. 41-42	10th HORN		7th and last HORN Beast ascends out of pit Rev 17:7, 17:18	7th HEAD and 10th HORNS (One yet to come) "when it was understood"	Rev 17:11 17:12-15	Revived ROMAN EMPIRE, by 10 dictators




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“So closed a government that dated from Augustus Caesar” (West, p. 177).




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- **Rev 17:15** – “Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues” (Refer to **v.1**).
- **Rev 17:1** – This woman, this church is “universal”, which is actually the meaning of the word “catholic”.
- **Rev 17:16-18** – Here is the climax and the purpose of the description from **v8 to v14**.
- The beast and the 10 kings will finally destroy this religious system.
- **V16** – The dictator of the beast – sometime during the latter part of the great tribulation – will no longer need this religious system (the great harlot, that great city) and will replace it with the worship of the beast itself (**Rev 13:8, Dan 11:36-38**).
- **V17** – The 10 kings give their power to the Beast “until the words of God are fulfilled.”
- God sovereignly permits wickedness to increase until the cup of iniquity overflows.
- **V18** – The woman is again identified, referring to the ecclesiastical power and political control of this church over all the kings (until these 10 kings will destroy this church [V16]).
- After the destruction of religious Babylon at the hands of the beast, **Revelation 18** deals with the political strength of Babylon which is also destined to be destroyed.



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