

The Revelation

(32a) The Mystery Babylon

MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH

The summary of the great harlot... Rev.17:5

What is the meaning of *harlot*? 17:1; Judges 2:17, 8:27,33; Jer.3:6-10

This is a symbol of spiritual adultery. This is God's view of all false religions. Guilty...

What is symbolized by *upon her forehead*...? vs.5

It was the cultural mark of a stubborn, unrepentant, arrogant prostitute. Appropriate.

What is signified by *Mystery*? vs7 Eph.3:4-5 Rev.2:24; **Rom.3:21-28**

Perhaps previously hidden truth now revealed. Perhaps refers to 'mysterious' rituals.

What's the significance of the *gold cup* in her hand? Jer.51:7

Perhaps refers to Babylon as a golden cup. Perhaps refers to cups for mystery drinks.

What's signified by the harlot being *drunk*? vs.6

Probably refers to the drunken rituals of Nimrod's Babel. Secret intoxicating drinks.

But rather than being intoxicated with alcohol, what's in the harlot's golden cup? vs.6

This harlot, false Satanic system, is intoxicated with the blood of (true) saints.

What's the significance of *Babylon the great*? See study #32

Babylon is where Nimrod set up the first Satanic worship system. Babylon the great harlot

Why is the harlot the *Mother of harlots and abominations of the earth*? See study #32

After Gen.11:8-9, Babylon's followers scattered worldwide and spawned all false systems.

Finding the harlot today...

Where is the 'mother-child' cult seen today? IJn.4:1-6 (The Two Babylons, Alexander Hislop)

In the "Christian" church! Worship, prayers, idols to Mary-Jesus. Truth & Error.

Where do we see the modern day 'mystery' harlots? IJn.4:2-3

Islam, Muslim, Buddha, pantheism, etc. All who do not confess Christ as God.

Where do we see the works-oriented 'mystery' doctrines in churches today? Gal.3:1-3

All legalism. Do this, don't do this, you'll be better, more spiritual, 'super' Christian.

And what is one of the most prevalent forms of legalism in Christianity today? ICor.14:20-22

In the Charismatic movement. You can arrive at a higher level by... tongues, visions, etc.

And what is the armor for the believer to find these errors? Eph.6:10-12; 2:8-10

The test: Does it promote, support, imply boasting in any way? If so, it's not true!

How did Paul sum up this boasting? Rom.3:27-28

No boasting! Only Christ. Only what He does in/through me! No mysterious secrets!!