"The Beast Rises as Babylon is Destroyed"
Revelation 17:15-18

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Two Weeks Ago: The Scarlet Beast, the Seven Heads, and the Ten Horns

Today: The Beast Rises as Babylon is Destroyed

REVIEW OF REVELATION 17: Beauty (Babylon) and the Beast

- Essence: Babylon (Babel): an historical city/tower, a system of evil, and an evil city
- Characteristics: attractive, idolatrous, worldly, ecumenical, persecutory of believers
- City: Jerusalem, Rome, or another city?

17:16/ "...the beast will hate the prostitute..."

Why? She may stand in the way of his ultimate goal. (See 2 Th. 2:1-4)

17:16/ "They will make her desolate and naked, and devour her flesh and burn her up with fire,..."

- Note how similar Babylon looks to Jezebel and how she is also "eaten" (2 Kgs 9:36).
- Both Jezebel and Babylon are:
  1. Adorned (2 Kgs 9:30, Rev. 17:4)
  2. Tempting (1 Kgs. 16:31-33, Rev. 17:2)
  3. Persecutory to the saints (1 Kgs. 18:4, Rev. 17:6)

17:17/ "...for God has put it into their hearts to carry out His purpose..."

Besides these ten horns fulfilling the Lord's will to destroy Babylon, why do the ten horns hate Babylon and turn on her?

1. Wickedness
2. Frustration

What is the meaning of the burning of the prostitute (Babylon) with fire?

1. Preterist (***past***):
   a. If the prostitute is Rome, the kingdoms that the Romans conquered (Goths, Lombards, etc.) will soon conquer her.
2. Historicist (***timeline***):
   a. The final overthrow of the RCC. Of the twenty-one mentions of prostitution in the Bible, eighteen refer to the apostate people of God (Israel or the church).
2. Idealist (***spiritual***):
   a. Here are the "tools of providence" being destroyed as they perform the will of God;

although evil, they have unconsciously served the purposes of God.

3. Futurist *(**future**)*:
    a. Religious Babylon will be destroyed by her political alliance with the beast. The state wins! This takes place in the middle of the Tribulation (3 ½ year mark).
    b. Associated with Rome, “the City on the Seven Hills.”