

The Woman Who Sits on the Beast

17: 1-18

In the book of **Revelation**, the name **the beast** can refer to either the system of one world government, to the person of the antichrist, or even to the false prophet. First, it is a reference to the Fourth Gentile Kingdom (see **Ar - Finally, There will be a Fourth Beast, That Breaks and Smashes Everything**). John said: **I will explain to you the mystery of the woman (one world religion) and of the beast (one world government) she rides, which has seven heads and ten horns (17:7b).**

Secondly, during the Great Tribulation people will desperately seek religion because of the chaos in the world at that time. As **ADONAI's** judgments devastate the earth and terrorize its inhabitants, people will frantically turn to **the beast** as their savior. **He** will lead a worldwide campaign to destroy every last Jew and attempt to replace **God** on the earth. **The beast (the antichrist) and the ten horns (one world government) you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked (17:16a).**

Thirdly, **John saw another beast (the false prophet), coming out of the earth. He** will deceive people into worshiping the antichrist and establish a worldwide religion. The false prophet will have **two horns like a lamb** (giving the appearance of a true religious leader) **but he** will speak like a dragon (Satan). **He** will exercise **all the authority of the first beast (the antichrist) on his behalf, and will make the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast (13:11-12).** Therefore, context will determine how **the beast** is interpreted. When this is understood, the book is much easier to read and much easier to understand.

In chapter 17, we see the woman (**Dd- I Saw a Woman Holding a Golden Cup in Her Hand, Filled with the Filth of Her Adulteries**) riding the beast (One World Government) before the Great Tribulation. During the first three-and-a-half years of the Great Tribulation, the false religious system will have the support of the civil government led by the antichrist seen here in **17:1-18**. However, after forty-two months **the beast (the antichrist) will have consolidated his power, and he will declare himself to be god and turn on the woman, destroying her so that the unholy trinity of Satan, the beast (the antichrist) and the false prophet will be able to rule without sharing their power with anyone (Ek - The Beast Will Hate the Prostitute and Bring Her to Ruin).**