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## The Beast Will Hate the Prostitute and Bring Her to Ruin

**17: 16-17**

**The beast will hate the prostitute and bring her to ruin DIG: When does the beast turn on the woman and destroy her? Who will cause the beast and the ten horns to hate and destroy the prostitute? Without the beast realizing it, how does this accomplish the will of Jesus?**

**REFLECT: Do you believe that all things work together for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:28)? Have you ever seemingly been destroyed, only to find out later that it was part of God's plan for your betterment? Do you hate every form of false religion as much as the Lord does (Romans 8:9)? Or do you tolerate it? You know, coexist.**

As **the antichrist** consolidates **his** power, **his** alliance with **the woman**, or the one world religion, will not last. Suddenly, at the moment of **her** greatest triumph, reigning proudly over the peoples of the whole world, **she** will meet her end. In every land there will be great churches, temples, mosques, shrines and images in **her** honor. In the schools and homes **her** humanistic philosophy will be taught and **her** rituals practiced. Priests, monks and counselors teach the people and receive their gifts. Tax money is poured into the monstrous system and commercial Babylon amply supporting the affluence of religious Babylon. The syncretistic union of all the world's religions will be accomplished.

During the first half of the Great Tribulation, while **the beast** is attempting to establish his supremacy over the **ten kings**, **he** quickly realizes that **he** can use mankind's religious nature to help implement **his** own ambitions. Through the special genius of **the false prophet**, **he** is soon able to gain a considerable following in many nations through promoting a cultic worship of **himself** throughout the world. With the lost naturally inclined to humanistic man-worship, it will be easy for **the false prophet** (using miracles as a means of persuasion) to seduce great multitudes into idolizing the brilliant and charismatic leader who will rise so quickly to world fame.

Then, when **he** finally achieves **his** goal of world dominance midway through the Great Tribulation, the leaders of the false religion will undoubtedly hope they will share in the glow of **his** popularity. But they will no longer be needed. **The beast** will make them obsolete because the whole world will soon be worshiping **him** and **his** image. At that time it will no longer be necessary to use religious go-betweens of any kind, since mankind will openly acknowledge and worship **Satan**. **Men worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast (13:4).**

**The beast** and **the false prophet** will quickly let it be known that **they** neither want nor need **the prostitute** anymore. **The beast and the ten horns**, or puppet **kings**, had probably always resented the power and influence of **the prostitute (17:16a)**. **She** had always gotten more attention than they had. Consequently, **they** will jump at the chance to destroy **their** rival once **the antichrist** gives **his** permission. There had already been a systematic purging against those who love **Jesus**, why not get rid of all religion? No worship will be tolerated except worshiping **the beast**.<sup>381</sup>



Obviously there will be no more room for **the prostitute** and **her** one world religion. **The beast** cannot be god and subject to those who worship **him** at the same time. Someone has to go! **The antichrist** and **his** allies will destroy Mystery Babylon's religious system and anyone opposed to political/commercial Babylon. Apparently there will be no mourning connected with the destruction of **the prostitute**. **They** will confiscate her clothing, gold, and precious stones; **they** will persecute and kill her poor deceived people. The fact that **the beast** will turn on **the prostitute and bring her to ruin and leave her naked; eat her flesh and burn her with fire (17:16b)**, is indicative of the intensity and totality of **her**

destruction. Nothing will remain of **her**.<sup>382</sup>

However, it is ironic that mankind will fulfill **ADONAI's** will even while they oppose it because **the Ruach HaKodesh** will **put** the idea of destroying **the prostitute into the hearts of the antichrist and his henchmen. To accomplish His purpose, God will agree to give the beast and his gang their power to rule, until the Lords words are fulfilled (17:17). They will be instruments in His hands to accomplish His purpose and fulfill His words. All of God's words, every prophecy of Christ's return and the setting up of His kingdom will be fulfilled completely.**<sup>383</sup>

After their release from the Sanhedrin, **Peter and John** explained this to the Jews in Jerusalem, saying: **The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against ADONAI and against His Messiah. Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this City to conspire against Your holy servant Yeshua, whom You made Messiah, to do what Your power and plan had already determined beforehand should happen (Acts 4:26-28 CJB). God will use ten horns and the beast to destroy the prostitute. His words must be fulfilled, whether mankind means to or not (Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 24:35).**

**God** hates every form of false religion and will not tolerate those who seek to rob Him of **His** glory. **I am the LORD; that is My name! I will not yield My glory to another or My praise to idols** (see the commentary on **Isaiah, to see link click Hp - Here is My Servant, Whom I Uphold**). Therefore, **the antichrist's** religious empire must be judged and destroyed.

*Dear Great Almighty Sovereign Ruler of the World, Praise **Your** Almighty power, infinite wisdom and fantastic love! **The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some consider slowness. Rather, He is being patient toward you - not wanting anyone to perish, but for all to come to repentance (Second Peter 3:9).** How very patient **You** are and **You** see each person's heart. **You** know when the heart is so seared that they can no longer hear **Your** loving call. **They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance in them due to the hardness of their heart (Ephesians 4:18).** **Your** love wants everyone in heaven, but **Your** holiness demands perfect righteousness. Praise **You** for giving all who love and follow **You**, **Your** perfect righteousness so we can enter heaven that **Yeshua** is preparing (**John 14:1-3**). We love **You!** **You** have already won the final battle of the ages*



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**(Revelation 21:7-9)! You will reign eternally! We bow in worship of You! In the holy name of Your Son and His power of resurrection. Amen**