



# Logos Class

## *Book of Revelation- Ch 17*

**Oct 12, 2025**

**Rooms 123/124 New Building**

# Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *Sept 21, 2025* - *Revelation Ch 13*
- ✓ *Sept 28, 2025* - *Revelation Ch 14*
  - ✓ *Oct 1, 2025* *Speak to Wed night teaching class*
- ✓ *Oct 5, 2025* - *Revelation Ch 15/16*
  - ✓ *Oct 7, 2025* *Manor Lake – Gospel of John*
- ✓ *Oct 12, 2025* - *Revelation Ch 17 Babylon*
- ✓ *Oct 19, 2025* - *Revelation Ch 18*
- ✓ *Oct 26, 2025* - *Revelation Ch 19 The 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming*

# Quick Update ...ICYMI

## *Middle East*

- *The Pace deal is signed, Israel has withdrawn to the red line*
- *Monday – All Hostages set to released – Alive and Dead*
- *Phase 2 will begin*

## *US/World*

- *The Ukraine/Russian war does not seem to be advancing in terms of peace*
- *US government shutdown is beginning to cause funding suspension, and the “blame” is a partisan issue.*
- *Violence and Anarchy are rising...steps are being taken and thwarted.*
- ***Earthquakes, Floods, volcanic eruptions, famine, and disease. Wars and rumors of wars.***
- ***Many signs of the Tribulation are appearing with more frequency***
  - *Natural Disasters, Isolation of Israel, Antisemitism, Apostasy in the church, **Peace in Israel to presage the Antichrist**, Scoffers of Prophecy, and deniers of God. Time of Noah and time of Lot prophecies. Continuation of the Aliyah to Israel*
  - *Substantial European moves to One World Government taking place.*
  - *Remember, Israel is God’s timepiece for the End of Time. Israel is the hour hand, Jerusalem is the minute hand, and the Temple Mount is the second hand*



# Revelation – How the Book of Revelation Unfolds- 1

*The book of Revelation presents Jesus Christ in 3 areas:*

*His Person, His Power, His Program*

*This unfolds in **5 Parts:***

## ***Part 1: Rev 1-3 - Jesus and His Church***

- ✓ *Introductions 1:1-8*
- ✓ *Unexpected Meeting 1:9-20*
- ✓ *Introduction to the Church*
- ✓ *Love Letters to the 7 churches (several lessons) **Finish today***

## ***Part 2: Rev 4-5 – Journey to Heaven***

- ✓ *Heaven's Open Door- Ch 4*
- ✓ *Lion and Lamb – Ch 5*

# Revelation - How the Book of Revelation Unfolds - 2

## *Part 3 – The Judgments of the Lamb – Rev 6-18*

- ✓ *The lamb opens the SIX seals – Ch 6*
- ✓ *First interlude – Ch 7 – 144,000 Jews sealed by the Lord*
- ✓ *The Trumpet Judgments – Chapters 8-9*
- ✓ *Second Interlude – Part 1 - John eats the book – Ch 10*
- ✓ *Second Interlude – Part 2 – Two witnesses - Ch 11 (Today)*
- ✓ *Third Interlude – Part 1 – The Invisible War – Ch 12 (midpoint in Tribulation)*
- ✓ *Third Interlude – Part 2 – Antichrist comes to power – Ch 13*
- ✓ *Third Interlude – Part 3 – Preview of things to come – Ch 14*
- ✓ *A Song for the End – Ch 15*
- ✓ *The Pouring of the Bowls Judgments– Ch 16*
- ✓ *The Fall of Babylon – Ch 17-18 Religions (17), Political (18)*

# Revelation - How the Book of Revelation Unfolds - 3

*Part 4 – The Reign of the King – Rev 19-20*

***The Return of the King – Ch 19***

*Wrapping Things Up – Ch 20*

***Part 5: Eternity – Rev 21-22***

*All things new – Ch 21-22:5*

*Even So...Come – Ch 22:6-21*

***Maranatha!! We should finish Revelation Nov 16, 2025***

# Before we jump into Chapter 17, short recap

*And the seven angels pour out their bowls of God's Wrath on the Earth*

- **First Angel** - festering sores on all who took the mark and worship the Beast
- **Second Angel** - turned seas into blood, and everything in them died
- **Third Angel** - Turned rivers and sources of freshwater into blood and the angels proclaimed how just and righteous are these judgments
- **Fourth Angel** – Sun now scorches all people on earth, but they cursed the Name of God, and refused to repent
- **Fifth Angel** – The throne and structure of the Antichrist's power were plunged into darkness, they gnawed their tongues, and their sores were very painful, but cursed God and refused to repent
- **Sixth Angel** – River Euphrates dries up to permit the Kings of the East to bring their troops and war machines to Israel. Satan, the Antichrist, and False Prophet release demons to gather the worlds leaders aand armies to come against Israel in the Valley of Jezreel (Armageddon)

# Revelation Ch 16:17-19 The Seventh Bowl

***17 The Seventh Angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!"***

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*Pouring the bowl into the air symbolizes a covering all all with this final plague. This could be symbology only or indicate a wrath coming from the sky. It could be an attack from the sky, but we simply do not know.*

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***18 Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake.***

***19 The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed.***

***God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath.***

# Great City into Three Parts

You asked me last week to clarify this...

The Key commentaries are divided into 3 camps on what this city represents

- **Most common** – It represents the **political city** of the False Prophet, called Babylon. They commonly refer to it actually as Rome, where the seat of the False Prophets Religion is based
- **Other believe it is Jerusalem**, since Babylon is mentioned later, and the cities of the Nations are crumbled by the Earthquakes. No consistency of the 3 parts - all kinds of speculation, ie. Jewish, Muslim, and Christian quarters
- **Finally, it represents the real city of Babylon** in all its parts, and the 3 parts are selectively destroyed

There is no clear answer. I lean towards it being Jerusalem, since Babylon is handled separately, and the political city of the False Prophet seems a stretch to me. Finally, in Jerusalem, parts of the city where Mt Zion is, are actually raised up, but it is all subjective since the word gives us no clear answer.

# Revelation Ch 16:20-21 The Wrath is Finished

*<sup>20</sup> Every island fled away, and the mountains could not be found.*

*<sup>21</sup> From the sky huge hailstones, each weighing about a **hundred pounds**, fell on people. **And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.***

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*Another view of this confirms the devastating changes. Mountains and Islands (tops of Mountains in the Sea) collapsed and disappeared. 100-pound hailstones fell on people. **There was much cursing of God, and no repentance.***

*This ended Chapter 16, and all the wrath is finished.*

*In Ch 17 John gives us a view of what happened to Babylon*

# Revelation Ch 17 & 18

- *This brings us to Ch 17 for today but, before we get into this chapter, and Chapter 18, I need to discuss some things to make it more understandable.*
- *Both Chapters 17 and 18 deal with the destruction of Babylon in both its ecclesiastical (religious) aspects, and its political aspects.*
- *The timing of this chapter is before the wrath bowls, and maybe near the beginning of the great tribulation. As I mentioned before, Revelation is not in Chronological sequence so these chapters cannot be viewed that way.*
- *For the Apostle John, all of these events were future, and God chose to reveal them in the way it was written.*
- *These chapters are further complicated by the fact that many commentators disagree with each other on the meaning of what these events mean.*

*Let's continue and let the Spirit guide what we must know and not know*

# Revelation Ch 17:1-2 The Prostitute on the Waters

*17 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute, who sits by many waters.*

*2 With her the kings of the earth committed adultery, and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries."*

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*This is a vision of John, and the vision is revealed in vv1-6, and the interpretation in vv7-18*

- So, we see that one of the angels that just poured out the wrath came to John and asked him to come and be shown the punishment of the great prostitute. John sees this vision, and we must not force it to be after the wrath, because if we think of it as a vision movie, it could be much earlier. Let's just see what it reveals.*
- Again, this part of the vision deals with the prostitute **or the apostate church**. She prostituted beliefs with the nations, and their leaders. As we discussed last week, all were drunk with the wine (pleasure) of these adulteries. Sitting by many waters places her with the Nations.*

# Revelation Ch 17:3 The Scarlet Beast

*<sup>3</sup> Then the angel carried me away **in the Spirit** into a wilderness (isolated desert/solitary space).*

*There I saw a woman sitting on a **scarlet beast** that was covered **with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns.***

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*John sees a woman sitting on a scarlet-colored beast that was covered in blasphemous names **with 7 heads and 10 horns**. This is the same vision we saw earlier, and in Daniel when the leader of the Revived Roman Empire is presented. So, this image is the prostitute riding on the Antichrist, or beast. While there is disagreement on what it means, **it appears to be the False Prophet (Prostitute) being supported by the Antichrist**. This symbology fits what we have seen before on Rev 13:1 with the False prophet glorifying the Beast and promoting worship of him.*

# Revelation Ch 17:4 - Appearance of the Prostitute

***<sup>4</sup> The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries.***

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- *She was dressed in purple (royal color) signifying her high position, and red emphasizes the allure of her. The gold and precious stones are symbols that God required for Aarons high priestly attire. All of these together present her as a royal figure who is alluring and representing the High Priest (ess) to the people. These images further clarify she is the **False Prophet with power and religious authority.***
- *The golden cup is another reference to the **symbolic cup of wrath, containing all the evil and adulterous abominations she forced others to drink.***
- ***Don't miss this point:** She is carrying a religious appearance and an outward show of a worship of God, but with Satanic intent and deception. This is portrayed in the Bible as the False Church that arises after the rapture of the true church and takes over the organizing of worship for the Beast. The one-world church. Her adornment speak of a high church with royalty ascribed to her, as opposed to the more pious, and non aggrandizement of the current real church.*

# Revelation Ch 17:5 Her Name



*<sup>5</sup> The name written on her forehead was a mystery:*

**BABYLON THE GREAT**

**THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES**

**AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**

*It's as though she has a nametag on her forehead*

*The word Mystery is not in her name, and in the Greek all the nametag is capitalized, unlike some translations*

*Mystery here is "**Mysterion**" which means **not something unknowable**. Rather, it is **what can only be known through revelation, i.e. because God reveals it.***

*God is revealing with the description written on her forehead who she represents*

***The False Prophet who leads the world astray, and is supported by the Beast***

# Revelation Ch 17:6-7 John is Astonished

*<sup>6</sup> I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of God's holy people, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus.*

*When I saw her, I was greatly astonished.*

*<sup>7</sup> Then the angel said to me: "Why are you astonished?"*

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*The phrase "bore testimony" is the Greek word is martyrōn which is also the word Martyred. The martyrs are those who gave witness to Jesus. Then the Angel responds to John's astonishment. We see clearly, she is intoxicated and euphoric over the death of the believers who refused to take the Mark and continued to bear witness to the Lord.*

*"Why are you astonished?"*

# Revelation Ch 17:7B-18 *The Prophecy Truck backs up and dumps a full load*

*I will explain to you the mystery of the woman and of the beast she rides, which has the seven heads and ten horns. <sup>8</sup> The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and yet will come up out of the Abyss and go to its destruction. The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because it once was, now is not, and yet will come.*

*<sup>9</sup> “This calls for a mind with wisdom. The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits. <sup>10</sup> They are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; but when he does come, he must remain for only a little while. <sup>11</sup> The beast who once was, and now is not, is an eighth king. He belongs to the seven and is going to his destruction.*

*<sup>12</sup> “The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast. <sup>13</sup> They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast. <sup>14</sup> They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.”*

*<sup>15</sup> Then the angel said to me, “The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages. <sup>16</sup> The beast and the ten horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire. <sup>17</sup> For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose by agreeing to hand over to the beast their royal authority, until God’s words are fulfilled. <sup>18</sup> The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth.”*

# Revelation Ch 17:7B-8

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*This takes us back to Daniel, which we have already discussed, but the Angel says both of them **were, and now are not.** This tells us this is an event that has already taken place. Not Chronological. **This beast (antichrist) will return again out of the Abyss (In the Millennium to make the **unsealed** humans choose God or him).** Those whose names are not in the Book of Life will be astonished when he returns again.*

# Revelation 17:9-11 The Wisdom of God needed

<sup>9</sup> *“This calls for a mind **with wisdom**. The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits.*

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*This calls for a mind with wisdom (discernment given by God). We know about the 7 kings, but now the angel adds they are also **7 Hills on which she sits**. There is much debate of this point, but most Commentary writers say this is **related to Rome, which is called the City of Seven Hills**. So, don't go down too many rabbit holes here, but **the False Prophet, who leads the Apostate Church sits on the Seven Hills**.*

*The discussion regarding the kings here is a reference again to Daniel and the rulers of the 10-nation confederacy which become 7 kings and speaks of the Antichrist or Beast.*

*The Angel is speaking about both the woman (False Prophet) and the Scarlet Beast (Antichrist) on which she is supported (rides).*

# Revelation 17:12-14

*<sup>12</sup> “The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast.*

*<sup>13</sup> **They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast.***

*<sup>14</sup> **They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his **called, chosen and faithful followers.****”*

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***Trust me here.** I will relay this to what the modern thought is on how this might appear. This may not be it exactly, but it will give you a flavor of what the verse means.*

- The Revived Roman Empire of Daniel, is generally thought to be a future version of the European Union. These are all part of the Old Roman Empire, and the Holy Roman Empire. These leaders (kings) will be leaders for a short time, and they will cede their power and authority to the King who will be the Beast or Antichrist. Then he will be the leader of this massive political entity. This becomes the basis for the One-world Government.*
- All of these powers will wage war on God’s Chosen People...both Jews and Tribulation Saints but the **Lord will prevail because He is more powerful and is God Himself.***

# Revelation 17:14 Those with Him

*One interesting item is the last part of the verse “and with him will be his **called, chosen and faithful followers.**”*

- *Called – **klētoi** = Called ones. God’s general Call to all...the “Whosoever” of John 3:16*
- *Chosen – **Eklektoi**= Chosen, Picked out, elected*
- *Faithful - **Pistoi** =Faithful, trustworthy, reliable, believing*

*This is referring to the End Time battle between the Lord (Lamb of God) and the gathered nations in the Valley of Jezreel...aka Armageddon. This is the Second Coming of the Lord with the Saints. Calling it a “battle” is a misnomer*

*So those that will be with Christ are those He has called, selected, and faithful believers.*

## Revelation 17:15-18. *And Then...*

*<sup>15</sup> Then the angel said to me, “The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are **peoples, multitudes, nations and languages.***

*<sup>16</sup> The beast and the ten horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will **bring her to ruin and leave her naked**; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire.*

*<sup>17</sup> For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose by agreeing to hand over to the beast their royal authority, until God’s words are fulfilled.*

*<sup>18</sup> The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth.”*

# Revelation 17:15-18 Explanation

- *These verses are even more difficult to interpret. The waters on which the woman sits are the **Nations in all their complexity and variety**. These are always related to the sea. Now it gets more difficult.*
- *It says the Antichrist and the kings will hate the prostitute and bring her to ruin. We said earlier that the woman is the **False Prophet** who gets the world to worship the beast and was supported by the Beast, so this seems strange to us.*

*Let me walk you through it as I understand it. (Others have different opinions, as you might guess)*

- *First the **Woman** represents the **Worldwide Apostate Church**. In the first half of the Tribulation, she gathers all power and religious support from this Apostate Church, and country Kings that they represent, to worship the Antichrist. **This gets millions to follow the Antichrist.***

# Revelation 17: Further Explanation

*In the middle of the Tribulation period **things change**.*

*She has helped erect the statue and establish the Mark of the Beast, and forced compliance, but then the Antichrist declares himself to be god, and he no longer needs anyone to galvanize the people to Him, so he plots to eliminate her.*

*The Apostate Church falls, and all the fancy clothes, jewelry, and pompous services stop and are stripped away from her (naked).*

*Her power and influence will vanish and be burned up. The Antichrist rules supreme until the Lords Words are fulfilled.*

# Revelation 17:18

*Then John adds <sup>18</sup> **The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth.***

*For many this directly links Rome as the Center of the One World Church.*

*There are many rabbit holes to run down with this belief, and if you watch or read “end times” predictions you can easily see them. I am not commenting beyond what is written*

- Remember when I said at the beginning of the discussion, that Ch 17 represents the **Religious portion of Babylon?***
- We see that the Leader of the Apostate World church comes to destruction and in Ch 18, we will see the political side of Babylon fall.*

*Chapter 18 is 24 verses long so we will study it next week, but here is a taste...*

# Revelation 18:1-2    Babylon is Fallen

*18 After this I saw **another angel coming down from heaven**. He had great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor.*

***2 With a mighty voice he shouted:***

***“‘Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!’***

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*I cannot imagine John seeing all that is in front of him, but by now, he had to be numb to the shock and awe of his visions. He has witnessed the scene with the harlot on the scarlet beast, and the destruction of the Harlot by God.*

*I want to take you back to a prophetic passage in the book of Isaiah for context*

## **Isaiah 21:9**

***9 Look, here comes a man in a chariot with a team of horses.***

*And he gives back the answer:*

***‘Babylon has fallen, has fallen!  
All the images of its gods lie shattered on the ground!’”***

# Next Week

*Come back as we begin the final chapters of Revelation*

- *Pray for the Hostages to be released in the next 48 hours*
- *Be in prayer for our Nation, State, Israel, and all the leaders and Pastors*
- *Pray for a revival to come and workers for the harvest*
- *Pray for each other, and all our families and friends that need to come to the Lord, or renew their commitments*

*We are in the time of Sukkot(Tabernacles) for Israel. This is analogous in many ways with our Thanksgiving and is a time of Joy for Jews and recommitment to God.*