

Who is the Whore of Revelation 17?

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“Come, and I will show you the judgment (sentence) of the GREAT WHORE SITTING on the many WATERS, with whom the sovereigns of the earth have committed WHORING, and the inhabitants of the earth were made DRUNK with the wine of her WHORING.” Revelation 17:1b, 2 the Scriptures

In the Book of Revelation, Yochanan was given a vision of the history of the Body of Messiah, and the destruction of the Babylonian system of religion inspired by Satan/Hellel/Venus. The purpose of this article is to prove that the whore is NOT just the Roman Church as many teach, but that SHE is Satan/Hellel/Venus her/his self and is controlling the Beastly SYSTEM of religion (Bavel/Rome) that she/he spawned from the beginning in the Gan Eden. Let us look at some KEYS within these verses to find her/his identity. Remember that Revelation is a book of symbols that we need keys to decipher in order to bring understanding to our minds.

- **GREAT** #3173 in Strong’s – *megas*:great,mighty strong ;Thayer’s – *megas* = numerous, abundant,violent,strong ,large,powerfully affecting the senses,i.q.violent,mighty,strong
- **WHORE** #4204 in Strong’s –*porne*: an IDOLATER: -harlot, whore .The word idolater in Webster’s Ninth Collegiate Dictionary means idol-a-ter or idol-a-tor [1. A worshipper of idols 2. A person that admired intensely and often BLINDLY one that is not usu. a subject of worship]
- **SITS** #2521 in Strong’s and means “to sit down”. In Thayer’s we find the symbolic meaning –1. To sit down, seat one’s self: as description of a certain state or condition is used of those who sit discharging their OFFICE, as judges, Acts 23:3 OF A QUEEN, I.Q. TO OCCUPY THE THRONE, TO REIGN [A.V. I sit as a queen] Rev.18:7:
- **WATERS** is interpreted for us in Revelation 17:2,”PEOPLES, AND MULTITUDES, AND THE NATIONS, AND LANGUAGES.”
- **WHORING or FORNICATION** in Rev.17: 2 concerning the kings or sovereigns is # 4203 in Strong’s and means *porneuo* from #4204 to ACT AS A HARLOT, i.e. (lit.) indulge in unlawful lust (of either sex) or (fig.) to practice IDOLATRY: -commit fornication.
- **WHORING or FORNICATION** –the second time in this verse is #4202 and is the word *porneia* from #4203 meaning harlotry (including adultery and incest); (fig.) idolatry; -fornication.

Reading Revelation 17:1-2 from The New International Version Interlinear Greek-English New Testament we find even more subtle symbols in this text.

- **KINGS** #935 *basileus* and means foundation of power, sovereign. Thayer’s shows us that it means –“leaders of the people, prince, commander, lord of the land, king.” A Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English-Greek NT tells us that a king is one who “is in possession of a government or dominion.”
- **DRUNK** #3182 from Strong’s means, “intoxicated”. A Critical Lexicon says the word can be translated “MAD or to be mad”. The word “mad” in the Reader’sDigest Great Encyclopedic Dictionary means “adj.1.suffering from or manifesting a severe mental disorder; insane; lunatic; psychotic 2.feeling or showing anger 3.going beyond the bounds of reason, decorum, or safety; wildly foolish. Confused.”
- **WINE** #3631 means –wine! But in Thayer’s we see the symbolic meaning as “A LOVE POTION, as it were, WINE EXCITING TO FORNICATION WHICH HE IS SAID TO GIVE WHO ENTICES OTHERS TO IDOLATRY, Rev.14: 8;and he is said to be drunk with who suffers himself to be entice.”
- **HER** –The word translated “HER” as in “her fornication” is a genitive singular feminine Greek particle which should be translated “ITSELF” or “the same fornication” (A Critical Lexicon and Concordance)!

Now, let us translate this verse with all these meanings we have studied to see the meaning of who is the whore of this verse:

- “..Come, I will show you the sentence of the **“Mighty and Violent Idolatress”** that **“reigns as a Queen”** over **“ALL peoples, multitudes, nations, and languages”**, with whom the **“rulers of the people”** have **“practiced IDOLATRY”**, and the inhabitants of the earth **“have become confused, insane, and violent from the love of IDOLATRY ITSELF!”** Rev.17: 1b-2

We are beginning to see the true person pictured here as the whore! In The Anchor Bible, 1 Maccabees, pages 148-152, tells us about the worship of gods and goddesses, and the objects used to represent them: “Since many Jews at the time of persecution called their “God” “HEAVEN”, among them the author of 1 Maccabees, the “QUEEN OF HEAVEN” would be the appropriate name for His consort. One might then look to have the god of the Jews called “King of Heaven”, but He is not so called in the Hebrew Bible. Among heterodox Jews and Samaritans the teachings about “Athene” or “Wisdom”, the consort of God, may have survived down past the rise of the Simonian Gnostics, early in the Christian era. “Though among the Phoenicians “Anth was known only as “Lady of the lofty Heaven”, and ASHERATH was the “QUEEN OF HEAVEN”, THE CULT IMPOSED ON THE Jews was theoretically a purified Judaism, not an import from Phoenecia. The one Israelite adult male deity, the LORD, absorbed all the powers and epithets of the Phoenician adult male deities. EL and ELYUN and the LORD OF HEAVEN, and BA’AL, rider of the clouds. Just so, Jeremiah’s contemporaries may have believed in only adult FEMALE deity, consort of their MALE God, ascribing to HER the powers of all the Phoenician female deities. This tendency to fuse adult gods of each sex into a single deity is visible in Phoenicia itself.”

We need to understand that **Asherath is the very same name for Astarte/Ishtar/Diana/Venus!** Remember from last month’s issue that Satan/Hellel/Venus is called “son of the morning” or **Venus!** Not only that, we read in Wilson’s OT word Studies that **Asherath**, usually translated **grove** “. It means the goddess Astarte, or Astherath, usually united to Ba’al, corresponding to the VENUS of ROME...” This is backed up by Gesenius’ Hebrew Chaldee Lexicon. Recalling the words of Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 14:12 “*Lucifer*” was known as VENUS according to The Hebrew Lexicon by Brown, Driver, and Briggs;” *Appell*=shining one, son of dawn, i.e. star of the morning, epith. Of VENUS morning star.” This being is the very SAME as the **Queen of Heaven in Yermiyahu (Jeremiah) 44:15-19, 17:18!**

In Revelation 12:9 we read

- **“And that great DRAGON was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, who deceives the WHOLE WORLD!”**

We are getting closer to finding out who is the whore in Revelation 17! Notice the word **“DRAGON”** or *drakon*#1404 in Greek. According to Thayer’s this word comes from the Hebrew word *tannin*. The Hebrew word *tannin* comes from the root *tanan* that can be written sometimes *tanah* (The Hebrew-English Lexicon of the OT) and means-“**NAMELY ONE WHO IS AN ADULTERESS, OR WHO ACCEPTS PAYMENT AS a PROSTITUTE (WHORE) it says to have hired lovers, give amorous favors, hire as a harlot, and hire allies among the nations!**” **The DRAGON AND THE WHORE ARE THE SAME PERSON- SATAN/HELLEL/VENUS!**

WE CAN NOW REVEAL TO YOU THE IDENTITY OF THE WHORE OF REVELATION 17:1-2 AS SATAN/LUCIFER/ASTARTE/ASHERATH/ISHTAR/EASTER/HELLEL/VENUS! They are ALL one and the same. **This WHORE whom the nations (goyim) and people have fornicated with is no other that Satan/Hellel/Venus!** She/he is known as the **Queen of Heaven and sits on a throne ruling over all the nations, economies, and religions. This beastly system is a continuation of the ancient Babylonian system of religion of Nimrod, and many are still trapped in her/his false substitute religion!**

The Woman of Revelation 17:3-5 is the Babylonian System Religion

- **“So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet colored beast Full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold, AND PRECIOUS STONES, and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and the filthiness of her whoring (fornication.) And upon her head was a name written MYSTERY BABYLON the GREAT the MOTHER of HARLOTS (WHORES) and the ABOMINATIONS of the earth.” Revelation 17:3-5**

The woman riding the beast of Revelation 17:3-5 is the Mystery Babylon Religious System or the substitute bride called the “kirche” that has its roots in Rome, the city of seven hills. We are told in Revelation 17:18 that THIS woman is that great city that reigns over the kings of the earth.

This city is the headquarters for the real personage behind this system that controls the BEAST (the governments of the WORLD)! Satan/Hellel/Venus controls the world's governments and kingdoms (**Luke 4:6**). Cities take on the characteristics of the ruler over them. Just as Yahweh Shamah (Yerushalayim above) has the characteristics of Yahweh, so the abominations and blasphemy of this city (Rome) reflects the REAL RULER /MOTHER sitting on the seat of power over this city! Notice the similarities between this woman and the false goddess Circe (who had a golden cup full of potions and made men drink from it) .The word Circe is one of the roots for the word "church"! She is comparable to ISHTAR-the goddess of degrading love. It is interesting that Odysseus spent a year with her-FORGETTING HIS REAL WIFE AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN!

- **ABOMINATIONS:** # 946 in **Strong's**; *bdelugma* from #948 and means detestation, i.e. (spec.) IDOLATRY. **Thayer's** says it pertains to things used in idolatry, idol worship and its impurities.
- **FILTHINESS:** #168 and comes from #169 *akathartos*; impure, (spec.) DEMONIC: foul, unclean [Rav. Ed note: Could the unclean spirits that Yahshua cast out of people be connected to their participation in the idolatrous practices of the time?]
- **MYSTERY:** #3466 is *musterion* in Greek and means "a secret, shut the mouth, idea of silence through initiation in the religious rites." **Thayer's** says it means;" a hidden thing, religious secrets, a hidden purpose, a hidden or secret thing not obvious to the to the understanding."
- **BABYLON (BAVEL)** Rev.17: 5 #897 in **Strong's** in the Greek and from #894 in Hebrew: "*Bavel*, CONFUSION; Babel (i.e.Babylon) from # 1101 *BALAL*: to overflow, to MIX, to fodder, mingle, temper. We can see that the root of Babylon or *Bavel* is a **MIXTURE!** It is the same as the **Tree of the Knowledge of good and evil!**

Good AND Evil that was in the Gan Eden, that Satan/Hellel/Venus got *Chawah* (NOT Eve) to partake of and sin against Yahweh! Today, many are trying to mix the TRUE Messianic worship with Babylonian practices –or a **MIXTURE!** This is the original sin of man and has plagued him ever since the Gan Eden! Remember that Satan/Hellel/Venus wants your WORSHIP (**Matt.4: 9**). Yahshua was the embodiment of Yisrael and the LAST ADAM! Satan wanted Him to sin the sin that the first Adam had in the Gan Eden and that Yisrael had in ancient days. IT IS ALL ABOUT WHO DO YOU WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH (**Yochanan4: 23**). There can be NO MIXTURE!

- **MOTHER:** #3384 in **Thayer's** "to measure, a moulder or manager, of that which is like a mother, a city which produces and harbors the harlots."

The prophet Yermiyahu declared that Babylon had become a golden cup in Yahweh's hand (**Jer.51: 7**). In the ancient Babylonian Mysteries to drink from the cup meant to drink an intoxicating beverage made of WINE, honey, flour, and water. These had an intoxicating effect on the initiate in the Mysteries. Their understanding and senses became dim (BLINDED) and their passions became enflamed with lust. They were therefore not duly prepared for what they were about to see, hear, and participate in the ceremonies (**Romans 11:7, 10, 25; 2 Cor.4: 3-6**) Now, these Mysteries go back to the time of Semiramis (the MOTHER of NIMROD). She was worshipped as RHEA "the Great Mother Goddess".

She was identified with VENUS, the MOTHER of ALL impurities. Babylon became the grand seat of idolatries and prostitution. This is the woman (SEMIRAMIS/VENUS) of **Revelation 17:1-2** –VENUS/SATAN/HELLEL! I encourage all the readers to purchase "*The Two Babylons*" by Alexander Hislop and read about this ancient pagan religion that has been revived, and has been with us since the fall. At its head is Lucifer/Satan/Hellel/VENUS!

In Greek mythology there was a GREAT MOTHER GODDESS that had NO NAME as it was HIDDEN (Astarte comes from the Hebrew word for HIDDEN)¹ or a MYSTERY! She was called the "UNIVERSAL MOTHER". Her identity is not known for sure (see ***The Laousse Encyclopedia of Mythology***).

¹ *Funk and Wagnall's* tells us that the Egyptian deity Hap, Hapi, Apis means HIDDEN .It was the SACRED BULL of Memphis, and was the same golden calf of the Yisraelites worshipped in the wilderness. It was a bull with a SUN disk between its horns! Apis is the same being as Zeus/Jupiter-the Lord of heaven (*The Religions of the Roman Empire*)! Zeus was the same as Sarapis .His priests were called the Bishops of Christ! But all these trace back to Nimrod and Babylon. We know that Satan/Hillel is the author of that religion!

She could be Artemis, the great HUNTRESS that shot ARROWS (**Eph.6: 16**), or the vegetation goddess that sat under the SACRED TREE (an Ashtoreth pole). Or is she the goddess that is accompanied by and RIDES a LION! Satan/Hellel/Venus is described like a lion in **1 Keph 5:8**. It is the FEMALE LION that does all the hunting!

If you read **The Two Babylons** you can understand that all these names and goddesses are interchangeable. The names just changed as SHE moved from culture to culture! But, they ALL have their roots in Babylon!

Now read Revelation chapters 17-19 and have a greater understanding of the symbols and meanings of these chapters. You can also understand why it is so important that we as Yisrael:

- **“COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE AND TOUCH NOT THE UNCLEAN THING!” Return to Yahweh OYisrael! 2 Corinthians 6:14-18**

Yochanan has not only revealed the personage (Satan/Hellel) behind this false system of Babylon; he has also revealed the false system (Babylonionism/Romanism) that this she/he started in order to gain the worship he/she has wanted from the beginning. If Satan/Hellel/Venus can begin a system that has a false “god”(remove, hide, and substitute the True Name-Yahweh), another Yahshua (that Rav Shaul warned us about in **2 Cor.11: 1-4**), and a false way of serving and worshipping, (that eliminates the Torah-Yahweh commanded us as Yisrael not to worship Him like the pagans worshipped their “gods and lords” **Deut.12: 29-32**), then he/she can replace the TRUE BRIDE-Yisrael. Yisrael is the VIRGIN BRIDE of YAHWEH, while she (the Babylonian System and its head) is the HARLOT! Yahweh said He had been a Husband to Yisrael in **Yermiyahu 31:32**.

The mask is coming off the greatest deception that Satan/Hellel/Venus has conceived since her/his fall from her/his office in heaven. If she/he could get ancient Yisrael to sin by worshipping her/him by blending in the ways of the “gentiles” into TRUE YISRAELITE WORSHIP, can’t you see that her/his plan and desire is to get Brit Chadasha Yisrael to do the same? Torah observance is more than just Shabbat and the Feasts! It is worshipping Yahweh His way as commanded in the Torah. We cannot mix the ways of the pagans with Torah observance! This was the message of the ancient prophets to Yisrael, and so it is today to Messianic Yisrael. Let us return to Yahweh and to His Torah!

May Yahweh bless your understanding of His Word through this teaching!

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