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BIBLE STUDY

COURSE OUTLINE: REVELATION 17: 10- 18.

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COURSE TITLE: THE SEIZING OF THE FINAL VICTORY.

17:10 The chapter chronicled the seizing of the final victory from Satan by God Almighty. The chapter also revealed the limitation, humiliation, and destruction of Satan and his demons.

Satan and his kingdom are known by the discord they promote, the wars they start, the hatred they engender, the murders they initiate and **the opposition to God and His commandments**. This study highlights the climax of Satan's struggle against God. The study also revealed that Satan's evil power becomes limited **and its destruction is predicted**.

Halleluiah! (Rev. 17:12 & Rev. 17:14).

The seven heads are seven mountains, and they are also referred to as "The seven kings" (Rev. 17:10). The word "kings" or "seven kings" can also be translated "**Kingdoms**" or "**Seven Kingdoms**". It therefore makes sense to infer according to history and the scripture, that the Seven Kings and Seven Kingdoms in this perspective revealed the **seven Gentile world kingdoms**.

The "five" (who) have fallen are the five Gentile world kingdoms (Assyria, Medio- Persian, Greek, Egyptian, and Babylonia) that existed before John's lifetime. **"The One Is"** refers to **the sixth kingdom (The Roman Empire)** that existed during John's lifetime while **"the other that has not yet come"** refers to the seventh future kingdom (**the revived Roman Empire**) which will exist after John's lifetime. This seventh kingdom **"when he cometh, (will remain for the duration of the seven year tribulation period)** (i.e. he must continue a short space).

17:11. "The beast that was, and its not" is the Antichrist. He is an eight king or (kingdom) that will rule the final world kingdom. **"He is of the seven** means that he is the highest of all the previous, pagan and idolatrous empires. The good news unto us as believers is that this **so called eight king (kingdom) with all its powers will go unto perdition, the lake of fire (Rev. 17:8, Rev. 19:20).** Halleluiah, Praise be to the most High God. Amen.

17:12 -14: The ten horns on the beast represent ten kings (Rev.17:12). Their worldwide power will come in association with the beast. **One hour (Rev 17:12) indicates a relatively short time (Rev. 18:10,17,19).** These rules of a 10 nation federation will ultimately give their political artillery and military power to the beast to conquer the earth (Rev. 17:13) **and make war against Christ (Rev. 16:14, Rev 17:14 & Rev. 19:19).**

The purpose of Satan through the beast and fellow Kings is **to establish an invincible kingdom that Christ cannot overcome when He returns.** But Christ is the Messiah - The King of kings **and will overcome the beast and his Kingdom when He returns (Rev. 19: 11-21).** Those who are with Christ that are called, chosen and faithful (Rev. 17:14) **are those of us believers that will follow Christ into His Kingdom. Amen.** We must stand upright, steadfast, and firmly rooted in **His word as we have been called and chosen by Him;** hence our responsibility is to remain faithful to Him **(the bridegroom).** (Rev 17:7,8,14).

17: 15-17 The whore has been described as sitting (1) **on many waters (Rev. 17:1), (2)** sitting on the **beast(Rev 17:3)** and **(3)** sitting on **seven mountains (Rev. 17:9).** In this context, the waters are identified as **people, multitudes, nations, and tongues** indicating the worldwide influence and attributes of the harlot.

In a dramatic turn of events, the harlot's allies turn on her and destroy her. This is how evil operates: **Destructive by its very nature, it discards its own followers when they seize to serve its purpose. (Rev. 17:16)** . The unholy alliance of the **unholy trinity** creates an uneasy alliance because each partner put its own interest first.

The lesson learned according to Revelation 17:17 is that no matter the situation in our lives, we must trust that God is still in charge. God overrules all the plans and the intrigues of the evil people and that God's plans will happen just as he says. God even uses people **that are opposed to Him as tools to execute His will.** Although God allows evil to permeate in this present world, we must be rest assured as Christians that **the new earth will never know sin. Amen and Amen.**

17:18. The study came to a close with a vivid description of this woman and a picture of its destruction. She is identified as **that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth (Rev. 17:18)** . Towards the end of the tribulation period, the ten Kings (Rev. 17.12) will destroy the harlot system (Rev.18:6-24). They will do as God's will (Rev.17:17). The ten kings will be God's instruments to destroy the **harlot Babylon (Rev. 16:19, Rev. 18:5,6, & Rev. 19:2).**

